

TO: Members of the MH/EI/ID Advisory Board  
FROM: Brandon Savochka, Human Services Director  
RE: Thursday, September 15, 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. 2023 Meeting Dates
- X. Public Comment for General Items
- XI. ✓ Adjournment

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022,  
at 3:00 p.m.

✓ Indicates voting item

**Mental Health/Early Intervention/Intellectual Disabilities Program  
Board Minutes  
July 21, 2022  
Butler County Human Services Conference Room and via Zoom**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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

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

Mr. Brandon Savochka	Mr. Cory Achezinski
Ms. Tara Hamilton	Ms. Grace Abbruzzese
Ms. Sarah Wearing	

**Visitors:**

Ashlee Hershberger, Center for Community Resources

**Call to Order**

Ms. Eppler called the meeting to order at 3:04 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 May meeting. Ms. Callihan made a motion to approve, Dr. Selvaggi seconded.

In favor:	6
Opposed:	0
Abstentions	0

**Mental Health Report**

Ms. Hamilton gave the Mental Health report in Ms. Rettig's absence. She reported that we hosted six "Debrief, De-stress, and Reset" trainings for staff and providers. Recovery Fest took place last month at the Grapevine. A reinvestment plan that allows us to pay for emergent and immediate Social Determinants of Health needs was approved by the state.

Ms. Hamilton gave updates on: the prison program with Glade Run, the bed cap at Torrance State Hospital, CCR's Mental Health Crisis delegates, and the National Suicide Lifeline number: 988.

**Early Intervention Report**

Ms. Wearing reported that currently the number of children with active plans is 480 and there are 43 children in tracking.

Early Intervention continues to have high referral rates. CCR recently hired three new supports coordinators for their EI Department which brings them up to full complement.

**Intellectual Disabilities Report**

Ms. Wearing reported that the Fiscal Year Renewal plans were finished by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The third annual family support group picnic was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and there were 100 guests in attendance. Our family liaison specialist will start parent support group meetings in September. Monthly social events are being planned as well. We are currently in the process of hiring our quality incident risk manager for the ID Department. Our Cycle II Year One of Quality Assessment and Improvement will start in August. This is the monitoring and oversight process with the county programs supports coordination organizations and providers. We will have a full review completed by the state sometime between September and November.

**Fiscal Report**

Mr. Achezinski reviewed the fiscal report which was through June 30, 2022.

**New Business**

**MH/EI/ID Administrator Report**

Mr. Savochka explained the reasons for requesting an increase to the County Mental Health Block Grant. Individuals who were eligible for Medical Assistance due to the emergency declaration during the pandemic may lose their medical assistance when the emergency declaration is over. We also need to be prepared to fund individuals in need of residential placement. In addition, there were significant increases to Blended Case Management and Outpatient rates for our local providers.

Mr. Savochka announced that Tara Hamilton, along with Matt Clayton, will be going to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania conference in August, to give a presentation on Butler County’s Prison Forensic Services program.

Mr. Savochka also announced the CSP Picnic will be on Wednesday, July 27, at Butler Memorial Park. We sent out an RFI, Request for Information, for a winter shelter for the homeless. Beth Gillan is officially back as the Executive Director for Center for Community Resources. Hayley Merchant will be back as of August 8<sup>th</sup> as the Senior Program Manager at CCR.

Mr. Savochka then played a video of Tyrone Smith, who tells his life story and how he was helped through county mental health funding.

**Board Members’ Concerns/Comments/Announcements**

**Board Nominations**

Ms. Eppler asked for a motion to reappoint Ms. Cathryn Heakins to serve a second term on the board. Ms. Callihan made a motion, Ms. Stover seconded.

In favor: 6  
Opposed: 0

Election of Officers:

Dr. Selvaggi nominated the following board members to serve as officers:

Pete Szura to serve as Board Chairperson  
Shirley Warburton to serve as Board Vice-Chairperson  
Susan Stover to serve as Board Secretary

Ms. Eppler asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Ms. Eppler asked for approval of the slate of officers as presented. Dr. Selvaggi made a motion to approve, Ms. Callihan seconded.

In favor:	6
Opposed:	0

**Public Comment for General Items**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORMAT:

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Pete Szura, Chairperson

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Susan Stover, 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