



**DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WORKSHOP MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**

**10:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeff Haste, Chairman  
Mike Pries, Vice Chairman

George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary (ABSENT)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Laura E. Evans, Esq., Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director's Office; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Amy Richards Harinath, Press Secretary; Ruby Doub, Commissioners' Office; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Steve Howe, Director of Tax Assessment; Steve Libhart, Director of EMA; Dan Scully, EMA; Chris Fisher, EMA; Dan Eisenhauer, Administrator of MH/ID; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office; Julie Mackey, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Tim Whelan, Bryan Davis, Karen Cullings, Lisa Appelt, Bob Shively, Megan Silverstrom, John Quirk, Phil Colvin, Brian Radcliffe and Stephanie Povirk

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the August 22, 2012 Workshop Meeting, the August 29, 2012 Legislative Meeting and the August 29, 2012 Salary Board Meeting Minutes will be considered at next week's Legislative Meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS**

Ms. Evans reported that there were two Executive Sessions. One was held on August 30, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The second one was held this morning at 9:00 a.m. to discuss litigation.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

## **DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

### **A. Dauphin County Commissioners**

#### **1. National Preparedness Month**

Mr. Pries mentioned the importance of being prepared. It was just about a year ago when the county suffered severe flooding. The cooperation of the Federal, State and local governments plus the first responders was remarkable. The leadership and staff at EMA made the job easier. The Commissioners provided the updates to the media, but the staff and volunteers at EMA and the responders that were rescuing people they were the ones that did an outstanding job.

Mr. Libhart indicated that the staff and volunteers from Dauphin County and the neighboring counties deserve the credit. Everyone pulled together.

Dauphin County is part of an eight county region called the South Central Task Force. Through technology, the Task Force is providing a free emergency notification service for residents and businesses of South Central PA. This notification service is called South Central Alert. This service will notify you of emergency incidents or imminent threats to your health and safety, such as boil water advisories, road closures, etc. Any citizen can register up to five locations in this region that are important to them and may

select the method used to contact them, such as cell phone, home phone, email, text or TTD/TTY.

A brief video was shown to demonstrate how South Central Alert works.

This service alerts citizens in a more timely fashion, which in turn increases their awareness of public safety situations. The month of September is National Preparedness Month and the South Central Task Force is an eight county region that works together for the benefit of citizens in the South Central PA area. The eight counties are: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York.

Mr. Haste asked how the system works, if he were to give an address would the service notify him of a traffic accident at a certain intersection.

Mr. Radcliffe indicated that the address or addresses that you provide will determine the geographic area. The people setting up the broadcast will be able to determine the areas.

Mr. Pries questioned what would citizens receive if an emergency such as Issac occurred.

Mr. Libhart indicated that citizens would receive a text, email or call, depending on what they chose, on the event. The area would be selected for notification. For example if the Shipoke area were to flood, a notification would be sent for that particular area plus it would be determined by the agency on how far away the flooding could impact and that area would be notified as well.

Mr. Pries indicated that this provides an increased awareness and information to the citizens so that they can make proper decisions.

Mr. Haste thanked everyone that is involved. There are two dates where citizens can go to register that may not have computer access. They are: Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Elizabethville Branch Library and September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the East Shore Area Library.

Mr. Pries also thanked those involved. It is team effort and to see the eight counties come together to benefit the citizens is remarkable.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

*Office of County Commissioner*

# Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

## Proclamation

*We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, recognize the awesome power of Mother Nature and the need for all citizens to prepare for her wrath, and in so doing, we join counties across the Commonwealth in proclaiming September 2012 as "National Emergency Preparedness Month" in Dauphin County;*

*Whereas, Dauphin County has earned the prestigious designation of "Storm Ready County," reflecting our high standards of professionalism and care;*

*Whereas, since then, severe weather has continued to test our resources and our resolve, including in 2011, when severe flooding and tornadoes damaged public and private property throughout Dauphin County;*

*Whereas, due to our mountainous terrain and network of rivers, creeks and streams, Pennsylvania is one of the most flood-prone states in the nation;*

*Whereas, it is the responsibility of the federal, state and county emergency management agencies to help prepare for, respond to and recover from these disasters;*

*Whereas, this special month will include a regional training exercise, which gives county and local emergency personnel the opportunity to test their emergency response plans and procedures, along with two outreach events at the Dauphin County Library System to assist the public with registering for South Central Alert, a free emergency notification system that provides timely instruction and information in a crisis;*

*Therefore, in support of these life-sustaining, life-saving endeavors, and our highly skilled emergency responders, we, the Dauphin County Commissioners, do hereby proudly proclaim September 2012 as "National Emergency Preparedness Month" in Dauphin County and urge all citizens to become educated and involved before disaster strikes.*

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

## **B. Dan Eisenhauer, Administration of MH/ID**

### **1. Update on the CACH 10-year Plan to end Homelessness**

Mr. Eisenhauer introduced two other individuals that were with him today, Tim Whelan and Bryan Davis.

Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg endorsed Home Run, a 10-year strategic plan to end homelessness in November 2006. The Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH) was charged with oversight of the Blueprint Implementation Team. In 2009, Congress passed and the President signed into law the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act.

Mr. Davis indicated that in Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg, on any given day, more than 280 adults and 125 children are homeless. Most homeless individuals in our community are sheltered, at least temporarily, and few, 57 or 10.6% of adults surveyed, were unsheltered. Ninety-three percent of people experiencing homelessness are quickly placed into housing and services, and 7% are chronically homeless and more difficult to engage in services.

Mr. Haste asked if this refers to the make shift shelters down around Shipoke or around the Farm Show.

Mr. Eisenhower indicated that they are in the 7% population.

Mr. Davis reported that beds were increased by 540, which included the development of 379 new affordable housing and apartment units, the expansion of shelter plus care program at Dauphin County Housing Authority by 16 units for chronic homeless. Over \$12 million has been received from HUD for this program, which requires a local match.

Mr. Haste questioned if the churches are still involved.

Mr. Eisenhower indicated that they are, but it has moved to the Safe Haven and YWCA for women.

Mr. Haste asked how many it holds.

Mr. Eisenhower indicated 25 in the programs, 40 in the outreach program. Mr. Pries indicated that it was mentioned that the County receives \$12 million from HUD. He asked where the matching funds come from.

Mr. Davis indicated from United Way, fundraisers, local funds, as well as private donors.

The objectives of Home Run are to maintain and improve an effective and coordinated service delivery system, provide a comprehensive analysis and plan to end homelessness, increase awareness and educate the public funding sources and community decision makers about the needs of the homeless community, identify the service needs of the homeless individual and families and evidence-based effective practices to assist them, identify factors leading to homelessness and resources/services needed for its prevention and develop a plan to mobilize the community in addressing the need to reduce and prevent homelessness.

The goals of Home Run are: Lead Agency - strengthen CACH as the lead agency to facilitate and coordinate planning; Homeless Management Information System - to redevelop the HMIS to its full potential while significantly improving the use of consumer information in the screening, planning and coordination of services for homeless persons; Housing – to preserve existing resources and ensure the development of new, safe, decent affordable housing opportunities for all homeless; Access to and Availability of Services – to ensure access to timely, appropriate, affordable and accessible services to end homelessness and prevent its recurrence; Public Awareness and Education – to educate the community to raise awareness and public support for more resource partners and prevention – to develop short and long-term strategies to significantly prevent the occurrence of homelessness.

Mr. Haste asked when the program started receiving the \$12 million.

Mr. Davis stated that it started around 2000.

Mr. Eisenhower indicated that HUD's definition is not always the same as what other people think of as permanent housing.

Mr. Davis indicated that the money can only be spent on homelessness. Home Run will be led by the CACH Blueprint Implementation Team and the team is requesting the Commissioners blessing on the plan.

Ms. Evans indicated that the plan will be placed on next week's Legislative Meeting Agenda for consideration.

Mr. Curcillo indicated that the Solicitor's Office has reviewed the document and it is listed on the Solicitor's Report.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions with regard to the Salary Board Packet.

Mr. Haste questioned if the Salary Board item is because funding has been eliminated.

Ms. Lengle indicated that is the reason for the Salary Board item. She asked if there were any questions with regard to the Personnel Packet. (There was none.)

### **PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci advised the Commissioners that there are no over budgets. There were no questions. The Purchase Order Packet will be considered at next week's Legislative Meeting.

### **TRAINING PACKET**

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

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There was none.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Curcillo indicated that the items listed on the Solicitor's Report will be reviewed and ready for consideration at next week's Legislative Meeting.

## **CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – LAURA E. EVANS, ESQ.**

Ms. Evans reported that Dauphin County will be hosting its annual Jazz Festival from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on September 8-9 at Fort Hunter Park. The festival will feature six national acts, two stages, dancing and a host of food and craft vendors. Guests can sample various wines from 15 wineries. Gates will open at 3:00 p.m. on both days. A weekend pass is \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the festival. If the venue should change due to inclement weather, local media and the public will be notified.

## **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

There was none.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Haste that the Board adjourn.**

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz