DAUPHIN COUNTY MH/ID PROGRAM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES AND PLANNER

MEETING DATE: March 26, 2015

MEETING PLACE: CMU, 1100 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg

ATTENDANCE:
Board Members: Sherri Smith, Bonnie Rice, Matthew Stinner, Judy Vercher, Liz Pliszka

Staff: Dan Eisenhauer, Paul Geffert, Shirley Keith Knox, Cheryl Gundrum, Dave DeSanto, Renee Robison

Guests: Dan Sausman, CMU, Roxanne Daniel, UCP, Janeen Latin UCP

MEETING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

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

DECISIONS:

- Approval of the December 4, 2014, and January 29, 2015 Advisory Board minutes

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- None at this time
NEXT MEETING DATE:
May 28, 2015, 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
Sherri Smith called the meeting to order. Sherri welcomed everyone in attendance, and introductions followed.

Approval of December 4, 2014 and January 29, 2015, Board Meeting Minutes
The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2014, and January 29, 2015, meetings.

Administrator’s Report
The following report summarizes major MH/ID program concerns, updates and initiatives over the past two months. Staff is working on developing provider contracts for FY 15-16 and our Human Services Block Grant Plan for FY 15-16.

Statewide/Department of Human Services Updates
- Governor Wolf proposed his FY 15-16 budget on 3/3/15. The proposal includes an additional $3 billion to address a $2 billion “structural deficit,” and $1 billion in new revenue to support education. The proposal includes a waiting list initiative for people with ID and for people with autism and a CHIPP initiative. The proposed budget also includes a partial restoration (3.3%) of the 10% funding cut from FY 12-13 for county human services. The proposal includes significant changes in the Commonwealth’s current tax revenue structure.
- The Wolf Administration and Ted Dallas, Acting Secretary of the Department of Human Services, announced that PA would convert Healthy PA to a “traditional” Medicaid expansion using the HealthChoices program. After April 27, 2015 no new Medical Assistance applicants will be enrolled in the Healthy PA plans, and as of 9/1/15 all existing Healthy PA members will be converted to the HealthChoices Program.

Crisis Intervention
- We have hired David DeSanto, (formerly our Second Shift Supervisor) to be our new Crisis Director. Dave started in his new role on 3/16/15.
- We continue to have several vacancies, including a first shift and second shift supervisor and three part-time staff. The vacant supervisory positions have been posted on the County’s web site.
- The Corporate Compliance Committee met on 2/26/15, and there are no billing or compliance issues to report.

MH Program
- The Dauphin County Mental Health Court will be re-established with a target date of July 1, 2015.
- Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) was implemented with two MH outpatient providers, Community Services Group and NHS of PA in collaboration with Dauphin County CYS, PerformCare and CABHC. PCIT is an evidenced –based intervention for children ages 2-7 and their parents to address behavioral issues. PCIT is office based and uses a therapeutic coaching method. PCIT will improve clinician’s skills in outpatient treatment and reduce the use of BHRS delivered primarily in school settings.

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• CACH, Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness, is Dauphin County’s Local Lead Agency (LLA) and the MH program has been supporting CACH in implementing LLA responsibilities. DHS and PHFA (Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency) use LLAs to locally manage project-based housing subsidies for non-elderly, low income and disabled persons. Developers with approved Low Income Tax Credit projects may participate in HUD’s 811 project-based rental subsidy program and sign an MOU to work with the LLA. Service providers will support potential tenants in the application, and leasing activities, and will provide ongoing supportive services so that tenants maintain permanent affordable housing. The target population includes: persons with serious mental illness, intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, autism, and transition age young adult with disabilities.

• Three young adults will be served in a newly licensed Community Residential Rehabilitation (CRR) program developed by Keystone Mental Health Services. The Transitional Adult Program (TAP) will assist with the challenges young adults with a serious mental illness have moving into new roles and expectations concerning decision-making, motivation, and establishing a support system. The program is designed to provide a rich experience in independence with a supportive staff.

ID Program

• Over 500 11th graders with disabilities, teachers and parents attended the Transition Fair March 9th, sponsored by Dauphin County, Cumberland Perry County and HACC. The purpose was to get youth with disabilities thinking about their future and including work as part of their future.

• Agencies are finalizing their plans to partner with local businesses in order to offer youth a summer employment opportunity.

• Customized Employment - 33 new staff within our Employment Providers (and some school district staff) are certified to provide Customized Employment Services. We were instrumental in the training locally.

• We are finalizing agreements with providers of facility-based employment to close admissions to the facility based sites for this year's graduates. Our focus is on enhancing employment and meaningful day supports for this group of graduates.

• Project SEARCH officially starts on April 6. Goodwill has hired the Instructor and two job coaches. The applicants were interviewed and 11 chosen to participate. OVR conducted Disability Etiquette Workshops for Dauphin County Departments.

