DAUPHIN COUNTY MH/ID PROGRAM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES AND PLANNER

MEETING DATE:  July 28, 2016

MEETING PLACE:  CMU, 1100 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg

ATTENDANCE:
Board Members:  Sherri Smith, Judy Vercher, Barbara Biancone, Curt Bauer, Bonnie Rice

Staff:  Dan Eisenhauer, Paul Geffert, Rose Schultz, Frank Magel, Bobbi Segin, Adam Wiener, Emily Kyler

Guests:  Mike Grier, KSS

MEETING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

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

DECISIONS:
- Approval of the May 26, 2016, Advisory Board minutes

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:
- None at this time

NEXT MEETING DATE:
September 29, 2016, 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
Judy Vercher called the meeting to order. Judy welcomed everyone in attendance, and introductions followed.

Approval of the May 26, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes
The Board did not meet a quorum. Minutes were unable to be approved at this meeting.

Administrator’s Report
The following report summarizes major MH/ID program concerns, updates and initiatives over the past two months. MH/ID staff completed 95 provider contracts for FY 16-17 prior to the fiscal year, which was 100% of our contract renewals completed on time. We continue our work on MH/ID/EI collaboration improvement efforts including working with CMU staff about how to improve interagency team meetings that may involve County staff as consultants or participants. A second HIPAA training for Program staff was completed in June. A Board orientation was held on July 13, 2016. A second orientation will be scheduled for interested Board members in August or September.

State/Department of Human Services Updates
- The Commonwealth’s Fiscal Year 16-17 budget is enacted with essentially flat funding for MH-ID-EI programs. The budget did not restore any of the 10% funding cut in FY 12-13.
- DHS is conducting a re-procurement for HealthChoices PH-MCO services. In April, DHS announced that Aetna would not continue to offer a physical health plan as of July 1, 2017 in our region, but a new company, Centene, will be operating in our region.
- OMHSAS continues work with 16 licensed outpatient MH and D&A clinics to become Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and is implementing changes to BHRS for children diagnosed with autism related to the settlement of the “ABA” litigation.
- ODP continues to work on their five year waiver renewal, CMS final rule compliance and the state/county Operating Agreement with active participation from County MH/ID Administrators.

Crisis Intervention
- Crisis Intervention staffing concerns continue. We recently hired two staff, but two other staff resigned shortly after. We have three full-time vacancies for which we are conducting interviews.
- We created three time-limited per diem positions to hire experienced staff that can help fill in some schedule gaps until we have a fully hired and trained staff complement. One of these positions is filled. We also recently hired a new clerical staff person who is expected to start August 15, 2016.
- Crisis received a full license from OMHSAS following the May on-site visit. OMHSAS recommended that we improve documentation of staff training and individual staff training logs.
- The PerformCare billing error discovered by the Compliance Committee and reported to the Board in May was fully resolved with no payback of funds or adverse consequences.
MH Program

- The MH Program was awarded an OMHSAS grant for $242,137 for FY 16-17 to implement a “First Episode Psychosis” (FEP) program. We will establish a coordinated specialty care team for persons 16-26 years of age with their first diagnosis of a psychotic disorder. The partners in the project include: Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, CMU, and YWCA of Greater Harrisburg. The comprehensive program will include clinical services, peer support, family and individual education, recovery skill building, and supported employment and education. The first meeting for partners is set for early August.

- The Sunflower Fields Project (which includes $500,000 from Dauphin County HealthChoices Reinvestment funding) closing occurred on May 26, 2016, and construction at the site has begun. Five units of affordable housing will be available to MH consumers when construction of the 35-home development is complete.

- Parents and families can enroll to receive mental health tips called “Resource Sharing” from the County Children’s MH staff. There are 200 persons enrolled to date. The Resource Sharing materials are sent via email and can also be found on the County MH/ID website. The topics, to name a few, have included: Ways to build a strong family, developing resilient children, strategies for apologizing to children, coping with traumatic events, and tips on medications use during school hours. The materials all come from professional sites with references.

- MH staff completed an analysis of individuals with an MH diagnosis that entered Dauphin County Prison in a three-month period. The overall conclusions are 1) many people with an MH diagnosis entering DCP are repeat offenders (73% of study group), 2) we can improve our jail diversion efforts, and 3) most importantly, our data supports national research indicating that providing MH services does not have a significant impact on offenders’ criminal behaviors. Other strategies aimed at reversing antisocial thinking and antisocial behavior are necessary to reduce criminal behaviors.

