



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners' Legislative Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2006 (10:00AM)

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff; Marie Rebeck, Controller; Bob Dick, Treasurer; Randy Baratucci, Purchasing Director; Kay Sinner, Personnel and Payroll Office; Tom Guenther, Director of Information Technology; Kacey Truax, Commissioners' Office; Elke Moyer, Human Services Directors Office; William Tully, Esq., Solicitor; Gary Serhan, Deputy Controller; Julia Nace, Assistant Chief Clerk; Jena Wolgemuth, Commissioners' Office; Marielena Martinez, Commissioners' Office; Diane McNaughton, Press Secretary; David Schreiber, Personnel; Greg Schneider, Budget and Finance; Greg Kline, Emergency Management Agency; Michael Yohe, Director of Budget and Finance; Guy Beneventano, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Warden DeRose, Prison; Betsy Nichols, Deputy Warden, Prison; Stephen Libhart, District Attorney's Office; Ed Marsico, District Attorney; Sandra Moore, Director of Human Services; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor's Office, Daniel Eisenhauer, Director of Mental Health/Mental Retardation; Hallie Rose, Case Management Unit; Sharon Chatman, Human Services Director's Office; Richie Martz, Commissioners' Office..

GUESTS PRESENT

Garry Lenton; Cara Musser, Pinnacle Health; Eric Mordt, Keystone Community Health Services; Hena Markley, Pinnacle Health; Debra Maer, Pinnacle Health; Smittie Brown, Executive Director, Commission on Drugs and Alcohol

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haste: We have the September 20, 2006 Workshop Meeting Minutes and September 13, 2006 Legislative Meeting Minutes for approval.

Mr. Hartwick made the motion to approve the September 20, 2006 Workshop Meeting Minutes and September 13, 2006 Legislative Meeting Minutes. Mr. Haste seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Mr. Saylor: There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

DIRECTORS/GUESTS

- A. Recognition of World Mental Health Day
 - 1. Attendees: Dan Eisenhauer, Dauphin County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Administrator; Cara Musser, Pinnacle Health; Eric Brandt, Keystone Community Mental Health Services; Kara McClain, Northwestern Human Services

Mr. Hartwick: As we recognize today World Mental Health Day in Dauphin County, it certainly is about the facts and sensitivity of mental health. We are very conscious in Dauphin County on how we view mental illness. It is a biological-based disease like any other medical condition such as diabetes. In Dauphin County we want to send a very clear message that individuals who have mental illness should not be ashamed and they are not alone. We want to provide the support services that are necessary for individuals to be able to receive that assistance to be able to be active members of society and to be able to receive that level of support. No one should feel ashamed to reach out. We are very confident in our staff of Mental Health, with the systems of care in Dauphin County and the support that is ongoing with community based facilities. Last year, Dauphin County serviced 3,125 people who suffer from mental illness. That is a pretty large population in a community that has a make-up of 253,300 people. Out of those 3,125 people served, we had 4 suicide deaths. From any given time we service 240-260 people at our prison who suffer from mental illness. They need to get out of the

prison system and get the support and love that they need to be active members of society. There are some who are a threat to the community and need to be detained but ultimately, we need to be getting them the correct treatment rather than incarceration. People should feel confident and comfortable in trying to reach out to many of the systems of support that are out there such as your physician, crisis intervention, your assistance programs, guidance counselors, esteem assistance programs, clergy, and family members, anywhere that you know will be private and confidential. In Dauphin County we want to insure that you receive that service in a professional, confidential manner and with respect and dignity you deserve. I will read the proclamation as follows:

Office of County Commissioner
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, join mental health agencies across the world and the public they serve in commemorating the 14th annual “World Mental Health Day” and building awareness of this year’s goal to reduce the risk of suicide;

Whereas, “World Mental Health Day” was first proclaimed in 1992 by the World Federation for Mental Health in order to bring to light a condition which affects millions of children, adults and families nationwide, but is often shrouded in secrecy and shame;

Whereas, one in ten children, aged 5 to 15, experience clinically defined mental health problems, and by the year 2020, it is estimated that depression will be second only to heart disease as an international disease and disability burden;

Whereas, public knowledge of the unique needs of those affected with mental illness has the power to foster acceptance and understanding of the correlation between mental and physical health;

Whereas, someone’s life is lost to suicide every 17 minutes;

Whereas, the Dauphin County Office of Mental Health and Mental Retardation attempts to reach these people before it is too late, through crisis intervention, hospitalization, inpatient care, consultation, education and much more to help them and all those in need of compassion and expert care;

Therefore, we join with the 253,300 residents of Dauphin County and mental health agencies all over the globe in emphasizing the importance of mental health care, and the need to improve the availability and quality of care; we urge those contemplating suicide to reach out from your darkness and isolation to let someone help you; and in solemn recognition of the many tragic victims of mental illness and those lost to suicide, we do hereby proclaim October 11, 2006 as “World Mental Health Day” in Dauphin County.

(Pictures were taken and applause was given.)

Commissioner DiFrancesco: Thanks. It is most heartfelt because one of my most memorable occasions since I took office was an evening when I was out with Juvenile Probation Officers and we were stopping by this one woman’s house. I received my briefing ahead of time and this little girl tried to commit suicide a couple times and she was involved in the system because she was involved in a drug deal. You need to mentally prepare yourself on what you will see when you get there. The crazy thing about it was when I walked into this house and they started doing the interview, I saw this intelligent, beautiful young kid standing in front of me and I could not put two and two together and make sense of it. It did not add up. I got to see the broad picture of this child living in a household where the three young people living in the house were the adults. The parents were incapable of running the household; they were struggling

with mental illness on many different levels. Seeing that firsthand, just confirmed inside of me, something I did not experience before, how important the job that you do is. Unless you see it first hand, you do not appreciate the struggles that our families, our children and our adults are going through. The burdens they are carrying, some may say, just get over it. You can't just get over it. These are real issues and the lives that you touch in so many different ways and all I can say is thank you. If you were not out there doing what you do, I do not know what these people would do. In society now, neighbors do not care about neighbors anymore. I will continue to say this each time I open my mouth. People could look across the street and see this strange person over there doing all of these wacky things and do not look at it in the way that this person is screaming for help. We do not pay attention to the world around us or care enough about people around us. It is a fact in county government that you guys do not come here to do what you do to make a lot of money. You do it because you care and because you want to help people. That is to be commended and if we say thank you to you everyday, that is not enough. Today, we say thank you and I want you all to know that it is very heartfelt and not just words. I have seen the struggles and the impact that you had in saving those lives. It is amazing and even the people who aren't quite ready to be helped quite yet, they still feel the love. Thank you all for what you do.

Mr. Haste: This reminds me of a job I had my sophomore and junior years in college. I did not think was a very good job at that time, but in hindsight, it laid a tremendous amount of groundwork for me. I was a weekend respite caregiver for a home in Fayetteville, PA and there were twelve medium to severely mentally retarded adults. The experience and hard work that it took to just do a Friday night to Sunday night shift and how many times in the course of my career that I have reflected back to that eight-nine months of work laid foundation for a lot of other things. The other thing I would like to point out is the Board talks a lot about our pride in Dauphin County and I think this is something we are proud of. Are there areas we can improve on? Sure, but you, as caregivers and you in the system have made it a big enough issue and I am sitting here thinking of things we are doing to try to improve our community and again we took a lemon and made lemonade out of it. It really started getting us focused when they closed the state hospital grounds not only for you as workers but for us as an organization. We have been able to take that with guidance and try to improve the system. We took what dollars and resources are available to improve the system. It has also made us take a hard look at the criminal justice aspect of this. With Judge Lewis' efforts we are taking a hard look at how our citizens with mental illness are treated in the criminal justice system and improve that. We have seen first hand the bad impacts of that in the prison and criminal justice system and we are one county out of a few that have recognized that and are trying to improve it. We are trying to improve our system with the folks that work for the county and the providers that work with us. Thank you and we can definitely be Dauphin County proud of you.

Mr. Eisenhower: On behalf of the employees of Dauphin County's MH/MR Department and our providers, I would like to thank you Commissioners and our community for supporting us and helping us with the work that we do. Thank you.

- B. Smittie Brown, Executive Director of the Dauphin County Executive Committee on Drugs & Alcohol, Inc.
 - 1. Project Modification for the Drug & Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Program - returning \$400,000.

Mr. Haste: This is a continuation of a presentation Steve Libhart made a couple weeks ago on a grant and some difficulties we have had with the program and we need to return over \$620,000 over the past couple years.

Mr. Brown: The grant is a Dauphin County grant and the Dauphin County Executive Commission on Drugs and Alcohol is a recipient of this grant in terms of when people get identified in the criminal justice system. They are referred to our office for an assessment and then we put them in a level of care. Over the last twelve months, because we had a late start up, we have not been able to get, the system to make the number of referrals we need to spend down the dollars. When I talked to the Board the first time about this grant it really was going to make some impact in diverting people from the prison and also helping us with the added treatment dollars for the criminal justice population. Steve Libhart, Ed Marsico and I did meet with PCCD about what we needed to do to spend down the dollars and there were a couple of recommendations. The system, and when I say the system, that includes the Public Defender's Office, Judges, the District Justices, and Drug and Alcohol. We all need to look at this and identify. I think the Warden said that today there is over 1000 people in the prison today.

Mr. Haste: Close to 1000.

