



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

MAY 13, 2009
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Haste, Chairman
Dominic D. DiFrancesco, II, Vice Chairman
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Guy Beneventano, Esq., Assistant Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Michael Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance; Kay Lengle, Personnel; Dan Eisenhauer, Director of MH/MR; August Memmi, Community & Economic Development; George Connor, Community & Economic Development; Peter Vriens, Director of Human Services; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director's Office; Rose Schultz, MH/MR; David Feidt, Solicitor's Office; William Struemke, Solicitor's Office; Darla Mathis, Personnel; Tim Berard, Community & Economic Development; Greg Schneider, Budget & Finance; Diane McNaughton, Commissioners' Office; Amy Richards, Commissioners' Office; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Tom Guenther, Director of IT; Jena Wolgemuth, Commissioners' Office; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office; Kacey Truax, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Dan Miller, Jeff Sweigard, Marshall Peppelman and Tony Dallago

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve the April 22, 2009 Workshop Meeting Minutes and the April 29, 2009 Legislative Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Rebuck and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve the April 29, 2009 Salary Board Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Mr. Saylor: As you know there were no executive sessions held between meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Haste: We are at the point in time in the Meeting for anyone who would like to address the Board. (There was none.)

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Proclamations – Central Dauphin Wrestling Team and PIAA Gold Medalists Marshall Peppelman and Tony Dallago

Mr. Hartwick: It is my honor this morning to be able to recognize a special gift that we got in the audience today. All of you know how much wrestling, as a sport, meant and still means to me in my life. It taught me growing up the ability to not blame anybody else. Wake up early in the morning. Don't complain and figure out a way, in a sport that's really tough, to have... What more character building than to lose, not have your hand raised and still keep you head up high as you walk off the mat realizing that you have to work harder to come back the next day to win. In any of the organizations that I have ever been involved with I've always admired the qualities that come with wrestling and the amount of lessons that sport has taught me and carried me through in my life. It is a special sport. It is one that builds unbelievable amount of character. Today we are honoring just a couple of the CD wrestlers and their coach. Beyond that their team

has brought unbelievable recognition and attention to this region. I know growing up, I remember the power houses from out in North Allegheny and I remember Eastern and Northampton being the leaders for a number of years in statewide wrestling. Let me tell you something it is all about the CD Rams and it is happening here in Central Pennsylvania. The State is following and the Nation is following the amount of success that is happening to the great wrestlers and quite frankly through the great leadership and guidance of a coach, Jeff Sweigard. Coach Sweigard was a role model of mine growing up, coached against me as I was coming through high school wrestling. He has set a standard and a bar that has been extremely high and has brought up some really great men. There are so many in college wrestling. Jeff you need to be credited for all the work that you have done with the men. I have a son, after four daughters, I know that there is no doubt he is going to be a wrestler. The kid has no choice but to wrestle. It is my pleasure today to recognize two young men that are with us as well, Tony Dallago and Marshall Peppelman.

Tony has had a phenomenal career and year and he topped it off with a pin in the State finals, which was the highlight of the entire State finals. Not only was it exciting, but he also raised some significant money for a young man with cystic fibrosis. He was moving forward and as he was going through the process this year had formed a relationship with a young kid named Preston, who's father Dean Shields and I went to school together at Bloomsburg. Preston is a young kid who has cystic fibrosis. Tony dedicated his season to the young man and as a result of winning State finals he was able to raise a significant amount of dollars to put towards cystic fibrosis. So, not only is he an outstanding wrestler, he is also extremely conscientious about the community and people within the community and that is something that we should all stand up and applaud and certainly for our young kids want to emulate. Let's give Tony a round of applause for that. (Applause was given.)

I also have a Proclamation for Marshall. As some of you are familiar this is not Marshall's first time in here and I think he will be back next year based upon history. This kid has had a phenomenal wrestling career. He is right now at 131 and 7 in his career mark. He is a two time State Champion and a runner-up. We are talking about what it is going to take for him to break the State career win mark today. I think he needs 60 wins and I don't think Sweigard is going to be able to match him up 60 times this year, because he is never in the loser's bracket. He's always in the winner's bracket and has certainly followed in the shoes of his brother, Walter, who was also a State champion and is now a nationally ranked wrestler at Harvard University. Believe it or not we have two more Peppelmans coming up. There's going to be a Peppelman dynasty at Central Dauphin School District. We have green seats in here that we need to keep green for the Peppelmans. Without going through all the Proclamations, the other piece to this is the Central Dauphin team again, not only won the State individual title, but they also won the State Team Championship. For those of you who don't know about the Team Championship, it has been something that has not been in the grasp of Central Pennsylvania until recently with the victory of Central Dauphin. They have really capped an unbelievable team, unbelievable couple of seasons and as a result I know Jeff Sweigard was also recognized this year as the National Wrestling Coach of

the Year by the National High School Coaches Association. I think we should give Coach Sweigard applause as well. (Applause was given.)

I will read the Team Proclamation that encapsulates the other two although you both get your day in Dauphin County, but that doesn't mean that you can act up or get out early. I know you wouldn't do that and I know your Dad would be all over you Marshall.

Office of County Commissioner
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

***We**, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are thrilled to recognize the legendary Central Dauphin High School's wrestling team for securing an astonishing PIAA State Tournament Championship and State Team Duals Championship with a perfect 17-0 record, including individual gold medals by junior Marshall Peppelman at 152 pounds and senior Tony Dallago at 189 pounds;*

***Whereas**, this unbelievably skilled and dedicated team unleashed its might and proved that they are nothing short of the best; under the exemplary leadership of Coach Jeff Sweigard, wrestlers Marshall Peppelman, Tony Dallago, Kenny Courts, Shyheim Brown, Simon Rice and Tyler Buckman medaled in the PIAA championships, leading to successive state titles for the Rams;*

***Whereas**, guiding his nationally ranked team to victory, Sweigard, who has directed CD to unprecedented success with five consecutive PIAA team titles, has been named the national Wrestling Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association;*

***Whereas**, we heartily commend these extraordinary athletes, who not only rose to the challenge but also maintained academic excellence and displayed abiding personal character, proving that this Rams team is truly deserving of its many accolades;*

***Therefore**, we wish the much-admired PIAA, South Central Regional and District 3 team champions and 1977 CD graduate Coach Sweigard continued success on and off the mat; we join Central Dauphin High School in thanking them for strengthening school pride, enhancing community unity and providing a thrilling victory for fans to cherish for years to come; and we join the 253,300 residents of Dauphin County in declaring May 13, 2009 as "Central Dauphin Wrestling – State Champions Day" in Dauphin County.*

(Applause was given.)

Mr. DiFrancesco: I know for a fact that nobody will speak with more passion about what you have been able to accomplish than my two colleagues here. As someone whose wrestling career spanned two years at Middletown back in the early 80s where I can tell you exactly how many lights are on every ceiling in every gym that I ever wrestled in. I'm on the opposite end of the spectrum of where you guys are. I am very proud of you, because I do know what it takes to accomplish what you have accomplished. I do know that with what you have accomplished puts you in an upper crust of people. There aren't many out there who can do it. Today, I want to commend you for your efforts individually. Coach, it is an understatement to say the program is impressive with the national attention that it has garnered, but it is also the fact that the effort is put into off the mat activities as well as on the mat activities. It's a fact that you teach each one of your students and each one of your athletes how important it is to get involved in the community as well. That is the type of thing that we look for. It is great to see these kids come in. They are role models for others. What they have been able to achieve

will set them on a course for success for the rest of their lives. It will also hopefully inspire others to follow in their footsteps. The character that you build by telling them it is the community that matters too and get them involved in other areas is so significant. It is always a pleasure and it is probably one of my favorite things in this job to sit back and honor the young people who really have accomplished a great goal. For that today I just say congratulations for coming in and lots of success in the future. You are doing a great job.

Mr. Haste: Not much more to add to that. The only thing I would like to say to the Coach is I've seen your feeder program and I've seen some of the youth tournaments and activities and I think it is the best in the area. That adds a lot to what you are doing. I've seen your older brother, you and your two younger brothers wrestle and it's pretty impressive. You do make going to the mats exciting, both at the High School level and then at Hershey. I wrestled four years myself. I did have the pleasure of watching one of my teammates who was two years behind me, Kenny Whitesel, who went to States four times. He was able to win it three times. To see another guy wrestle, Chamberlain, his father wrestled a year behind me as well. It is interesting to see how that goes and how much wrestling stays in the family. Congratulations to you all.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

Mr. Sweigard: I would like to thank the Commissioners for having us. We really appreciate this and the kids look forward to coming in here. We would have liked to have the rest of the team, but I didn't want to get them all out of school at this time of year with tests and things like that. I decided to bring the two State champions to represent our entire team. I'm just a small piece of the puzzle. As the Commissioner said earlier we have an excellent youth program and I have excellent assistant coaches. When you get an award like the National Coach of the Year you know your assistants are also national coaches. That is the way I feel. They put as much time in as I do. Again, it is one big family and I'm just a small part of that family. I'm the one who gets yelled at and on occasions I'm the one who gets awards. It is a pleasure being here. Tony will be traveling to Champaign, Illinois and wrestling at the University of Illinois. It is a Big 10 school. Marshall is being highly recruited by Big 10, Big 12 and Ivy League schools. We usually get a phone call from someone if not three or four times a week. I get calls from Oklahoma State, Michigan, Cornell, Penn and Harvard, all of those are interested. Marshall is going to have his choice. I'm hoping he sticks close. Tony is 12 hours away, but I'll find a way to watch him. It is an excellent choice for him and I'm looking forward to watching him learn and grow in college level. I'm happy to have Marshall back for another year. Thank you!

(Applause was given.)

(Proclamations – Marshall Peppelman and Tony Dallago)

Office of County Commissioner

Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are truly delighted to honor and congratulate the unbelievably skilled and determined two-time state wrestling champion and Central Dauphin High School junior, Marshall Peppelman, on another record-breaking year in wrestling as the 2009 PIAA Class AAA Champion at 152 lbs., and for leading his Rams team to back-to-back state titles;

Whereas, with passion and determination, Marshall topped the 2009 season with a 47 – 0 record; he not only won two state titles, but also a host of individual gold medals, including titles as the Williamsport Top Hat Tournament Champion, Beast of the East, Power Ade and New Oxford Tournament Champion, in addition to being named a Mid Penn All Star and District 3 All Star;

Whereas, leading the Rams team to a triumphant first-place finish in the PIAA State AAA Wrestling Championships, Marshall proved his mettle as both a superior athlete and a spirited team leader throughout his career with an outstanding 131 – 7 career record;

Whereas, this exceptional young man confronted victory with the essence of good sportsmanship, team unity and personal character, and is truly a winner in every sense of the word;

Therefore, we join the 253,300 residents of Dauphin County in congratulating the two-time PIAA gold medalist and always electrifying Marshall Peppelman on his historic athletic achievements; this exceptional star athlete will be remembered for his decisive victories, strength of mind, and the honor and recognition he has brought to Central Dauphin High School and this proud county of Dauphin; and in honor of his extraordinary accomplishments, we do hereby proudly declare May 14, 2009 to be “Marshall Peppelman Day” in Dauphin County.

Office of County Commissioner Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are truly delighted to honor and congratulate the unbelievably skilled and determined state wrestling champion and Central Dauphin High School senior, Tony Dallago, on an impressive year in wrestling as the 2009 PIAA Class AAA Champion at 189 lbs., and for leading his Rams team to successive state titles;

Whereas, with passion and determination, Tony topped the 2009 season with a 47 – 3 record; he not only clinched the state title, but also a host of individual gold medals, including titles as Williamsport Top Hat Tournament Champion, Beast of the East Tournament Runner Up, Power Ade Tournament and New Oxford Tournament Champion, in addition to being named a Mid Penn All Star and District 3 All Star;

Whereas, leading the Rams team to a triumphant first place finish in the PIAA State AAA Wrestling Championships, Tony proved his mettle as both a superior athlete and a spirited team leader throughout his wrestling career with an outstanding 171 - 28 career record;

Whereas, this exceptional young man confronted victory with the essence of good sportsmanship, team unity and personal character, and is truly a winner in every sense of the word;

Therefore, we join the 253,300 residents of Dauphin County in congratulating the 2009 PIAA gold medalist Tony Dallago on his tremendous athletic achievements; this exceptional star athlete will be remembered for his decisive victories, strength of mind, and the honor and recognition he brought to Central Dauphin High School and this proud county of Dauphin; we wish him enduring success as he attends the University of Illinois and beyond; and in honor of his extraordinary accomplishments, we do hereby proudly declare May 15, 2009 to be “Tony Dallago Day” in Dauphin County.

B. Dan Eisenhauer, Director of MH/MR

1. Presentation of FY 2010/2011 Mental Health Plan Update

Mr. Eisenhower: I'm here to present an update to the Mental Health Plan. Last year we submitted a three-year plan to the State Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and we are required to submit a Plan every year. So, this year they asked us to update our three-year plan. So a lot of what you'll see here is review of last year, but I will try to highlight some of the differences that we've encountered during this past fiscal year.

Just a reminder of our planning process, it involves County Mental Health staff, a collaboration team, Adult MH committee of our Advisory Board, consumers and families that are involved in our Community support program, a Recovery Oriented System Inventory Panel (ROSI Panel), surveys of some of our consumers and we also used data supplied by the State and our own program for the evaluation.

One of the things that we are proud of is our System resources and strengths. We have a jail diversion program that is now in its third year. We have a JEREMY Project that is for transition age adolescents. We have a Long Term Inpatient Hospitalization Coordination between our extended acute care facility, which is Philhaven and our State Hospital, which is Danville State Hospital. We have a Recovery and Resiliency Education Project. We have a Cultural Competence Task Force and a very outstanding provider network. We have a fair amount of housing resources in Dauphin County. We collaborate quite extensively with the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin.

Some of our service system needs, we are working on what we call a System Transformation Project. What we call mapping our traditional services to a recovery oriented system. We are trying to move, in some ways, away from a medical model of service delivery to more of a consumer centered and consumer and family driven service system. It doesn't mean that we are no longer doing treatment. It is just changing the way that we deliver our services in a more family friendly way and a more consumer friendly way. We've been about the task of mapping our existing services to what it looks like in recovery oriented system. It is really just about how we engage people in participating in services. Our unmet needs and service gaps are to continue to work on system transformation. The biggest issue that we are facing is the capacity to meet demand. I'll go into it a little bit more in the next couple of pages. The short version is we've been serving more and more people every year with fewer funds. What that means is that essentially the services are diluted. We can't deliver the intensity of service to everybody that we need to. Waiting lists for services are growing. It is our number one priority is our capacity to meet demand. We also have what we call morbidity and mortality. Adults with serious mental illness live on average 25 years less than the general population. It is a combination of limited access to healthcare. It is also a combination of psychiatric medications that sometimes exacerbate systems of diabetes and heart conditions. We have been collaborating with our physical health managed care organizations in our area. We have a wellness program for adults that all our providers are participating in, but it remains a concern. Our other issue is services to older adults. Older adults are primarily funded for mental health services by Medicare. Medicare is an obstacle in receiving mental health services for older adults.

There are even less services that are Medicare funded than County funds or Medical Assistance. So, we do our best to assist older adults, but Medicare is the primary obstacle in receiving services. We continue to work on what we call our CHIPP Project or State Hospital issues. We haven't had a downsizing of a State hospital since the Harrisburg State Hospital closure, but we continue to track and monitor all the individuals that have been discharged from State hospitals.

If you look at our data, in FY 2005/06 we served just over 3100 people. The next fiscal year we served 4,220 people and now in 2007/08 4,639 people. That is a 46% increase in the number of people that we're serving in two years. Our funding has actually decreased in those two years. It is just a difficult environment to manage the quality of services that we are trying to deliver to consumers.

We have service utilization. These are County funded only. We do have Medical Assistance through Health Choices, but this is just County funds. If you look at this table there are a high number of people that are getting administrative management. That is the lowest level of case management that we have, which just means that people are on high caseloads and we are doing our best to get people connected with other services.

Underserved populations include people that have any cultural or language difficulty. We continue to struggle to provide more services in upper Dauphin County. Homelessness we are involved in several homeless activities. Actually homelessness issues have been improving in Dauphin County in the City of Harrisburg, but it remains a concern. Deaf and hard of hearing population, persons with brain injuries, people with HIV and AIDS, forensic involvement, older adults and people with physical illness or disabilities. We feel as though our service system is pretty good at dealing with people with serious mental illness, but whenever there is a complicating factor like these that we have listed it just adds to the complexity of the individual we are serving. They have more complex needs and it is stretching the provider network to meet all those people's comprehensive needs.

