

**PERRY COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES PLAN
(BLOCK GRANT)**

2021-2022

August 10, 2021

Perry County Commissioners:

**Brian S. Allen, Chair
Gary R. Eby, Vice-Chair
Brenda L. Watson, Secretary**

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Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

PERRY COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES PLAN

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

- A. The County assures that services will be managed and delivered in accordance with the County Human Services Plan submitted herewith.
- B. The County assures, in compliance with Act 80, that the County Human Services Plan submitted herewith has been developed based upon the County officials' determination of County need, formulated after an opportunity for public comment in the County.
- C. The County assures that it and its providers will maintain the eligibility records and other records necessary to support the expenditure reports submitted to the Department of Human Services.
- D. The County hereby expressly, and as a condition precedent to the receipt of state and federal funds, assures that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1955, as amended; and 16 PA Code, Chapter 49 (relating to contract compliance):
 - 1. The County does not and will not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, origin, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability in providing services or employment, or in its relationship with other providers; or in providing access to services and employment for individuals with disabilities.
 - 2. The County will comply with all regulations promulgated to enforce the statutory provisions against discrimination.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY EXECUTIVE

<i>SIGNATURE</i>	<i>Please Print</i>	<i>Date</i>
	Brian S. Allen	7-26-21
	Gary R. Eby	7-27-2021
	Brenda L. Watson	7-27-21

Appendix B

INTRODUCTION

This Human Services Block Grant (HSBG) plan is submitted on behalf of the Perry County Board of Commissioners and represents input from the Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program (C-P MH.IDD), Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission (C-P D&A), Perry Human Services, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, Tri-County Community Action and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #49. The plan was developed in collaboration with these agencies and the Perry County Family Services Partnership Board.

Perry County is a joinder with Cumberland County for the Mental Health, Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services and the Drug and Alcohol Commission. In 1967, the Boards of Commissioners of Perry County and Cumberland County signed a joinder agreement establishing the Cumberland-Perry Counties' Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program (C-P MH.IDD). Initially, the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission was a part of the MH.IDD program, and in 1980, became a separate agency, continuing with the county joinder arrangement. For these services, coordinated planning is ongoing between the two counties with service providers, consumers, family members, other County Human Services, and Commissioners evaluating current services, need areas, and how best to meet the needs of the residents of Cumberland and Perry Counties. We are committed to ensuring this successful joinder arrangement maintains as it has provided opportunities for residents from both counties that would not have been afforded otherwise.

PART I: COUNTY PLANNING PROCESS

Describe the county planning and leadership team and the process utilized to develop the plan for the expenditure of human services funds by answering each question below.

- 1. Please identify the critical stakeholder groups, including individuals and their families, consumer groups, providers of human services, and partners from other systems, involved in the county's human services system.*

The Perry County Family Service Partnership Board serves as the focal point for Plan development in Perry County. Established in 1995 under the direction of the Perry County Commissioners in response to the Family Service System Reform (FSSR) initiative, the Partnership Board is a collaboration of family service customers, local government, schools, human service agencies, public health and local community representatives. The Partnership Board believes that our county will be an environment that enhances the well-being of all members of the community. The mission of the Partnership Board is to assist and empower communities to invest in solutions to meet their own needs. Various Community and Human Service agencies and County Commissioners participate in monthly meetings to share information and discuss needs, solutions and outcomes. Board meeting participants include representatives from:

- Adoption services
- Aging services
- Area Churches
- Child & Family services
- Child care services
- Community Ministry services
- Community Partnership agencies
- Commuter & Transportation services
- Council of the Arts
- County Commissioners
- County School Districts
- Domestic Violence services
- Early Education services
- Employment & Vocational services
- Food Bank Ministries
- Home health agencies
- Hospice agencies
- Housing & Homelessness services
- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities services
- Law Enforcement
- Legal services
- Literacy council
- Long Term Care services
- Mental Health services
- Parenting Networks
- Physical & Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations
- Physical Health Disabilities services
- Probation office
- Public libraries

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- Social services
- State Representatives' office
- State Senators' office
- Substance Use Disorder services
- Veterans services
- Wellness services

Stakeholder input occurs from all of the agencies, organizations, and services mentioned. Most participants are also community members who strive to improve their local communities.

Stakeholder input also occurs through the monthly Cumberland & Perry Mental Health Community Support Program (CSP) meetings as well as Cumberland & Perry Child & Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP). Please see the Cumberland County (CC) plan for more information on the CSP, CASSP, and other planning processes for our jointer services. Many program committees include stakeholders as well to ensure consumer voice and participation in the planning process.

Perry County Plan of Safe Care (POSC) is required by federal and state law under Act 54 and has now taken the place of the Perry County Integrated Children's meeting. POSC consists of a cross-system committee who meet to provide support for infants that are born affected by substance use or withdraw symptoms that result from prenatal drug exposure or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD). The plan is to improve the safety, early childhood development and well-being of the infant and their caregivers. The plans are to be individualized and multigenerational with the intention of connecting the infant and family to multidisciplinary resources and supports. The Perry County Plan of Safe Care Team partners to ensure that infants born affected by substances and their caregivers receive needed treatment which begins with early identification through appropriate screening and assessments.

The multidisciplinary teams (MDT) consist of:

- Children and Youth
- Early Intervention
- Drug and Alcohol
- Mental Health
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Maternal Assistance Program – Penn State Health Holy Spirit
- PA State Health Nurse
- Tri-County Community Action

The Cumberland-Perry Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (SAPC) includes a cross-section of people from human service agencies, law enforcement entities, educational settings, and the general community. Its mission is to “strengthen Cumberland and Perry Counties’ capacity to prevent substance abuse through innovative prevention efforts.” An emphasis is placed on networking and collaboration in implementing evidence-based prevention strategies. SAPC meets six times per year.

Additional stakeholders are regularly involved in the overall human service planning process as a function of ongoing collaboration. Service needs and system enhancements with regard to human service planning are discussed at the following regular meetings, many of which involve consumers and various community service agencies:

- Perry County Family Partnership Board meetings
- Perry County Health Coalition and Behavioral Health Task Force
- Perry County LINK to Aging & Disability Resources meetings
- Cumberland-Perry Housing Initiative (CPHI) meetings
- Cumberland-Perry Community Partners for Change [formerly Local Housing Options Team (LHOT)] meetings
- Perry Housing Task Force meetings

- Cumberland & Perry Counties' CASSP Core Teams
- Perry County Plan of Safe Care meetings
- Cumberland-Perry Community Support Program (CSP) meetings
- NAMI PA-Cumberland-Perry Counties' meetings
- Cumberland & Perry MH Provider and Base Service Unit (BSU) meetings
- Behavioral Health Managed Care committee meetings including Quality Improvement/Utilization Management (QI/UM), Clinical, Reinvestment Planning and Consumer & Family Focus Committee (CFFC) with our behavioral health partners - Capital Area Behavioral Health Collaborative (CABHC) & PerformCare

Information for the Human Services Plan is gathered continuously throughout the year via these collaborative and joint planning processes.

2. *Please describe how these stakeholders were provided with an opportunity for participation in the planning process, including information on outreach and engagement efforts.*

Information is discussed and gathered through the numerous committees and community meetings previously mentioned throughout the year. Many of these are open forums and consumer, family member, and provider involvement is strongly encouraged through notifications via newsletters, emails, listserves, and social media. Many of these meetings are announced at Partnership Board meetings and CSP meetings. Consumer participation is strongly encouraged. In addition, stakeholder input occurs at the community advisory committee meetings that each department holds and through the monthly Mental Health Community Support Program (CSP) meetings. Many program committees include stakeholders as well to ensure consumer voice and participation in the planning process. Public Hearings were also held and Legal Notices issued to make others aware of these opportunities to give input into the planning process. Due to the pandemic, many meetings were held virtually and increased participation was noted. In addition, notifications and documents are posted on various county websites to support wide dissemination of information.

3. *Please list the advisory boards that were involved in the planning process.*

As previously stated, the Perry County Family Service Partnership Board serves in an advisory capacity to numerous participating human service and community agencies within Perry County. The chief role of this collaborative board is to identify community needs and make recommendations on strategies to address those needs as well as serve as a clearinghouse for information and as a collaborative entity for future program planning.

In addition, each of the impacted human service departments (MH.IDD and D&A) hold regularly scheduled community advisory board committee meetings that are open to the public.

County Commissioner representatives from both counties participate on the Cumberland-Perry MH.IDD Advisory Board. This Advisory Board is comprised of individuals from the community who represent various professional disciplines including religion, social work, education, aging, employment, and medical field including a physician, a nurse, and a neuropsychologist. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is also represented on this advisory board as is a family member of an IDD consumer and a consumer in mental health recovery. Representatives are identified from both counties and are appointed by the Board of Commissioners of their respective county. Various stakeholders including consumers, family members, and providers also attend and participate in the monthly advisory committee meetings which provide consumer voice and participation in the planning process.

The Boards of County Commissioners of Cumberland and Perry Counties select volunteers representing various community and geographic interests to serve on the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission Community Advisory Board. There are eight board representatives from Cumberland County and seven representatives from Perry County. The Drug and Alcohol Commission Community Advisory Board meets monthly. All of these meetings are open to the public. The responsibility of this group of 15 appointed members is to plan and oversee the delivery of public-funded

drug and alcohol services in the counties, which includes coordination and collaboration with other county-managed human services.

The Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank has a board of directors which meets regularly to provide oversight of and input to the program. The Food Bank is a stand-alone non-profit organization.

