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

June 21, 2019

In attendance: Randie Yeager, Kacey Crown, Dan Eisenhauer, Paula Ruane, Rocco Cambria, Fred Lighty, Robert Burns, Brian Ham, Sam Priego, Rick Vukmanic, Rebecca McCollough, Darian.

The meeting was opened by Scott Burford.

Randie Yeager provided an update on the HSDF Budget:

Northern Dauphin Food Pantry 1222 unduplicated individuals
CONTACT Helpline 1230
Christian Churches United 195
Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness (Coordination services) 685
International Service Center 237

2019 Where to Go For Help Books will be available in July electronically. A very small supply of printed copies will be made available as this project will be phasing out this year. Going forward, providers, citizens will be directed to CONTACT Helpline. Contact Helpline (211) is a great resource that provides a similar resource tool.

Scott Burford reported that the “draft” HSBG narrative and budget will be submitted soon. Some areas to point out is STADIA, potential new position for Homelessness Coordinator (still in the works with focus on reentry services but all HS agencies will have access.)

Dan Eisenhauer provided an update on MH/A/DP

Fully Staffed in Crisis Department.
Just finished OMSAS licensing and all went well.
Increased calls and hospitalization.

PA Counseling IOP starts in July for dual diagnosis disorders.

Intellectual disabilities we continue to focus on employment and community integration

New I.D. regulations should be published in August with changes anticipated. One change will be the broadened definition of reportable incidents. It is believed that this will greatly impact workforce and providers.

HAP
Demands exceed resources. Brethren is renovating one apartment to be ADA compliant.
We are working with two Bridge Housing providers to align admission process with Continuum of Care procedures.
MH
Working on forensic training with police, Prison and Booking Center.

Mr. Eisenhauer provided and update on the recent Wellspan/PhilHaven announcement. Background: PhilHaven was acquired 4-5 years ago and WellSpan’s market share in Dauphin County was only HealthChoices. WellSpan has made the business decision to pull its operations out of Dauphin County. The County was originally informed that we would have until July 2020; but, the agency was told this week that WellSpan would only be open until July 2019. We are working on transition process. Pressley Ridge also left Dauphin County last month.

Randie Yeager provided and update on Drug and Alcohol Services

We are actively recruiting for the D&A Administrator vacancy. After Administrator is chosen, we will then proceed with posting Deputy Administrator position. We will start CRS interviews, the week of July 12. There are 5 positions available.

Update on Warm Hand Off:

’17-18
171 assessed 79 agreed to go into treatment 54 completed treatment

’18-19
122 assessed 60 agreed to go into treatment 29 completed treatment

We had 96 students evaluated by our prevention Team this school year.

The County requested additional funding from DDAP for treatment services.

Rick Vukmanic, Deputy Administrator for Children and Youth Services provided an update:

Our annual licensing with DHS in May. There were a few citations to correct but nothing systematic. The areas will be addressed, and corrections submitted. Also had our Quality Service Review is due July 8th.

Staffing realignment: we shifted the Director of Social Services who used to be back and forth in-between NDHS and Harrisburg, is now just in ND and we have one now in Harrisburg.

Robert Burns, Director of the Area Agency on Aging provided and update:

We hired 3 new Care Managers who will begin July 15. So, we will be fully staffed and 2 of those will be in Protective Services.
Guest Speaker, Brian Ham provided an update on the STADIA project a.k.a. “dashboard project” We completed the MHADP and Probation dashboard. Currently working on the Executive Dashboard. Next is CYS, AAA and D&A. I hope to begin July-Dec. 2019.

He reviewed the Stepping Up Initiative Dashboard and went into detail on all of the information capabilities in this Dashboard (number of inmates with MH issues, bail amount length of stay, etc.) Our hope is to reduce recidivism rates with this integration. He is working with Ashley Yinger on this.

September 2019-May 2020, we will work on the Integrated Client View. For CYS, this will entail length of stay, type of services, and integration with other Departments. AAA and D&A will be similar to this.

Scott Burford provided an update on transportation services in Dauphin County.

We launched a transportation pilot project this year in partnership with Community Action Commission. We later learned that our insurance carrier stopped insuring drivers over 70. This new underwriting guideline has and is expected to greatly impact our ability to recruit and retain van drivers. This not only impact the Northern Dauphin Transportation Initiative, but it also has the potential to impact our AAA meals on wheels program. We will continue to monitor the market and communicate back to the committee.

Meeting Adjourned.