We've listed our transformation priorities, which again is how we are trained to change our system to adapt our system to be more effective. We are trained to use more evidence-based programs and promising practices. We are doing staff recruitment, retention and training issues around resiliency and recovery principles so that staff who are being hired sort of understand the new model and how we are delivering services. We've been developing and implementing consumer-run services. There is a lot of evidence that consumer participation and consumer-run services helps the outcome of services, because we are listening to more about what people say they want and need as opposed to professionals trying to tell folks what they should be doing. The more we can support consumer-run services, the more that improves our system. We've also increased the participation of persons with receiving services in families and that has been helpful. Again, we've been on a seven-year plan and continue to work on our housing services and affordable safe housing for people we serve.

New funding requests, every year the State asks us to submit new funding requests. I put a reality check in here, because the funding request, they ask us to put a dollar amount on the five top requests that we would be submitting. If you add up our top five requests, it is \$2.1 million of new money. In reality our budget for FY 2008/09 was decreased by 2% or \$350,000. You all know what the projections are for the 2009/10 budget that we are facing. Right now the Senate version of the Bill that has been passed would reduce funding to MH/MR in Dauphin County by 4 to 5% or about \$750,000. While on a planning level they are asking us to submit requests for new funding. In reality we are trying to prepare for how we would survive on less funding. That is our concern.

The plan that we are submitting also has to have several other components. One is a PATH intended use plan. We receive Federal funds through the State to support people who are at risk of homelessness. We collaborate with homeless service providers in doing training. We do specific services; crisis outreaches to people that are homeless and either mentally ill or have co-occurring mental health and drug and alcohol services. Every year we must submit a PATH intended use plan. It is about \$70,000 in Federal funds that we use and our PATH plan is basically to continue the activities that we have done for the last several years.

We also had to submit a Housing Plan. We've continued to collaborate with the CACH (Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness), Local Housing Options Team. We are involved in all aspects of homeless service planning. Again we don't have any new updates on housing other than our staff are involved with the Susquehanna Safe Harbor a shelter plus care program with the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin and we are involved in the Continuum of Care through the City of Harrisburg and the County of Dauphin.

Last, but not least, we did have some reinvestment funds from our Health Choices Fund from two years ago. We were asked to identify some uses for housing. We provided some capital funds to Volunteers of America for their HUD Funded 811 program. We were trying to support an individual in the Baldwin Village 811. She was not accepted so we are going to try to use the funds that we have set aside for her individual planning. It is a person with complex needs. We've also supported Paxton Ministries in their Fairweather Lodge model. We've already funded two of the three programs with our housing funds.

Mr. Haste: You said unaccepted. Do you mean she wasn't accepted into that facility or?

Mr. Eisenhauer: Correct. There was something like 50 or 60 applications for 12 units. There was a screening process and a lottery and just not everyone who applied could be admitted.

Mr. Hartwick: It just demonstrates the needs for housing in this region with folks who have special needs. We are attempting to address that through a number of initiatives, but not a whole lot of additional money.

Mr. Eisenhauer: Correct. That is the summary of our Mental Health Plan. Again, it is an update.

Mr. Hartwick: A couple comments. I just wanted to thank Dan, Rose and the staff of MH, I don't know what is happening on MR, but at least the MH staff, as you are aware the counties have been sort of excluded from providing contracting services for MR services. It is now a direct contract with the State and how we monitor that on the MR side is still being worked out even though the process of monetary piece has changed. Dan, I know you have been able to manage a great deal that's even outside the scope of what you do and I want to just say thank you on behalf of the County for being involved at so many levels at both State, Federal and Local government. I know you are involved with our Housing Authority, homelessness initiative. You are also still the President of the CBHCP from the Board side. You also administer MATP and serve on a statewide panel. Dan serves in many capacities for us and does it with great competence and I know you represent the interests of this County and counties around the Commonwealth. I want to thank you for all the efforts that you have put in on our behalf.

I have a couple questions related to some of the new funding. One of the things that we talked about relating to transition of State hospital was to maintain the level of funding that was going to be consistent with maintaining the supports for people within the community and already this has been the subject of significant talk and cuts. Now that the hoopla is over we all said that it needs to be maintained in order to support the level of community engagement and support for folks within the community. They are saying that they are flat funding or reducing funding for individuals who are already with staff that has been significantly underpaid, high turnover because of that pay and try to develop consistency in that transition. Can you give me some update on where we are in that process? There is a request to deal with the State Hospital CHIPP from Danville. Are they expecting to reduce beds in Danville and engage them back in Dauphin County? If so, what is the timeline on that?

Mr. Eisenhauer: The first answer is about the closure population. Again, I will say that we believe that we have been very successful. We discharged a total of about 78 individuals from Harrisburg State Hospital from the beginning of the closure to the end of the process. Almost every one of those individuals is being safely and well maintained in the community. We have three or four individuals that were readmitted to Danville. Almost everybody that we discharged has a successful transition to the community. The way the State is separating the funding is they are essentially saying Harrisburg State Hospital and State hospital closure funds are a categorical allocation to the County and we are not touching those. So, we are cutting other parts of your funding. To us on the County level those distinctions go away. We are now three years out from the closure and our folks are just part of the service delivery system. Some

people have dramatically improved and they might have been discharged to a high intense level residential program, but they have improved and they have actually been able to go to less intensive services. Somebody else with a new need who might have gone to the State Hospital three or four years ago is now using the services at the high intense level. So, there is movement within our system. So, when the State says that they are keeping your State Hospital closure funds stable, but cutting other parts it is the same to me as cutting State Hospital closure funds. The net result is we have fewer funds available to support our provider network. It is a dynamic system. We have people transitioning from level of care on a daily basis. Some people are getting better and moving to less intensive services. Some people are struggling, having a relapse and needing more intensive services. So, again, the answer is the State's response to that is we are keeping CHIPP and State Hospital Closure Funds stable, but it doesn't help us. Again, the net result is we have to manage the people that came out of the State Hospital, but also meet new demand. That is our concern. We just don't have enough funds to keep up with the new demand for services. We prioritize and that is unfortunately what happens is the intensive services go to the people that have been hospitalized numerous times or have demonstrated an inability to function without intensive services. Unfortunately people get hospitalized several times before they are eligible for those intensive services.