4. *Please describe how the county intends to use funds to provide services to its residents in the least restrictive setting appropriate to their needs. (The response must specifically address providing services in the least restrictive setting.)*

The County intends to use allocated funds to provide services to its residents in the least restrictive settings appropriate to individuals' needs. A major value that cuts across all the County-managed human services is an emphasis on building a broad range of community-based treatment and support services that reduce the need for and reliance upon more restrictive (and costly) residential, inpatient, and institutional programs.

For more than a decade, a guiding principle in our local human service planning has been to develop networks of care that will allow County residents to access appropriate services while retaining as much self-sufficiency as possible in the community. This approach applies to the recipients of all the human services described in this and the CC plan: consumers of mental health services, citizens with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, persons in recovery from a substance use disorder, youth (including juvenile offenders), individuals who are homeless, older citizens, and individuals with physical disabilities. Specific examples of this programmatic philosophy can be found within each human service area in this and the CC plan. Each program has an array of services available to residents and various processes to determine the most appropriate level of care to meet the consumers' needs.

Our priority is to continue providing community based services that meet those needs. Each program/service develops its own budget and determines expenditures based on the allocation of funds and needs of each program and their consumers. Each department/service reviews available data to determine the budget and anticipated expenditure of the state allocated funds.

Allocation of funds will remain in the same service area to which they are dedicated as each service area fully expended their allocated funds last fiscal year.

5. *Please list any substantial programmatic and/or funding changes being made as a result of last year's outcomes.*

One change to last year's plan is that the Perry County Food Bank has transitioned to Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank. The organization's mission and services remain unchanged.

The priority for funding is to sustain the current infrastructure of community-based services as much as possible. However, if there are decreases in our allocations, we would determine where budgetary and programmatic cuts would be necessary.

PART II: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Two (2) public hearings are required for counties participating in the Human Services Block Grant.

A. Public Hearing Legal Notices

Legal Notices were placed in several local newspapers in Cumberland and Perry Counties as well as on the Cumberland and Perry County websites to alert county residents of the Public Hearings for the Human Services Plans. As our counties are a joinder for some services, the public hearing notices were made known to residents of both counties with advertisement in the Carlisle Sentinel, Valley Times Star, News Chronicle, News Sun, Perry County Times, and Duncannon Record. The first public hearing was held at the Perry County Commissioners' Meeting on June 28, 2021 in person and via WebEx to review the proposals for the Homeless Assistance Services and Human Service Development Fund. The full Human Service Plan was on the agenda for public hearing and discussion at the Commissioners' Workshop Meeting in Cumberland County on July 22, 2021 at 9:00 am in person and via ZOOM. A third public hearing for the Human Service Plan was held at the Perry County Commissioners' Meeting on July 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Blain Fire Company in person and via WebEx. Two additional Public Hearings were held on July 29, 2021 via Zoom at 12:00 noon and 6:30 pm. Those notifications and minutes are found below.

B. Proof of Publication

- 1) *Please attach a copy of the actual newspaper advertisement(s) for the public hearing(s).* See below for the published hearing notices - not all newspapers provided an actual newspaper copy of the advertisement as printed despite our request to do so. Only an electronic copy was provided as displayed below.
- 2) *When was the ad published?* The first ads for the June 28, 2021 hearing were published on June 23 & 24, 2021.
- 3) *When was the second ad published?* The second ads for the July 22, 2021 hearing were published on July 12, 14, & 15, 2021.
- 4) *When was the third ad published?* The ad for the third hearing on July 26, 2021 was published on July 14 & 15, 2021.
- 5) *When were additional ads published (if applicable)?* The ads for the fourth and fifth hearings on July 29, 2021 were published on July 19, 21, & 22, 2021.

June 28, 2021 Public Hearing - Affidavit of Publication:

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Public Hearing Notice

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
COUNTY OF PERRY }

SS

Curtis Dreibelbis, being duly sworn, says:

That he is Publisher of the The News-Sun, Duncannon Record, Perry County Times, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in New Bloomfield, Perry County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates: June 23, 2021, June 24, 2021

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.
SIGNED:

Curtis L. Dreibelbis

Publisher

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 24th day of June 2021.

Laurie S. Hower

Laurie S. Hower, Notary Public, Juniata County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

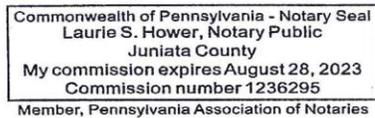
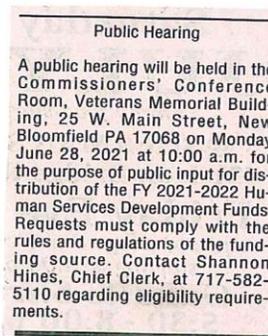
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PERRY CO COMMISSIONERS
PO BOX 37
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
NEW BLOOMFIELD , PA 17068

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Veterans Memorial Building, 25 W. Main Street, New Bloomfield PA 17068 on Monday June 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of public input for distribution of the FY 2021-2022 Human Services Development Funds. Requests must comply with the rules and regulations of the funding source. Contact Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk, at 717-582-5110 regarding eligibility requirements.



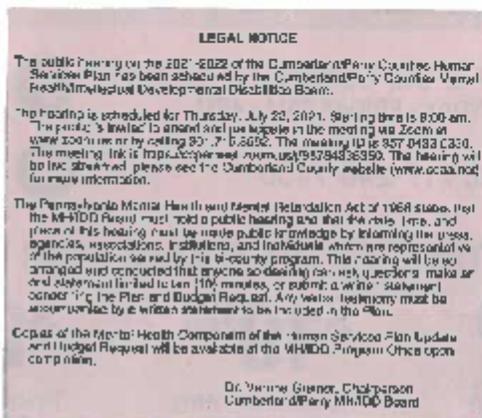
PROOF OF PUBLICATION

State of Pennsylvania, County of Cumberland

Kimberly Kamowski, Publisher, of The Sentinel, of the County and State aforesaid, being duly sworn, deposes and says that THE SENTINEL, a newspaper of general circulation in the Borough of Carlisle, County and State aforesaid, was established December 13th, 1881, since which date THE SENTINEL has been regularly issued in said County, and that the printed notice or publication attached hereto is exactly the same as was printed and published in the regular editions and issues of THE SENTINEL on the following day(s):

July 12, 2021

COPY OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION



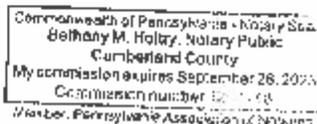
Affiant further deposes that he/she is not interested in the subject matter of the aforesaid notice or advertisement, and that all allegations in the foregoing statement as to time, place and character of publication are true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

12th day of July 2021

Bethany M. Holly
Notary Public

My commission expires:



July 22, 2021 Public Hearing - Affidavit of Publication:

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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
COUNTY OF PERRY }

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Legal Notice

The public hearing on the 2021-2022 of the Cumberland/Perry Counties Human Services Plan has been scheduled by the Cumberland/Perry Counties Mental Health/Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Board.

Curtis Dreihelbs, being duly sworn, says:

The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2021. Starting time is 9:00 am. The public is invited to attend and participate in the meeting via Zoom at www.zoom.us or by calling 301.715.0592. The meeting ID is 957 8433 6350. The meeting link is <https://zoom.us/j/95784336350>. The hearing will be live-streamed, please see the Cumberland County website (www.ccpa.net) for more information.

That he is Publisher of the ~~The News-Sun~~, Duncannon Record, Perry County Times, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in New Bloomfield, Perry County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:
July 14, 2021, July 15, 2021

The Pennsylvania Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1966 states that the MH/IDD Board must hold a public hearing and that the date, time, and place of this hearing must be made public knowledge by informing the press, agencies, associations, institutions, and individuals whom are representative of the population served by this bi-county program. This hearing will be so arranged and conducted that anyone so desiring can ask questions, make an oral statement limited to ten (10) minutes, or submit a written statement concerning the Plan and Budget Request. Any verbal testimony must be accompanied by a written statement to be included in the Plan.

Copies of the Mental Health Component of the Human Services Plan Update and Budget Request will be available at the MH/IDD Program Office upon completion.

Dr. Verma Greiner, Chairperson
Cumberland/Perry MH/IDD Board

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Curtis L. Dreihelbs

Publisher

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 15th day of July 2021.

Laurie S. Hower

Laurie S. Hower, Notary Public, ~~Juniata~~ County,
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
My commission expires: August 28, 2023

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Juniata County
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CUMBERLAND/PERRY MENTAL HEALTH
1615 RITNER HIGHWAY
CARLISLE, PA 17013

July 26, 2021 Public Hearing - Affidavit of Publication:

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Public Hearing

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
COUNTY OF PERRY }

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Laurie S. Hower

Laurie S. Hower, Notary Public, Juniata County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
My commission expires: August 28, 2023

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PERRY CO COMMISSIONERS
PO BOX 37
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
NEW BLOOMFIELD , PA 17068

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held at the Blain Fire Department 4 E. Main Street, Blain PA 17006 on Monday July 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of distribution of the FY 2021-2022 Human Services Development Funds. Please contact Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk at 717-582-5110 for program eligibility or additional information.

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Legal Notice Public Hearing

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STATE OF
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
COUNTY OF PERRY }

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Legal Notice

The public hearing on the 2021-2022 of the Cumberland/Perry Counties Human Services Plan has been scheduled by the Cumberland/Perry Counties Mental Health/Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Board. There will be two hearings for July 29, 2021 as listed below:

Curtis Dreibelbis, being duly sworn, says:

The first hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2021. Starting time is 12:00 Noon. The public is invited to attend and participate in the meeting via Zoom at <https://ccpameet.zoom.us/j/94196519324?pwd=QVpheTBKwG9PaEVlYVdUlHtK05NUT09>

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or by calling 1.646.558.8656. The meeting ID is 941 9651 9324. The passcode is 078529. The hearing will be live streamed, please see the Cumberland County website (www.ccpa.net) for more information.

July 21, 2021, July 22, 2021

The second hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2021. Starting time is 6:30 pm. The public is invited to attend and participate in the meeting via Zoom at <https://ccpameet.zoom.us/j/97869874576?pwd=TnlkVHRvQ2FpbjJLaE1JVVoyUE1xdz09>

or by calling 1.646.558.8656. The meeting ID is 978 6987 4576. The passcode is 987554. The hearing will be live streamed, please see the Cumberland County website (www.ccpa.net) for more information.

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SIGNED:

Curtis L. Dreibelbis

Publisher

Copies of the Mental Health Component of the Human Services Plan Update and Budget Request will be available at the MH/IDD Program Office upon completion.

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 22nd day of July 2021.

Dr. Verne Greiner, Chairperson
Cumberland/Perry MH/IDD Board

Laurie S. Hower

Laurie S. Hower, Notary Public, Juniata County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

My commission expires: August 28, 2023

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CUMB/PERRY MENTAL HEALTH
1615 RITNER HIGHWAY
CARLISLE, PA 17013

June 28, 2021 Public Hearing - Meeting Minutes:

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
June 28, 2021**

Present at the meeting were

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

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person: Alane Balchunas, Mary Ann Brownawell, Jared Charles, Noah Cline, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Kristin Daneker, Jason Finnerty, Jim Frank, Sara Fritz, Rich Fultz, Jan Gibboney, Dave Hammar, Sarah Keller, Wayne Leshar, Dave Magee, John Matter, Kathleen Niedermeyer, Rich Pluta, PCEDA, Amy Reed, Eugene Shetterly, Ryan Simon, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Richard Teats, Alyson Thebes, Todd Trostle, Susan Washinger, Wendy Welfley, Josh Wilson, Greg Wirth, and Christina Zook

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on June 28, 2021 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via WebEx telephone/video conference and in person. The meeting was recorded by the County.

A public hearing was held in the Commissioners Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of public input for distribution of the FY 2021-2022 Human Services Development Funds (HSDF). HSDF affords counties the opportunity to develop services tailored to meet particular needs of individuals that may not be met within the categorical fund structure for low-income adults. Four organizations had requested funding through HSDF. Discussion occurred regarding the funding requests received.

The Board of Commissioners presented certificates of recognition to Wes Smith, EMA/911 Center Deputy Director, and John Matter, 911 Dispatcher for their professionalism and service during former Sheriff Steven Hile's medical emergency in 2019.

Public Comments: Dave Magee announced that the Marysville Borough and the Marysville Lions Club will be signing a joint lease on the operation and maintenance of the Lions Club Park. He said the signing will be taking place on Wednesday, June 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lions Club. He said this partnership is a big step to making the park a better facility for residents.

Richard Teats, Mayor of Liverpool, stated that he had received numerous phone calls regarding the Liverpool Senior Citizens' Center and the lack of a service agreement with the County. He commented that based on his research the contract is for less funding than previous years by a couple hundred dollars. Mr. Teats asked if there could be consideration for an extension or temporary agreement until there could be further discussion on the issue. He questioned if all the senior center contracts were for less funding. He commented that the individuals that had called him said the senior center is a value to the community and he does not want to see the center close. Mr. Teats asked what needed to happen in order to keep the center open. Greg Wirth, Director of the Area Agency on Aging, explained that the new agreement was presented to all the County senior centers a year ago and they were aware of the contract requirements. He further explained that the new contract would actually allow the centers to earn more funding than previously, as it was based on the services provided to residents. Mr. Teats

again asked what action needed to happen to keep the center open. Alyson Thebes, from the Area Agency on Aging, said that it was the senior center board's decision as to whether the center closes.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the agreement to provide professional consulting services with Maximus for cost allocation plan services at a cost of \$12,500. He commented that Maximus translates cost allocations that are reimbursable back to the County from the State and Federal government. Commissioner Eby further stated that Maximus is the firm the County is required to use, as they have been appointed by the Commonwealth for the services. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Security Microfilm Program Disposition and Release Form with the Pennsylvania State Archives for the Register & Recorder's Office. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the service agreement with Zix for email encryption services at a cost of \$5,025. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Amy Reed, from EDSI, explained the program and the valuable work experience that the students receive from participation with employers. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve participation in the EDSI Summer Program for student workers. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the following Senior Citizens' Center agreements. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- Newport Senior Citizens' Center
- Millerstown Senior Citizens' Center
- Central Perry Senior Citizens' Center
- Duncannon Senior Citizens' Center

Employee Status: Commissioner Eby, based upon the recommendation of the Court Administrator, made a motion to approve the appointment of Lori Glatz to the position of Full Time Clerk in the Magisterial District Judge's Office at an hourly rate of \$14.03 effective July 6, 2021. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the transfer of Mary Kessler to the position of Full Time Clerk in the Magisterial District Judge's Office at an hourly rate of \$14.03 effective July 6, 2021. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the terminations of Jamie Rapp and Daniel Carlson from the position of Part Time Corrections Officer at the Perry County Prison effective June 28, 2021. Commissioner Watson commented that these individuals have not worked in some time and have been unavailable for work shifts. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby, based on the recommendation of the Department Head, made a motion to approve the termination of Scott Sweger, Part Time Dispatcher Trainee, in the 911 Center retroactively effective June 12, 2019. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Brian Hockenberry to the position of Part Time Dispatcher Trainee in the 911 Center effective June 29, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$11.84. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Bunt stated that Area Agency on Aging Director Wirth would be willing to discuss the senior center issue that was voiced previously after the meeting.

Public Comments: Greg Wirth stated that the intention is not to close the senior center, but without a signed contract the Area Agency on Aging is not able to provide funding to the center. Mr. Teats questioned if there was a way around this issue, as he is willing to work to find a resolution. Commissioner Eby stated that he does not want the senior center to close.

Rich Fultz stated that the demand for COVID vaccines remains low and people continue to slowly get vaccinated. He also commented that the mask mandate has been lifted in Pennsylvania. Mr. Fultz said that the number of positive cases continue to shrink and the number of COVID related deaths remain static.

Dave Magee thanked the Commissioners for approving the participation in the EDSI student program. He said he had a very favorable experience with the program.

Wayne Leshner questioned if the County is actively planning for water and sewer services in the County. Jason Finnerty stated that the boroughs and townships have been contacted for insight on what the needs are throughout the County to include water and sewer needs. Mr. Leshner commented on the taxes increases that have occurred. He said if you want to offer more services to County resident than the tax base needs to be increased. Mr. Leshner stated that you cannot increase the tax base by preserving farmland and allowing ten-acre parcels in the clean and green program. He said there is inequity in the taxes and the County needs to spearhead this effort.

Commissioner Watson commented on the recent dedication event for Greenwood Agriculture Educator, Krista Pontius. She said the event was attended by many people and Ms. Pontius was recognized for her impact on students and the community. Commissioner Watson stated that Ms. Pontius absolutely deserved the recognition and award.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Allen commented that Salary Board would follow.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary



MINUTES

Cumberland County Commissioners' Workshop Meeting

July 22, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.
Commissioners' Hearing Room
Courthouse, Carlisle, PA
Phone (717) 240-6150 Website: www.ccpa.net

PUBLIC HEARING

RE: 2021/2022 Cumberland County Human Services Plan

Board of Commissioners Present: Commissioners Gary Eichelberger, Jean Foschi, and Vincent DiFilippo.

Quorum: Yes.

Staff Present: Stacy M. Snyder, Chief Clerk; Tamie Hershey, Deputy Chief Clerk; Keith Brenneman, Solicitor; Angela Smyser, Administrative Specialist.

Department Staff Present: Travis Shenk, Warden; Ben Burner, Communications; John Lopp, Facilities; Ryan Ilgenfritz, Jessica Flachsmann, Mark Adams, Megan Fogelsanger, IMTO; Bob Shively, Justin Shaulis, Brianna Strauser, Public Safety; Annie Strite, Sue Carbaugh, Robin Tolan, Brian Wilson, MH/IDD; Jack Carroll, Drug and Alcohol.

Department Staff via Zoom: Claudia Garner, Michele Parsons, Public Safety; Jaime Reiber, Children and Youth; Melissa Smith, CNRC; Elizabeth Grant, Planning; Tammy Bender, Finance; Ryan Simon, Drug and Alcohol; Kim Bitner, Aging and Community Services; Samantha Krepps, Communications; Beth Chornak, ERP; Holly Sherman, Jenn Goetz, Human Resources; Jody Smith, Sheriff's Office.

Outside Agencies Present: Mary Kuna, Housing & Redevelopment Authority.

Outside Agencies via Zoom: Chris Rafferty, Housing & Redevelopment Authority; Miki Kerr, Craig Cordell, New Visions Inc., Carol Thornton, Partnership for Better Health.

Others Present via Zoom: Laura Jesic, Kristi Templin.

Media: None.

Call to Order: Commissioner Eichelberger called the Public Hearing to order.

RE: 2021/2022 Cumberland County Human Services Plan: Robin Tolan explained that the template for the Human Services Plan is provided by the State. She clarified this is a combined plan with Perry County. She highlighted the priorities for Mental Health, which are maintaining the current array of services, implementing the co-responder program, crisis intervention, the elementary student assistance program, and supporting trauma informed training for staff and community providers and agencies.

Sue Carbaugh summarized the Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Services section and explained that Cumberland County provides 80% of these services and Perry County provides 20%. She emphasized that they want to focus more on the areas of the plan that will help achieve the goal of an everyday life for all individuals.

Jack Carroll provided an overview of the Drug and Alcohol Services section. He shared that the pandemic reversed much of the progress that had been made previously and overdoses increased by 47% in 2020. He explained they want to continue expanding access to treatment, Naloxone, and education.

Robin Tolan explained the Homeless Assistance Program that is handled by the Office of Aging and Community Services. She described the bridge housing services, case management, rental assistance, and emergency shelter aspects of the program.

Robin Tolan explained that the Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) funds are being utilized for chore services, transportation, personal care, care management, protective services, homeless assistance services, information and referral, and Cumberland Cares for Families.

Sue, Jack, and Robin all expressed how flat funding is having a major impact on their ability to provide the highest level of services to as many people as possible. Commissioner Foschi acknowledged the struggle they are facing and shared her appreciation of how hard everyone is working despite the situation.

Public Comment: Craig Cordell, Executive Director, New Visions Inc., emphasized the alignment of their goals with the goals of Cumberland County. He requested that the Board of Commissioners continue to be their voice to the State to help combat the flat funding issues.

Carol Thornton, Director of Grants and Public Policy for Partnerships for Better Health, expressed gratitude to the Board of Commissioners for lending their voices in support of providing human services for Cumberland County. She explained that they support the efforts of the human service offices.

Miki Kerr, New Visions Inc., shared that they are struggling to hire qualified staff to provide their services. She also explained that they are being affected by the flat funding issues also.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Eichelberger made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Smyser
Administrative Specialist

July 26, 2021 Public Hearing - Meeting Minutes:

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COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

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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 is 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

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On agenda for approval at August 30, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting

July 29, 2021 (NOON) Public Hearing via ZOOM - Meeting Minutes:

Public Hearing

Attendance via ZOOM: Annie Strite, Robin Tolan, Mark Evans, Mary Medkeff-Rose, Cliff Deardorff, Officer from Carlisle Police Department

Annie Strite (MH.IDD Administrator) opened the public hearing on July 29, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Presenters introduced themselves.

Robin Tolan (MH Senior Human Services Program Manager) presented information on the overall structure, purpose, and requirements of the Human Services Block Grant. Robin then presented the achievements, challenges, and priorities for the mental health component of the plan. Mark Evans (IDD Senior Human Services Program Manager) presented the achievements, needs, and priorities for the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) portion of the plan.

Robin provided an overview of the substance use disorder program provided to her by Jack Carroll (Executive Director of the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission). Robin then briefly reviewed the Homeless Assistance Program and Human Service Development Fund components of the plan.

Annie opened the meeting to public comment. Cliff Deardorff (consultant from Partnership for Better Health for the Perry Health Coalition) relayed that his comments were contained in information previously presented by Becca Raley at the Perry County Commissioners' Public Hearing on July 26, 2021. He had joined the meeting just to listen as he was not able to participate at the other scheduled times.

No other participant offered public testimony. Participants were reminded to submit any written testimony to the county office at mhidd@ccpa.net.

The public hearing was closed at 12:42 pm.

July 29, 2021 (6:30 PM) Public Hearing - Meeting Minutes:

Public Hearing

Attendance via ZOOM: Annie Strite, Robin Tolan, Sue Carbaugh, Mary Medkeff-Rose, Vickey Wood

Annie Strite (MH.IDD Administrator) opened the public hearing on July 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Presenters introduced themselves.

Robin Tolan (MH Senior Human Services Program Manager) presented information on the overall structure, purpose, and requirements of the Human Services Block Grant. Robin then presented the achievements, challenges, and priorities for the mental health component of the plan. Sue Carbaugh (IDD Program Director) presented the achievements, needs, and priorities for the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) portion of the plan.

Robin provided an overview of the substance use disorder program provided to her by Jack Carroll (Executive Director of the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission). Robin then briefly reviewed the Homeless Assistance Program and Human Service Development Fund components of the plan.

Annie opened the meeting to public comment. Mary Medkeff-Rose and Vickey Wood, both from Aurora Social Rehabilitation Services, asked several questions related to concerns that social rehabilitation services would continue and emphasized the great amount of need for mental health services in our area. Vickey also asked about the CIT training and what was covered as well as how the Carlisle Borough was selected as the pilot site. Mary Medkeff-Rose stated she would submit a written statement for inclusion in the plan submission.

No additional public testimony was offered. Participants were reminded to submit any written testimony to the county office at mhidd@ccpa.net.

The public hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

Public Testimonies offered at 7/22/2021 Public Hearing

a) Craig Cordell, Executive Director, New Visions Incorporated

Good morning. My name is Craig Cordell and I am the executive director at New Visions Incorporated. We provide residential and support services for persons with serious mental illness in Cumberland and Perry Counties. I came here today to emphasize the first goal Robin referenced in the mental health portion of the proposed Human Services Annual Plan.

The proposed annual plan contains a graph showing that funding for mental health services in PA has been dropping or remained flat for the last 13 years. As you know, costs have not remained flat over the same period of time. Costs for health insurance, unemployment insurance, workers compensation, property insurance, utilities, gasoline, food, and virtually everything else continue to go up year after year.

As a result, my staff end up spending a lot of time figuring out how to make everything work with the money we're given. They spend time searching for food on sale or going out of the way to the bent and dent store. They spend time helping our folks find used clothing and free hygiene products. All that means less time for providing the individualized care our folks need.

As an agency, we have to delay replacing aging appliances, mattresses, furniture, agency vans, and other equipment. We delay doing capital improvements like replacing roofs, carpeting, having buildings painted inside and outside, and doing preventative maintenance on mechanical systems. Putting off those things ultimately costs more money in the long run, which has ended up coming from loans against the buildings we own. That is not sustainable.

The pay we can offer is impacted too. Our direct care workers can make more money working at Sheetz or a warehouse. But I'd argue that what they do is more important. They meet people at their most vulnerable point and help them rebuild their lives. And often, my staff saves people's lives...literally.

For a long time, we talked about "doing more with less." My fear is that as we've done more with less, the state has concluded that we don't really need more money, because we're making it work. I wanted to tell you all that we are just getting by. We've cut all the costs we can. We have slowly reduced staffing over the years so that we're working with only one person in the evening and overnight where previously we've had two people.

We are at the point that there just aren't more savings to be found and without additional funding, we will have to begin closing programs. The results of that will not be cost savings. It will result in our folks getting sicker and needing care in more expensive settings ...or in jail, honestly.

I'm here today because I want you to hear directly from us, the essential workers on the front lines, that we need you to be our voice to the state advocating for the funding we need to keep some of our most vulnerable citizens safe and healthy.

Thank you very much.

b) Carol Thornton, Director of Grants & Public Policy, Partnership for Better Health



**Cumberland County Human Services Plan (Block Grant)
Public Comments Offered by the Partnership for Better Health
July 22, 2021**

Good morning, my name is Carol Thornton and I am the Director of Grants & Public Policy at the Partnership for Better Health – a local health foundation that champions and invests in ideas, initiatives and collaborations that improve the health of the people and communities in our region, including Cumberland County. Thank you, Commissioners Eichelberger, Foschi, and DiFilippo, for this opportunity to offer comments on the draft Human Services Plan for Cumberland County. I applaud each of you for lending your voices of support and advocacy on behalf of the County for MH.IDD services.

The Partnership values the enduring efforts of the Cumberland-Perry MH.IDD office in ensuring access to services that support people of all ages with serious mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities. The agency’s leadership has always been open to discussing collaborative approaches to addressing community needs and has been an exceptional partner in local coalitions and partnerships, towards addressing affordable and accessible housing, health improvement and resiliency initiatives, and best practices in crisis response.

The work of MH.IDD was vital prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and it has become even more important in its aftermath. COVID-19 has had a major effect on our lives and has exacerbated the already existing issues of food access, housing stability, child care, and access to care. At the same time, the pandemic’s mitigation efforts have intensified, in many instances, the needs of those with serious mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Cumberland County saw a 32% increase in individuals requesting County funded mental health services last fiscal year. Our County has also seen a resurgence in fatal drug overdoses in 2020 – disrupting the downward trend the County achieved since 2017, as a result of collaborative efforts with the County Drug & Alcohol Commission’s leadership.

Mental wellbeing is not just an adult issue. We have not yet seen the full ramifications of virtual learning and its impact on child development. As schools reopen this fall, that true need will become apparent and our communities will need to be responsive to provide adequate resources and interventions to address and prevent mental health issues.

With these factors in mind, it is a major concern that mental health services have received another year of flat-funding from the Commonwealth. We know that demand for services is at an all-time high, local providers

continue to struggle to maintain their workforce, and operational expenses continue to rise. Flat funding poses a risk to our community that those in need of mental health services will go without the appropriate treatment. The livelihoods of our residents are at stake, mental health is just as important as physical health to ensure quality of life.