Mr. Brown: Close to 1000. A good portion of those people can be identified and diverted from prison. Let me tell you what presently occurs. Sometimes when people get identified, they only serve a good portion of their time in Dauphin County Prison so you can present them with an option of treatment. A number of them have already told us or the criminal justice system, if I only have three months left, I will serve my three months here rather than jumping through some hoops when I get out. That is one issue to be able to identify people early enough. Another one of the options is if people are in the criminal justice system, obviously there is the work release center. In the work release center, people have to find a job and do a number of things in the work release program. One of the things that has not occurred is treatment has not been an option near the top for those individuals. When you get in the work release program, the main objective is to get a job. All you Commissioners know this, 85% of those people have D&A issues, but their first priority in work release is to get a job so the focus of treatment for those individuals gets lost in their getting a job, their having to pay back restitution, costs and fines. The treatment gets lost in all of that.

Mr. Haste: When did you meet with PCCD? Since the last meeting?

Mr. Brown: Yes. Probably about two weeks ago we met with them to try to bring some closure to what elements we need to focus as a system, the criminal justice system and the D&A system, to really get some movement to get these people diverted in the right

way. It is going to take everybody's part and that is why we are looking at you, the Board, to assist us with some of those things as it relates to the Judges, the District Justices, and Public Defender's Office. All of those people are key in identifying and getting the people diverted into treatment vs. some of the other options that currently occur.

Mr. Haste: Rather than drag this out, let me cut to the chase, if I could.

Mr. Brown: Sure.

Mr. Haste: We applied for this grant two years ago.

Mr. Brown: We are in our second year.

Mr. Haste: We sort of knew that was the problem during our first year. So this last year, the idea was to have a caseworker identify and earmark towards this. Have we done that? Has the caseworker identified problems that we had? I do not want to sit here next year and be in the same situation when we know we have a problem. My frustration is that we are into our second year and we knew this was a problem starting out. Here we are twelve plus months later and we seem to be no further ahead. Have we identified what we need to do and when are we going to do it?

Mr. Brown: Couple of things, one; the case manager in the grant was to really help with the number of assessments we felt was going to come through this. We have not had that. We have not had to hire a case manager.

Mr. Haste: Why haven't we had that?

Mr. Brown: Because we have not had the number of people to assess. Based on the meeting with PCCD, I am going to identify an existing staff person with experience to take over the assessments and the rest of the system to identify these folks and really get the ball moving.

Mr. Haste: If you are not getting the referrals, how is that caseworker sitting in your office in your operation going to be able to do it? This goes back to my concern from day one, I am not sure that this is the right location. I think I raised these issues when we first started this and decided to place a caseworker there. How do we know if you are not getting assessments and you have now identified a person, and they are sitting there waiting for the phone to ring?

Mr. Brown: Part of that person's job is to not be sitting behind a desk; they are to be beating the bushes.

Mr. Haste: I heard that before. That was the whole argument when we had that person before. I don't remember when that meeting was but I know it was when we went through a renewal and we already turned back dollars, we were talking about this and

Steve Libhart happens to often be the bearer of bad news or receiving the bad news from us I guess. There was a heated debate then on where we place this person and how do we make it work.

Mr. Brown: I was here for that debate. The case manager was identified to do assessments. The person can be any where. It does not need to be in my offices, as long as that person can have access to all of the other players and the players have access to that person.

Mr. Haste: Right and we talked about that before. What frustrates me Smittie is that I know we have close to 800 people sitting in the facility now and we have had that number for as long as we have been talking about this.

Mr. Brown: Commissioner Haste, how long have you known me? Do you think I like turning back money?

Mr. Haste: I know but Smittie, I have not heard you say yet how we will not have to turn money back again or anything different than what we have been doing. It has not worked. My concern last time is that we need to have this person where the folks are and not sitting down on Cameron Street.

Mr. Brown: I never said that the person should be sitting down on Cameron Street.

Mr. Haste: I know.

Mr. Brown: As I said earlier, the person can be anywhere. The key to this and whether the person is sitting in my office or at the prison, it is key to get those other players, maybe the person do this. It is key to get those other players together (District Judges, Judges, Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office.)

Mr. Haste: How long have I known you?

Mr. Brown: Seems like a life time.

Mr. Haste: You did not just figure that out last week.

Mr. Brown: True.

Mr. Haste: Why did we not do that before?

Mr. Brown: I do not know why.

Mr. Haste: We guaranteed this money sitting here, we have this problem, you are our go to guy.

Mr. Brown: I do not know why. This is why I am asking for the Board's help.

Mr. Haste: You have help.

Mr. Brown: To move those other systems, whether it is the Judges.

Mr. Haste: Where is the report that tells us what we need to do? Smittie, I do not think you can sit here and say that this Board is not willing to help you. We have been begging to help you. You should have a statement in front us. I don't care if you name names, this Judge or this person is giving us problems and we have no referrals. How can we sit here and deal with it if we do not have that information?

Mr. Brown: I will work with Steve to give you that information on your desk by next week. Here are systems that we need to crack, or individuals that we need to...

Mr. Haste: That person could go to the jail tomorrow and provide us with 500 plus names.

Mr. Brown: I would love that.

Mr. Haste: Again, you just didn't figure that out last week. Why?

Mr. Brown: You are asking us for a plan that you guys can assist us with parts of the system?

Mr. DiFrancesco: No we are not.

Mr. Hartwick: Better yet, I have already come up with a plan. You have no idea how frustrating this is for us. I have in a matter of just a couple of days took last years prison population, level three and four, and from your estimation 80% of them have drug and alcohol problems. By the actual statistics, 78% of them have drug and alcohol problems. I have reduced that to 75% just to have a conservative number, these are sentenced individuals. Last year we had 3719 inmates. 75% of that comes out to 2393 inmates. How many have we served to date in the last year?

Mr. Brown: A few.

Mr. Hartwick: I have a copy of the October 19, 2005 Legislative Meeting Minutes that discusses these exact same issues. Would you like me to go through those with you about quarterly reporting, what the caseworker is supposed to be doing, how these individuals are supposed to be identified or where they are supposed to be stationed? You targeted 200 people to be able to service in the first eight months of the project.

Mr. Brown: We modified that a little later.

Mr. Hartwick: Modified that in terms of giving money back and that is why we are so frustrated. Out of 3719 inmates, 2393 could have been served and you served twenty.

Why don't we have the caseworker on the move? A caseworker who is qualified out at the prison and who is going to provide us answers and quarterly reports and be proactive on identifying the prisoners and work with Pre-Trial, with the District Justices and shaking the trees and referring these people and assisting them. This person should work with the Public Defender's Office on who is qualified for this type of treatment and how we can gain referrals. We are not supposed to sit on our heels and expect everyone else to make referrals to us. We are not going to be proactive and defining the numbers that took me one day to get.

Mr. Brown: I am well aware of the numbers.

Mr. Hartwick: If you are well aware of the numbers, what are you doing about it?

Mr. Brown: We are assessing. The system identifies those people. We assess them.

Mr. Hartwick: According to you, you said the caseworker will identify and speed up the process. The caseworker is the key to unlock and make this program work. Have we hired a caseworker?

Mr. Brown: We are using an existing person from my office right now.

Mr. Hartwick: You said they will not permit these funds for existing staff.

Mr. Brown: True. We have not used any of the PCCD money for our existing staff.

Mr. Hartwick: You said that you would use that money for placement and that turn around would be delayed. Mr. Haste said that only because it is not a priority and someone in your operation said that it is not a priority to do this and someone in your staff said you need more staff to do it. If it was a priority someone would have already been doing it. Mr. Brown said that I have six people doing those jobs and those six people work hard every day. It would be hard for me to take any of those six people out to just be dedicated to this criminal justice process without someone else being affected. Now you changed your mind Smittie?

Mr. Brown: No. That was based on if the system was going to refer to us 100 plus to 200 plus individuals. The existing six people could not do that. We have not come close to assessing and putting into treatment 200 individuals.

Mr. Hartwick: You have no responsibility to go out and try to understand who these folks are?

Mr. Brown: Yes.

Mr. Hartwick: Why are they not in the program? What are the barriers that prevent you from doing that? Which Judge, Pre-Trial, Public Defender or District Attorney does not want to work with you?

Mr. Brown: I will give you names.

Mr. Hartwick: You were supposed to provide a quarterly report with an actual official admission at the October 19, 2005 meeting that you would come back and update us. Have any of you seen a quarterly report?

Mr. Brown: There is a quarterly report that goes to the State that Steve does.

Mr. Hartwick: You said I will be glad to provide the Board with reports and updates. I asked for a list of upcoming projects and what their expenditures are as it relates to our criminal justice system. We made a formal motion with provisions that on a quarterly basis this Board receives a formal written report as to how the program is progressing and the numbers involved.

Mr. Brown: PCCD has this project as a Dauphin County project and they asked for quarterly reports. In those quarterly reports, is some of that information you asked for. You sign off on those quarterly reports. So, I imagine you see the level of activity.

Mr. Haste: You are starting to get under my skin now.

Mr. DiFrancesco: You have been under mine. You are sitting there and making excuses for every single thing. Who is responsible for this program?

Mr. Brown: Public Defender's Office.

Mr. DiFrancesco: You are going on record that the Public Defenders Office is the one who should be driving it?

Mr. Brown: It is their grant.

Mr. Haste: It is the District Attorney's grant.

Mr. Brown: I'm sorry. It is the District Attorney's grant.

Mr. Haste: Do not try to side step. Saying the information is in what is provided to PCCD is clearly not our intent and was not part of our motion. The intent of this was to have you present personally in front of us once a quarter and update us. To say that you give that to Steve, Steve sends that to PCCD is not our intent. We want someone from D&A whether it be you, or a caseworker, to be here quarterly to provide us with an update and not just giving us a piece of paper. We need a dialogue for this to work. This Board is willing to support this but we need your help in this and your help is not giving facts and data to Steve to provide to PCCD. Your help should have been quarterly reports to the Board of Commissioners and we could of identified that the system was not working. Who is going to educate the system? You keep on saying that the system is not giving you things. How is the system going to change? We are counting on you to do that.

Mr. Brown: I want to do that.

Mr. Haste: It sounds like we have not checked into the game yet after eighteen months.

Mr. Brown: I will disagree on that. I hear what you are saying. Can we do this, when I say we, I want to get with Steve to get you an update on some of the issues. We need your help so we can get this rolling. It has not worked for a number of reasons.

Mr. Hartwick: I have an alternative plan based upon my frustration level and lack of initiative that has been taken on the project. I would like to describe it to the Board. I conducted a meeting yesterday that included the District Attorney's Office, members of the Prison, Pre-Trial Services and Public Defender's Office to be able to develop a role that we do not have to rely on other agencies to provide reporting that has been less than forthcoming to this point and becoming more and more challenging. I prefer to not have anyone in the middle with any kind of blame. I prefer to have some oversight of this individual because this program is important enough to this Board that we need a reporting mechanism or somebody who reports directly to the county. I make the proposal to have Steve Libhart take a look with PCCD to find out if we can officially hire a case worker that will be located at Dauphin County Prison who is a qualified case worker in case management. That individual will be working directly with Deputy Warden Betsy Nichols and reporting along with her. She now has 60 people in drug and alcohol treatment at DCP. That is the entry part. This person will be stationed at the Prison, but will also be with Pre-Trial service, an assigned Public Defender, an assigned District Attorney to be able to alleviate barriers and to make sure we have one individual who reports to the caseworker. The caseworkers responsibility is not to wait on referrals but to appear at the Pre-Trial services, the District Justice offices, watching the admission charts at the prison, keeping a status of the current prison population and providing monthly and quarterly reports to the Board related to the individuals who currently qualify, and those individuals who will be diverted into the system. I don't know any barriers in between or lack of accountability for us to be able to manage this program. It is too important. We have prison overcrowding and have individuals coming in and out the revolving door and mostly the recidivism rate is due to drug and alcohol issues, as well as, mental health issues. This is a good opportunity for us to try to get individuals into treatment and present it in a way that does not present excuses, rather look at the real facts and statistics and make sure that we have an accounting of the barriers and report back of what the issues are related to documentation and a working group that focuses on this and meets monthly. I would like to see this quarterly to provide outcomes that are consistent with how many people come and have population statistics and why we do not have that many people in our program and why we don't have to defer or remit any money back to the state.

Mr. Brown: I have one comment for you. I like your proposal. If this program needs anything, it probably needs a person who is familiar with the criminal justice system to be able to work those components.

Mr. Marsico: Obviously we have had some concerns here. The District Attorney's Office had applied with PCCD to try to get more people into drug and alcohol treatment. My thought was to get some people out of the Prison. Also we could save other dollars from Smittie's shop for treatment of other offenders that aren't at the Prison.

Mr. Hartwick: That makes sense the whole way around.

Mr. Marsico: I agree with Commissioner Hartwick that we need someone to identify those individuals. Maybe someone at the Prison to look at individuals there might work for us. Obviously this has to work. For whatever reason, we are not identifying enough inmates. Frankly I've allowed some of the offenders in that I think should not be in the program. If we had enough people in I wouldn't allow them because of a safety concern but we needed just to get some numbers into this program.

Mr. Haste: In this grant there was a restriction – this was just for sentenced people or for non-sentenced people or didn't it matter?

Mr. Marsico: What has to happen is that an assessment has to occur before sentencing. The person has to be sentenced in accordance with the assessment. We wanted to accelerate that process. Basically it is for sentenced offenders. But we identify them early enough on at the DJ level...

Mr. Haste: The sentence has to be as a result of the assessment.

Mr. Marsico: The sentence has to be in accordance with the assessment. If the judge differs from the recommendation of the sentencing, there are other treatment dollars available.

Mr. Haste: So, we could use dollars for that staff person and an assessment is done and then once the judge reviews that assessment and someone is sentenced to a treatment facility then we have the funds to pay for that stay.

Mr. Marsico: A lot of these treatments, especially inpatient treatments, are somewhat extensive. PCCD was shocked or very surprised that we had not spent more money on treatment with the offenders we had in the program albeit a small amount. In that regard, whether it is the judges, the DA's Office or the PD's Office, the system is not identifying enough people to get into this program. Quite frankly it has always been my hope that whoever the point person was, the case manager or whomever would help identify those people.

Mr. Haste: Plus it is not their job. The system doesn't know. If we are going to do that at some point I would think part of the process is to educate the system. Unless we have told the MDJ's that this program is out there and this is how you do it they are not going to know it. If the PD's haven't been notified and I would think the PD's would love to use this.

Mr. Marsico: They have. Mr. Hartwick had some concerns about initially a year ago you had raised many of these same concerns when this grant first came to fruition. There was a restriction from the grant that prevents the person from working for my office or law enforcement.