The second part is no, there are no specific plans to downsize Danville. It is just a requirement that we are supposed to be submitting a plan in case the State announced that they would. They want us to be thinking about it and be prepared if they announce a downsizing. What I have heard from the Governor's budget is there are no proposals to reduce any State hospitals in FY 2009/2010, but as a planning responsibility they tell us if they were to announce it we need to be prepared.

Mr. Hartwick: Follow as it relates to people from MH/MR needs for housing, can you give us an idea of what that need is in this County and what type of resources would be required in order to try to address those needs? Those housing needs are extremely expensive.

Mr. Eisenhower: We support the housing programs that HUD makes available, which is essentially building the buildings, like the 811's that we are talking about. HUD provides funding for that. So, we encourage providers to take advantage of that, but we don't see it as the solution. We will never be able to build enough 811 programs to meet the need. We believe in collaborating with the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin for subsidized housing for people with fixed incomes and low incomes. We put most of our energy in rental assistance programs. Again, our data shows that with supports most of our individuals live independently in the community. We've served over 4,000 individuals and we have about 160,000 residential slots so obviously the preponderance of people we're serving is living in the community. We've developed three different strategies to collaborate with the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin to make subsidized housing available to our consumers. We have a shelter plus care program, project access, vouchers that are subsidized housing for people leaving community residential programs and then the third is just traditional Section 8. Again, the demand

as you know from Chuck Gassert there's like 5,000 people on the waiting list for traditional Section 8 in Dauphin County. Again, we have some special standalone programs for people with mental illness and disabilities, but the unmet need is about literally the last time we did a survey and a study I think it was about 40% of our adult consumers are eligible for, but not receiving subsidized housing.

Mr. Hartwick: Last question a short summary of issues with regional transportation and what they are attempting to do from a State perspective with MATP and County control?

Mr. Eisenhauer: The Legislature actually commissioned a study through PennDOT and DPW to review the resources in the Commonwealth, including all shared-ride services across all funding streams. Our concern, I'm one of two County representatives on the steering committee or work group, is that they seem to be minimizing the quality of services that the counties are providing currently in MATP and are sort of slanting the studies, data and information to recommend a regional approach to transportation management. I'm not saying that there is anything wrong with the concept of regional transportation management on its face. Part of our concern is that it doesn't seem as though the consultants and the study group are taking a fair look at the challenges of the current system. We spent several days outlining what we call the "as is" scenario for the current transportation infrastructure. As a County person I believe that if the departments corrected the defects in the State system in the "as is" scenario it would mean that the people currently doing the services could do a much more effective job, which would mean that regionalization might not be necessary. They seem to be saying we need to do regionalization and then fix the State problems too. Again, the study has not been published. I'm part of a work group. They are briefing stakeholders periodically throughout this process. The final report will be made to the Legislators in July and I believe it will be made public at that point. I'm part of a study group and we just have concerns about how the information is being presented.

Mr. Hartwick: Ultimately, I believe the State is attempting to take away county control in MATP and put it on a regional transportation coordination plan just like they have done in other cases which gets rid of local control and doesn't solve their problem and it certainly won't be responsive to our needs.

Mr. Eisenhauer: Agreed. It is a little ahead. I'm part of a study group. They haven't formally published anything.

Mr. Hartwick: I made that statement, not you.

Mr. Eisenhauer: My concern is that so far the process has sort of been geared to present several different options to the Legislature and I'm just not able to comment on the three different options that they are proposing, because it is still a work in progress.

Mr. Haste: You had discussions with the Housing Authority and are we at the point where they need to be looking at building a facility?

Mr. Eisenhower: I have not talked to them about building a facility. Our energies have gone into looking for Federal funding sources for subsidized housing.

Mr. Haste: If they had another facility could you use subsidized housing there?

Mr. Eisenhower: Yes.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I think in your comments you hit the nail on the head in the struggle that we are in right now. We need to get a message to the State, not that we don't sympathize with the budget position that they are in, but as they are moving forward and making their budgetary decisions in a very tight budget that they are smart in where the cuts come from. That is one of the reasons why I know that we are working so diligently to try to figure out, assuming that the budget goes through, the no tax increase budget, probably the best case scenario for Pennsylvania, worst case scenario for us as service providers.

Mr. Eisenhower: Right.

Mr. Hartwick: Just passing the buck.

Mr. DiFrancesco: It is not a matter of passing the buck as much as it is a matter of making sure that those cuts aren't just sort of lets go in there with a machete and just hack. There definitely are things that they could cut that we could live with. And there are things if they cut them the cost of government actually increases overall. I think one of the reasons why it is so good to come from Dauphin County, because like you many of our employees are on these work groups that are delivering the message and actually taking the street level service providers opinion and hopefully respecting it. From what I have seen in the past, at other levels of government where they don't provide the services they simply do the policy. They sort of come in with that meat cleaver and start chopping things up before they know and they will justify it by a tight budget year. So, I know that our departments are looking for ways to cut. In the worst case scenario what would that look like? I like the fact, at the State level; they are starting with a zero, no tax increase budget, and working from there, because it gives us the opportunity to prove every scenario that could possibly drive a tax increase. The same thing goes at the State level that goes at the County level. We will not do a tax increase here, because we know it would cost somebody their home. They are under the same rules up there that they have to care about how that impacts businesses and taxpayers, but at the same time through input from professionals like you hopefully they see, in a tight budget year, that it's probably not a good idea to cut mental health services. Maybe we have to look at some other areas where we have some flexibility and funding where maybe a project gets put off or something along those lines. We truly hope that State budget cuts don't impact us to the point where somebody who currently right now is surviving well in society maybe in a home or private residence or another type of facility all of a sudden regresses to the point where they become much more costly, their life quality goes down and now we have to find another option for them. I want to commend you for what you are doing and your fellow department

heads, because right now everybody in Dauphin County is looking for a way to survive under a State budget that is a no tax increase budget. Again, the services we provide it is our responsibility to provide that quality input and not just a response to say you can't do that to us. But to say, that if you are going to do that to us here is how it should be done and here is why. I think that is what we are doing.

Mr. Haste: Do we need to take a vote on this Update?

Mr. Eisenhower: Yes, it will require the signatures on the Plan. I think it is listed later in the Agenda.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Dan, I also want to take the time to commend you too, because Page 6 is really telling in that 46% increase in two years while funding has gone down, which again shows me that you are finding ways to do things with great ingenuity, because the statistics just don't add up. I want to commend you for the job that you do every day.

Mr. Eisenhower: Thank you. I also have to pass on the thanks to Rose and the Mental Health staff and providers, because they are doing the work.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Absolutely!

SALARY BOARD

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

PERSONNEL

Ms. Lenge: I have an Addendum. Are there any questions on the Addendum? (There was none.) I do have a change to the Listing from last week. I would like to pull the following: New Hire #14 that person is not starting, Separation #29 because that person is not leaving and Vacancy #4 there is no longer a need to fill that vacancy.

It was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve the Personnel Packet as amended; motion carried.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: From last week's Purchase Order Packet there was one item pulled that was for A.A.A. It was for some meal transporters. They are going to wait and buy that during the next fiscal year. We did take that item off of Page 28. The item that was added was the one that I talked about last week for CID on Page 12. That is now on the Packet. All the other budget issues were corrected. The Packet is there for your approval, unless you have any questions.

Mr. Hartwick: I just have one. On Page 10 it was the one with Manatron for support of the web-based services.

Mr. Baratucci: I know Jeannie from Tax Assessment had said that they expected it to be done and only have to pay two months, which is why two months were on the original one and now this is for the rest of the year.

Mr. Hartwick: I called down to Steve when I saw the request. I haven't had a response so I'm forced to bring it up at a meeting. Last year we asked when was this going to run out. I thought our last weekly meeting we had a two month extension and now I see that it is on for a year.

Mr. Baratucci: We did two months in the beginning of the year and I was just told that they needed the system for the rest of the year. They didn't really give a reason why. They just weren't ready to get rid of it yet.

Mr. Hartwick: I ask that we do a two month extension and hold it until we get some explanation as to why we are going to be doing it past two months, because I don't know.

Mr. Guenther: I don't believe they will need it for all of the remaining months of the year, but you should verify with Steve Howe.

Mr. Hartwick: Agreed.

Mr. Baratucci: We can just hold the whole thing until it is resolved. That would be on Page 2 the first two items for Manatron will be held. The rest of the Packet should be ready for your approval.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve the Purchase Order Packet as amended; motion carried.

Mr. Baratucci: Just one other item. I gave you a Blackberry requisition for Chris Dreisbach of the District Attorney's Office. It is a personal item.

It was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve the Blackberry Request of Chris Dreisbach of the District Attorney's Office at personal expense; motion carried.

REPORT FROM BUDGET & FINANCE – MIKE YOHE, BUDGET DIRECTOR

Mr. Yohe presented the following Report.

Report from the Office of Budget & Finance
May 13, 2009

- **May 1, 2009** transferred **\$2,510,165.98** to the **Payables** account from the County's Concentration account for checks issued that week. (Library Tax - \$1,450,000 and Transfer Taxes - \$450,000)
- **May 8, 2009** transferred **\$6,864,086.78** to the **Payables** account and **\$1,866,656.34** to the **Payroll** account from the County's Concentration account for checks issued that week.
- **Total Term Investments**
 - 3/27/09 - **\$20,000,000** 6-Month CD at Citizens Bank – **1.510%** - matures 9/23/09
 - 4/13/09 - **\$20,000,000** 7-Month CD at Citizens Bank – **1.555%** - matures 11/10/09
 - 4/27/09 - **\$20,000,000** 8-Month CD at Citizens Bank – **1.500%** - matures 12/23/09
- **Balance today in INVEST account \$1,372.52 rate 0.557%**
- **Balance today in Susquehanna Bank investment account \$108,896.37 rate 0.750%** (This rate is fixed for the month)
- **Balance today in Sovereign Bank investment account \$39,203,860.89 rate 0.790%** (This rate equals today's 3-month LIBOR rate of 0.990% minus 20 basis points)
- **Balance today in Citizens Bank investment account \$3,307.82 rate 0.500%** (This rate is fixed for the month)
- **Balance today in Citizens Bank Flex CD Program \$32,722,074.53 rate 2.400%** (This is a 9-month CD maturing on 9/8/09 and the rate is fixed for the term)
- **Balance today in Citizens Bank Flex CD Program \$30,034,750.68 rate 1.510%** (This is a 6-month CD maturing on 9/6/09 and the rate is fixed for the term)
- **Balance today in PNC Bank investment account \$1,000.00 rate 0.200%** (This equals today's Fed Funds rate of 0.250% minus 5 basis points)
- **Balance today in Graystone Bank investment account \$1,000.00 rate 0.050%** (This equals today's Fed Funds rate of 0.250% minus 20 basis points)
- **Balance today in Commerce Bank investment account \$100.00 rate 0.000%** (This equals today's 90-day T-Bill rate of 0.190% minus 25 basis points)

No T.R.A.N. Line of Credit required for 2009.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I guess we are obligated to have the \$39 at Sovereign at half the interest we are getting at the other place?

Mr. Yohe: I was leery about moving some of that out, because I'm expecting some large payouts. I'm going to lower that down. That is our operating cash now until these

CDs start to mature at the end of the summer. I'm going to try to get that down to around \$20.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Obviously we can't lock it all up in CDs.

Mr. Yohe: I'll get that down a little bit, but I'm not sure of the cash situation with the State.

We are in the middle of the Fiscal Year Budget process. I'm meeting with the directors now. June 1 is the Public Hearing.

Mr. Saylor: Commissioners, Item L on the Agenda, I thought someone asked me about this, the Third Party Custodian Agreement. I'm not sure if your questions got answered.

Mr. Yohe: Citizens will establish a Collateral account solely for our accounts. It is not pooled with anybody else, because we have so much money at Citizens.

REPORT FROM CHIEF CLERK/CHIEF OF STAFF – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor: Commissioners, I have one item to bring to your attention. There is a notice that we got from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. It is regarding Act 87 of 2008, which establishes the Public Health Child Death Review Program effective this year. Under the terms of that program, each county is required to set up a local child death review team. That team consists of the District Attorney or his designee, representative of local law enforcement, which is to be appointed by the Board of Commissioners, representative from the Court of Common Pleas appointed by the President Judge, a physician who specializes in pediatric or family medicine appointed by the County Commissioners, the County Coroner or medical examiner, representative of the emergency medical services selected jointly by the supervisors of emergency medical organizations in the County, the director of a local public health agency or designee and then a final person selected by the Board. I will be back to you guys to discuss who you might like to pick for the local law enforcement and for a pediatric or family member representative.

Mr. Haste: On the physician, it probably wouldn't hurt to ask the Coroner if he has a suggestion. I know he deals with this more than he cares to.

Mr. Hartwick: Also, the Children's Resource Center should be consulted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – GUY BENEVENTANO, ESQ.

Mr. Beneventano: We have submitted to you our final report. It has been revised to address a couple of issues. I'm prepared to respond to any questions you may have. (There was none.)

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

- A. Training Packet.
- B. Purchase of Service Per Diem Rates between Children & Youth and:
 - 1. Tender Years, Inc.
 - 2. YWCA of Greater Harrisburg
- C. Satisfaction Pieces for:
 - 1. Brian and Kerry Winkler on the property located at 5920 Colwyn Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17109 (\$5,000.00).
 - 2. Terry Huynh on the property located at 290 Sue Drive, Hummelstown, PA 17036 (\$5,000.00).
 - 3. Warren and Octavia Wheeler on the property located at 2101 Kensington Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104 (\$1,500.00).
- D. Subordination Agreement for David D. Gabriel on the property located at 1095 High Street, Oberlin, PA 17113.
- E. Re-Promulgation of the Dauphin County Emergency Operations Plan.
- F. Ratification of Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement transferring two vehicles, a 1998 Chrysler and a 1999 Chrysler to the City of Harrisburg.
- G. Resolution #9-2009 authorizing the Wellness Committee to publish a cookbook and sell the same to offset cost of cookbook. Any remaining funds raised will be used for wellness programs and materials.
- H. Resolution #10-2009 authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the PA Department of Community & Economic Development for obtaining additional funds in the amount of \$36,500.00 for the VOA Project. This Resolution supersedes Resolution #7-2009, which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on April 15, 2009.
- I. Resolution #11-2009 permitting consumption and or possession of alcoholic beverages at the Second Annual Music Festival at Fort Hunter on June 13-14, 2009 and the Third Annual Jazz Festival on September 12-13, 2009.
- J. Partial Refund of 2009 Real Estate Taxes – Cedar Halifax III, LLC – Parcel #29-016-024 - \$1,164.19.
- K. Partial Refund of 2090 Real Estate Taxes – E. H. Vanboskirk – Parcel #42-038-032 - \$555.25.
- L. Third Party Custodian Agreement (Collateralized Municipal Deposits) between Dauphin County, Citizens Bank and the Bank of New York Mellon.
- M. Radiation Emergency Response Fund Program (RERP) Grant Agreement for 2009-2010 Fiscal Year for the development and maintenance of a comprehensive multi-agency emergency response plans for the pre-defined areas surrounding each nuclear power plant in the Commonwealth.
- N. Resolution #12-2009 providing for an amended fee schedule for Dauphin County Subdivision and Land Development Plan Applications.

- O. Historical Records Preservation Agreement between Dauphin County (Recorder of Deeds) and Brown's River Bindery, Inc. d/b/a Brown's River Records Preservation Services for restoration of historical documents.
- P. 2009 Environmental Review of the Record Public Housing Capital Fund Program and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds for multi-year projects for the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin.
- Q. Request from the Big 33 Scholarship Foundation for Hotel Tax Distribution.
- R. Purchase of Service Agreements between Area Agency on Aging and:
 - 1. Abel Personnel, Inc.
 - 2. Widener University
 - 3. Good News Consulting, Inc.
 - 4. Dr. Michael Greevy
- S. Purchase of Service Agreements between Children & Youth and:
 - 1. Presbyterian Children's Village Services, Inc.
 - 2. Hope for Kids, Inc.
- T. Adoption Assistance Agreement #2009-28.
- U. MH Purchase of Service Agreement between MH/MR and Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute.
- V. Transfer of Gaming Revenue to Dauphin County IDA for solar farm project.
- W. Amendment to the Consolidated 2008 Action Plan for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.
- X. Infants, Toddlers & Families Medicaid Waiver Operating Agreement between MH/MR and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Y. FY 2010-2011 Mental Health Plan Update.
- Z. Request from FirstEnergy Corporation for Vendor Confirmation on Compliance with Red Flag regulations.
- AA. Lease Agreement with Edward M. Minnich and Nancy J. Minnich for purposes of constructing and operating an unmanned communications facility (cell tower).
- BB. Easement Agreement between Dauphin County and Edward M. Minnich and Nancy J. Minnich on approximately one (1) acre of land in Mifflin Township, Dauphin County.
- CC. Second Amendment to Contract No. C000019133 between Dauphin County and the PA Department of Community & Economic Development for the New Communities Grant for \$130,000 for the Northern Dauphin County Revitalization Project.
- DD. Contract for Grant Program No. C000045080 between Dauphin County and the PA Department of Community & Economic Development for the Community Action Team Pre-Development Grant to Loan Program for \$75,000 for use on Harristown Development Corporation's South Market Street (SOMA) Revitalization Project.

