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**MEETING DATE:** November 26, 2024, 8:30AM

**MEETING PLACE:** Virtual

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members present:**

Wendy Johnson, Travis Waters, Robert Jenkins, Nancy Sajeski, Diane Bates-Sier and Glenn Bartlett

**Board Members absent:**

Commissioner Hartwick, Marge Chapman, Cheryl Tierney, Brandy Fox and Amy McPhilemy

**Providers:** Brittney McCarthy, Connections Health Solutions

**MHADP Staff:** Andrea Kepler, Randie Yeager, Paul Geffert, Rachael Clifton, Dave DeSanto and Mary DeCoen

**A. Welcome and Introductions.**

**B. Approval of the 1/23/24 and 3/26/24 and 5/28/24 MHADP Advisory Board Meeting Minutes-** Quorum achieved. Meeting minutes were approved.

**C. Approval of the Draft FY 22-23 MHADP Annual Plan-** Quorum achieved. Draft was approved.

**D. Administrator's Report**

**Autism/Developmental Program Services:**

**Incident Management** continues to be a high priority in terms of ensuring consumers' health and safety and ensuring investigations and other related activities are completed in a timely manner. Dauphin AE and CMU continue to make progress with finalizing overdue incident reports and implementing an incident fidelity process to compare ER and hospitalization claim data with incidents entered to

EIM to identify potential concerns of abuse or neglect as well as to ensure that critical incidents are being reported. EIMs for 2023/CMU have been officially closed. We had 126 reportable incidents and 51 required a Certified Investigator to investigate the nature of the incident. There were 2 suicide attempts by the same individual who we have been having weekly discussions on and was sent to the ER for observations, then set home within 24hrs.

ADP continues to participate in the monthly Provider Applicant Orientation Training in collaboration with the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) and assist new providers with activities related to ODP provider qualification. We have 4 new providers this month, (community based) who submitted all their paperwork, and we issued their DP1059. We did have 2 providers who have passed the initial test, and we are waiting for them to submit their paperwork. We have 2 who are ongoing in sending their paperwork

**Requalification.** Next Spring/2025 will be the next period for requalification.

**Annual Independent Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q)** We have a total of 98 individuals for the 24/25 survey. We will be working with our contracted vendor CILO to review information for the 24/25 fiscal year. CILO has started to outreach to Individuals/Families, to begin interviewing. There was a recent change in how we pay for IM4Q Monitoring. The initial rate for the 98 individuals that were picked, and another rate for interviews for QAI. The contract with CILO and Dauphin County had to be updated to reflect the new rates and expectations.

### **Annual QA&I**

We have been going out to do QA&I with 17 providers. We have 3 providers left for the month of November. We have found that about 10 providers have been out of compliance with forms, record keeping, and haven't kept up with the ODP process. We have had to complete basic ODP 101 training and will be sending out PPTs and samples of best practices, later in November, to those who need assistance. We will be reviewing the remaining providers in the fall and update the ODP on our findings.

**ID Committee:** Meeting took place via zoom on October 1st. Talked about updates to of the provider-based contracting, and the different levels for the reimbursement rates. We briefly discussed the mission and vision of this group. The plan is to review and update the mission and address how the group will be sharing information of concern with other families. Our next meeting will be on Dec 3rd at noon at, 900 Arlington St Harrisburg Pa. 17101

**Community Outreach** – Dauphin County MHADP was at a few local events and Julie continues to go with SC's whenever possible to visit with 6400 providers/group homes with individuals.

