MEETING DATE: December 1, 2016

MEETING PLACE: Paxton Street Home, 2001 Paxton Street, Harrisburg

ATTENDANCE:

- **Board Members:** Elizabeth Pliszka, Judy Vercher, Margaret Houser, Curt Bauer, Barbara Biancone, Dr. Sherri Smith, Dr. Glen Bartlett, Bonnie Rice

- **Staff:** Dan Eisenhauer, Paul Geffert, Joy Hafer, Emily Kyler

- **Guests:** Greg McCutcheon, CMU; Lois Gohn CSG; Jodie Smiley, Paxton Street Home

MEETING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

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

DECISIONS:

- Approval of the July 28, 2016, Advisory Board minutes

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- None at this time

NEXT MEETING DATE:
January 26, 2017, 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. Dan Eisenhauer thanked Paxton Street Home for accommodating the Board for this meeting.

Approval of the July 28, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2016, meeting. There was not sufficient attendance for our meeting in September, so no official meeting occurred so there will be no minutes for September.

Administrator’s Report
The following report summarizes major MH/ID program concerns, updates and initiatives over the past two months. 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, and we are planning a training for clinicians serving people who have both an MH and an ID diagnosis.

State/Department of Human Services Updates
- We received our FY 16-17 allocation letters for the MH or ID programs and both programs were funded the same as last FY except that the MH Program received additional funding for the First Episode Psychosis grant. We do have a concern about the impact of the state’s projected revenue shortfall for this FY and whether it could result in mid-year budget cuts.
- OMHSAS is also evaluating their options to replace an estimated 180 million dollars in reduced federal funds that they are no longer eligible to receive for some persons admitted to free-standing psychiatric hospitals and drug and alcohol programs that are designated as “Institutions for Mental Disease” (IMDs) by federal law. There is no consumer impact related to this issue at present as admissions and medically necessary treatment will continue, but the lost federal revenue is an issue for the Department.
- ODP published Chapter 6100 proposed regulations on November 5, 2016 that govern ODP waiver funded programs and also applies when County ID base funding is used for those same services. The 45 day public comment period ends of December 20, 2016. ODP will publish their waiver renewal on December 3, 2016 with a 45 day comment period ending on January 17, 2017. The waiver renewal will articulate some of the most significant and sweeping changes to ID waiver funded programs in more than a decade. It will include service definition changes to accommodate CMS Home and Community Based Waiver Final Rule Compliance, residential program rate setting, and will include expanding waiver eligibility to persons with autism who meet waiver eligibility criteria in addition to the current ID eligibility criteria.

Crisis Intervention
- Crisis Intervention continues to be nearly fully staffed. One per diem staff person left and we are interviewing to replace that staff person. Newly hired staff should be fully trained by about March of 2017. This is the first time in almost two years we are at essentially full staff.
• The Compliance Committee met on October 12, 2016. There were no findings. We continue to focus on improving the quality of Crisis staff documentation.

MH Program
• We continue to work with CMU, PPI and YWCA on our First Episode Psychosis (FEP) Grant implementation. Formal training is being arranged for the grant partners on the evidence-based methods for treatment, education, and employment.
• Sunflower Fields recruitment for tenants is underway. The developer expects to have 5 units available for tenants in January 2017, with five additional units becoming available in each of the next six months until all 35 units are occupied. The Development includes 18 project-based vouchers for low income individual and families, and five units are reserved for persons referred by Dauphin County MH program as a result of our capital investment in the project.
• MH staff completed an analysis of the increasing use of Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF) for children and adolescents for Dauphin County residents. We are also convening a workgroup to explore alternatives and strengthening the use of community-based services that can help prevent the use of RTF, which is not evidence-based and is associated with negative side effects of treatment.
• MH staff, Pretrial, and CMU are working on improving the process to identify MH consumers who can be diverted from Dauphin County Prison, and/or re-engaging people who enter DCP who had discontinued MH services within 3 years prior to their incarceration.

EI Program
• The EI Program continues to work on completing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Dauphin County Children and Youth and CMU to define how we will work together more effectively on joint cases and to memorialize our mutual obligations for referrals and case coordination.

ID Program
• ID staff continue to work with a number of agencies to develop Support Broker Services in our county.
• ODP recently completed an on-site monitoring of the County ID program for waiver and base funded service administrative compliance. We are working on a response to ODP’s monitoring. Overall the monitoring went well.

Presentation – Mental Health and Forensic Initiatives – Dan Eisenhauer
There was a handout available for this presentation. Dan Eisenhauer presented information about the history of MH and forensic efforts in Dauphin County, sustaining infrastructure, and the overview of a recent Dauphin County population study. For more information, please contact:

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Committee Reports

Adult Mental Health Committee – The minutes from the August 8, 2016 and October 17, 2016 meetings were distributed. The Adult Mental Health Committee will be combining with the Children’s Mental Health Committee to form the Mental Health Committee. It was reported that fifteen people have received housing through the Bridge Housing program. Other discussions at the meetings have included the First Episode Psychosis program, HUD 811 updates, Sunflower Fields, and CSP updates.

Children’s Mental Health Committee – Sherri Smith – The Children’s Mental Health Committee will combining with the Adult Mental Health Committee to form the Mental Health Committee.

Intellectual Disabilities Committee – Margaret Houser – The minutes from the August 2, 2016, September 6, 2016, October 4, 2016, and November 1, 2016 meetings were distributed. It was reported that the Special Needs Trust Planning forum held in the fall was very well attended and received. The next meeting will be December 6, 2016.

Nominating Committee – No official report. Elizabeth Pliszka volunteered to lead the Nominating Committee. Dan will send a report to the Board about which Advisory Board member slots still need to be filled.

Executive Committee – No report.

Fiscal Report
Paul Geffert distributed the Budget vs. Expenses report by cost center. It was reported that MH/ID saved some money due to Health Choices expansion. Concerns remain about the about the state’s budget which is projected to have $600 million shortfall in revenue for the current fiscal year and additional revenue that was supposed to come from online gaming, was never passed by the state. We are concerned about revenue shortfall and potential impacts to MH/ID.

Community Input and Other Comments

- In reference to the Sunflower Fields development, it was asked how folks are able to apply. They must have Medical Assistance, and they must be referred through the Case Management Unit. It may be a single adult or a family, and the individual must have an income. The application filled out is a standard application for any rental property, but a box must be checked indicating that the applicant is a mental health consumer.

- Thank you to two of our Board members who have reached the end of their tenures: Dr. Sherri Smith and Matthew Stinner. Dr. Smith was present at the meeting and received a plaque. Matthew Stinner was not present and will receive his plaque at a later date. The plaques were awarded in appreciation of their dedication and leadership during their service on the Dauphin County MH/ID Advisory Board and in acknowledgement of their significant contributions to consumers and families in Dauphin County.

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