EI Program

- The Dauphin County EI program obtained the highest rating from OCDEL in the category “Meets Requirements,” meaning we had a “strong performance” in timeliness for having IFSPs and service delivery and transition plans submitted within required timeframes.

- EI program staff, CMU staff, and service providers in the Northern part of Dauphin County participated in the Preschool Family Carnival event on July 9th in Elizabethville. EI referrals declined from that part of the county in recent years. Families with young children learned about the preschool services and supports in their area. Local child care programs, the library, the CAIU, and the Infant/Toddler preschool program had activities and resource information. We know of 4 or 5 referrals that should come from the networking that day. This will be an annual event.

- The EI program was awarded a grant from OCDEL for $9,990.56 to support an Early Childhood Education Center to implement program-wide positive behavior interventions and supports (PW-PBIS). JG EI S will be our implementation facilitators. The goal is to increase young children’s social emotional development in an inclusive setting, which will decrease suspensions/expulsions from the child care facility and help to reduce the need for mental health services and supports as children grow older. Our plan is to identify funding
partners who can assist us with providing this training to other early childhood programs once the grant year ends.

**ID Program**
- ID staff are working with a number of agencies to develop Support Broker Services in our county.
- ID staff continue to plan with regional stakeholders to move forward with ODP’s Supporting Families throughout the Lifespan initiative to improve how we engage consumers and families in planning and natural supports.
- ID staff is working with OVR to fund a position dedicated to improving employment opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities.

*Presentation – Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) – Frank Magel*

There was a handout available for this presentation. Frank Magel presented information about the PATH grant. PATH is a Federal grant from the Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse (SAMHSA) provided to states to focus on community-based services for individuals with serious mental illness that are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Dauphin County PATH grant amount is $101,361, which is a mix of State and Federal funds.

Providers and services include: Dauphin County Crisis Intervention, which provides homeless outreach, screening, and assessment and emergency MH assessments; Downtown Daily Bread, which provides homeless in-reach and street outreach and case management; Central Pennsylvania Supportive Services (CPSS), which provides habilitation and rehabilitative supportive services, and Dauphin County MH/ID, which provides homeless provider network training. PATH is monitored by quarterly reporting and reviewing of data. Providers are given training and on-site program monitoring.

The following is a list of data highlights for PATH FY2014-15:
- Total of individuals outreached: 334
- Total of individuals enrolled in PATH: 246
- 100% of individuals are Ages 18-61
- 64% female, 35% male
- 41% African American, 55% Caucasian, .8% Hispanic/Latino
- 35% were living outdoors or place not fit for habilitation
- 16% were in emergency shelters or transitional housing
- 90% were referred and successfully connected to MH services

PATH data has previously been collected with an Access database developed by Dauphin County MH/ID. However, Dauphin County MH/ID will be working on implementation of Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) in FY 2016-17. Dauphin County MH/ID has been working in collaboration with the Capital Area Homeless Coalition (CACH) and Bowman Management Systems to assure all PATH required data elements and fields are in place for data entry into HMIS starting July 1, 2016.

*Committee Reports*
Adult Mental Health Committee – The minutes from the June 20, 2016, meeting were distributed. The Adult Mental Health Committee is now meeting every other month. Discussions at the meetings have included the First Episode Psychosis program, Bridge Rental and HUD 811 updates, Sunflower Fields, and CSP updates. It was reported that around 40 people attended the CSP picnic at Sunshine Park. The next meeting is August 8, 2016.

Children’s Mental Health Committee – Sherri Smith – No report.

Intellectual Disabilities Committee – The minutes from the May 3, 2016, and June 7, 2016, meetings were distributed. The ID Committee is planning a Special Needs Trust Planning forum to be held in the fall. More information will available after the next committee meeting.

Nominating Committee – Judy Vercher – No report.

Executive Committee – Sherri Smith – No report.

Fiscal Report
Paul Geffert distributed the Budget vs. Expenses report by cost center. All bills from providers should be submitted. Contracts are completed. Time studies will occur.

Community Input and Other Comments
None.

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