

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

September 13, 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:** Karen Barclay, Mary Ann Brownawell, Frank Campbell, Noah Cline, Jason Finnerty, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Jan Gibboney, Sarah Keller, Heather Kelly-Weisen, Wayne Leshar, Dave Magee, Wes Smith, Randy Waggoner, Susan Washinger, Josh Wilson, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on September 13, 2021 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence in remembrance of former member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Allan Egolf. The meeting was conducted in person and via telephone/video conference in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

**Announcements/Updates:** Commissioner Eby stated that town hall meetings were being held for the public to solicit input on usage of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. He said that the hearings are scheduled for September 22 at the Newport Fire Hall and September 29 at the Landisburg Fire Hall and both meetings would begin at 7 p.m. Commissioner Eby also commented that public hearings would be held to hear proposals for funding for businesses, organizations and county residents on October 1 and 4. He said that additional information and applications to apply for funding are located on the county website. Commissioner Eby reminded everyone that the deadline to submit an application for funding is October 29. He also said that the final rules for the American Rescue Plan Act funds are scheduled to be put out in late fall.

Commissioner Allen said that the September 27 Commissioners' Meeting would take place at 7 p.m. at the Ickesburg Fire Hall.

**Public Comments:** Dave Magee commented on the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy, as the anniversary of the event had just recently passed. He reminded everyone to keep those affected by the catastrophic incident in their prayers. Mr. Magee also questioned that status of the SEDA-COG grant that was awarded to Marysville. Heather Kelly-Weisen, from SEDA-COG, stated that the CDBG-CV funds had previously been allocated to a utility assistance program, but due to the low interest in the County as a result of other COVID relief funding, this funding had not been utilized. She said the CV funding would be reallocated to parks and recreation projects and public hearings will be held in the future due to the CV budget changes.

Wayne Leshar asked for a broadband update.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Warrant List(s):** Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant lists (dated 9/2/21, 9/9/21, and 9/14/21)) in the total amount of \$254,550.75. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**2021 CDBG Final Public Hearing:** Heather Kelly-Weisen, from SEDA-COG, stated that Perry County had been allocated \$269,492 of CBDB funding for FY 2021. She commented that the Commissioners had selected the following projects for funding through the block grant: Loysville Municipal Authority Sewer Lateral

Replacement, Oliver Township Sewage System Rehabilitation Phase 5A, and the Liverpool Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation. She said that the Commissioners have a resolution to apply for the funding and allow SEDA-COG to apply, on behalf of the County, for these projects. Ms. Kelly-Weisen mentioned a Fair Housing resolution and the Complaint Officer and process that will need to be adopted at a later meeting. She asked if anyone had any questions about the block grant funding.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-08 allowing SEDA-COG to apply for CDBG funding on behalf of the County. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Allen presented Mary Ann Brownawell, of Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, with a Proclamation in observance of Hunger Action Month.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health for fiscal years 2020/21 and 2021/22 in the total amount of \$1,383,844 (contract listing attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2021/22 Children and Youth Purchase of Service Agreement. Commissioner Eby questioned if the vendor had local offices, as the contract indicated they were located in Pittsburgh. After clarification from the Department Head, Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

#### Every Child – CYS- Levels from \$64.51-79.55 - New Contract

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Juvenile Probation Services Grant Agreement. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Natasha Dunn to the position of Part Time Deputy in the Sheriff's Office effective September 14, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$19.27. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Dudley, Part Time Custodian in the Chief Clerk's Department, effective August 30, 2021. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the Warden's recommendation, to approve the appointment of Richard Blosser to the position of Part Time Correctional Officer in the Perry County Prison effective September 20, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$20.83. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Bunt question if the CDBG resolution that was previously approved, should include the allocation amounts.

**Public Comments:** Commissioner Watson stated that she attended the 9/11 Memorial Service in Newport over the weekend and said the event was emotional and very informative. She commented that the broadband project is in the negotiation phase with the vendors that submitted RFQ's for the project. Commissioner Watson said that none of the vendors can satisfy all the needs of the broadband project due to the different needs in the County. She said a combination of the vendors will need to be used and in order to start the project and she is currently working on this collaborative approach. She mentioned that she did have a few concerns about the broadband vendors that would be addressed with the County's consultant at a future meeting. Commissioner Watson said she will continue to keep the public updated on the project as it progresses.

Jason Finnerty said there is a concern regarding the availability of broadband supplies due to the large number of counties that are working on broadband projects. He commented that the sooner Perry County can get this project started the sooner materials can be obtained. Mr. Finnerty also commented on the lack of transportation of the materials as well.

