MEETING DATE: October 4, 2012

MEETING PLACE: CMU, 1100 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg

ATTENDANCE:
- **Board Members:** Sherri Smith, Bonnie Rice, Korah Abraham, Carol Oman, Curt Bauer
- **Staff:** Dan Eisenhauer, Shirley Keith Knox, Paul Geffert, Renee Robison
- **Guests:** Jenna Robinson, Dauphin County MH/ID Intern, Leah Hannah, PA Counseling Services; Mike Grier, KCMH; Martina Leshko, CSG; Matt Kopetchny, CMU; Dan Sausman, CMU; Elizabeth Pliszka, Dauphin CAO

MEETING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:
- Education Topic
- Administrator’s Report
- Committee Reports
- Fiscal Report
- Community Input

DECISIONS:
- Approval of the May 31, 2012, Advisory Board Minutes
- Approval of new Board member application to be forward to the Commissioner’s

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:
- None at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE:
November 29, 2012, at the CMU. The agenda will include a presentation, as well as the Administrator’s Report and Committee Reports.
Welcome and Introductions
Sherri Smith called the meeting to order. Sherri welcomed everyone in attendance, and introductions followed.

Approval of May 31, 2012, Board Meeting Minutes
The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.

Administrator’s Report
The following report summarizes major MH/ID program concerns, updates and initiatives over the past several months.

DPW Personnel changes

- Mr. Tim Costa, Executive Assistant to DPW Secretary Gary Alexander, resigned in August to take a position with Washington, DC office of Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney, PC.
- Kevin Friel, ODP Deputy Secretary, resigned October 1, 2012, effective at the end of October to work for Passavant Homes. Kevin expects an existing ODP staff person to be named Acting Deputy Secretary.
- Sherry Snyder, longtime OMHSAS employee, and past Acting Deputy Secretary for OMHSAS, resigned effective October 12, 2012, to take a position with Health Management Associates.
- There is no current Acting Deputy Secretary for OMHSAS and no candidate being considered for the position.
- OCDEL hired Dr. James Coyle as the new Bureau Director for Early Intervention Services.

Crisis Intervention:

- The Crisis Intervention Program had our quarterly Corporate Compliance Committee meeting in August. We discovered a reportable billing error. We correctly billed CBHNP for mobile crisis service, and also billed incorrectly for a telephone service on the same day in error. Because Crisis is paid using an approved alternative payment arrangement, there is no overpayment or refund due to CBHNP. Every provider has to have processes in place to detect fraud, waste, and abuse.
- Crisis has completed the pilot for an electronic case notes system with several staff. All crisis staff has been trained in the system. We will determine a go live date next week. One vacant Crisis position has been filled, and we have one part time vacancy.
- Crisis staff assisted with Project Homeless Connect at the Farm Show in which numerous providers and agencies come together to meet with homeless persons and link them to needed assistance.
- Crisis staff participated in an exercise in which emergency responders from several surrounding counties practiced responding to a range of disasters following a simulated terrorist attack. Crisis staff assisted at the county emergency operations center and participated in debriefings with emergency responders.
• Family Day Fair in Lower Paxton Twp. for veterans and their families. The fair featured a range of vendors and human service providers.

ID Program Issues:

• As part of the enacted 12-13 Budget, DPW announced a waiting list initiative for recent graduates of special education with an intellectual disability who can be served in the Person/Family Directed Support Waiver. ODP also announced a consolidated waiver waiting list initiative for persons in the PUNS emergency category who are living with elderly caregivers aged 60+. ID Staff has identified Dauphin County residents in these two categories who may be eligible for services based on ODP’s criteria.
• ODP is in the process of re-procuring their state-wide contract for Vendor Fiscal agent services with Acumen.
• ID staff presentation accepted for the PA Employment Summit this Saturday on Employment 1st work in our area, a Dauphin – Cumberland/Perry collaborative.

MH Program:

• Staff is completing a review of adult residential discharges in 11-12. The Residential Report Card looks at a person at discharge and is an assessment of the person’s recovery status and needs when they leave adult residential care. It is used as a measure of the system moving toward a recovery-orientation.
• Transitional plans as a result of budget cuts involve both MH children and adult staff at both an organizational level and at a person-specific level. Community Support Plan or interagency team meetings are required for all persons being reassessed for support, and communication with school districts on the planning with at-risk students /families is being offered.
• OMHSAS is indicating that there are opportunities to better manage Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) and the county is working with the BH-MCO, CBHNP and other partners, to examine those options.
• Mental Health Court graduation ceremonies were held in June, and July, and one is scheduled for October 5, 2012, bringing the total to five graduation ceremonies since the court’s inception in June of 2010, with 15 consumers graduating from the program. The goal is to get people engaged in services.

Early Intervention:

• Early Intervention staff is arranging a strategic plan to address multiple changes in the EI system including potential changes in funding Service Coordinators, use of Independent Evaluators and our service delivery model.
• Our strategic planning will also inform our RFP that we will issue to solicit proposals to implement an Independent Evaluator model in Dauphin County by July 1, 2013, as required by OCDEL.

The question was asked if this would include changes in IU services and Shirley Keith Knox answered, yes, there are big changes in the preschool program.
Budget Approval
Governor Corbett signed the FY 12-13 Budget 6/30/12 including:
- 7.5% reduction in MH funding
- 9.2% reduction in ID funds
- 10% reduction in Homeless Assistance Programs, BHSI, Act 152, CYS Special Grants and HSDF

OMHSAS notified Counties 8/22/12 that our allocation would be reduced by 10%, because the state hospital system could not absorb a 7.5% cut, and so county allocations needed to be further reduced.

Act 80 Enacted
Accompanying legislation to the budget to amend the Welfare Code included:
* A provision for DPW to establish a pilot program where up to 20 counties could be approved by DPW to implement a human services block grant
* Eliminated the cash assistance program that provided about $205/month for about 68,000 people with no other source of income
* New work requirements for people receiving Medical Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) and cash assistance from TANF. Medical assistance beneficiaries age 21 to 58 with large medical bills and no children are required to work at least 100 hours a month. Act 80 extends this work requirement to those age 21 through 58 with children living at home.

Act 22 Update
- The FY 11-12 Budget approval included Act 22, which amended the Welfare Code to provide broad powers to the Secretary of DPW to make unilateral changes in DPW without the normal independent regulatory review process, or general assembly oversight
- Under Act 22, DPW proposed and enacted some 11 significant changes in DPW programs
- The final change enacted under Act 22, established a co-payment for Medicaid covered services for families with a disabled child who earn more than 200% of Federal Poverty level. The category of MA is referred to as PH-95 or loophole provision of MA eligibility

PH-95
- Budget impact issues aside, DPW’s plan to implement a co-payment for persons covered under PH-95 is widely considered to be unworkable
- It requires CAOs to determine a family’s qualifying income, determine an annual and a monthly maximum co-payment, requires a 70/30% split between BH versus PH services, requires a co-payment determination on each type of service provided, requires collection of co-payment determination on a provider level in
the FFS and requires separate tracking of claims for services for providers. 65% of families were identified for co-payments.

- Families and advocates have begun to complain, and Rep. DiGirolamo has introduced a resolution for a LBFC study, and strongly urges DPW to delay implementation until the study is complete.

It was noted that co-pays would be 5% of the annual income and with the high cost of services, this could be substantial. There has not been a straight answer from DPW regarding the savings for this.

**ODP Waiver Regulations Enacted**

- Also enacted under Act 22, ODP promulgated regulations governing Consolidated and P/FDS Waiver funded programs effective 7/1/12.
- ODP established a fee schedule basis for funding all ID waiver services except residential services.
- Our ID Program can no longer participate in start-up funding for ID waiver-funded services.

**Impact of Budget to MH Program**

- The 10.0% reduction of our primary allocation, and 10% reduction of BHSI, required the MH program to reduce MH services by about $1,931,200.
- Staff met with 7 providers to determine how those funding cuts would be enacted. We are continuing negotiations with one MH provider.
- We are focusing on supporting consumers through case management and teams and service planning to adjust to the changes.
- And we are trying to support providers who are needing to lay off or re-assign staff, and re-design their programs.

