

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

January 24, 2022

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: None

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person: Dan Carlson, Kevin Dalpiaz, Polly Eby, John Hines, Hunter Kline, Taira Little, Jim Scott, Mark Sweigart, Susan Washinger, Kay Witmer, and Lisi Witmer

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 24, 2022 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted in person and via WebEx telephone/video conference at the Liverpool Fire Company. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Eby thanked the Liverpool Fire Company for hosting the evening meeting. He also recognized the hard work completed by the fire company and EMS staff.

Commissioner Eby commented that a COVID and flu vaccination clinic was scheduled to be held at Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank in New Bloomfield on February 10 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. He said no appointments are necessary.

Commissioner Allen said that the County had been awarded a \$500,000 grant for the HOME Rehabilitation Program. He commented that the program is open to eligible homeowners to help with necessary home updates and ADA upgrades at no cost to the homeowner. He encouraged homeowners to apply for the program.

Commissioner Eby said that the PA Homeowners Assistance Fund for homeowners affected by COVID would be open on February 1st. He stated that additional information on the fund is available on the County website. Commissioner Eby commented that interested individuals must apply for the PA Housing Finance Authority, which could be a disadvantage to County residents.

Public Comments: Kevin Dalpiaz asked for an update on the radio project as the radio issues continue in the Liverpool area. He said the Liverpool Fire Company continues to have issues with the Patch system and communication with Snyder County does not work. Mr. Dalpiaz commented that there has been trouble with communication from the County's EMA/911 Center. Repeaters for the area was also discussed.

Jim Scott, Veterans Affairs Director, commented that he will continue to attend the evening meetings to answer any questions individuals have about veteran services. He asked if the vaccine clinic at the Food Bank would include boosters. Mr. Scott requested some flyers to hand out at military share. He also questioned who administers the HOME Program and how individuals apply.

Kay Witmer commented that pushing out information on the HOME Program and similar programs, to EMS personnel would be beneficial as they are in individual's homes on a regular basis and can help spread the word to those that need the service. She said EMS staff could help hook people up with services and help bridge the gap.

Jim Scott offered his services to the EMS Units. He said he is willing to come and speak to the group to bring awareness to the services available to veterans and their families.

Pat Gutheil asked what the name of the health organization Commissioner Eby had mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to appoint Marsha Snyder to the position of Farmer Director on the Perry County Conservation Board and said he highly recommended Ms. Snyder. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission contract with Mazzitti & Sullivan. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion, stating that the former provider was no longer available. All agreed. Motion carried.

Provider	Service	20/21	21/22	Rate increase
Mazzitti & Sullivan	2.5 Adult Partial Hospital Activity 852A		\$105	New
	2.5 Adolescent Partial Hospital Activity 852A		\$115	New

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for 9-1-1 State Interconnectivity Funding. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health for fiscal year 2021/2022 in the total amount of \$233,231 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Steven Cassel, Part Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective February 4, 2022. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Pat Gutheil thanked the Commissioners for having traveling evening meetings. She commented that night meetings allow more people to attend.

Kay Witmer asked for an update on the broadband project.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

MH/IDD Contracts FY 2021/22

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
<i>Early Intervention</i>					
CONNECTIONS EARLY INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS	EI21-0102	Increase	\$42,916	\$74,280	\$31,364
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional authorized services					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
<i>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i>					
AHEDD INC	ID21-0017	Increase	\$6,763	\$9,746	\$2,983
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional authorized services					
IDD Services - Supported employment					
BOLD INC	ID21-0174	Decrease	\$74,965	\$20,456	(\$54,509)
New/Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22					
IDD Services - Respite					
BOLD INC	ID21-0174	Increase	\$20,456	\$54,548	\$34,092
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional authorized services					
IDD Services - Respite					
RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATES, PC	ID21-0005	Increase	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$7,000
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional services					
IDD Services - Behavioral support					
<i>Mental Health</i>					
YORK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DBA RABBITTRANSIT	MH21-0075	Increase	\$29,695	\$64,201	\$34,506
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional authorized services					
MH Services - Transportation					