• Our Employment Video is shown at various events, and the video continues to be spread around the state.

• We have expanded the use of Independent Living Technology (ILT) to individuals in Dauphin County. ILT allows individuals to have greater independence in their home, yet remain safe. We have been working with UCP, Cumberland Perry IDD, ODP, to determine how ILT can be funded in our current service array, while exploring options until PA can get approval for revised service definitions to support ILT expected in 2015 and 2016.

• Respite Care: we know that most folks live with their families and we need to figure out how to better support families, including the use of respite. Parents have resources that we don't know about, and parents are willing to support each other, and providers are willing to support these efforts. Our plan is to use the information and the group of family members and providers that are guiding this process to establish a plan for Dauphin County to expand respite options.

• Upper Dauphin Resource Fair is scheduled for April. This is the largest resource fair in this part of the county for parents and families and individuals with disabilities.
EI Program

- We completed our EI Program Self-Assessment, and are reviewing data reports. Staff is completing the report, which is due to OCDEL May 15th, and we will also complete an improvement training plan once issues are identified.
- EI staffed a table at the CAAEYC (Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children) Conference to make sure early childhood educators know about EI and how to make referrals and talk to families about EI.
- EI staff participated in the statewide Policy Forum working with OCDEL to develop state policies, procedures, and targets for improving early literacy and social emotional development.

Education Topic – Early Intervention – Community-Links – UCP

Highlights from the PowerPoint were:
Why Early Intervention Community Links”
- One-stop online source for parents and professionals to access information about child development, family activities and events, and local resources in Central PA.  
  www.community-links.net

History
- In 1998, UCP began looking for a way to connect families with their community and natural supports. The idea was an online database of community resources that would include what insurances medical professionals accepted as well as the accessibility features of community resources.
- The focus of the site remained unchanged from 2001-2014.
- The Community Directory was the driving force of the site
- The focus was on families and caregivers
- Resources and child development information were available but not emphasized
- Average visits per month 137

Redesign – July 2014
- One-stop for caregivers and providers
- Emphasis on resources and child development
- Crosslinks with Early Intervention Connections Facebook
- Integrated social media
  - Pinterest
  - Facebook
  - Blog
  - Youtube

Relaunch – August 2014
- Top of the mind awareness
  - Blog
  - Pinterest
- Awareness
  - Rack cards (child development)
Early Intervention intake folders
- Child Development resources
  - Ages and Stages Questionnaire (Easter Seals)
  - Crosslink to Zero to Three (National Center for Infants and Toddlers)
  - UCP Welcome Pack

Results
Community Directory
- 1053 records in Dauphin County, 1530 records in Cumberland-Perry

Facebook
- 210 “friends” represents a 21% growth in the last 6 months

Website
- 839 average visits per month (612% increase)
- 12% referrals (Facebook and Pinterest)
- 69% new visitors, 31% returning
- Top page visits (directory, events, blog)

Committee Reports
Adult Mental Health Committee – Bonnie Rice -- The minutes from January 26, 2015, February 23, 2015, and March 16, 2015, meeting were distributed.

Bridge Rental Subsidy Program – this program is supported through Dauphin County reinvestment funds and is for individuals who are on the HUD Section 8 waiting list and have not secured a voucher.

HUD 811 – this is a project based rental subsidy program which applies to specific units and is not portable. HUD 811 Program was developed to provide permanent housing options for individuals with disabilities.

Bonnie noted that there has been a lot more consumers attending the Adult MH Committee meetings.

Children’s Mental Health Committee – Sherri Smith – The minutes from the March 19, 2015, meeting were distributed. Sherri noted that a Youth MH First Aid course is available and it is designed to teach non MH professionals how to help youth who are experiencing a mental health crisis. This course is geared toward school personnel, Scout leaders, coaches, volunteers, etc. It was noted that this program could also be beneficial for school bus drivers, security and other support staff within schools.

“All About Me” strengths assessment – Deb Louie presented a new worksheet that has been developed for youth in RTF’s with the goal of having them identify their strengths.

Intellectual Disabilities Committee – Shirley Keith Knox – The minutes from the February 3, 2015, meeting were distributed. Shirley noted that the CMU is going through strategic planning.
**Nominating Committee** – Judy Vercher – Dan Eisenhauer stated that he has 3 referrals for nominations for consideration.

**Executive Committee** – This committee has not met.

**Fiscal Report**
Paul Geffert distributed the Budget vs. Expenses report by cost center. Fiscal is wrapping up 2014-2015. At this time, this report shows over budget for inpatient. The approved rate is what has to be paid. More people that don’t have insurance don’t qualify for Medical Assistance. Transient people are hard to place without a funding source. Outpatient is under budget at this time.

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

**Adjournment**
There were no additional comments or announcements, and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held May 28, 2015, at CMU, 1100 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg.