

HSBG 12/17/21

Attendance: Randie Yeager, Paul Boyer, Robert Burns, Kacey Crown, Andrea Kepler, Fred Lighty, Marisa McClellan, Florence Paige, April Rudick, Darrel Reinford, Kristin Varner, Jen Wintermyer.

Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) Randie Yeager

We now have the rest of the contracts in place for HSDF, (Tri County Community Action Commission, CONTACT, International Services Center, Shalom) Northern Dauphin Food Panty has served 762 unduplicated folks Last fiscal year numbers served across all HSDF 628 adults for adult services, 2274 generic services, specialized services 1156.

Homeless Assistance Program (HAP), April Rudick

Contracts went out Brethren Housing, Catholic Charities, Shalom House, YWCA, Gaudenzia, , Christian Churches United, Scholars Thrive Housing. We served 74 unduplicated clients in Catholic Charities, 96 Christian Churches United, 54 Gaudenzia, 11 Scholars, 13 Shalom and 26 at YWCA. Still working on retaining earnings plans that are due to the State today. We have been privileged to received multiple rounds ESG COVID funds to assist in housing supports including hotel/motel placements.

Emergency Rental Utility Assistance Program (ERAP), April Rudick

As of now, we served 1932 households, with state and federal funds combined as of last Friday, we used \$12.2 million We will likely run out ERAP program 1 funds, late February, early March. Hopefully January 2022 we will begin using for ERAP 2 dollars, but it will not fulfil the total applicants in que right now.

Mental Health/Autism/Developmental Programs, Andrea Kepler

Dauphin County MH/A/DP has experienced staffing turnover in recent months and currently has vacancies in all program areas. Crisis has six vacancies. During November 374 telephone, 19 walk ins and 407 mobile outreaches were conducted. While records are still being finalized somewhere in the vicinity of 16 302 (involuntary commitments) were processed, significantly lower than October 2021 when we saw 37. 81 voluntary commitments were processed by Crisis. Crisis continues to implement new technology which will enable better tracking of response times as well as permit the implementation of a texting line.

ADP services have experienced a small number of ID residential service consolidations due to staffing shortages. Nearly 800 people are served in waiver-based services, 342 in residential services, while over 1300 receive supports coordination services. Life sharing continues to be a highlighted option for housing. Employment First continues to be promoted. 45 are employed and nearly 150 are receiving employment services.

MH services continues to provide an array of residential supports including the long term structured residential program; forensic, full, and moderate care CRR; and personal care for 393 individuals. 197 are in other than crisis or crisis diversion programs.

Tele health has provided substantial support during a time when adequate numbers of licensed practitioners are not available.

Special initiatives funded by the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant include Assisted Outpatient Treatment which is in its founding stages. Additionally, the CMHSBG has enabled Dauphin County to implement Student Assistance Services in all Elementary Schools. SAP is already established in all middle and senior high schools throughout the county.

Department of Drug & Alcohol, Kristin Varner

We have many vacancies. We also received some grants to add some new positions.

Telehealth is used only when necessary. No verbal signatures are permitted anymore.

No new Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative referrals. We are working to increase the referrals in 2022.

Also, working with Dauphin County Prison to increase Medical Assistance Treatment Program in the jail.

Our Drug Court has 37 participants. Our Recovery Connections Court has 8.

Prevention is working on our Annual Addictions Conference which will be held at Penn State Harrisburg, as of now, in person, on May 10-12, 2022.

Working with DOH to target younger population with opioids prescriptions.

Discussed media request for opioid overdose deaths were increasing. What D&A is seeing in their office is increased alcohol abuse more so than opioids. We reviewed the Warm Hand Off numbers and we have 48% are in hospital for alcohol, 29% opioids, 14% stimulants. Then we ran our office numbers, and they are alcohol 37%, 27.9% opioids, 16.9% stimulants, 9.3% cannabis, 3.2% others.

Area Agency on Aging, Robert Burns

We just finished medicare enrollment counseling for 2022. We met 750 individuals.

Focus older adult protective services. See continued increase in reports. I believe we may hit 2,500 cases received in 2021 of alleged abuse.

Children and Youth Services, Marisa McClellan

Staffing vacancies and working on media campaign and increased recruitment efforts. Judge Cherry and Marisa have done four meet and greet college visits so far and have more scheduled in January. It is assisting us in getting more staff.

Discussed Dauphin County being a Family Engagement Initiative County. This assists with improving court outcomes increased kinship placement have increased in 2021 by 9%. Hopefully in 2022 we will be at 50% and continue to increase.

Completed a toy pop up store at Harrisburg Mall by invitation only of families involved in C&Y Services. Very successful event.

High challenging placements are increasing and continue to work on that and prevention efforts.

Working on placing Caseworkers/Family Responders in Police Departments.

Added on more Court Appointed Special Advocate to our team.

No New Business.

Gratitude for all of our Team and Providers and all the tough work that we do.

Discussed reality of ERAP funds and potential of running out of ERAP 1 funds and what 2022 may bring us with ERAP 2 funds. We will have new ERAP data system in 2022.

No Public Comment.

Please note 2022 meeting dates that are in the agenda that will be advertised.

Meeting adjourned.