Mr. Hartwick: Probation, am I correct?

Mr. Marsico: Yes and Probation...

Mr. Haste: So, they can't be your employee?

Mr. Marsico: Correct.

Mr. Hartwick: But they can be a Prison employee.

Mr. Haste: Ok.

Mr. Brown: I think that works. You really need someone familiar with the criminal justice system to work all of those levels. I see the role of my office providing the appropriate D&A assessment and finding an appropriate level of care for those individuals once they get identified.

Mr. Haste: I believe Smittie that your office should be proactive in identifying and not sitting there. Maybe it is a matter of semantics. Your group should be the nastiest people knocking on the door when it comes to drug and alcohol and not sitting back and playing pussy foot with the system. You need to be knocking on doors and bugging the people saying we have this alternative program and not sit back and wait for the phone to ring. You ought to be a pain in the butt.

Mr. Brown: I hear you.

Mr. Tully: Before you vote on this, if you are going to do a shift, I assume at some point, Mr. Hartwick's statement is going to be part of a motion. I suggest that if it's based at Prison, to make sure your motion includes one of the priorities would still be the work release center. Smittie indicated that the priority there is getting a job not drug and alcohol treatment and that clearly is unacceptable. We have a lot of people back in the prison from the work release center because they goofed up on their d&a. I think whether they are based at the Prison or anywhere, the work release center needs to be a part of the comprehensive screening process.

Mr. Haste: I agree. I do not know that we need a motion today. I am not sure I am comfortable with that. We know we want to make a change. I would suggest for next week's workshop we need to create a position so we need Salary Board action, and we need to take the course of action then. I would like to see something in next week's packet. I think we can have a consensus agreement to change direction and improve the system. I do not want to shoot from the hip today.

Mr. Tully: I was looking for a motion directing staff to.

Mr. Haste: I do not think we need that. I think we made it very clear that we need a plan which includes Salary Board action and other things that we ought to have on next week's agenda.

Mr. Saylor: We do need to have a vote on the project modification returning the \$400,000.

Mr. Hartwick: Which is painful.

Mr. Haste: It is my understanding and Steve you can nod your head and I will give his answer. It is my understanding that if we return that money and we make this improvement and we need those funds there is an understanding that that we can get all of that back.

Mr. Hartwick: It is painful.

Mr. Marsico: We have returned some very small amounts before and they assured us they want Dauphin County to be part of this program. Returning it today shows our good faith.

Mr. Haste: I hope that a year from now, we are not sitting hear talking about turning back money but the fact that this has worked so well that we need more. The demand is here.

Mr. Brown: George, I agree with you 100%. If you look at the people at the Prison, most of those people should be in treatment.

Mr. Haste: When was the last time you or one of your caseworkers visited the jail?

Mr. Brown: We have somebody there every week, couple times a week somebody is there.

Mr. Hartwick: John is a good employee. He is overburdened. He does more work in drug and alcohol and is asked to do more things. He is a hard worker. He is not the only one that should be out there doing these things. You need additional caseworkers. There is a lot more need out there. If you think you don't, you are wrong. We need a caseworker dedicated to this project. I do not know any Director in the County who would turn away an employee to assist in this project.

Mr. Brown: Correct. I share your frustrations.

Mr. Haste: Chad, I am asking you that we need something in front of us next week.

Mr. Saylor: Yes.

Mr. Hartwick made the motion for the Project Modification for the Drug & Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Program - returning \$400,000 to PCCD. Mr. DiFrancesco seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Sinner: I do have an addendum to the Personnel Packet.

Mr. DiFrancesco made the motion to approve the Personnel Packet as amended. Mr. Haste seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: There has been one addition to the packet from last week. It is on page five for dictation equipment for the Solicitor's Office. They have asked that this be added.

In addition, I just handed you something I was just given at 9:00 this morning from the Prothonotary's Office for folders he gets every year for his filing system. The requisition was delayed getting to me. Due to the amount of money of this request it requires that we get quotes. For various reasons it took a while to get those quotes and we finally got them this morning. Steve indicated that it takes six to eight weeks to get in so we wanted to make sure we have them by the end of the year since they are for 2007 files. Please add this to your packet today.

Mr. DiFrancesco made the motion to approve the Purchase Order Packet with the addition from the Prothonotary's Office. Mr. Haste seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

REPORT FROM BUDGET & FINANCE – Mike Yohe

- **September 29, 2006** transferred **\$6,733,194.29** to the **Payables** account and **\$1,865,373.44** to the **Payroll** account from the County's Concentration account for checks issued that week.
- **October 6, 2006** transferred **\$493,499.18** to the **Payables** account from the County's Concentration account for checks issued that week.
- **Total Term Investments – N/A**
- **Balance today in INVEST account \$130,660.40 rate 5.220%**
- **Balance today in Community Banks investment account \$40,180,406.20 rate 5.350%**
(This rate equals today's Community Banks 91-day TBill rate of 4.950% plus 40 basis points)
- **Balance today in Graystone Bank investment account \$10,493,838.33 rate 5.620%** (This rate equals last month's average 1-month LIBOR rate of 5.320% plus 30 basis points)

- **Balance today in Commerce Bank investment account \$19,649,978.85 rate 5.300%** (This rate equals today's 91-day T-Bill rate of 4.850% plus 45 basis points)
- **Balance today in Sovereign Bank investment account \$115,187.69 rate 5.320%** (This rate equals today's 1-month LIBOR rate of 5.320% plus 0 basis points)

No T.R.A.N. Line of Credit required for 2006.

Mr. Yohe: Second part of the agenda item is the quarterly budget reports. These are any changes to the bottom line of any county fund. I highlighted those that happened in the last quarter in gray. Those are the ones I ask to be approved today.

Mr. DiFrancesco made the motion to approve the first 2006/2007 quarter fiscal budget and third quarter 2006 calendar year budget amendments. Mr. Haste seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Yohe: One more item. I have some options to review with you and the Spring Creek sale. We need to get moving on that with a large sum of money we will be receiving. I will try to come around today and tomorrow to meet with each of you to review the options. One is by far I think the best option.

REPORT FROM CHIEF CLERK/CHIEF OF STAFF – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor: We have a lease between us and the General Authority for 100 Chestnut Street. Part of that lease requires them in any event their subleases terminate or changes that they consult us prior to entering into an additional sublease of space. We have been notified that the Social Security Administration has vacated 3100 sq. ft. of office space. The Federal Public Defender's Office has expressed interest in acquiring that space. In early this year we gave the Public Defender's Office the ok to take small business administration office space. This is just a formality. Unless there is an objection, I will go ahead and give the ok for that.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT—BILL TULLY, ESQ., SOLICITOR

Mr. Tully: Nothing to add but would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Mr. DiFrancesco made the motion to approve Items A through R minus Q. Mr. Haste seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

- A. Training Packet
- B. Approval of FY06/07 Per Diem Rates between Children & Youth Agency and: (per distributed list)
 - 1. Pinnacle Health Hospital – Women's & Children's Services
 - 2. YMCA-Northern Dauphin County Branch – lunch fee

3. Halifax United Methodist Church
 4. Baptist Children's Service
 5. Keystone Community Resources, Inc.
 6. YMCA-Northern Dauphin County Branch – Supervision fees
 7. Diakon Youth Services (AKA TresslerCare)
 8. Balinge Brown
- C. Satisfaction Pieces with the following individuals:
1. Kelley R. Flynn for property located at 2714 Boas Street, Harrisburg.
 2. Gloria M. Acosta and Ramon F. Serrano, for property located at 386 Second St., Highspire, PA.
- D. Approval of Indemnification Agreement between Lower Dauphin School District and Dauphin County Juvenile Probation Agency.
- E. Purchase of Service Agreements for FY06/07 between Children & Youth Agency and:
1. Family Care Services, Inc. – FY05/06
 2. George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania, Inc.
 3. Holy Family Social Services, Inc.
 4. Northern Home for Children t/d/b/a a Northlink Family Services, Inc.
 5. NHS Youth Services, Inc.
 6. Family Care for Children and Youth, Inc.
 7. Baptist Children's Services, Inc.
 8. Triad Treatment Specialists, Inc.
 9. Balinge R. Brown
 10. The Daylor Group, Inc.
 11. Gregg Rothman
 12. Family Care Services, Inc. – FY06/07
- F. Amendments to FY06/07 Purchase of Service Agreements between Children & Youth Agency and:
1. The Glen Mills School – Amendment #1
 2. Specialized Treatment Services, Inc. – Amendment #1
- G. Adoption Assistance Agreements:
1. #2006-28
 2. #2006-29
 3. #2006-30
 4. #2006-33
- H. Mental Health Purchase of Service Agreements for FY06/07 between Mental Health/ Mental Retardation and:
1. Center for Independent Living of Central Pennsylvania
 2. Community Services Group, Inc.
 3. Harrisburg School District
 4. Keystone Community Resources, Inc.
 5. Lifestyle Support Services, Inc.
- I. Mental Retardation Purchase of Service Agreements for FY06/07 between Mental Health/Mental Retardation and:

1. Keystone Community Resources, Inc.
 2. Lifestyle Support Services, Inc.
 3. Melmark, Inc.
- J. Amendments between FY05/06 Purchase of Service Agreements between Mental Health/Mental Retardation and:
1. Leta Deatrick t/d/b/a Central Pennsylvania Supportive Services – Amendment #1
 2. Family Service Partners – Amendment #1
 3. National Mentor Healthcare, LLC – Amendment #1
 4. Volunteers of America of Central PA, Inc. – Amendment #1
 5. Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Amendment #1
 6. Auroral Social Rehabilitation Services – Amendment #1
 7. Paxton Ministries – Amendment #1
 8. Halifax United Methodist Church – Amendment #1
 9. Heritage for Kids – Amendment #1
 10. Gaudenzia, Inc. – Amendment #1
 11. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Public Welfare t/d/b/a Work Advancement Center – Amendment #1
- K. Homeless Assistance Program Fund Agreement for FY06/07 between Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Shalom House, Inc.
- L. Intergovernmental Cooperation and Technology License Agreement between Information Technology and United States Department of Agriculture.
- M. Amendment #1 to FY05/06 Purchase of Service Agreement between Human Services Director's Office and Community Action Commission.
- N. Approval of a Proposal for 2007-2009 Real Property Tax Bill printing for the Tax Assessment Office with GANCOM.
- O. PA Dept. of Public Welfare, Office of Children, Youth and Families State Transition Grant Application for FY2006/07. (Children & Youth)
- P. Appoint Abby Lyn Gabner to the Dauphin County General Authority. Term expires January, 2007 – completing the unexpired term of Norm Hoffer and an appointment for a five year term – to expire January, 2012.
- Q. Approval of a Project Modification for the Drug & Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Program returning \$400,000.00.
- R. Real Estate Tax Refunds/exonerations:
1. Request to refund 2006 real estate taxes for Ajazuddin Ajazuddin and Shabnam Sachdeva, for parcel #68-032-004, West Hanover Township, Central Dauphin School District in the amt. of \$1,227.93.
 2. Request to refund 2006 interim real estate taxes for Shirley and Marvin Weaver, RD #1, Box 72, Hershey, PA, parcel #22-006-048, Conewago Township, Lower Dauphin School District, in the amt. of \$ 141.63.

FORMER BUSINESS

Mr. DiFrancesco: On Monday there was another family in Dauphin County who had to bury a child who basically had a long term addiction to heroin. That problem continues to plague our community as well as other drug and alcohol issues. We need to be a lot

more proactive making sure that type of plague is eliminated to the best of our ability. Once again another child was shot. We continue day in and day out that there are too many illegal guns on the streets and the issues of crime continue to plague us and there is no level government more suitable to try to initiate changes on those than on the county level. I had the pleasure yesterday of being over at the children and youth/juvenile probation employee ceremony where they honor their key people. We talked about how those Departments work so well together. The reality is and I did not say this yesterday is that we run \$100 million operation on the streets focused on those types of issues and the expectation is that every single individual will do their part to be proactive to come up with creative ways. That system is constantly improving and getting better. We have great people working for us in Dauphin County. Those two Departments work so well together and that is not always the case in a lot of other areas. We have tremendous need on our streets. Kids, families and our communities are suffering. We put a lot of money into it. We need to attack these problems because it certainly is not getting better, it gets worse each day and we need to get involved with it.

NEW BUSINESS

(There was none.)

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION & ACTIONS

(There was none.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Haste: You see the items of correspondence received by the Board lettered A through I that will be handled by the staff appropriately.

- A. Notification from the PA Dept. of Transportation indicating they intend to utilize an existing water obstruction and encroachment permit for repairs of a bridge located on State Road 209 over the Wiconisco Creek.
- B. Received a letter from DEP in reference to the Swatara Quarry Operation located in Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County.
- C. Notification from Pennoni Associates, Inc., indicating the Milton Hershey School intends to submit an application to DEP for a floodway encroachment permit for drainage improvement for the school, Derry Township.
- D. Notification from Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc. indicating they intend to submit an application to DEP for bridge superstructure replacement to a bridge located on South Meadow Lane over Bow Creek in East Hanover Township.
- E. Notification from Witman Engineers & Consultants indicating that P&K, LLC c/o Fred Kay intends to submit an application to DEP for a general NPDES permit for stormwater discharges to develop an 76 acre parcel into nine residential building lots with related improvements for the Aberdeen Mills subdivision, Conewago Township.

- F. Notification from CET Engineering Services, on behalf of the Lower Paxton Township, indicating they intend to use general permit #11 and permit #3 for the replacement of an existing utility line stream crossing, wetland crossing and a temporary road crossing as part of the stream bank rehabilitation of Lower Paxton Township's sewer system rehabilitation program. (Lakewood Hills Sanitary sewer relocation)
- G. Notification from CET Engineering Services, on behalf of the Lower Paxton Township, indicating they intend to use general permit #3 and permit #11 for a stream bank rehabilitation of Earl Drive interceptor replacement as part of the Township's sewer system rehabilitation program.
- H. Notification from ARRO Group, Inc., indicating they intend to submit an application to DEP for an NPDES permit renewal for the Clark's Ferry Auto/Truck Plaza.
- I. Notification from Osman Environmental Solutions, LLC indicating the Harrisburg Resource Recovery Facility has received approval from DEP to submit applications to accept certain types of residual waste for processing at the facility for a case-by-case approval by the Department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(There was none.)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Haste: Is there a motion to adjourn?

Mr. DiFrancesco made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Haste seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff

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