



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

MAY 25, 2022

10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Pries, Chairman
Chad Saylor, Vice Chairman
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary (ABSENT)

STAFF PRESENT

J. Scott Burford, Chief Clerk; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Stephen Libhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Brendon Bretz, Budget & Finance; Brett Hambright, Press Secretary; Jeff Enders, Director of Public Safety; Andrea Kepler, Director of MH/A/DP; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Gerald Feaser, Director of Voter Registration/Elections; Faye Fisher, Director of Human Resources; Chris Spackman, Voter Registration/Election; Frank Haulman, Information Technology; Security Guard; Sherrie Arias, MH/A/DP; Frank Magel, MH/A/DP; Bruce Greer, MH/A/DP; Kelly Megonnel, Commissioners' Office; and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Rev. Earl Harris, Joseph Robinson, Jr., Neil Weber, Jennifer Ostrander, Hallie Rosen, Michelle Beahm, William Price, Matt Bugli, Kristi Parthemore, Liz Colpo, Brandon Bitner, Brandon Buterbaugh, Brian Buterbaugh, Marlayna Marulanda-Rea, Zoe Mendelsohn, Emma Burke, Sophia Kim, Bryant Liu, Karen Liu, Alicia Xie, Aden Weigle, Jim Roxbury, and the Lower Dauphin Chamber Singers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pries, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There are several sets of Meeting Minutes that will be considered at next week's Legislative Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

There were no Executive Sessions held between meetings.

ELECTION BOARD MEETING

A complete set of Election Board Meeting Minutes are on file in the Commissioners' Office.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

- A. Dauphin County Commissioners
 - 1. Recognition of PA Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Honorees

Mr. Pries indicated that he is honored to acknowledge eight students from three Dauphin County school districts selected as Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Honorees. The eight students are from Central Dauphin, Hershey, and Lower Dauphin High Schools. He told the students to never forget their biggest fan – their family.

Mr. Saylor stated that he plays the string bass. The Board loves celebrating the achievements of the young folks (academic, athletes and the performing arts and music). These students work hard. They practice for hours. It is an excellent experience for the students. He thanked the instructors and directors for making these activities happen.

Brandon Bitner, Band Director, indicated that he has two students from the Central Dauphin High School. He is extremely proud of both of them.

Liz Colpo, Director of Choirs, stated that the Lower Dauphin High School Chamber Singers worked very hard to be able to perform at the conference. They auditioned through all the levels. They did a great job. Thank you for recognizing these students.

Brandon Buterbaugh, Director of Bands, stated that these students did a tremendous job at the Kalihari Resorts.

Brian Buterbaugh also commended the students for their hard work. They had a lot of rehearsals.

Mr. Saylor read one of the Certificates of Recognition. He called the students forward to receive their certificates.

The Ensemble provided a performance for the Board.

(Applause was given, and pictures were taken.)

B. Andrea Kepler, MH/A/DP

1. Proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month.

Mr. Pries called forward Andrea Kepler.

Ms. Kepler thanked the Commissioners for their time today and the opportunity to acknowledge May as Mental Health Awareness month, a time to promote the national conversation started in 1949 to defeat stigma around mental health issues and promote understanding of how essential good mental health is to overall health. Throughout May, they have been promoting awareness of the importance of mental health.

Dauphin County Mental Health services target the needs of adults, children, and families with serious mental health issues. In FY 2020-21, \$21,402,780 was expended on services for Dauphin County citizens that reach 1,317 people. 135 received housing support while 356 persons were supported in residential services.

Consistent with the MH/MR Act of 1966, Dauphin County provides adults and children inpatient, partial hospitalization, and outpatient supports. Specialized evidenced based services such as family based mental health and other intensive behavior supports were provided to children and their families in their biological family homes. Residential treatment programs continued to be used only as a last resort. Student Assistance Services of SAP are available in all eight county-wide school districts at all 69 schools at the elementary, middle, and senior levels of public education. Crisis Intervention Services provide 24-7 telephone, walk-in and mobile supports to individuals experiencing crises. 2,674 people were seen by Crisis in FY 2020-21.

Ms. Kepler introduced staff persons of the County Mental Health Program, including Crisis Intervention, as well as members of the Case Management Unit and two Board

members. She acknowledged the significant contribution that these people make every year caring for Dauphin County citizens with serious mental illness.

Mr. Saylor stated that if Commissioner Hartwick were here he would say that this is the second pandemic. The County doesn't have the resources that it needs, but by promoting Mental Health Awareness Month it makes people become more aware of this issue. To the staff, CMU employees and the Board members, thank you for all you do.

Mr. Pries stated that it was great seeing Andrea at the Addictions Conference. Commissioner Hartwick is very passionate about human services. People with mental health issues do not need to be in prison, they need to get the help from mental health organizations.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

Office of the County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, recognize the importance of mental health for all persons, families, households, and communities, and wish to honor all the professionals who provide vital services to those in crisis;

Whereas, Dauphin County Mental Health/Autism/Developmental Programs provides treatment options and services while also working to decrease damaging stigma attached to mental health, which often prevents those in need from seeking help;

Whereas, while the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to present additional burdens to treatment access, Dauphin County mental health services have not missed a beat in honoring their commitment to those in need, providing, over the past year, crisis intervention services on 2,674 occasions;

Whereas, in addition to crisis intervention service and response, Dauphin County mental health services was involved in 1,381 incidents of emergency services for those who were evaluated in an emergency room and provided inpatient psychiatric treatment;

Whereas, Dauphin County MH/A/DP, under leadership of Andrea Kepler, works in unison with county agencies and community partners, to provide, among many other services, Student Assistance Services (SAP) in school districts, inpatient and outpatients services for adults, and 24/7 Crisis Intervention Services via phone, walk-in, or mobile supports;

Therefore, we join the 286,000 residents of Dauphin County in recognizing the need for mental health services and echo this year's slogan of "Back to Basics," a shared goal of spreading foundational knowledge about mental health and conditions; and in grateful recognition of Dauphin County MH/A/DP and its Advisory Board, we do hereby proudly proclaim May of 2022 to be "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rev. Harris acknowledged the great job that the Board does in acknowledging its staff and students.

He asked the Board for their assistance with the disparity study. Money from ARPA could be used to offset the cost.

Mr. Robinson stated that this is the kind of action that has long-term effects.

Mr. Pries asked Mr. Burford if he had any information on the study.

Mr. Burford stated that he does not have a current update but will find out the information. There is a difference between the ARPA Program vs. CARES. ARPA allows counties to consider issues, digest them, and then make a decision over a period of time.

HUMAN RESOURCES – FAYE FISHER

Ms. Fisher stated that the Salary Board Packet and the Personnel Packet were distributed. Nothing requires a vote. No questions were asked.

The Salary Board Packet and the Personnel Packet will be considered at next week's Legislative Meeting.

PURCHASE ORDERS – BRENDON BRETZ

Mr. Bretz reported that the Purchase Order Packet was distributed yesterday. All budget adjustments will be made prior to next week. No questions were asked.

The Purchase Order Packet will be considered at next week's Legislative Meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH A. CURCILLO, III, ESQ.

Mr. Curcillo reported that everything on the Solicitor's Report will be ready for consideration at next week's Legislative Meeting. No questions were asked.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – J. SCOTT BURFORD

Mr. Burford had nothing to report, and no questions were asked.

TRAINING PACKET

The Training Packet will be considered at next week's Legislative Meeting.

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

- A. Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County (MH/A/DP) and Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc.
- B. Renewal Proposal from Marsh & McLennan for Automobile Liability, Excess Liability & Crime Insurance - Auto Policy with Travelers Indemnity, Excess Liability with States and Crime Policy with Travelers Casualty Surety - terms June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2023. (Contingent upon Solicitor's Review.)
- C. Proposal from EHD for renewal of the Property Insurance (June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2023). (Contingent upon Solicitor's Review.)
- D. Resolution #11-2022 approving the DUI Checkpoint, Aggressive Driving Enforcement, Occupant Protection and Pedestrian Safety.
- E. Letter of Authorization designating the Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff with authority to select replacement provider, including terms and conditions, of the electric supply formerly provided County by Talen Energy Supply, LLC. (Contingent upon Solicitor's Review.)
- F. Resolution #12-2022 approving the submission of a grant application to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for a Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program grant of \$250,000 for the Detweiler Park Accessible Meadow Loop Trail. (Contingent upon Solicitor's Review.)

It was moved by Mr. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Items A through F listed above under Matters Requiring Board Action.

Question: Mr. Pries – Aye; and Mr. Saylor – Aye; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Saylor asked for an update on the FMLA Usage. Mr. Burford indicated that he would see that the Board is provided an update.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board adjourn; motion carried.

CONGRATULATIONS



2022 PENNSYLVANIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION ALL-STATE HONOREES



Best Wishes Going Forward from

DAUPHIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mike Pries

Chad Saylor

George P. Hartwick III



ALL-STATE HONOREES

Marlayna Marulanda-Rea (Central Dauphin HS)

Zoe Mendelsohn (Central Dauphin HS)

Emma Burke (Hershey HS)

Sophia Kim (Hershey HS)

Bryant Liu (Hershey HS)

Karen Liu (Hershey HS)

Alicia Xie (Hershey HS)

Aden Weigle (Lower Dauphin HS)



Soprano

Soprano

French Horn

Flute

Violin

Viola

Violin

Bass

... And **CONGRATULATIONS** to the **Lower Dauphin High School Chamber Singers** for being selected to perform at the PMEA All -State Conference!

