

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scotto and McCracken; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Lisa Kovalick, Community Development Specialist; Dave Glass, Commissioner Candidate; Kathy Miller, Deputy Controller; Yvonne Lehman, WOKW Radio; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier; Kim Finnigan, gantdaily.com; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of July 23, 2019 were approved by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Controller Miller presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$1,137,922.91; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$4,371.86; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$74.98; Hotel Tax Fund, \$129,662.71; Community Development Block Grant, \$46,075.00; Domestic Relations Fund, \$1117.95; Children Youth Services Fund, \$65,018.77. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

Transfers – William MacDonald, Full time Corrections Officer to Part time Corrections officer, effective 8/20/19.

Separations/Retirements

Jaden Cunningham, Part-time telecommunicator, effective 8/5/19.

Kiley Smith, Full-time Telecommunicator, effective 8/5/19.

Nancy Collins, Administrative Assistant – Tax Assessment, effective 8/16/19.

Jennifer Shaffer, District Judge Secretary/Magistrate Morris, effective 8/21/19.

Motion to approve the personnel changes by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners noted long time employee Nancy Collins and thanked her for her service.

Public Comment – None

Lisa Kovalick asked the Board to consider approval of the 2019-2020 Clearfield County Human Services Plan. Ms. Kovalick provided the following information:

Ms. Kovalick explained that she has been working with Susan Ford of Clearfield Jefferson Drug and Alcohol and Steven Jasper of Community Connections to implement the Human Services Development Plan. The plan provides the following: Mental Health Services will see 2775 individuals served with funds of \$3,747,758 and a County match of \$141,100 ; Homeless Assistance will serve 95 individuals with funds of \$57,920; Intellectual Disabilities Services will service 221 individuals with funds in the amount of \$1,788,213 and \$50,188 County dollars; Substance Use Disorders will serve 165 individuals with funds in the amount of \$330,240 and \$25,000 from County Funds; Human Services Development Funds will serve 20 individuals with funds in the amount of \$15,800 to provide home delivered meals and information referral; also under the HSDF 10 individuals will be served with funds in the amount of \$11,103 for transportation and housing needs.

Ms. Kovalick also provided the following: This our Human Services Plan highlights a new facility for Mental Health Services, and the need for in County Treatment Services for persons suffering from addiction or substance abuse disorder.

Mental Health Services

Community Connections of Clearfield & Jefferson County's (CCC&J) along with five other Mental Health joiners representing 9 counties (the NW9) were awarded PA Department of Human Service (DHS) funding to begin development of a Long Term Structured Residence (LTSR) to evaluate and restore competency for individuals in county jails.

A provider, Dickinson Centers, Inc., has been identified and a bid has been put in on a property in Jefferson County to begin development of the LTSR. Along with the LTSR each of the NW9 county/joiners was awarded funding for a forensic boundary spanner and housing supports.

The CCC-J boundary spanner position was started March 1, 2019 and since then eight individuals with mental illness involved in the criminal justice system have access housing.

Substance Use Disorder Services

Treatment Services Needed in County:

The SCA has built a very robust out-patient system treatment system within the counties and has utilized local resources in an effort to maintain service levels within each of the major communities across the two counties.

LOC Level of Care	# of Providers	# of Providers Located in County (SCA Funded)	Special Population Services
Inpatient Hospital Detox 4 WM	The SCA uses 5 different out-of-county hospitals	0	4 offer Co-Occurring Adult; 1 offers services for pregnant women
Inpatient Hospital Rehab 4	The SCA uses 5 different out-of-county hospitals	0	4 offer Co-Occurring Adult 1 offers services for pregnant women
Inpatient Non-Hospital Detox 3.7 WM	10	0	1 offers adolescent track
Inpatient Non-Hospital Rehab 3.7	19	0	1 Male; 1 Female; 3 PW/WWC; 9 Dual; 1 Adolescent; 4 MAT
Inpatient Non-Hospital Rehab- Long Term 3.5	8	0	3 PW/WWC; 1 Adolescent; 3 Dual; 5 MAT
Partial Hospitalization 2.5	0	0	No in-county providers at the present time
Intensive Out-Patient 2.1	2	2	6 locations across the two counties
Out-Patient 1	3	3	7 locations across the two counties; 1 offers services in both county jails; 2 providers offer school based services.
Halfway House 3.1	9	0	5 Male; 4 Female; 1 PW/WWC; 1 Female MAT; 1 Male MAT

As evidenced by the chart above, the SCA lacks all levels of in-county residential services (both hospital and non-hospital based) and partial hospitalization services. It has been difficult to attract residential services to Clearfield and Jefferson Counties. The closest facilities are primarily in neighboring counties, however, a lack of in-county residential services is a barrier to treatment for many individuals.

Likewise, partial hospitalization services are also needed. Partial services are currently defined as five days a week programs, which have presented problems historically due to lack of transportation and lack of a sustainable client base.

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Human Services Plan by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreement was approved for Shippenville Project Point of Light by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Liquid Fuel allocation was approved for Bloom Township in the amount of \$3,024.50 by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report – None

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

