

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

July 26, 2021

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

Brian S. Allen – Chairman
Gary R. Eby – Vice-Chairman
Brenda L. Watson – Secretary
William R. Bunt - Solicitor via telephone
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk

Present from the Press: Jim Ryan

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person: Mary Albright, Ron Albright, Becky Book, Nathan Book, Lamont Brownawell, Mary Ann Brownawell, Michael Burns, Lou Campbell, Sue Carbaugh, Chip Dodson, Maria Dodson, Vicki Gainer, Sarah Keller, Chris McKelvey, Rich Pluta, Becca Raley, Dan Rice, Jim Riggs, Kim Rose, Sue Seager, Donna Shatto, Ryan Simon, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, Wes Smith, Bob Stevenson, Bobbie Stevenson, Annie Strite, Robin Tolan, Susan Washinger, and Jim Wilson

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 26, 2021 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via WebEx telephone/video conference and in person and held at the Blain Fire Company. The meeting was recorded by the County.

A public hearing occurred in the Blain Fire Company building to discuss the 2021/2022 Perry County Human Services Block Grant Plan. Robin Tolan, Cumberland Perry Senior Human Services Program Manager presented the Perry County Human Services Plan. She spoke about mental health services and referenced the recently started to administer Long Term Structured Residence (LTSR) which has 16 beds for individuals with severe mental illness. Ms. Tolan also talked about the Elementary Student Assistance Program (ESAP) and said that the program would be expanded to add an additional school in Perry County. The draft plan consists of input from the Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and Intellectual Development Disabilities Program, Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission, Perry Human Services, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #49. Ms. Tolan said one of the main priorities for the coming year was to maintain the service structure.

Sue Carbaugh, Director of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Early Intervention, spoke about the goals and services of the IDD programs. She highlighted Project Search which focuses on finding competitive employment for participants, and the Pathways Academy which helps teach life skills through an in-home residence situation. Ms. Carbaugh stated that there is a great need for additional staffing in the human services programs.

Robin Tolan, on behalf of Jack Carroll of the Perry-Cumberland Drug and Alcohol Commission, spoke about the programs for substance abuse. She detailed the efforts being taken to address the ongoing opioid crisis and provided statistics on overdose deaths and participation in Naloxone trainings. She stated that the number of overdose deaths in 2020 had increased 29.4% as compared to 2019. Ms. Tolan also highlighted the vivitrol program at the Perry County Prison and stated that the grant for the program was extended for an additional year.

Robin Tolan also provided information on the Homeless Assistance Program and the Human Services Development Fund program.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Allen said that the August 2nd Commissioners' meeting would be cancelled due to the upcoming CCAP conference.

Commissioner Allen stated that the Commissioners' meeting scheduled for August 16th will be held at the Perry County Fairgrounds at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Allen stated that PennDOT is looking for feedback on the following upcoming bridge replacements:

- Waggoners Gap Road (SR 74) over Baken Creek
- Hidden Valley Road (SR 3010) over Shermans Creek
- Weavers Mill Road over Shermans Creek
- Airport Road over Bixler Run

He stated that anyone that would like more information can reach out to him.

Commissioner Eby provided information on the Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP) which is aimed at providing assistance to livestock and poultry producers who suffered losses during the pandemic due to insufficient access to processing. He said that the application period is current through September 17, 2021 and additional information is available on the County website.

Commissioner Eby also provide information on the Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers program (PATHH) which is focused on providing assistance to timber harvesters and hauling businesses that have experienced losses due to COVID-19. He commented that the application period for the program is current through October 15, 2021. Again, Commissioner Eby stated that full details are available on the County website and interested individuals may call the Commissioners Office as well.

Commissioner Watson provided an update on the broadband project. She said that three proposals had been received and are being thoroughly reviewed. She commented that the focus of the project will be on underserved areas of the County. Commissioner Watson also stated that the County is working to fund the entire broadband project through grant funding.

Commissioner Eby stated that there would be townhall style meetings in the future regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). He said these meetings would take place throughout the different municipalities in the County and that SEDA-COG would provide information on the funding. The meetings are focused on explaining what the funds can and cannot be used for.

Public Comments: Kim Rose stated that the application process to apply for the ARPA funds was very difficult and that she continues to deal with a SAM number issue. She said that she had spoken to SAM staff and was told that it takes 45 days to receive a response.

Jim Wilson asked Commissioner Watson where Mission Critical had recommended broadband towers be placed. He also questioned if the entire County will be covered in the broadband project. Mr. Wilson also asked what part of the County will receive hardwire service.

Dan Rice thanked the Commissioners for holding an evening meeting in the community.

Susan Washinger, representing the Pennsylvania Health Access Network, questioned if there were plans to hold public meetings regarding the use of ARPA funding. She said her organization is willing to help with the process.

Becca Raley, of the Partnership for Better Health, thanked the Commissioners for their active participation in funding mental health services. She said that the State legislature needs to understand that flat funding does not work and greatly affects services. Ms. Raley also provided information on the vaccination rates in the County and said that the message needs to be spread about the delta variant.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Human Services Block Grant plan. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Allen called out the below HSDF funding requests that will be included in the Human Services Block Grant plan that is submitted to the Commonwealth:

- Perry County Food Bank - \$8,000 (supplemental food services for seniors, children, individuals, and families within the County who are food insecure) Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the funding request. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49 - \$10,000 (Veteran's in Need Program and Transportation Program) Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the funding request. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.
- Perry Human Services - \$22,500 (Adult Services Program – Representative Payee and Homeless Assistance Program) Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the funding request. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.
- Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission - \$9,500 (fund drug and alcohol treatment programs in the County) Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the funding request. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby asked a question regarding the decrease in the Perry Human Services Vivitrol Program. Ryan Simon, of Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission explained that the decrease was due to the grant being extended due to the pandemic last year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Cumberland/Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission 2021/2022 contracts. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. (details attached)

Commissioner Eby made a motion to award the bid submitted by Glenn Smithgall for office space for Magisterial District Court 41-3-03 at a cost of \$3,600/month. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the lease for the Duncannon Magisterial District Court Office with Glenn Smithgall. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the transfer of Hilary Caldwell to the position of Office Manager in the Domestic Relations Department effective August 2, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$17.11. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby, with regrets, made a motion to accept the resignation of Stephanie Bell, Part Time Clerk, in the Domestic Relations Department effective August 6, 2021. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Donna Shatto asked if anything was being done regarding senior transportation in the western part of the County.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming out to the first evening meeting and said the participation was much appreciated. Commissioner Allen said they had been wanting to hold public meetings out in the community and are glad that they are now able to make this goal a reality. Commissioner Watson encouraged residents to call the Commissioners Office anytime if they have questions or concerns. Commissioner Eby recognized staff and commended them for the work they do. He said that the Commissioners are surrounded by excellence every day. Commissioner Eby also commented on the cooperation with Cumberland County and other joinder organizations.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

Provider	Service	20/21	21/22	Rate increase	Percent Increase
Daystar	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male)	130.00	143.00	\$13.00	10%
Pyramid	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adole				
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adolescent Individual	\$84	\$84	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adolescent Group	\$30	\$30	\$0	0.00%
Pyramid Healthcare	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Duncansville)	304.00	313.00	\$9.00	3%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Duncansville)	243.00	250.00	\$7.00	3%
	3.5 High Co-occurring Activity 823B (Duncansville)	270.00	278.00	\$8.00	3%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Male) (Quakertown)	250.00	273.00	\$23.00	9%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Female) (Tradition House)	115.00	118.00	\$3.00	3%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Gratitude House)	129.00	129.00	\$0.00	0%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Pine Ridge Manor)	117.00	121.00	\$4.00	3%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Male) (Belleville)	226.00	238.00	\$12.00	5%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Male) (Hillside)	318.00	350.00	\$32.00	10%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Male) (Hillside)	264.00	284.00	\$20.00	8%
	3.5 High Co-occurring Activity 823B (Male) (Hillside)	290.00	305.00	\$15.00	5%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Langhorne)	313.00	348.00	\$35.00	11%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Langhorne)	244.00	301.00	\$57.00	23%
Mazzitti & Sullivan	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adult				
	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adole	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adult Individual	\$84	\$84	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adolescent Individual	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Group	\$30	\$30	\$0	0.00%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Adult Individual	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Adolescent Individual	\$84	\$84	\$0	0.00%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Outpatient Group	\$26	\$26	\$0	0.00%
Substance Abuse Services, Inc	Medication Assisted Recovery Services	\$141,500.00	\$141,500.00	\$0.00	0%
Catholic Charities	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Female)	104.00	104.00	\$0.00	0%
Bowling Green Inn, Brandywine	3.7 WM Activity 823A	\$294.00	\$303.00	\$9.00	3%
Bowling Green Inn, Brandywine	3.5 High Activity 823B	\$205.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	0%
Bowling Green Inn, Brandywine	3.5 High Co-occurring Activity 823B	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$0.00	0%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Allenwood)	\$280.00	\$310.00	\$30.00	11%

White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Allenwood)	\$233.00	\$262.00	\$29.00	12%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Co-occurring Activity 823B (Allenwood)	\$267.00	\$288.00	\$21.00	8%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Cove Forge)	\$295.00	\$304.00	\$9.00	3%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Cove Forge)	\$255.00	\$263.00	\$8.00	3%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Co-occurring Activity 823B (Cove Forge)	\$304.00	\$313.00	\$9.00	3%
White Deer Run	2.5 Partial Activity 852A (Adult) (Cove Forge)	\$122.00	\$122.00	\$0.00	0%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (New Perspectives)	\$229.00	\$249.00	\$20.00	9%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (New Perspectives)	\$198.00	\$210.00	\$12.00	6%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Co-occurring Activity 823B (New Perspectives)	\$209.00	\$230.00	\$21.00	10%
White Deer Run	2.5 Partial Activity 852A (Adult) (Williamsport)	\$117.00	\$117.00	\$0.00	0%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Lancaster)	\$283.00	\$293.00	\$10.00	4%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Lancaster)	\$231.00	\$249.00	\$18.00	8%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Co-occurring Activity 823B (Lancaster)	\$276.00	\$298.00	\$22.00	8%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Lehigh)	\$263.00	\$298.00	\$35.00	13%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Lehigh)	\$208.00	\$238.00	\$30.00	14%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Co-occurring Activity 823B (Lehigh)	\$245.00	\$266.00	\$21.00	9%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (York-Davies) Female	\$319.00	\$319.00	\$0.00	0%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (York-Davies) Female	\$298.00	\$298.00	\$0.00	0%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Co-occurring Activity 823B (York-Davies) Fe	\$343.00	\$343.00	\$0.00	0%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (York-Zion) Male	\$266.00	\$292.00	\$26.00	10%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (York-Zion) Male	\$198.00	\$218.00	\$20.00	10%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Co-occurring Activity 823B (York-Zion) Male	\$249.00	\$268.00	\$19.00	8%

Pennsylvania Counseling Services

Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
1 Outpatient Activity 861A Individual	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
1 Outpatient Activity 861A Group	\$30	\$30	\$0	0.00%
2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Individual	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Group	\$26	\$26	\$0	0.00%

Perry Human Services

Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
1 Outpatient Activity 861A Individual	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
1 Outpatient Activity 861A Group	\$30	\$30	\$0	0.00%

Perry Human Services	Vivitrol CRS	\$71,965	\$33,842	-\$38,123.00	-53%
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JFT Recovery & Veteran's Support	Warm handoff	182311	182311	\$0.00	0%
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JFT Recovery & Veteran's Support	Recovery Center	17460	17460	\$0.00	0%
Perry Human Services	Prevention	\$116,190.00	\$116,190.00	\$0.00	0%