**Impact of Budget to ID Program**

- The 9.2% reductions of our primary allocation and the waiver administrative allocation, required that we reduce our waiver administration expenses by about $120,000. We needed to make slight adjustments to our ID base funds.
- Because of some of the changes in funding eligibility pursuant to the ODP waiver regulations, the impact to ID base is minimal.
- Changes included modifying nursing home support funds to more equitably distribute the available services, and clarifying limits and types of allowable expenditures for family-driven support funds.

**HS Block Grant Application/Approval**

- Act 80 allows for up to 20 counties to implement a Human Services Block Grant to combine MH and ID base, MH and D&A BHSI, Homeless Assistance Program, D&A Act 152, CYS Special Grant, and Human Services Development funds into a single block grant. Up to 20% of the funds from any of the seven types of funding in the HSBG can be reallocated to fund programs from the seven categories.
• Thirty counties including Dauphin County submitted an application to DPW for the block grant on August 17, 2012.
• September 26, 2012, Dauphin County was notified they had been selected as one of the 20 counties to implement HSBG.

**Block Grant Planning**

• Highlight of the plan guides include:
  o A requirement that each of the seven programs submit a description of intended use of funds
  o Provide certain consumers served data
  o Provides a uniform approach for reporting the intended use of funds with changed cost centers and categorical funding. (MH got a 10% reduction in funds and gained 13 new cost centers for reporting)

• Requires a public hearing on the plan to be held within the 30 days prior to the submission of the plan
• The Dauphin County Human Services Director is responsible for organizing and submitting the Dauphin County HSBG Plan

Sherri Smith thanked Dan for this presentation and she stated these are very complex times and kudos to the County to fight through the budget cuts and changes.

**Committee Reports**


CBHNP and CABHC drafted a document, “Your Wellness Toolkit”. Once the draft is finalized, the document will be going on CBHNP’s website and distributed. The Peer-to-Peer Respite Committee is very active. This program served 22 members.

Hamilton Health’s new facility on 17th street is now open. They are working with Philhaven. Details will come later.

**Children’s Mental Health Committee** – Sherri Smith – There were no minutes at this time.

**Intellectual Disabilities Committee** – Korah Abraham -- The Minutes from June 5, 2012, and August 7, 2012, meetings were distributed. Korah reported that the draft report of the dental survey results was distributed at the August meeting. Committee members were asked to review each question in detail and bring questions and comments to the September meeting. The September minutes were not complete at this time.

**Nominating Committee** – Carol Oman – A motion was made and seconded to forward the newest nomination of the new Board member to the Commissioner’s.

**Executive Committee** – This committee has not met since October 29, 2010.
Fiscal Report
Paul Geffert distributed the Budget vs. Expenses report by cost center. 2011-2012 – there are sufficient funds to meet the provider’s expenses. Paul stated that the final numbers will be in the Annual Report. The 2012-2013 – there will be $1.5 million to come out of this report. Dan Eisenhauer stated that for 2011-2012, Dauphin County MH/ID was able to pay every provider’s bill and that is a tribute to the MH/ID staff and Paul.

Community Input and Other Comments
Marge Chapman stated that there will be Peer-to-Peer training at the end of October because of the closing of the Clubhouse. Dan had asked Keystone and CSP how to support consumers without extra money. Dan stated he appreciates the leadership of NAMI, CSP, and Keystone.

Mike Grier noted that if the MH/ID system would have had these cuts 5-10 years ago, the system would have been fragmented. People are really stepping up now; especially consumers. He stated the County, especially Rose Schultz and Dan Eisenhauer, should be commended that people aren’t overreacting to these significant issues. Mike is guardedly optimistic that good things are happening as a result of something terrible. Sherri Smith also stated that she appreciates the leadership of Dauphin County, the good work, and to be proud of what has been accomplished.

Dan Sausman mentioned that there is a “Works for Me” training offered at the CMU and he will forward the flyer for this to be forwarded to providers.

Adjournment
There were no additional comments or announcements, and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held November 29, 2012, at the CMU.