

**YORK/ADAMS MH-IDD
JOINT BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINDER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
*Continuance of Emergency Meeting
Held May 1, 2020***

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

The Joint Board of County Commissioners met via conference call on Monday, May 4, 2020, for the continuance of the emergency meeting which was called on May 1, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONER(S) ATTENDING:

Commissioner Randy Phiel
Commissioner James Martin
Commissioner Marty Karsteter Qually

YORK COUNTY COMMISSIONER(S) ATTENDING:

Commissioner Julie Wheeler
Commissioner Doug Hoke
Commissioner Ron Smith

COUNTY STAFF ATTENDING:

Ms. Sharon L. Harlacher, MH-IDD Administrator
Ms. Casey Darling-Horan, Director, Early Intervention
Ms. Kerry Miller, Asst. Director, Early Intervention
Ms. Susan Noya, Chief Fiscal Officer
Ms. Gillian P. Foster, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Michelle Hovis, York County Human Services, Director
Ms. Taryn Maguire, Director, HCMU
Atty. Michele Pokrifka, York County Solicitor
Ms. Kimberly Sellers, Administrative Assistant, York Co. HSD/HCMU

Mr. Steve Nevada, County Manager, Adams County
Mr. Sean A. Mott, Esquire, Adams Co. Assistant Solicitor

The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Hoke. He reminded the Board that this meeting is being reconvened as the discussion at the emergency meeting on May 1st in regards to the funding issues with the Early Intervention Program thru June 30, 2020, and the vote that did not pass.

Ms. Harlacher reported that following Friday's meeting, these steps have been put in place:

- Review of MA billing is being conducted to ensure that any evaluation that can be completed by a licensed provider can be completed that way.
- Case management staff is also double checking with families to identify children who may qualify for MA.
- An internal audit is also being conducted of waiver which is an eligibility category that allows federal dollars to be reused instead of county dollars. Children that are not enrolled in this waiver will be enrolled.
- In addition, the County Program is looking to identify any children that may have been billed under county funding and try to recoup those dollars.
- Of those that were furloughed, five individuals were from the Early Intervention Department with two from case management, two clericals and one management staff.
- We are continuing to look at the internal procedures available by taking 45 days from the day the child is referred to do the evaluation and start services. This evaluation and start process will be delayed. The intent is not to hurt the children. If services need to be started quicker, that will be done.
- Creative ways to use the utilization of units on the IFSP's.

Ms. Casey Darling-Horan, reported that she reached out to the York County Community Foundation to determine if the County Program would be eligible for any grant opportunities. She was not able to speak to anyone directly but was able to leave a message about the eligibility for COVID-19 funding. After a bit of research on their website, it indicated that that funding was reserved for non-profits providing food and shelter. She is awaiting a response. There are other grant cycles available through the York County Community Foundation but none would start in a timely manner that would allow us to access funding currently. Contact was also made with the WellSpan Grant Office but the COVID-19 funding is currently closed to new applications. We would be able to apply for a partner grant but not until July 1, 2020, and we would be competing with other programs. The maximum grant allowance is \$20,000. Ms. Kerry Miller also outreached to Mayor Helfrich's office to determine if we are eligible for anything thru York City and is awaiting a response.

Ms. Susan Noya reiterated that with our current allocation, there is sufficient funds to be solvent to cover all County Program operated administration and supports coordination June 30th which employed cost containment already, specific to the furloughs and hiring freezes. It was also determined from the data, there are sufficient funds to pay all service claims rendered thru May 1, 2020. With that, there will be two full months of direct service claims that is the open liability.

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After much discussion, questions and comments, the motion was made by Commissioner Wheeler and seconded by Commissioner Phiel to approve the continued funding of the Early Intervention Program, such that York County shall contribute 75% of the April-June forecasted amount not to exceed \$295,000.00 and that Adams County shall continue to fund the EI Program at 75% of their April-June forecasted amount not to exceed \$69,000.00 for service costs incurred from now until the end of June, with reimbursement to be made to each County when the state reimburses the program. The vote passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



GILLIAN P. FOSTER
Administrative Assistant