

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**July 27, 2020**

**Present at the meeting were**

**Commissioners:**

Gary R. Eby – Vice-Chairman  
Brenda L. Watson - Secretary  
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk  
William R. Bunt – Solicitor

**Present from the Press:** Jim Ryan

**Present from the Public via Phone/Onsite:** Karen Barclay, Frank Campbell, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Dave Hammar, Kathy Hoover, Sarah Keller, Heather Kelly Weisen, Dave Magee, Kim McMullen, Rich Pluta, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Melanie Wertz, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Eby opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 27, 2020 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via telephone conference and in person at the Extension Office Meeting Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

**Public Comments:** Dave Magee commented on an article about the Perry County Economic Development Authority receiving \$1.78 million loan for perpetual gas lines going into the industrial park in Penn Township. He expressed his support for perpetual gas lines and also questioned if there was any guarantee from the County on this loan.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** After receiving clarification on the contract, Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission 2020/21 contract (listed below). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

| <u>Provider</u>  | <u>Service</u>                   | <u>19/20</u> | <u>20/21</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Treatment Trends | Adult Rehab ST<br>(Keenan House) | \$160.00     | \$193.00     | \$33.00 (21%)   |

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Language Access Plan for Perry County Housing and Urban Development Funded Programs. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-11 Appointing a Language Access Coordinator. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD amendments for Early Intervention and Mental Health in the total amount of \$1,944,795 for FY 2019/2020 (listing attached). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD amendments for Early Intervention,

Intellectual Disabilities, and Mental Health in the total amount of \$11,548,535 for FY 2020/2020 (listing attached). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Judy Rockwell, Part Time Janitor in the Chief Clerk's Department, effective July 23, 2020. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Whitney Patno, Stive Padilla, and Kenneth Trego to the position of Part Time Correction Officer in the Perry County Prison effective July 28, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$20.32. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Linda Lawlor, Part Time Deputy in the Sheriff's Office, effective July 21, 2020.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Bunt commented that a Prison union grievance meeting had recently occurred regarding extra pay based on the County declaring a special holiday. He stated that the grievance cited the special holiday as the COVID pandemic and that the response from the County was that a special holiday had not been declared and employees were being paid correctly in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement. Solicitor Bunt also commented on the union negotiations that are occurring regarding the three court units. He stated that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday.

Solicitor Bunt provided information on the lawsuits filed by Donald J. Trump for President Inc. and Others in federal court, and the second lawsuit filed in Commonwealth Court, by the Pennsylvania Democratic Party and Others. Both lawsuits are in regards to the mail in ballot process. The Solicitor stated that the County's position is that the Commonwealth has passed a law allowing mail in ballots and that the Election Bureau needs to provide guidance on the correct way to count those ballots. He stated that the County would follow whatever guidelines are issued by Department of State or the Court for counting ballots. Solicitor Bunt also said that expediated hearings have been scheduled for September 22 and 23. He again commented on the short time frame that County election offices would have to make changes prior to the November election. Solicitor Bunt commented that no action required at this time.

**Public Comments:** Commissioner Eby stated that CARES Act Block Grant applications for funding would be available online on the County website, beginning Wednesday for nonprofits, businesses and individuals that want to file for remuneration under the block grant. He commented that anyone interested in the funding or those that have questions may contact him directly at 717-636-1185. Commissioner Eby also provided information on the CARES Act Block Grant position still open with the County and encouraged those that are interested to apply. He stated that grant applications will be accepted until August 31<sup>st</sup>, and then awards will be announced in mid to late September. Commissioner Eby said that agreements will be entered into with subrecipients and funds must be expended by the County by December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Eby also commented on the COVID testing that started last week at the Perry Health Center. He stated that this unit would eventually be mobile and information on that would be forthcoming. He commented that in the eastern part of the County COVID testing is still being worked on in conjunction with Hamilton Health.

Commissioner Watson provided information on the recently created Perry County Commissioners Facebook page and encouraged individuals to check out the page and like it. She stated that individuals can contact her with any questions or feedback on the page.

Dave Magee asked if the CARES Act Block Grant funding was for small business and nonprofit organizations.

Melanie Wertz questioned when Commissioner Allen would be returning to the public meetings.

**Comments from Press:** Jim Ryan asked for clarification on the COVID testing site. He also asked if agenda item #5 was in regards to the Rental Relief Program. Lastly, Mr. Ryan questioned the effective date of Linda Lawlor's resignation.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

**2019/2020 Amendments**

| <b>Provider / Summary of Services</b>  | <b>Contract #</b> | <b>Status</b> | <b>Previous Contract Total</b> | <b>Current Contract Total</b> | <b>Increase / Decrease</b> |
|--|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Early Intervention</b>  |                   |               |                                |                               |                            |
| Behavior By Design LLC<br><i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services in Pelican</i><br>EI Services Provided: Special instruction                                   | EI19-0100         | Increase      | \$ 5,000                       | \$ <b>5,795</b>               | \$ 795                     |
| Jennifer Snyder, MPT<br><i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services in Pelican</i><br>EI Services Provided: Physical therapy  | EI19-0050         | Increase      | \$ 21,410                      | \$ <b>23,000</b>              | \$ 1,590                   |
| <b>Mental Health</b>   |                   |               |                                |                               |                            |
| Care Options Rx LLC<br><i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services</i><br>MH Services Provided: Outpatient (pharmacy)   | MH19-0089         | Increase      | \$ 7,500                       | \$ <b>9,000</b>               | \$ 1,500                   |
| Diakon Child Family and Community Ministries DBA Diakon Family Life Services<br><i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services</i><br>MH Services Provided: Outpatient | MH19-0008         | Increase      | \$ 5,600                       | \$ <b>7,000</b>               | \$ 1,400                   |
| New Visions Inc<br><i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services</i><br>MH Services Provided: Long Term Structured Residence (residential)                            | MH19-0084         | Increase      | \$ 1,462,469                   | \$ <b>1,900,000</b>           | \$ 437,531                 |
| <b>Total All Contracts</b>   |                   |               |                                | \$ <b>1,944,795</b>           |                            |

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| <b>Early Intervention</b>  |                   |               |                                |                               |                            |
| Amy Hempt, ME, CCC-SLP<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br>EI Services: Speech therapy | EI20-0022         | Decrease      | \$ 5,281                       | \$ <b>4,857</b>               | \$ (424)                   |

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| Aspirations LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Evaluations; occupational, physical, and speech therapies; social work; special instruction</i>             | EI20-0069 | Decrease | \$ 214,937 | \$ <b>167,370</b> | \$ (47,567) |
| Barbara Weber, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Speech therapy</i>   | EI20-0080 | Decrease | \$ 20,000  | \$ <b>18,134</b>  | \$ (1,866)  |
| Behavior By Design LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Increase from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Special instruction</i>  | EI20-0100 | Increase | \$ 5,000   | \$ <b>9,864</b>   | \$ 4,864    |
| Building Blocks Therapy LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Increase from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Occupational, physical and speech therapies; special instruction</i>                            | EI20-0027 | Increase | \$ 104,567 | \$ <b>106,751</b> | \$ 2,184    |
| Central PA Therapy Connections LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Increase from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Occupational and speech therapies</i>  | EI20-0101 | Increase | \$ 10,000  | \$ <b>13,676</b>  | \$ 3,676    |
| Connections Early Intervention and Supports<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Occupational therapy; special instruction</i>                                   | EI20-0102 | Decrease | \$ 10,000  | \$ <b>9,360</b>   | \$ (640)    |
| Early Intervention Specialists Inc<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Nutrition support; occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction</i> | EI20-0081 | Decrease | \$ 76,172  | \$ <b>53,180</b>  | \$ (22,992) |
| Feeding Little Bellies LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Nutrition support</i>  | EI20-0098 | Decrease | \$ 26,417  | \$ <b>16,375</b>  | \$ (10,042) |
| Geneva Worldwide Inc<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Language interpretation</i>  | EI20-0091 | Decrease | \$ 14,653  | \$ <b>3,000</b>   | \$ (11,653) |

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| International Corporate Training & Marketing LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Language interpretation</i>              | EI20-0071 | Decrease | \$ 45,737  | \$ <b>39,846</b>  | \$ (5,891)  |
| INVO Healthcare Associates LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Increase from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Evaluations</i>  | EI20-0028 | Increase | \$ 82,395  | \$ <b>85,341</b>  | \$ 2,946    |
| Jena Vander Velden, MSPT<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Physical therapy</i>   | EI20-0021 | Decrease | \$ 20,409  | \$ <b>15,335</b>  | \$ (5,074)  |
| Jennifer Snyder, MPT<br><i>New/Renewal - Increase from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Physical therapy</i>   | EI20-0050 | Increase | \$ 21,410  | \$ <b>21,505</b>  | \$ 95       |
| Joanna Karns, MT-BC<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Special instruction</i>   | EI20-0075 | Decrease | \$ 11,383  | \$ <b>10,328</b>  | \$ (1,055)  |
| Joanne Peters, MS, OTR/L<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Occupational therapy</i>   | EI20-0019 | Decrease | \$ 4,141   | \$ <b>3,009</b>   | \$ (1,132)  |
| Kimberly Snowden, MS, CCC-SLP<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Speech therapy</i>  | EI20-0048 | Decrease | \$ 59,878  | \$ <b>53,413</b>  | \$ (6,465)  |
| Leanne Broadbent, MS, CCC-SLP<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Speech therapy</i>  | EI20-0040 | Decrease | \$ 19,656  | \$ <b>14,766</b>  | \$ (4,890)  |
| Living Unlimited Inc<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Special instruction</i>  | EI20-0035 | Decrease | \$ 10,034  | \$ <b>5,000</b>   | \$ (5,034)  |
| My Therapy Tree LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction</i> | EI20-0095 | Decrease | \$ 246,595 | \$ <b>227,539</b> | \$ (19,056) |

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| Nicole Custer, OTR/L<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Occupational therapy</i>   | EI20-0046 | Decrease | \$ 35,224  | \$ <b>24,411</b>  | \$ (10,813) |
| Nurture and Thrive LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Nutrition support</i>  | EI20-0099 | Decrease | \$ 9,242   | \$ <b>8,090</b>   | \$ (1,152)  |
| Pediatric Therapy Specialists of South Central PA LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction</i>   | EI20-0092 | Decrease | \$ 118,025 | \$ <b>94,858</b>  | \$ (23,167) |
| Shannon Sweeney, PT<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Physical therapy</i>  | EI20-0059 | Decrease | \$ 6,575   | \$ <b>4,671</b>   | \$ (1,904)  |
| Sovia Therapy LLC<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Evaluations; occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction</i>  | EI20-0076 | Decrease | \$ 252,800 | \$ <b>226,259</b> | \$ (26,541) |
| TMB Developmental Therapy & Infant Massage Inc<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Evaluations</i>  | EI20-0079 | Decrease | \$ 23,261  | \$ <b>18,623</b>  | \$ (4,638)  |
| United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA Inc<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Occupational, physical and speech therapies; special instruction</i>  | EI20-0003 | Decrease | \$ 143,638 | \$ <b>87,856</b>  | \$ (55,782) |
| UPMC Pinnacle Health Hospitals, Pinnacle Health Infant Development Program<br><i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i><br><i>EI Services: Diagnostic evaluations; occupational, physical and speech therapies; special instruction</i> | EI20-0005 | Decrease | \$ 209,445 | \$ <b>189,118</b> | \$ (20,327) |

**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

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|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------------|------------|
| Geneva Worldwide Inc | ID20-0168 | Decrease | \$ 5,000 | \$ <b>3,000</b> | \$ (2,000) |
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*New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20*

*IDD Services: Language interpretation*

***Mental Health***

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| Care Options Rx LLC  | MH20-0089 | Increase | \$ 7,500 | \$ <b>10,000</b> | \$ 2,500   |
| <i>New/Renewal - Increase from FY 19-20</i>                  |           |          |          |                  |            |
| <i>MH Services: Outpatient (pharmacy)</i>                    |           |          |          |                  |            |
| Geneva Worldwide Inc   | MH20-0090 | Decrease | \$ 4,000 | \$ <b>3,000</b>  | \$ (1,000) |
| <i>New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20</i>                  |           |          |          |                  |            |
| <i>MH Services: Family support (language interpretation)</i> |           |          |          |                  |            |

**Total All Contracts** **\$ 1,548,535**