- EE. Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) Agreement.
- FF. Lease Agreement between Dauphin County and Capital Business Systems/Credential Leasing Corporation for copiers in the following agencies: AAA, Children & Youth (3), Commissioners' Office, Information Technology, Juvenile Probation, MH/MR, Personnel, Public Defender's Office and Schaffner Youth Detention Center.
- GG. Change Order No. 1 for additional work done by JVH Excavating at the County Prison on the Spring Creek Outfall Erosion Remediation Project.
- HH. Appointment of Janet Smith to the Council on Aging. Ms. Smith's term will expire December 31, 2011.
- II. Purchase of Service Agreements between the Department of Drug and Alcohol and:
 - 1. Roxbury Treatment Center, Inc.
 - 2. Idearc Media, Inc.
- JJ. Amendments to Purchase of Service Agreements between the Department of Drug and Alcohol and:
 - 1. Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations, Inc. (Amendment #3)
 - 2. Program for Female Offenders (Amendment #1)
 - 3. Choices for Quality Living, Inc. (Amendment #1)

Mr. Haste: We have Matters Requiring Board Action, Items A through JJ. Are there any issues that need to be pulled out and voted on separately? (There was none.)

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approves Matters Requiring Board Action Items A through JJ, listed above; motion carried.

FORMER BUSINESS

(There was none.)

NEW BUSINESS

(There was none.)

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION & ACTIONS

(There was none.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Haste: We have correspondence that has been received by the Board listed on the Agenda as Items A through L, which will be handled by the staff accordingly.

- A. Notification from Taylor-Wharton advising that they have submitted a State-Only Operating Permit Renewal Application to DEP for the following sources: Stack South

Paint Booth, Stack North Paint Booth, Stack Manual Paint Booth, Multi Stack Ids 031/038, Stack 12' Spinner Furnace, Stack 10' Spinner Furnace, Stack Quench Furnace, Stack Tempering Furnace, Shot Blast Stack Tenkay, Stack Hand Grinder, Shot Blast Stack Wheelabrator, Id Blast Stack, Fugitive Manual Paint Booth Area, Fugitive Plasma Cutting, Fugitive Forging Operations.

- B. Notification from Norfolk Southern Corporation advising of their annual notification of upstream regulated substances at Lucknow Road, 3322 Industrial Road, Harrisburg, PA.
- C. Notification from Carlson Consulting Engineers, Inc. advising that Sam's Real Estate Business Trust is applying to DEP for a General NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities at 6781 Grayson Road, Harrisburg (rebuild or reinforce the existing retaining wall system and remove and replace the existing distressed pavement along the truck route.
- D. Notification from Norfolk Southern Corporation advising of their annual notification of upstream regulated substances at Enola Yard, 218 Enola Road, Cumberland County.
- E. Notification from Dale Kennedy advising that he is applying to DEP for a General Permit 9 for the installation of several conservation practices on the Meckley Farm in Londonderry Township.
- F. Notification from the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority advising that they are submitting an application for a grant to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resource's Conservation Partnership Initiative Grant Program to fund certain improvements to open public spaces at City Island Metro Bank Park in Harrisburg.
- G. Notification from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources advising that they are applying to DEP for a PA Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for the replacement of an existing steel I-beam bridge with a precast reinforced concrete box culvert on the Lykens Water Company Property in Jackson Township, Dauphin County.
- H. Notification from Plaza Management Inc. advising that they are submitting an application to DEP for renewal of NPDES Permit #PA0246867.
- I. Notification from McClure Company advising that they are applying to DEP for a permit regarding the Community General Hospital Central Utility Plant project on 4300 Londonderry Road, Harrisburg.
- J. Notification from Gannett Fleming advising that The Pennsylvania State University is renewing its NPDES General Permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities for the proposed improvements to their existing medical center located on 540(+) acres of land on Governor Road in Derry Township.
- K. Receipt of a copy of a letter from Hawke McKeon & Sniscak, LLP to the PA Public Utility Commission regarding the filing of a Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Borough of Hummelstown with regard to the suspension of the crossings where the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad crosses Duke, Second, Main, High and Birch Streets.
- L. Receipt of a copy of a letter from Hawke McKeon & Sniscak, LLP to the PA Public Utility Commission regarding the filing of the Answer of the Borough of Hummelstown to the Petition of the Middletown and Hummelstown Railroad to modify the July 8, 1985 Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission as it pertains to safety devices at the crossing over Route 322 in contemplation of unlimited crossings at that location.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Haste: We are again at the point in time in the meeting for public participation. Mr. Baratucci, I see...

Mr. Baratucci: Steve was at another meeting.

Mr. Hartwick: I just got the signal that it can wait. Why don't we just take it up at the next workshop?

Mr. Baratucci: I didn't know if you wanted it now.

Mr. Hartwick: We can discuss it at our weekly meeting.

Mr. Haste: Is there anybody else in the audience that would like to address the Board? (There was none.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz