

TO: Members of the MH/EI/ID Advisory Board  
FROM: Brandon Savochka, Human Services Director  
RE: Thursday, July 21, 2022 Board Meeting  
LOCATION: Carmine A. Scotece Conference Room #132, 1st Floor  
Butler Co. Government Center Annex and via Zoom  
TIME: 3:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order/Welcome
- II. Public Comment for Agenda Items
- III. ✓ Approval of Minutes
- IV. Mental Health Report
- V. Early Intervention Report
- VI. Intellectual Disabilities Report
- VII. Fiscal Report
- VIII. New Business
  - A. MH/EI/ID Administrator Report
- IX. Board Members Concerns/Comments/Announcements
  - A. Board Nominations
- X. Public Comment for General Items
- XI. ✓ Adjournment

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

✓ Indicates voting item

**Mental Health/Early Intervention/Intellectual Disabilities Program  
Board Minutes  
May 19, 2022  
Butler County Human Services Conference Room and via Zoom**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner Kevin Boozel	Mr. Peter Szura
Ms. Jackie Eppler	Dr. Kathy Selvaggi
Mr. Shawn Pugh	Ms. Cathryn Heakins
Ms. Shirley Warburton	

**MH/EI/ID Administrative Office:**

Mr. Brandon Savochka	Mr. William Kepple
Ms. Marni Rettig	Ms. Grace Abbruzzese
Ms. Sarah Wearing	

**Visitors:**

Commissioner Leslie Osche, Butler County  
Commissioner Kimberly Geyer, Butler County

**Call to Order**

Ms. Eppler called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**Public Comment for Agenda Items**

There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Eppler asked the Board for approval of the minutes from the February meeting. Ms. Warburton made a motion to approve, Mr. Szura seconded.

In favor:	7
Opposed:	0
Abstentions	0

**Mental Health Report**

Ms. Rettig reported that, along with our fiscal department, we are working with our providers on budgets for the current year-end and the upcoming fiscal year 2022/2023.

Ms. Rettig reported that she had the opportunity to speak at the Legislative Breakfast in April about the importance of funding for mental health. Two individuals shared their stories about services that the Grapevine provides. One man's testimony told about how the county services saved his life.

Ms. Rettig gave updates on Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Psychiatric, Mobile Psychiatric Medications, the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) that took place in April, and the ongoing suicide prevention training; Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR).

The CSP will have a Wellness Walk for Mental Health Awareness Month on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Diamond Park and end at the Grapevine Center where food and refreshments will be provided. The Grapevine Center had a movie night in their parking lot. NAMI will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf scramble on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Rettig announced that there will be a training for County and provider staff: “Debrief, De-stress, and Reset” on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The training flyer was provided to the Board members.

Butler County worked with NAMI to release the “Meet Little Monster” coloring book that was created to help children learn about their feelings. There is a specific page of Butler County resources that can be found within the book. We will be distributing the coloring books to the community. There is also a plan for the book to be downloadable so it can be available to the schools and providers.

### **Early Intervention Report**

Ms. Wearing reported that currently the number of children with active plans is 447 and there are 36 children in tracking.

She also reported that all of the 2020-2021 verification process activities will be complete by the end of May.

### **Intellectual Disabilities Report**

Ms. Wearing reported three of our staff participated in the Disabilities Summit that was held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Slippery Rock University.

She reported the first session of the ODP Everyday Lives Conference started this week and all of our ID staff are participating. The conference is virtual and will be held from May through June.

Ms. Wearing reported that some of the guidelines have changed in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to allow any individuals who are on PUNs to receive funds, they do not have to be on emergency status. It will also include persons with autism only. Currently we have identified ten individuals who meet that criteria. The amount is capped at \$2,000 per individual. These are recurring funds. The allocation is open through March of 2024.

In August of 2021 we identified 12 individuals who would be graduating in 2022. We have not received any waiver initiatives this year to help serve those individuals. We have been able to serve seven of those individuals on our own without the initiative. We will use some of the ARPA funds for the other five individuals.

We started working on fiscal year renewals on May 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue working on them through the end of June. Currently we are about 50% completed.

Our Family Information Specialist, Melissa Vettori, held her first parent support group meeting in May. The parents would like to have the meetings monthly instead of quarterly. It is set to start again in September.

Our annual Butler County Parent Support Group picnic will be held June on 22<sup>nd</sup> at Alameda Park.

**Fiscal Report**

Mr. Kepple reviewed the fiscal report which was through March 31, 2022.

**New Business**

**MH/EI/ID Administrator Report**

Mr. Savochka announced that Mike Robb is no longer with Center for Community Resources (CCR). Teresa Hewitt is the interim director of CCR and Chris Lunn is the interim director of Nonprofit Development Corporation (NDC) and Alliance for Nonprofit Resources (ANR).

Mr. Savochka announced we have completed both of our Human Services Block Grant public hearings. We gathered a lot of information from the attendees and we continue to welcome feedback from the public year-round.

Mr. Savochka reported that we are working with each of our three agencies that provide blended case management (BCM) services; Glade Run, Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc. (SPHS), and Family Psychological, to address the shortage of blended case managers. All providers have submitted rate packages and we hope to have the new rates in place for July 1.

Mr. Savochka announced that we are co-sponsoring a two-day Emotional Poverty workshop on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Slippery Rock University.

**Social Determinants of Health:**

Ms. Rettig gave a presentation on Social Determinants of Health.

**Board Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements**

Mr. Szura proposed that we do presentation on CFST and IM4Q. He also thanked Ms. Eppler for the Disabilities Summit.

Ms. Eppler thanked Butler County Human Services, the Alliance for Nonprofit Resources, and everyone who helped with the Summit.

**Public Comment for General Items**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:

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Jackie Eppler, Chairperson

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Shirley Warburton, Board Secretary

SUBMITTED BY:

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Grace B. Abbruzzese

cc: Mr. Richard Latsko, OMHSAS  
Ms. Michele O'Toole, Western Regional Program Manager  
Advisory Board Members