**Comments from the Press:** None

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

ASPIRATIONS LLC	EI20-0069	\$207,524	\$9,524	Increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional authorized services				
EI Services - Evaluations; occupational, physical, and speech therapies; social work; special instruction				
CONNECTIONS EARLY INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS	EI20-0102	\$48,032	\$1,606	Increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional authorized services				
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction				
MERAKEY PENNSYLVANIA	ID20-0176	\$23,762	\$488	Increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional services				
IDD Services - Residential				
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF CENTRAL PA INC	ID20-0001	\$532,287	\$61,703	Increase
Amendment - Agency with choice administration; community links; community participation support; companion; family aide; in-home and community supports; residential; respite				

**FY 2021-2022 MH/IDD Contract Information**

ALCHERA INC DBA SAFEINHOME	ID21-0178	\$10,011	\$11	Increase
Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22				
IDD Services - Assistive technology (home monitoring)				
GOODWILL KEYSTONE AREA INC	ID21-0036	\$71,270	\$6,270	Increase
Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22				
IDD Services - Supported employment				
THE ARC OF CUMBERLAND AND PERRY COUNTIES	ID21-0031	\$456,287	\$55,798	Decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22				
IDD Services - Community participation support; family support; in-home and community supports; residential habilitation; supported employment				
CARE OPTIONS RX LLC	MH21-0089	\$8,000	\$2,000	Decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22				
MH Services - Outpatient (pharmacy)				

PERRY COUNTY (PRISON)	MH21-0019	\$26,671	\$486	Increase
Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22				
MH Services - Transitional and Community Integration (half of salary and benefits				
for counselor position at prison)				

**2020/2021 MH/IDD contracts:**

<i>Early Intervention</i>			
INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE TRAINING & MARKETING LLC	EI20-0071	\$51,000	\$3,747 increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional services			
EI Services - Language interpretation			

JILL BRICKER, M-ED, CIMI	EI20-0104	\$13,500	\$1000 increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional authorized services			
EI Services - Special instruction			
<b><i>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i></b>			
ASPIRATIONS LLC	ID20-0167	\$2,700	\$200 increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional services			
IDD Services - Behavioral support (psychological evaluations)			
HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM INC	ID20-0179	\$44,842	\$442 increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional services			
IDD Services - Residential			
THE ADVOCACY ALLIANCE	ID20-0137	\$791,278	\$2,830 increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional services			
IDD Services - Health care quality unit; health risk screening tool; certified investigations/incident management			

**2021/2022 MH/IDD Contracts:**

<b><i>Early Intervention</i></b>			
HEALTHPRO PEDIATRICS LLC	EI21-0103	\$6,519	\$2,481 decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22			
EI Services - Occupational therapy; special instruction			
UPMC PINNACLE HOSPITALS, PINNACLE HEALTH INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	EI21-0005	\$223,400	\$12,522 decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22			
EI Services - Diagnostic evaluations; occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction			
<b><i>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i></b>			
AHEDD INC	ID21-0017	\$6,763	\$4,438 decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Supported employment			
ALMA HEALTH LLC DBA MEDSTAFFERS	ID21-0175	\$6,584	\$5,608 decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22			

IDD Services - Companion			
ASPIRATIONS LLC	ID21-0167	\$3,000	\$500 increase
Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Behavioral support (psychological evaluations)			
BENEVOLENT HEART ASSISTED LIVING LLC	ID21-0148	\$13,167	New
New for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Companion			
BLOOM HUMAN SERVICES LLC	ID21-0181	\$30,409	\$27,674 increase
Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Companion; in-home and community supports			
HARRISBURG HOME HEALTH HOLDINGS LLC DBA ANGELS ON CALL	ID21-0165	\$3,362	\$19,749 decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - In-home and community supports			
HEMPFIELD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INC	ID21-0158	\$23,600	\$9,765 increase
Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Community participation support			
KEON ENTERPRISES LLC	ID21-0154	\$15,749	\$1,632 decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Transportation			
LIVING UNLIMITED INC	ID21-0121	\$3,408	No change
Renewal - No change for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Supported employment			
PA LIFESHARING LLC	ID21-0150	\$26,332	\$21,257 decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Companion; family aide; in-home and community supports			
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND	ID21-0170	\$10,000	No change
Renewal - No change for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Family support (rent assistance)			
RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATES PC	ID21-		No change

	0005	\$3,000	
Renewal - No change for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Behavioral support (psychological evaluations)			
THE CORNERSTONE AGENCY OF PA INC	ID21-0147	\$2,452	\$8,786 decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Behavioral support (communications specialist)			
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF CENTRAL PA INC	ID21-0001	\$364,712	\$105,872 decrease
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22			
IDD Services - Agency with choice administration; in-home and community supports;			
community homes (residential)			
<b><i>Mental Health</i></b>			
NEW VISIONS INC	MH21-0006	\$2,714,790	\$63,810 increase
Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22			
MH Services - Community services; community residential; consumer driven; housing			
support; social rehabilitation			
NEW VISIONS INC	MH21-0084	\$1,639,910	\$6,958 increase
Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22			
MH Services - Long term structured residence (residential)			