MEETING DATE: January 25, 2018

MEETING PLACE: CMU, 1100 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg

ATTENDANCE:
Board Members: Gregg Davis, Margaret Houser, Mike Hoffer

Staff: Dan Eisenhauer, Paul Geffert, Renee Robison,

Guests: Commissioner Hartwick, Randie Yeager, Boyd Major; Pressley Ridge; Greg McCutcheon, CMU

MEETING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Education Topic
- Administrator’s Report
- Committee Reports
- Fiscal Report
- Community Input

DECISIONS:

- Due to not having a quorum, the November 30, 2017, Advisory Board minutes were not approved

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- None at this time
NEXT MEETING DATE:
March 29, 2018, at CMU, 1100 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg. The agenda will include a presentation, as well as the Administrator’s Report and Committee Reports.

Welcome and Introductions
Gregg Davis called the meeting to order. Gregg welcomed everyone in attendance, and introductions followed.

Approval of the November 30, 2017, Board Meeting Minutes
Due to not having a quorum, these minutes were not approved.

Administrator’s Report
There was not an administrator’s report distributed at this meeting.

Dan noted that Shirley Keith Knox and Joy Hafer from the ID staff have retired and we are in the process of replacing them. Bobbi Segin is the new Deputy ID Administrator replacing Shirley Keith Knox. Morgan Denny replaced the ID Program Specialist 1 vacancy that was Bobbi’s position. The interviews for Joy’s position, which is an ID Program Specialist 2, will be conducted starting tomorrow.

Crisis vacancies – at this time, there is 1 full-time and 1 part-time vacancy since the recommendation has been made to hire 2 new people and we will be making an offer to a 3rd person. A crisis caseworker has transferred to another department and current staff are working extra shifts to fill in as needed. There is a significant workforce shortage. It is usually a 2-month process to hire someone.

ID – 20 new slots for waiver availability – moved 10 people from the $33,000 waiver to the $70,000 community living waiver.

MH – going through the 16-17 reinvestment process.

Presentation – Annual Report Overview FY 16-17 – Dan Eisenhauer
Highlights from the PowerPoint presentation are below:

FY 16-17 Executive Summary
• The MH/ID Program values partnerships and collaboration with consumers, families, providers and community agencies
• Priorities for the year included improving system responses to persons with serious mental illness in the criminal justice system, employment, housing, and collaboration
• We focused on services most vital to the individuals we serve to assure access to treatment, supportive services, and opportunities for independence and successful community living
• MH/ID Program staff provided training and modeled improved collaboration, and communication for service planning efforts for people diagnosed with mental illness and an intellectual disability, including working with CMU staff to enhance collaboration and team processes
• MH staff focused on improving HealthChoices provider capacity and working with PerformCare to increase quality and clinical initiatives, and preparing to implement value-based purchasing. The MH Program is responsible to coordinate state hospital resources. The focus is treatment, recovery and getting people back to the community. It is a fact that people with mental illness die 25 years sooner.

• ID staff focused on ODP’s new program regulations, a five-year waiver renewal submission to CMS that included a plan for community inclusion and many new service offerings aimed at greater independence and supporting families as caregivers, and incorporating persons with a diagnosis of autism into ODP waivers administered by the county program.

• Early Intervention partnered on several research projects to study and implement evidence-based practices and improving provider capacity to support continued growth in referrals and children served. PA is a national leader in EI and is working on children’s readiness for school. Randie Yeager noted that there are specific MOU’s between EI and C&Y also and there has been targeted outreach and efforts in getting children referred. Randie acknowledged this is the first time seeing everyone recognizing what is needed and this effort has been led by Dan and his team. It was also noted that there is a community organization that recognizes the need to help and is offering free preschool.

• Crisis Intervention – a case can take 15 minutes to 2 weeks to resolve. The data indicates that people are in serious crisis when they get to crisis. Hospitalization takes up most of a caseworker’s time.

Dan thanked staff and noted that they do all of the work.

The complete FY 16-17 Annual Report is available upon request.

Intellectual Disabilities Committee – The minutes from the December 5, 2017, meeting were distributed.

Nominating Committee – Four new board members are still needed. It was noted that they do have to be a Dauphin County resident.

Executive Committee – This committee did not meet.

MH Committee – The minutes from December 18, 2017, were distributed. Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) – This program focuses on four skill modules. This therapy is for adults who went through a traumatic event or need help in any of the skill module areas. They teach important skills and include mindfulness, distress tolerance, emotion regulation, and interpersonal effectiveness and work with them.

DBT-A – Adolescents – designed for adolescents. They need the same parent or guardian to go along to each visit and they actually learn the skills along with the adolescent.
**Fiscal Report**
Paul Geffert distributed the Budget vs. Expenses report by cost center. Paul noted that the MH/ID base funds doesn’t include waiver, HealthChoices, or MATP. Time study costs will be added in the MH Admin and that number will go down.

**Community Input and Other Comments**
None at this time.

**Adjournment**
There were no additional comments or announcements, and the meeting was adjourned.