### **Intake**

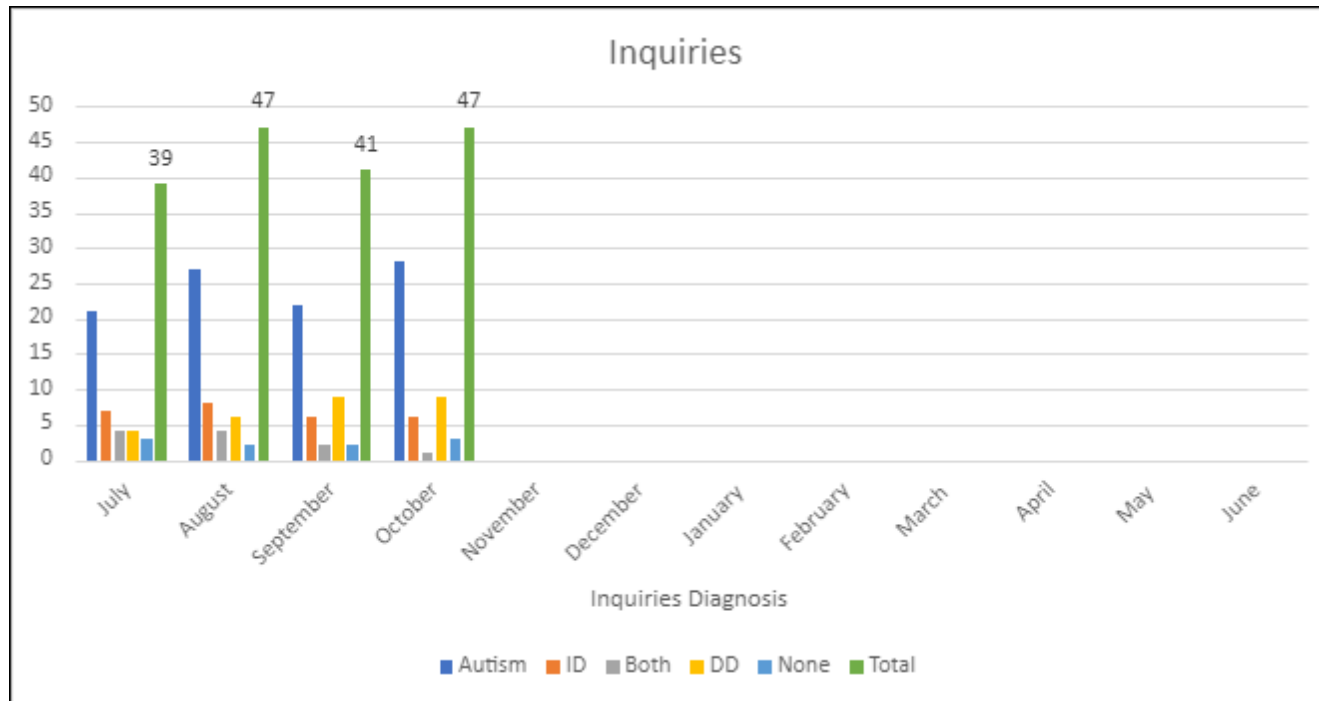
For the month of October CMU received 47 calls or walk-ins from individuals/families inquiring about services. They completed 10 intakes.

Languages

Inquiry- Spanish- 5

Intake- Spanish- 2 Portuguese- 1

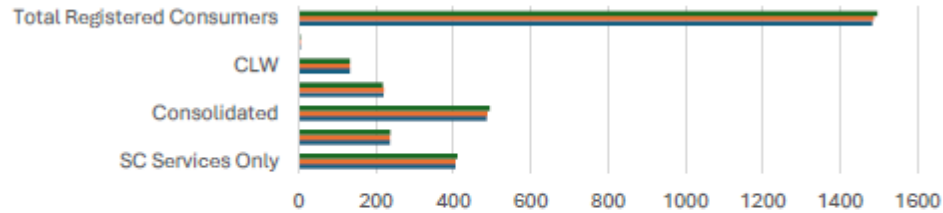
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>Diagnosis</b>	<b>Number</b>
Autism		28
ID		6
Both		1
DD		9
None		3
Total		47
2023-2024 Total		57
2022-2023 Total		30
2021-2022 Total		20
<b>Intake</b>	<b>Diagnosis</b>	<b>Number</b>
Autism		5
ID		2
Both		3
Total		10
2023-2024 Total		10
2022-2023Total		6
2021-2022 Total		6
<b>Type of Intake</b>	<b>Number</b>	
Virtual	0	
In-Person	10	
Re- Referral	2	



### **ID Individuals Registered**

- As of 2024; October, there are 1496 individuals registered with the Dauphin County ID/A system. Of those individuals, 5 reside in state centers or private intermediate care facilities, 218 are enrolled in Person/Family Directed Supports Waiver, (capacity 281). 132 are enrolled in Community Living Waiver (capacity is 151). 494 are enrolled in Consolidated Wavier (capacity 501). 237 are receiving base-funded services, and 410 are Supports Coordination services only.

