Dauphin County Human Services Block Grant Planning and Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2018


The meeting was opened by Scott Burford. Mr. Burford provided a brief overview and history of the Human Services Block Grant and the purpose of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Burford announced that we are still waiting on the 2016-2017 Fiscal report approval from the State. He was told that a written report will be forthcoming soon. The 2018-2019 plan guideline should be released soon from the State. Also announced that we have a new Warden, Brian Clark, previously from Adams County Prison.

**HSDF update provided by Randie Yeager:**
We received early this week the 2017-2018 HSDF allocation. Additional State funds are being pursued by the HSDO.

Central PA Food Bank served 1045 individuals and 402 households.

**D&A update provided by Sherry Clouser:**

We hired a new Northern Dauphin Prevention Specialist, her name is Jen Messner. We are currently interviewing for Mobile Case Manager and another Prevention Specialist.

We are currently interviewing for Cheryl Dondero’s replacement. An announcement should be made in the near future.

Staff are monitoring the progress with the medical marijuana dispensary in Steelton.

Data was provided from our Mobile Case Management Unit (July 2017-current):

- 671 face to face assessments/screening/services
- 83 phone assessments/screening/services
- Total 754 individuals being served

Gaudenzia received the COPE grant. This will add 2 CRS under Gaudnezia to back up our mobile unit. This grant is used for opioids prevention and transportation.

Working on HOPE (Heroin Opioid Prevention Education) collaborative
Ms. Clouser provided the following statistics:

In house assessments  463  
DUI Assessments  331  
For total of 794

We had below:

81   detox  
1021  outpatient  
219  intensive out-patient  
138  Discovery House  
100  Short in-patient  
17   long in-patient  
6    Halfway House  
2    partial program  
Total of 2095

Governors State of Emergency on Opioids stopped the preauthorization Medicaid clients for Medical Assisted Treatment. They are working to move request to State and individual requests to the State. For instance, the Prison (Prime Care Medical) could administer methadone shot. Right now though we have to transfer to the Clinic. We are working on sending this request to the State to waive that so the Prisoner could get 10 day supply. We could shift funds when needed within Department of Drug & Alcohol to serve where needed. It could extend the Gaudenzia COPE grant. We could also incorporate Holistic services into treatment.

Currently we have below in Prison:
8    consistently receiving monthly shot

We currently have below:
12   Housing at YWCA  
10   Shalom House  
593  under 55 at Alder Health  
135  over 55 at Alder Health

Marijuana and Alcohol are the #1 and #2 addictions we are dealing with still. PCP is large at C&Y clients.

Quality Assurance is up and running and working on effectiveness numbers.

**MH/ID update provided by Shirley Keith-Knox:**

Crisis Intervention:  
The department has 5 FT vacancies-1 Northern Dauphin shift and 4 2nd shift. We added 3 staff over the past 3 months and current staff are covering these vacancies.
MH:
We received the 2016-2017 First Episode Psychosis funds. We have three providers for this service.

In the past 2 years we had 3 Housing Initiatives: 22 Bridge Rental is a new program that is voucher based. There are currently 60 on waiting list. We received an additional 15 vouchers. This housing is not for the elderly population.

Sunflower Fields has 5 families whom have subsidized rent at this facility.

Currently working on the Stepping Up Initiative.

ID/EI:
Staffing changes were announced.

There is a new community living waiver identified and it already has 20 on the waiting list.

Still working on Employment First Program and Project Search Program.

HAP:
Providers are financially stressed. If CCU client numbers continue, MH will support their funding.

Randie Yeager noted that the Northern Dauphin Human Services enter received a gaming grant for a Northern Dauphin transportation program and Tri County Community Action is going to partner with the County.

Data integration across Human Services continues. We are working toward a contract with Deloitte.

Our next meeting is June 1, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned.