

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

## ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Richard Mirabito - President; Commissioner Jeffrey Snyder – Vice President; Commissioner Scott Metzger – Treasurer; and Commissioner Tony Mussare were in attendance. As Commissioner Mirabito was attending the meeting by Zoom, he requested that Commissioner Snyder chair the meeting.

**Staff:** Matt Salvatori - CYS Administrator; Keith Wagner – Joinder Executive Director/ MH/ID Administrator; Rhonda Asaro – Joinder Fiscal Director; Emma Thompson – Joinder Administrative Officer; Beth Malone – Early Intervention Supervisor; Jacque Miller – HealthChoices Director; Vanessa Shellman – HealthChoices Clinical Manager; Cathy Bennett – Joinder Administrative Assistant; and Jon DeWald – Joinder Solicitor.

**Guests:** Rob Labatch – Hope Enterprises, Inc.; Amy Tsiskas - Community Services Group; Casey Monaghan – General Public; and Pat Crossley – Williamsport Sun Gazette.

## CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board was Called To Order at 1:00 p.m. by Commissioner Snyder, Joinder Board Vice President.

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

*“Approve the minutes from the August 17, 2022 Executive Committee meeting as presented by staff.”*

The Motion passed unanimously.

## CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

### Mental Health Services: FY 22-23

Mr. Wagner presented two new Agreements for approval: Community Services Group for the provision of a First Episode Psychosis (FEP) program for individuals experiencing a mental health episode for the first time or who recently experienced an episode. He also presented a new Agreement with Crossroads Counseling for the provision of forensic and psychological evaluations services for individuals referred by the Courts of Lycoming County. He noted that an Agreement for these services had previously been in place with Dr. Phoha; however, she did not renew her Agreement as of July 1<sup>st</sup> and Crossroads has agreed to provide these services beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

*“Approve the following Purchase of Service Agreements with Lycoming-Clinton Mental Health/Mental Retardation:*

- **Community Services Group** for the provision of a First Episode Psychosis Program in the amount of \$189,400 for the period 7/1/22 to 6/30/23;

- **Crossroads Counseling, Inc.** for the provision of forensic and psychological evaluation services for individuals preferred by the Courts of Lycoming County in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the period 9/1/22 to 6/30/23.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

**Joinder: Administrative Amendment Agreement**

Mr. Wagner presented Amendment #3 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Joinder Board to be effective 1/1/23. He noted that the Joinder has a signed Agreement with DHS for the period 1/1/21 to 12/31/25 to manage the behavioral health services for Lycoming and Clinton Counties and this Amendment reflects some language and content changes to that document. He added that the Amendment document had been reviewed by our HealthChoices solicitor, Lawrence Tabas, and that his summary document which recommends this Amendment be approved was attached to today’s agenda. Commissioner Metzger Moved and Commissioner Snyder Seconded a Motion to:

*“Approve Amendment #3 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement between the Department of Human Services and the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board to be effective January 1, 2023.”*

The Motion passed unanimously.

**Joinder – FY 22-23 School Based Services**

Mr. Salvatori presented five (5) renewal Agreements for school based services. He noted that these Agreements generate income for the Joinder and help to offset the salaries of Joinder employees who have been assigned to provide services within these School Districts. Mr. Salvatori noted that the staff assigned to the schools provide a variety of services to address mental health issues, suicide concerns, truancy, parenting issues, etc. Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

*“Approve the following Letters of Agreement with the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board for school based outreach and student assistance services the period 7/1/22 to 6/30/23:*

- **East Lycoming School District - \$10,000 (offset salary for 1 Joinder staff person - MH income);**
- **Jersey Shore Area School District – \$10,000 (offset salary for 1 Joinder staff person - MH income);**
- **Keystone Central School District – \$20,000 (offset salary for 2 Joinder staff persons - MH income);**
- **Loyalsock Township School District - \$10,000 (offset salary for 1 Joinder staff person - CYS income);**

- *Williamsport Area School District – \$30,000 (offset salary for 3 Joinder staff persons - CYS income)."*

The Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS, NEXT MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Monaghan indicated he would like to make some public comments:

- He expressed concern that the Joinder entered into a \$500,000 contract with the Center For Community Resources as he felt these same services could be provided by the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline service.
- He expressed concern that Mr. Keith Wagner received a salary in the range of \$120,000 when the staff only received a 3% pay raise at the beginning of the year and insurance premiums for them had greatly increased. He felt that the social workers should receive more pay.
- He expressed concern that people are potentially "lying" on their Human Services Advisory Board application forms.

Commissioner Snyder thanked Mr. Monaghan for his comments. It was noted that the next meeting of the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Sharwell Building and that a meeting of the Lycoming County Children and Youth Standing Committee has been scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Wagner noted that the Commissioners were invited to attend a tour of the Center For Community Resources in Sharwell 2 following the conclusion of this meeting.

With no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Keith A. Wagner, Executive Director  
Joinder Board Secretary