

**YORK/ADAMS MH-IDD  
JOINT BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JOINDER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The Joint Board of County Commissioners met via conference call on Thursday, December 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:49 a.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. Susan Noya, Chief Fiscal Officer  
Ms. Gillian P. Foster, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Jessica Mockabee, Acting Director, York Co. HSD  
Ms. Taryn Maguire, Director, HCMU

Ms. Miche'lle Pokrifka, York County Solicitor  
Mr. Steve Nevada, County Manager, Adams County  
Mr. Sean A. Mott, Esquire, Adams Co. Assistant Solicitor  
Mr. John Phillips, Adams Co. Controller

The Meeting was chaired by Commissioner Hoke.

**PROGRAM UPDATES – Ms. Sharon Harlacher**

- **FY 20/21 Budget Situation**

Most of our funding will be flat-funded for the remaining 7-months of the fiscal year. A complete re-budget will be completed for January and dollars will be reinstated as some providers were decreased by 5.87%. Meetings will be held with all providers in January and February to get a handle on rounding out 2021. We will get through this fiscal year and next spring will start working with the providers on what should be done next in order to facilitate a lesser impact for the consumers. All three (3) Programs are in a good position and are flat-funded. The word from the Providers' Association is that 2021-2022 will be the tougher year.

- **AOT Opt-Out Request**

This will be the third time around for existing Commissioners. For the new Commissioners an explanation was provided. This is a piece of legislation that occurred about a year and half ago asking all counties to look at allowing for judges to do different things to keep individuals out of involuntary outpatient treatment to different resources within the community and out of inpatient stays. Every county in the state of PA continues to not opt into this program. This is a good piece of legislation in some parts but no funding was attached and would be a very expensive endeavor for both counties to undertake. It would require a lot of training for the legal system plus the resources available in the community is not available. It is not something that the County Program can do at this time. Every December, counties must make a decision to opt-in or opt-out. If you opt-in, you stay in and if you opt-out, you can go in at any time. Ms. Harlacher recommended that we look at opting out again this year.

There is currently a workgroup working at the state to tweak the law. To date, no counties have opted in.

The motion was made by Commissioner Karstetter Qually and second by Commissioner Martin to opt-out of the AOT Program for the calendar year 20-21. Signature sheets were circulated for the signatures of the York County Commissioners for subsequent signatures of the Adams County Commissioners.

- **COVID-19 Impact**

Looking at the significant volume of concerns in the MH-IDD/EI world, we are seeing a dramatic increase in the number of cases in the ID System. More and more programs in the community have not been able to operate. Programs have not been able to open and others have closed. We will continue to see MH commitments

**PROGRAM UPDATES: Continued**

higher as the volume of individuals experiencing MH concerns continue to rise. The County Program is doing its best to maintain as much as we can. Case managers are still going out into the community, meeting with consumers in the public and outside to ensure that consumers are safe and their needs are met. The County Program is extremely proud of the providers in keeping the 24/7 programs going.

Thanks and appreciation was extended by Commissioner Wheeler to Ms. Harlacher and Ms. Mockabee for their assistance in providing the information needed to allocate CARES monies in the amounts of \$25,000 to eleven (11) facilities that support IDD and \$25,000 to twelve (12) facilities that support the MH System.

**FISCAL UPDATES – Ms. Susan Noya**

- **Fiscal Report**

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures and Budget Condition for the Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities and Early Intervention Programs for the four (4) months ended October 31, 2020, was reviewed as follows:

| <b>Program</b>          | <b>Expenditures<br/>Year-To-Date</b> | <b>FY 20-21<br/>Budget</b> | <b>Grant Fund<br/>Expended (%)</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mental Health           | \$4,955,930                          | \$16,334,639.00            | 30.3%                              |
| Intellectual Disability | \$925,152                            | \$4,248,685.00             | 21.8%                              |
| Early Intervention      | \$1,298,412                          | \$5,734,503.00             | 23%                                |

The budgets reflect the receipt of flat level funding in each allocation.

For the Early Intervention Program, if we receive our primary allocation at the level that we ended for FY 19/20, we should be in pretty good shape to cover the entitlement thru June 30, 2021. Actual utilization trends for the first four (4) months indicate that we are trending with expenditures for service utilization at about \$342,000/month. This time last year, we were at \$442,000. We're trending under about \$100,000/month. We will continue to monitor against available funding.

The Statements of Comparative Grant Fund Expenditures were also provided and various areas were highlighted.

**AGREEMENTS & CONTRACTS/MOTIONS**

- **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through B as listed below:**

The motion was made by Commissioner Phiel and second by Commissioner Smith to approve items A through B.

A. Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2020, Meeting.

B. Motion to approve the signature page for the 2019-2020/2020-2021 Amended Contract Agreements and Contract Agreements as outlined in the memo dated December 1, 2020.

Public comments were solicited by there were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Phiel to adjourn the MH-IDD portion of the Meeting at 10:19 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**



**GILLIAN P. FOSTER**  
Administrative Assistant