Given community needs at this time, it's risky and unacceptable that the Commonwealth has not allocated more funding to mental health services. The Partnership for Better Health supports the efforts of the MH.IDD office, as presented in the Cumberland County Human Services Plan. We urge the Commonwealth to revisit and address its current funding allocations based upon hearings like this one today and the accompanying submission of written statements. Cumberland County needs more resources to fully address the mental health needs of all residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Thornton".

Carol Thornton

Director of Grants & Public Policy

c) Miki Kerr, Residential Director, New Visions Incorporated

My name is Miki Kerr, Residential Director for New Visions Inc.

I would like to share my concerns, which lend to what my director Craig Cordell has previously stated: We are struggling with an inability to hire and retain qualified staffing at our current pay. Most full time employees are supporting a family making \$14.00 per hour. We have open shifts at all of our residential programs and struggle daily to get qualified staff into our programs as well as maintain those qualified staff when pay is lower than most convenience stores. A major struggle has been to even get individuals to apply for open shifts, but once they apply and hear what we pay, they go elsewhere and really we are saving lives, while Sheetz is offering coffee and those employees make more per hour than our staff.

We have and have always had an extensive wait list in all our programs with minimal movements due to a need for more qualified supportive programs. This wait list impacts the community MH units, the prisons, shelters, and state hospitals. We have no place to move our folks thus they stay in our programs beyond the time needed, waiting for low income or other supported programs in the community. Our need grows by the Year. The rise in adults that need MH services has risen by 32% and are only continuing to rise.

We are in need of increased programs, increased wages to support the growing mental health populations that needs our support.

Thanks You.

Miki Kerr
Residential Director
New Visions Inc.

Public Testimony offered at 7/26/2021 Public Hearing:

Becca Raley – Executive Director, Partnership for Better Health



**Perry County Human Services Plan (Block Grant)
Public Comments Offered by the Partnership for Better Health
July 26, 2021**

Good evening, my name is Becca Raley and I am the Executive Director at the Partnership for Better Health – a local health foundation that champions and invests in ideas, initiatives and collaborations that improve the health of the people and communities in our region, including Perry County. Thank you, Commissioners Allen, Eby and Watson, for this opportunity to offer comments on the draft Human Services Plan for Perry County. I applaud you for lending your collective voices of support and advocacy on behalf of increased funding for County MH.IDD services.

My office values the enduring efforts of the Cumberland-Perry MH.IDD office. The agency’s leadership has always welcomed collaborative approaches to addressing community needs and has been an excellent partner in local coalitions like the Perry County Health Coalition. Through this coalition, we have worked to integrate behavioral health services and screenings into primary care offices in Perry County. We are supporting Sadler Community Health Center’s plans to open a school-based health center in West Perry School District, which will include behavioral health screenings. We have championed Hamilton Health Center’s clinic in Newport to successfully offer integrated behavioral health services. My office also enjoys strong partnerships with the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission, Perry Human Services and Perry Housing Partnership. It is humbling to see how much these organizations accomplish, despite lean budgets.

The purpose of my testimony is to urge state legislators to take immediate action to increase the state’s funding allocation for the Cumberland-Perry MH.IDD agency.

When the coronavirus pandemic entered the United States in 2020, our daily lives were changed in ways that we could not have imagined. This winter, we watched as COVID-19 cases and fatalities reached unprecedented levels. The hard work and dedication of our elected officials in Washington, Harrisburg and Perry and Cumberland Counties mobilized a sweeping set of emergency relief programs to assist local businesses, schools, health systems, human service agencies and households in weathering the storm. By this spring, rapid vaccination distributions began to stem the tide of fatalities and allowed communities to resume a sense of normalcy. However, there are two concurrent crises that continue to deepen: mental health needs and substance use disorder.

The epidemics of mental illness and addiction are not silent – they are visible and quantifiable. We hear regularly from area emergency department physicians about the prevalence of drug and alcohol-related emergencies, which escalated to new heights during the pandemic (see graphic). Between 2019 and 2020, there was a 48 percent increase in unintended opioid overdose deaths in Perry and Cumberland Counties. A vast majority of these deaths are men.



Towards understanding mental health services, for over a decade it has been my observation that no other healthcare service has been in as consistently high demand and short supply. The shortage of people entering mental health professions, a lack of competitive wages for frontline mental health workers and mental health stigma exacerbate this problem.

In our rural communities, mental health service shortages are so extreme that residents frequently fail to consider and ultimately forgo timely care. According to County Health Rankings’ newest report, Perry County ranks 40th out of 67 counties in Pennsylvania for its overall health outcomes. Data show that the ratio of Perry County residents to mental health care providers is nearly 3,000 residents for every 1 mental health professional. This ratio is alarming—it is six times worse than the state average (which has a ratio of 450 residents for every 1 mental health provider).

The pandemic has made this already unacceptable situation much worse. The Cumberland-Perry MH.IDD office experienced a 32 percent increase in demand for mental health services through June 30, 2021. This extraordinary surge is directly related to the health, economic and social disruptions of COVID-19. Unlike common physical injuries, like a broken arm or a sprained ankle, recovery from a recurring or newly emergent mental illness or addiction can require years of professional care. Residents struggling with mental illness and the disease of addiction have a long road ahead.

In this context, it is alarming to see that county mental health services have received another year of flat funding from the Commonwealth. On behalf of the Partnership for Better Health, I respectfully urge state legislators to heed

the call to increase the county mental health budget. In a region and state as caring as ours, with funding increases from legislators in Harrisburg, together we can prevail.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request. Amidst the most challenging times in modern history, we are grateful for your dedicated public service and leadership.

Respectfully,

Becca Raley
Executive Director
Partnership for Better Health

No Public Testimony was offered at 7/29/2021 12:00 noon Public Hearing.

Public Testimony offered at 7/29/21 6:30 pm Public Hearing:

Mary Medkeff-Rose – Aurora Social Rehabilitation Services

Aurora Social Rehabilitation Services is a community non-profit organization serving adults with mental illness and/or intellectual or developmental disabilities (Cumberland/Perry counties IDD program) in central Pennsylvania that facilitates recovery among those being served with opportunities for empowerment and self-direction through life skills training, educational programs, and social rehabilitation.

The Aurora Center at 104 E. Main Street in Mechanicsburg has been open for over 35 years. Consumers come there to:

- Visit with supportive peers
- participate in workshops that include everything from mental health and coping skills to current events
- take trips to places of local interest
- learn life skills by taking part in the running of the center including lunch preparation and running meetings
- express their creativity through arts and crafts
- play games such as pool, cards, and word games
- simply relax and listen to music or watch television

Aurora is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board consists of people with a wide variety interests and talents, including persons who are in mental health recovery. The Board of Directors oversees the financial solvency and the overall health of the program.

Aurora's staff consists of people who have a mental health diagnosis and have been consumers before they became employees, and those who do not.

Comments From some Aurora Consumers:

- I come to Aurora to see my friends.
- Aurora is a place to come and not be judged by other people. It's like a family.
- When I don't come to Aurora, I miss the arts and crafts, and lunch.
- I was very depressed when Aurora closed because of COVID. I was thankful that Mark called me but I really wanted to come here.
- I just started coming here and was surprised that people were so friendly.
- The staff at Aurora are kind and understanding. I like the workshops. I really learn a lot.
- What Aurora Rehabilitation Socialization Services means to me? It is a place to meet others and make friends who understand what it is like to have a mental illness. Friends with mental illness know the feelings of sadness, the feelings of aloneness, the struggles, and the up's and down's of everyday life. Making and keeping friends is important to everyone; but when a person has a mental illness, having friends who understand, is even more important in the Recovery process. At the Aurora program, friends share their life journeys and enjoy activities, such as games, crafts, discussions, and meals. It is important to me to have time to be social with other people. Aurora provides that opportunity!!!

As we face a future that has uncertainty the staff and board are resolved to face the uncertainty, draw from our past and look forward to many more years of service to the mental health community.

PART III: CROSS-COLLABORATION OF SERVICES

For each of the following, please provide a description of how the county administers services collaboratively across categoricals and client populations. In addition, please explain how the county intends to leverage funds to link residents to existing opportunities and/or to generate new opportunities.

Cross-collaboration is clearly evident within Perry County service providers, especially those receiving funds from the Human Services Block Grant (HSBG). The Perry County Family Service Partnership Board is a clear example of the regular collaboration of many agencies in addressing numerous community needs. A list of collaborative partners is found in Part I.

Employment:

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank works collaboratively around employment opportunities by posting job openings in Perry and Cumberland County, offering Literacy Council information which provides GED and training opportunities, and hosting job recruiters.

Perry Human Services connects service recipients with the Perry County Literacy Council, Join Hands Ministry and Tri-County Community Action for assistance in vocational pursuits.

The Perry County Disabled American Veterans office works closely with Join Hands Ministry, N/B VFW, Eagle House, Perry County Housing Partnership, County Veterans Service Officers (VSO) and Rabbit Transit to access employment opportunities.

Relevant information around employment opportunities and collaborations within the Mental Health or Intellectual Disabilities Programs is available in Part III of the Cumberland County (CC) plan as those services are a joinder with Perry County.

Housing:

Perry Human Services provides the Homeless Assistance program and collaborates regularly with Perry Housing Partnership, Rental Assistance, Join Hands Ministry and Tri-County Community Action to support individuals with housing needs.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank works collaboratively making referrals for housing to Perry Housing Partnership, Rental Assistance, and the Homeless Assistance Program at Perry Human Services.

Disabled American Veterans has strong connections with the Perry County Housing Partnership, Perry County Food Bank, Join Hands, N/B VFW, Eagle House, County VSO, and Rabbit Transit to support individuals with their housing needs.

Tri County Community Action (TCCA) provides family development and parenting education through the Perry County Family Center. TCCA also provides OnTrack and Operation HELP utility assistance through PPL, and works closely with the Perry County Food Bank, Perry County C&Y Agency, Join Hands Ministry, Rental Assistance, Senior Services, and Early Education Centers to support individuals and families in gaining and maintaining self-sufficiency, housing, school-readiness, and employment.

Additional information regarding housing collaborations within the joinder services is available in this section of the CC plan as well as the Supportive Housing chart in the Mental Health section of the CC plan.

PART IV: HUMAN SERVICES NARRATIVE

CUMBERLAND PERRY MENTAL HEALTH & INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM

In December 1967, a joint Mental Health & Mental Retardation program was established with the Boards of County Commissioners of Cumberland and Perry Counties in compliance with the Mental Health & Mental Retardation Act of 1966. The agency now known as Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program (C-P MH.IDD) operates as a department of Cumberland County government and serves residents of Cumberland and Perry Counties in need of those treatment services and rehabilitative supports. The county joinder agreement remains in effect today.

As a joinder with Cumberland County, please refer to the Cumberland County plan for information in this section as the Perry County Commissioners are in agreement with the information presented for these joint services in the Cumberland County MH and IDD plans.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Bridge Housing: Not provided with HSDf Block Grant Funds. Bridge (Transitional) Housing in Perry County is provided by Perry Housing Partnership which utilizes other funding sources for its transitional housing.

Case Management:

- *Please describe the case management services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families at risk or experiencing homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.*

Case Management is provided by Perry Human Services (PHS) to clients seeking help who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Beginning with the intake process, case management provides a series of coordinated activities to assist individuals and families to prevent the reoccurrence of homelessness. The level and extent of case management varies with each client and continues through discharge. Case management also includes follow-up with clients who have been discharged. The case manager attempts a two month follow-up with clients who completed an intake, but were not eligible for a rental assistance grant. For clients receiving a rental assistance grant, the case manager contacts the client's landlord or client for a six month follow-up to assess whether the individual/family continues housing stabilization.

PHS Case Manager works with the clients on budgeting. This can occur through individual budgeting sessions or through a group budgeting class. All clients requesting financial help with rent or security deposit are required to attend either individual or group budgeting sessions before being approved for a housing grant. This service has been very beneficial for our clients in providing instruction on financial management, including use of credit cards and budgeting skills.

- *How does the county evaluate the efficacy of case management services? Please provide a brief summary of case management services results.*

During fiscal year 2019-2020, 46 housing intakes were completed to assess if individual/family would qualify for a rental assistance grant. Of the 46 intakes completed, 27 individuals/families qualified for a rental assistance grant. The remaining 19 clients who did not qualify for a rental assistance grant at the time of intake were offered case management as well as referred to various other support and social services/programs as appropriate.

A two month follow up phone call was made by housing case manager to clients not qualifying for rental assistance grant. For those 19 clients, 10 reported stability, 3 owed back rent, 1 was evicted, 2 were still looking for housing, 2 messages were left and 1 was unable to be contacted.

As of June, 2021, for 2020-2021 fiscal year, 21 intakes have been completed using case management and 16 rental assistance grants have been awarded.

A two month follow-up phone contact was made by a housing case manager to 5 clients who did not qualify for a rental assistance grant. For those 5 clients, 5 reported being stable housing, weather that means living with family/friends or in their own place.

- *Please describe any proposed changes to case management services for FY 21-22.*

There are no proposed changes for case management for FY 21-22

Rental Assistance:

- *Please describe the rental assistance services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families experiencing or at risk for homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.*

Rental Assistance provides payment for rents and/or security deposits to prevent and/or end homelessness or near homelessness for individuals/families who qualify for grants.

Perry Human Services defines "resident" as an individual or family who has been living in the county for a minimum of six months. The length of time a client will remain in the program will depend on immediate needs and client participation in the development and follow-through of a case plan to resolve identified issues leading to housing problems. The plan, goals, support services and client action steps are developed with the client. The outcome is for client to achieve housing stabilization.

Requests for rental assistance are made to Perry Human Services to avoid duplication of services and to provide more comprehensive planning. PHS case manager works closely with local agencies to centralize the process for emergency shelter and housing assistance to Perry County residents.

Community service agencies that PHS case manager collaborates with for clients includes but is not limited to Perry County Assistance Office, Rental Assistance Office, Perry Housing Partnership, Social Security Administration, County Mental Health/Intellectual Developmental Disabilities programs, Join Hands Ministries, and other social service agencies offering supportive services. Since clients are referred by agencies and landlords to Perry Human Services, it is important to maintain ongoing communication within this network.

As previously discussed in the Case Management section, rental assistance clients are required to participate in either individual budgeting sessions in order to receive a rental assistance grant. Case manager also conducts a two month follow-up contact for rental assistance clients not receiving a grant and a six month follow-up for clients who receive a grant.

Verification of need occurs at the intake process. Client income eligibility will be at or below 200% of the poverty guidelines. The maximum amount a client may receive will be \$1000 for adult households or \$1500 for families with children within a 24 month period. Client financial participation is encouraged and each client will be individually assessed as to his/her ability to assist with the financial obligations towards security deposit or rent. Any assistance from a public source to assist the client with rent or security deposit will be included. Rental Assistance funds will only be used for rent or security deposits. Checks will be disbursed directly to the landlord upon application approval. Repeat clients will be addressed and reviewed on an individual basis by the case manager and Executive Director. Approval for partial or maximum assistance will then be at the discretion of the Executive Director. Section 8 and subsidized housing clients may be served if they complete and meet the application requirements and have approval by the Executive Director. The intake process includes verification of eviction and documentation that shows the landlord's willingness to continue to rent to the client while the HAP application is being processed.

- *How does the county evaluate the efficacy of rental assistance services? Please provide a brief summary of rental assistance services results.*

27 clients qualified for a rental assistance grant during 2019-2020.

Housing case manager conducted 6 month follow-ups with the 27 clients receiving 2019-2020 rental assistance grants. 22 clients reported being stable, 6 reported owing back rent, 2 clients reported living with family/friends, and 2 were unable to be contacted.

As of June 1, 2021 for 2020-2021 fiscal year, 21 intakes have been completed using case management and 16 rental assistance grants have been awarded.

- *Please describe any proposed changes to rental assistance services for FY 21-22.*

There are no proposed changes for rental assistance services for FY 21-22.

Emergency Shelter

- *Please describe the emergency shelter services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families at risk or experiencing homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.*

This service assists individuals and families who are homeless and in immediate need of emergency housing. Perry County does not have a permanent emergency shelter. The Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) allows Perry Human Services to cover the cost of a room at a local motel for homeless individuals and families for a limited amount of nights.

Because HAP funds have been reduced significantly over the past several years, ESP funds have also been reduced significantly and are very limited. All clients requesting emergency shelter are screened as to their immediate need and whether other emergency living arrangements are available. Emergency Shelter is limited to no more than seven consecutive days unless exception request approved by DHS.

Individuals with income are expected to pay as much of the cost as possible. Those who are without resources are assisted in acquiring increased financial stability. PHS may work with these individuals with the long range goal of permanent housing and a stable environment. Emergency shelter clients may be referred to the Perry Housing Partnership for Transitional Housing and/or other shelters outside the county.

- *How does the county evaluate the efficacy of emergency shelter services? Please provide a brief summary of emergency shelter services results.*

During 2019-2020, 6 emergency screenings (phone contacts or walk-ins) were completed. A total of 9 people were given nights of emergency shelter at a local motel. Most persons calling about emergency shelter were assisted in brain-storming other housing options with family/friends and/or given shelter numbers outside Perry County. Several were referred to Perry Housing Partnership for transitional housing.

For 2020-2021 through June 1, 2021, 4 emergency screenings have been completed, 0 nights of shelter given.

The COVID pandemic and eviction moratorium that is currently in place has impacted the number of housing grants given for year 2020-2021 as you can see by the reduced number of screenings that were conducted compared to the previous year.

- *Please describe any proposed changes to emergency shelter services for FY 21-22.*

There are no changes proposed for 2021-2021.

Other Housing Supports: No Other Housing Supports are provided through HSDF Block Grant funds.

There is limited Transitional Housing available which is provided through Perry Housing Partnership. HSDF Block Grant Funds are not used in this program.

HMIS

- *Please describe the current status of the county's implementation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Does every Homeless Assistance provider enter data into HMIS?*

Perry Human Services (PHS) HAP case manager has been trained in HMIS, but agency is not currently using HMIS as part of its data collection. PHS continues to utilize this agency's own data collection system.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

The **Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission** (the Commission) has lead responsibility for planning and administering a continuum of substance use disorder prevention, intervention, and treatment services for Cumberland and Perry County residents. As a result of a longstanding joinder agreement between the Boards of County Commissioners in Cumberland County and Perry County, the Commission operates as a department of Cumberland County government and as one part of a broad system of county human services. The Commission serves as the Single County Authority (SCA) for Cumberland and Perry Counties in fulfillment of state contracts and regulations.

As a joinder with Cumberland County, please refer to the Cumberland County plan for information in this section as the Perry County Commissioners are in agreement with the information presented for these joint services in the Cumberland County Substance Use Disorder plan.

HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS/HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND

For each of these categories (Adult Services, Aging Services, Children and Youth Services, Generic Services and Specialized Services), please use the fields and dropdowns to describe how the county intends to utilize HSDF funds on allowable expenditures.

