DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

JULY 6, 2016
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Pries, Vice Chairman
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

Jeff Haste, Chairman (ABSENT)

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Tim DeFoor, Controller; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Anthony DiFrancesco, Director of Veterans Affairs; Colin Zwally, Commissioners' Office; Randie Yeager, Director of Human Services; Mary Brigh Lavery, Commissioners' Office; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; John Sponyebarger, Drug & Alcohol; Donna S. Miller, Commissioners’ Office; Cheryl Dondero, Director of Drug & Alcohol; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Matt Miller, Director of Work Release; Chad Libby, Director of Probation Services; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Sherry Clouser, Drug & Alcohol; April Rudick, Drug & Alcohol; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

WHP, WGAL, WHTM, Fox 43, Anastasia Lyles-Kone, Theresa Sellers, Dr. Phillip Moore, Stefani McAuliffe, Bishop Dr. A.E. Sullivan, Ebene Jones and James Roxbury

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pries, Vice Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There are two sets of Meeting Minutes that will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

No Executive Sessions were held between meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Cheryl Dondero, Drug & Alcohol

   1. Presentation on Drug & Alcohol Initiatives

Mr. Hartwick indicated that this Opioid and Heroin Epidemic affects every part of the community. It is the leading cause of accidental deaths. The department is working on ways to attack this epidemic. The County has a partnership with Pinnacle Health.

Ms. Dondero outlined the County’s multi-pronged approach to dealing with the growing heroin and opioid addiction and overdose epidemic and to save lives.

Some of the steps being taken are:

- Adding case managers who will work non-regular hours to respond to overdose scenes and attempt to convince users to voluntarily enter in-patient treatment at that moment to ensure they get the help they need. The County is also following up with any overdose survivors who are not contacted at the time of the incident.
- Dauphin County District Attorney Ed Marsico has received grants to provide training and the overdose reversal drug, naloxone, which goes by the brand name Narcan to police throughout the County. The Commissioners have received funding to provide Narcan and training in its use to other first
responders, such as ambulance crews, as well as to families and friends of addicts.

- Inmates released from Dauphin County Prison will be registered in treatment programs so they can continue the progress they are making without interruption.
- The County is expanding the availability of medication-assisted treatments, which manages opioid dependence, including methadone, suboxone and vivitrol, which is also used to treat alcohol dependence.
- Working with area treatment providers, such as Gaudenzia Common Ground, to reduce the waiting list for treatment, especially detox beds.

Ms. Dondero introduced other guests that were present: Dr. Philip Moore, DO FASAM, Medical Director, Associates in Medical Toxicology, Medical Director Addiction Recovery Systems of Camp Hill, Pinnacle Health Systems; Amanda Cope, Chief Operating Office, Positive Recovery Solutions, LLC; Tina McCauliffe, Mission Integration Director, Pinnacle Health Systems; Theresa Sellers, RN MHSA, MBA, Community Health Nurse Navigator, Pinnacle Health Systems; Stephanie Galica, Director of Community Health Solutions, Adapt Pharma (NARCAN) and Tammy Kravener, Director of Government Affairs and Policy, Alkermes, Inc. (Vivitrol).

When a person goes to a doctor and a prescription is prescribed, that doctor will be able to check that patient’s record to see all the medication that has been prescribed for that patient. This way the patient will not be able to go from one doctor to another.

Dr. Moore discussed the importance of getting the patient treatment when they come in to the hospital. Insurance is one of the issues. It is complicated to navigate through the system. If someone is at risk for getting the Vivitrol injection that person would need to go through detox. He discussed other options that are available. Vivitrol is like a goalkeeper, it stops everything from coming in. It is like an insurance policy.

Mr. Pries asked if there is any data on the use of Narcan.

Ms. Dondero indicated that data will be available after the first several months – what percentage got treatment, did they stay or step down to other levels of care.

Ms. Cope explained how Positive Recovery Solutions, LLC was started and what they do to help patients with regard to treatment. It is a mobile unit that travels to rural communities.

Ms. Dondero indicated that a community of support needs to be built for families to ask for and receive help.

Mr. Hartwick noted that partnerships are needed to allow the person the best way to stay drug free. The Board looks forward to building resources and partnerships.
HUMAN RESOURCES

There were no questions on the Salary and/or Personnel Packets. Both Packets will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci asked to have included in the Purchase Order Packet a requisition for scanning for the Register of Wills and Clerk of Courts. The Commissioners indicated their approval to add it to the Packet. There are also some budget adjustments that need to be made prior to next week.

The Purchase Order Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

TRAINING PACKET

The Training Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There was none.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – JOSEPH A. CURCILLO, III, ESQ.

Mr. Curcillo noted that the items on the Solicitor’s Report will be reviewed for consideration at next week’s Legislative Meeting. There were no questions.

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor had no report and there were no questions.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

There was none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board adjourn; motion carried.