

TO: Members of the MH/EI/ID Advisory Board
FROM: Brandon Savochka, Human Services Director
RE: Thursday, February 17, 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 - Marni Rettig
- V. Early Intervention Report - Amy Badger-Witenski
- VI. Intellectual Disabilities Report - Amy Badger-Witenski
- VII. Fiscal Report - Bill Kepple
- VIII. New Business
 - A. MH/EI/ID Administrator Report
- IX. Board Members Concerns/Comments/Announcements
- X. Public Comment for General Items
- XI. ✓ Adjournment

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

✓ Indicates voting item

**Mental Health/Early Intervention/Intellectual Disabilities Program
Board Minutes
November 18, 2021
Butler County Human Services Conference Room and via Zoom**

Board Members in Attendance:

Ms. Jackie Eppler	Ms. Susan Stover
Mr. Shawn Pugh	Ms. Elaine Callihan
Ms. Shirley Warburton	Dr. Kathy Selvaggi
Mr. Peter Szura	

MH/EI/ID Administrative Office:

Ms. Marni Rettig	Mr. William Kepple
Ms. Jill McDonald	Ms. Grace Abbruzzese
Ms. Tara Hamilton	

Visitors:

Ms. Stephanie Titus, Glade Run

Call to Order

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

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 September meeting. Mr. Szura made a motion to approve, Ms. Stover seconded.

In favor:	7
Opposed:	0
Abstentions	0

Presentation:

Ms. Stefanie Titus gave a presentation on the Forensic Services Support Team in the prison.

Mental Health Report

Ms. Rettig reported the Community Support Program (CSP) held their Cyber Speaker Jam in October. They are planning Christmas activities such as Operation Reindeer for individuals at Torrance State Hospital, a party at the LTSR, and to send cards and pizza to the mental health inpatient units at Butler Hospital. The Grapevine held a Remembrance Rally at Alameda Park in September. A Crisis Intervention Training was held the first week of November for law enforcement personnel.

Ms. Rettig announced that the RFP for Family Based Services was awarded to Wesley Family Services. She gave updates on the Children's Acute Partial program at Glade Run, and the MST Psychiatric program at Mars Home for Youth.

Early Intervention Report

Ms. McDonald gave the Early Intervention and the Intellectual Disabilities Report in Ms. Badger-Witenski's absence.

Ms. McDonald reported there were 53 referrals in October. The number of children with active plans is 373 and there are 34 children in tracking. Providers continue to use COVID-19 mitigation efforts when interacting with families.

Intellectual Disabilities Report

Ms. McDonald reported that in November of 2019 there was a change in the eligibility requirements for intellectual disabilities and autism and Ms. Badger-Witenski spoke about this at the last board meeting in September. We are still working on this project of reviewing all of our base funded folks. We have brought all of the waiver folks that were enrolled from November of 2019 until now into compliance.

With the release of Bulletin 00-21-01 Guidance for Human Rights Teams and Human Rights Committees, ODP released a 4-part webcast series titled Human Rights in Depth, to provide information and support for stakeholders involved in implementing the guidance and requirements related to individual rights and restrictive procedures. The staff are participating in these webinars.

The Special Needs Consortium, together with the Institute for Nonprofit Leadership at SRU, will host the Butler County Disability Summit on March 14, 2022.

Fiscal Report

Mr. Kepple reviewed the fiscal report through September 30, 2021.

New Business

MH/EI/ID Administrator Report

Ms. Rettig gave the Administrator Report in Mr. Savochka's absence.

Ms. Rettig spoke briefly about the extended wait time for individuals waiting to be admitted to Torrance State Hospital.

Ms. Rettig reported that Southwest Behavioral Health Management has been reviewing rates in order to get increased wages for provider staff to prevent staff shortages. The first of the Beacon contracts with rate increases have recently gone out to providers.

She also reported that we have expanded the Information and Referral team at Center for Community Resources by one case manager as they have been inundated with calls. The community need for all types of services and supports has greatly increased.

Board Members' Concerns/Comments/Announcements

There was none.

Public Comment for General Items

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:

Jackie Eppler, Chairperson

Shirley Warburton, Board Secretary

SUBMITTED BY:

Grace B. Abbruzzese

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