Adult Services:

Program Name: **Perry Human Services (PHS) Adult Services**

Description of Services: PHS Adult Services Program utilizes HSDF funds for Case Management. Case Management assists individuals in identifying areas of need and then developing and implementing service plans to meet those needs. Service planning and case management services are a series of coordinated staff activities. These services are designed to determine with client input what services are needed and to coordinate the provision of these services. Case Management can include a wide range of activities. An initial step always includes a thorough exploration of the service needs of the individual and discussions with the client of the available and acceptable service options. Once the extent of need is determined, a service plan is prepared in cooperation with and in agreement with the client. What follows is the involvement of the case manager to assure the prompt arrangement of services using those providers acceptable to the client, and then continue to network with all providers serving the client. This often requires personal advocacy for the client to ensure the satisfactory delivery of service and monitoring the continuity and continued appropriateness of the services. As with all PHS services a follow-up is conducted whenever possible to ensure client satisfaction and to offer additional services as needed.

Service Category: Service Planning/Case Management – a series of coordinative staff activities to determine with the client what services are needed and to coordinate their timely provision by the provider and other resources in the community.

Program Name: Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 49 Transportation Program serving Perry County Veterans 18 – 59

Description of Services: HSDF provides funding through DAV Chapter 49 for providing transportation for adult Veterans in need of free Transportation to their medical, mental, and dental appointments throughout Perry County, PA. As well as free transportation for adult Veterans to pick up needed food (50-lbs) from Perry County's Military Food Share program, at the New Bloomfield VFW, the last Thursday of every month. We also deliver required food to homebound adult Veterans and their families. Additionally, we make stops to and from these appointments to allow our adult Veterans to go to bank, grocery stores, etc. to meet their basic needs, not met through other sources.

Our numbers have reached 137 adult veterans transported in 2020-2021. We are striving to improve our services and transition process with Rabbit Transit so DAV Chapter 49 can continue delivering premium service to our Veterans. The COVID-19 pandemic slowed this process down last year, but DAV is working to make improvements again.

In order to provide these free services, we maintain a current fleet of 4 vans to transport our Veterans. Using volunteer drivers, we currently transport Veterans to and from their appointments scheduled between 8am-12pm, Monday thru Friday. We continue to recruit more volunteers to drive so we can develop a plan to expand appointment hours to 8am – 3 or 4pm Monday thru Friday. The current issue remains the limited number of vans and only volunteer drivers who drive in the morning only. We have waiting on guidance for another PennDot grant to purchase 2 more wheelchair accessible vehicles,. With the increase of vehicles and drivers, we will expand our hours and most likely increase our numbers to at least 200 adult Veterans a month. This will also increase our expenses with the Insurance we pay for drivers and vehicles, maintenance costs, repair costs, and fuel costs for additional vehicles. Currently we also have to pay Rabbit Transit co-pays for all Veterans they transport for us due to not having wheelchair accessible vehicles or unavailability of drivers or vehicles. This will be reduced tremendously once we increase drivers and vehicles in the foreseeable future.

Planned Expenditures: \$15,000.00. (Using \$10,715.58 in donations, raffle, and interest from 1 July 2020 – 10 June 2021, we were able to provide uninterrupted services to our Veterans with free transportation. Due to COVID-19, donations and transportation were greatly reduced from 1 Jul – 30 June 2021. Expenses for insurance on vehicles and drivers, maintenance and repair costs, and fuel costs totaled \$12,169.99 from 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021. We also, delivered 130 meals for Military Food Share from 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021.

Service Category: Transportation (Passenger) – Activities which enable individuals to travel to and from community facilities to receive social and medical service, or otherwise promote independent living.

Program Name: Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 49 Veterans in Need (VIN) Program 18- 59

Description of Services: Request HSDF funding through DAV Chapter 49 for providing financial assistance to adult Veterans and their families not able to utilize other services available. Each client is screened based on their income vice expenses and screened to determine eligibility. We use a VIN application form submitted through Perry County Veteran Service Officer with all bills attached. We have at least 4 VIN committee members review and approve or disapprove request. We then pay bills directly to billing agency and not to individuals. Financial emergencies and hardships we pay as related to financial emergencies due to sudden unemployment without compensation, accidents, car repairs, unable to pay utilities, out of oil in winter and no funds, out of food, house burnt down, etc. We refer them to other County agencies such as Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, social services, housing partnership, Join Hands, American Legions or Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc. We exhaust other avenues and then we review request for assistance. We do not use funding for hardships resulting from unfavorable actions such as substance use, DUI, court costs, etc.

We continued 2 programs in 2020 at Christmas time. We identify Veterans and/or their families in need and present them up to \$600 cash at our DAV Christmas party the 3rd Sunday of December at the New Bloomfield VFW. In 2020, we presented a

Veteran family of 5 with \$600 each totalling \$3,000. We also gave Veterans in 2 Perry County Nursing Homes blankets, socks, and sweats. A new program developed in 2020 was the COVID-19 Relief fund given to Veterans who do not meet the emergency situation for a VIN application. A new program developed in 2020 was the COVID-19 Relief fund, given to Veterans who do not meet the emergency situation for a VIN application. These Veterans were hit hard due to COVID-19 and just needed a hand up. To date, we identified 8 Veterans total under the VIN funding to receive a total of \$6,089.08 in funding. We also get requests for wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, etc. or donations of these items. We give these donated medical items to Veteran Organizations and refer Senior Veterans and families to these agencies for assistance. We also use various other agencies such as Veteran Service Officer, PA Veteran Foundation (PVF), Veteran Organizations such as American Legions, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, etc., PA Wounded Warrior Program, Marine Corp League, DMVA FTIG, Emergency Temporary Relief (ETA), Join Hands, and other agencies to assist with large amounts of financial aid required.

We partner with several Perry County agencies such as Perry County Housing Partnership, the Eagle House, Office of Aging, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, Social Services, Counseling, Join Hands, American Legions, Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc.

Planned Expenditures: \$10,000. (HSDF gave us a grant of \$10,000 for 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021 towards Veterans in Need and Transportation). All \$10,000.00 have been depleted as of 30 June 21 We helped 8 Veterans in Need and depleted our HSDF of \$10,000.00 from 1 July 2019– 10 June 2020.. We helped a total of 8 Veterans in amount of @ \$6,089.08 between 1 July 2019 –10 June 2020, thus far. We paid for mortgages, rent, groceries, utilities, Car repairs, and transportation, gas cards, car insurance, etc. This year under our Santa Warren program, we paid out \$3,000.00 in cash for 5 Veteran families. A new program developed in 2020 was the COVID-19 Relief fund given to Veterans who do not meet the emergency situation for a VIN application. These Veterans were hit hard due to COVID-19 and just needed a hand up. Funding and donations have suffered this year due to COVID-19. The \$10,000.00 from HSDF helped us to continue taking care of 8 Veterans and their families and funding our Trans Program.

Service Category: Service Planning/Case Management – a series of coordinative staff activities to determine with the client what services are needed and to coordinate their timely provision by the provider and other resources in the community.

Aging Services:

Program Name: **Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 49 Veterans in Need (VIN) Program 60+**

Description of Services: DAV Chapter 49 requests HSDF funding through DAV Chapter 49 for providing financial assistance to Senior Veterans and their families not able to utilize other services available. Each client is screened based on their income vice expenses and screened to determine eligibility. We use a VIN application form submitted through Perry County Veteran Service Officer with all bills attached. We have a Chair, Terri Lynn, with at least 3 VIN committee members review and approve or disapprove request. We then pay bills directly to billing agency and not to individuals. Financial emergencies and hardships we pay as related to financial emergencies due to sudden unemployment without compensation, accidents, car repairs, unable to pay utilities, out of oil in winter, out of food, etc. (We also refer them to other County agencies if we cannot assist or to supplement what we can give.) We exhaust other avenues and then we review request for assistance. We have trained other Veteran Organizations to start their own Veterans in Need program and submit requests thru James Scott, Perry County Veterans Affairs Director.

We continued 2 programs in 2020 at Christmas time. We identify Veterans and/or their families in need and present them up to \$600 cash at our DAV Christmas party the 3rd Sunday of December at the New Bloomfield VFW. We Also gave blankets, sweats, and socks for Veterans in 3 Nursing Homes in Perry County. We continue to look for ways to serve our Veterans in Perry County.

We also get requests for wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, etc. or donations of these items. We store these donated or purchased medical items or equipment and loan to Senior Veterans and families to assist. We also use various other agencies such as Veteran Service Officer, PA Veteran Foundation (PVF), Veteran Organizations such as American Legions, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), AMVETS, etc., PA Wounded Warrior Program, Marine Corp League, DMVA FTIG, Emergency Temporary Relief (ETA), and other agencies to assist with larger amounts of financial assistance required.

We partner with several Perry County agencies such as Perry County Housing Partnership, the Eagle House, Office of Aging, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, Social Services, Counseling, Helping Hands, American Legions, Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc.

Planned Expenditures: \$15,000.00. (From 1 Jul 19 – 30 Jun 20 we have helped 8 Senior and Adult Veterans using \$11,358.35. We depleted the HSDF of \$10,000.00 1 July 2019 – 10 June 2020 on 12 Veterans and their families with payments towards 10 bills. Car repairs, Mortgages, rent, groceries, utilities, Rent, Operation Santa Warren Hand Up program, etc. We provided Senior Veterans in Nursing Homes with blankets, sweats and socks.)

Service Category: Service Planning/Case Management – a series of coordinative staff activities to determine with the client what services are needed and to coordinate their timely provision by the provider and other resources in the community.

***Program Name:* Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 49 Transportation Program serving Perry County Veterans 60+**

Description of Services: HSDF provides funding through DAV Chapter 49 for providing transportation, including the majority of disabled Senior Veterans, in need of free Transportation to their medical, mental, and dental appointments throughout state of PA. As well as free transportation for Veterans, which are primarily disabled Senior Veterans, to pick up needed food (50-lbs) from Perry County's Military Food Share program, on the last Thursday of every month. We also deliver required food to homebound disabled Senior Veterans and their families. We also make stops to and from their appointments to allow our Senior Veterans to go to bank, grocery stores, etc. to meet their basic needs, not met through other sources.

Due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, our numbers have dropped from 150 Senior Veterans transported aa year. Due to COVID-19 we only ran emergencies and surgical patients to the VA. We are striving to improve our services and transition process with Rabbit Transit so DAV Chapter 49 can continue delivering premium service to our Senior Veterans.

In order to provide these free services, we maintain a current fleet of 4 vehicles, ranging from 2013 – 2018, to transport our Senior Veterans. Using 3 volunteer drivers, we currently transport Veterans to and from their appointments scheduled between 8-11am, Monday thru Friday. We are recruiting more volunteers to drive, so we can develop a plan to expand appointment hours to 8am – 3 or 4pm Monday thru Friday. The current issue is limited number of wheelchair accessible vans, and only volunteer drivers who drive in the morning only. We are applying for additional grants in order to purchase 2 more wheelchair accessible vehicles. With the increase of vehicles and drivers, we will expand our hours and exponentially increase our numbers to at least 50 Perry County Senior Veterans a month. This will also increase our expenses with the Insurance we pay for drivers and vehicles, maintenance costs, repair costs, and fuel costs for additional vehicles. From 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021 we have spent \$12,169.99 on expenses to keep our transportation operating. During this time period, we delivered 130 Veterans meals, 150 Senior Veterans were taken to medical appointments.

Service Category: Transportation

Planned Expenditures: Rabbit Transit sometimes charges us to take Veterans to and from their medical appointments when we have no drivers or vehicles available. Increased insurance for 2 brand new handicap accessible vehicles.

Specialized Services:

HSDf funds are utilized to provide specialized services through the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank and Perry Human Services.

Program Name: **Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank**

Description of Services: Located at 300 A South Carlisle St, New Bloomfield 17068, this emergency food pantry offers to help supplement the food budget of qualified Perry County households that fall under the Federal poverty guidelines. The mission of the Food Bank remains dedication to providing supplemental food for seniors, children, individuals, and families within the County who are food insecure. HSDf allows for case management services for families through these funds. The Emergency Food Assistance Program is operated in accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. The total household income is based on 150% of poverty and applies to household size, understanding they must be at, or below, the income level to be eligible for program benefits. Significant increase in the need has been noted as the caseload has risen dramatically over the years. From July 2020 through April 2021, services have been provided for \$5,745 families or 33,635 individuals.

Program Name: **Representative Payee Service**

Description of Services: Provided by Perry Human Services Adult Service Program, this Representative Payee Service is provided to individuals who cannot effectively manage their own financial obligations. Reasons for this need may include mental and physical disadvantages as well as lack of skill and education. Perry Human Services addresses this need through case management. This includes developing a workable budget and budget counseling, agency networking to provide all available services, applications for financial assistance where needed and establishing and managing bank accounts. The service provides accountability to the Social Security Administration and the Perry County Board of Assistance for the use of these monies. Case Management includes re-determination to ensure revenues and services continue without interruption. Types of clients receiving Representative Payee Services include adults with IDD living independently and those individuals unable to financially manage their households resulting in a debtor situation. Many of our Representative Payee clients have been with PHS for many years and been able to maintain living in the community with this support.

Interagency Coordination: .

HSDf is not utilized for interagency coordination.

**APPENDIX C-1: BLOCK GRANT COUNTIES -
HUMAN SERVICES PROPOSED BUDGET AND INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED**

Directions:	Using this format, please provide the county plan for allocated human services expenditures and proposed numbers of individuals to be served in each of the eligible categories.
1. ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED	Please provide an estimate in each cost center of the number of individuals to be served. An estimate must be entered for each cost center with associated expenditures.
2. HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE & FEDERAL)	Please enter the county's total state and federal DHS allocation for each program area (MH, ID, HAP, SUD, and HSDF).
3. HSBG PLANNED EXPENDITURES (STATE & FEDERAL)	Please enter the county's planned expenditures for HSBG funds in the applicable cost centers. The Grand Totals for HSBG Planned Expenditures and HSBG Allocation must equal.
4. NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES	Please enter the county's planned expenditures (MH, ID, and SUD only) that are not associated with HSBG funds in the applicable cost centers. <i>This does not include Act 152 funding or SUD funding received from the Department of Drug and Alcohol.</i>
5. COUNTY MATCH	Please enter the county's planned match amount in the applicable cost centers.
6. OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES	Please enter in the applicable cost centers, the county's planned expenditures not included in the DHS allocation (such as grants, reinvestment, and other non-DHS funding). Completion of this column is optional.
<p>■ Please use FY 20-21 primary allocation, less any one-time funding and less the MA-ID federal allocation (due to the implemntaiton of the statewide RMTS) . If the county received a supplemental CHIPP/forensic allocation during FY 20-21, include the annualized amount in the FY 21-22 budget.</p> <p>■ DHS will request your county to submit a revised budget if, based on the budget enacted by the General Assembly, the allocations for FY 21-22 are significantly different than FY 20-21. In addition, the county should notify the department and submit a rebudget form via email when funds of 10% or more are moved between program categoricals, (i.e., moving funds from MH Inpatient into ID Community Services).</p>	

APPENDIX C - BUDGET						
County: Perry	1. ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED	2. HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE & FEDERAL)	3. HSBG PLANNED EXPENDITURES (STATE & FEDERAL)	4. NON- BLOCK GRANT EXPENDIT- URES	5. COUNTY MATCH	6. OTHER PLANNED EXPENDIT- URES
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - # Served = Cumberland/Perry Counties' JOINDER TOTALS						
ACT and CTT	12		\$49,513			
Administrative Management	1,408		\$709,937		\$61,947	
Administrator's Office			\$294,188		\$71,915	\$227,847
Adult Developmental Training						
Children's Evidence-Based Practices						
Children's Psychosocial Rehabilitation						
Community Employment	71		\$158,404		\$17,600	
Community Residential Services	113		\$4,731,063		\$20,350	
Community Services	260		\$909,380		\$90,153	\$51,333
Consumer-Driven Services	92		\$99,564			
Emergency Services	952		\$59,850		\$6,650	
Facility Based Vocational Rehabilitation						
Family Based Mental Health Services						
Family Support Services	88		\$71,260		\$7,918	
Housing Support Services	105		\$673,804		\$33,753	
Mental Health Crisis Intervention	3,114		\$1,463,489			
Other						
Outpatient	24		\$223,685		\$76	
Partial Hospitalization						
Peer Support Services	17		\$7,325			
Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization						
Psychiatric Rehabilitation	29		\$65,124			
Social Rehabilitation Services	230		\$541,120		\$48,009	
Targeted Case Management	97		\$178,711			
Transitional and Community Integration	130		\$166,220			
TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	6,742	\$10,402,637	\$10,402,637	-	\$358,371	\$279,180

County: Perry	1. ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED	2. HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE & FEDERAL)	3. HSBG PLANNED EXPENSITURES (STATE & FEDERAL)	4. NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES	5. COUNTY MATCH	6. OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES - # Served = Cumberland/Perry Counties' JOINDER TOTALS						
Administrator's Office			\$809,327		\$89,925	\$642,523
Case Management	999		\$229,500		\$25,500	
Community-Based Services	152		\$1,063,788		\$48,068	
Community Residential Services	6		\$781,895		\$1,640	
Other						
TOTAL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES	1,157	\$2,884,510	\$2,884, 510		\$165,133	\$642,523

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES						
Bridge Housing						
Case Management	130		\$25,000			
Rental Assistance	30		\$21,437			
Emergency Shelter	8		\$500			
Innovative Supportive Housing Services						
Administration						
TOTAL HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES	168	\$46,937	\$46,937			

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES - # Served = Cumberland/Perry Counties' JOINDER TOTALS						
Case/Care Management	10		\$29,426			
Inpatient Hospital						
Inpatient Non-Hospital	71		\$296,061			
Medication Assisted Therapy	14		\$91,000			
Other Intervention						
Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient	30		\$9,500			
Partial Hospitalization						
Prevention						
Recovery Support Services	20		\$57,148			
Administration			\$24,000			
TOTAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES	145	\$497,635	\$507,135			

County: Perry	1. ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED	2. HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE & FEDERAL)	3. HSBG PLANNED EXPENSITURES (STATE & FEDERAL)	4. NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES	5. COUNTY MATCH	6. OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES
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HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND						
Adult Services	150		\$11,000			
Aging Services	7		\$5,000			
Children and Youth Services						
Generic Services						
Specialized Services	450		\$24,500			
Interagency Coordination						
Administration						
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND	607	\$50,000	\$40,500			

GRAND TOTAL	8,819	\$13,881,719	\$13,881,719		\$523,504	\$921,703
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