### 24/25 ID/A Registered Individuals

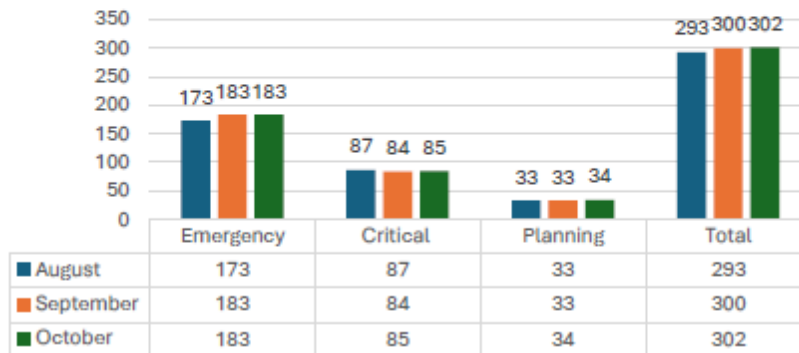


	SC Services Only	Base	Consolidated	P/FDS	CLW	State Center/Private ICF	Total Registered Consumers
October	410	237	494	218	132	5	1496
September	405	236	488	220	133	5	1487
August	405	236	486	219	132	5	1483

### PUNS

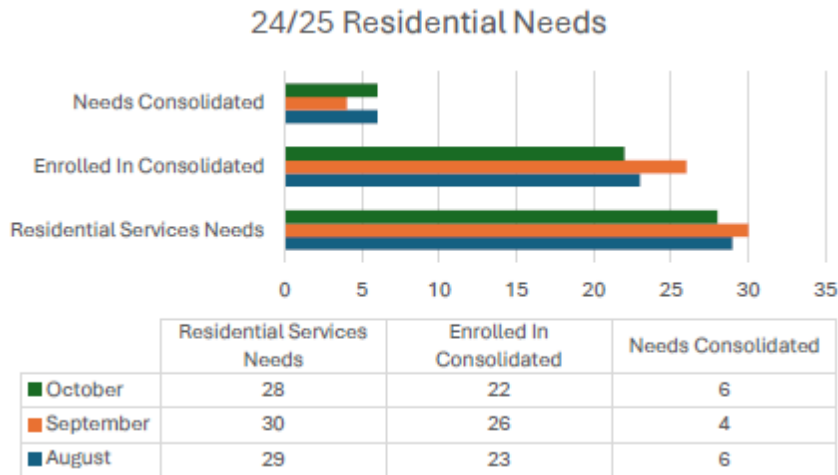
- As of October 2024, there are 183 individuals in the Emergency category of the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS), 85 individuals in the Critical category, 34 individuals in the Planning category, and a total of 302 individuals on the PUNS.

### 24/25 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services



## Residential Planning

- ADP is currently actively searching for residential placements for 28 individuals in need of residential services. Of these 28 individuals, 22 are currently enrolled in Consolidated Waiver and 6 require a Consolidated Waiver to meet their needs. Julie continues to work with CMU staff and to reach out to providers, to establish openings/locations, develop a process of open communication to streamline needs with providers and supports coordinators.



- ADP continues to struggle with finding safe, affordable housing options for individuals in need. In the month of July, ADP had 14 individuals experiencing homelessness, 14 received county base funding for hotel costs. The graph below shows individuals living in hotels in and the associated monthly costs to ADP. Referrals have been made to the 811 program, Dauphin County Housing Authority, and HELP Ministries for resources and training.



## Early Intervention

### Committees:

- Core Leadership Monthly Meeting- We updated our Action Plan and reviewed the Family Guided Routines Based Intervention survey with the CLT. Sending out to all providers a survey, to indicate what level of training they have completed on the OCDEL's Learning Path.
- Safe Kids Committee Meeting They will be doing car seat checks in the fall along with other safety events.
- Social Emotional Committee Will be moving forward with a Wellness Day for professionals and training support for parents. Shared how the Community Links website will be a resource for both professionals and families.
- SICC (State Interagency Coordinating Council) Meeting for Early Intervention-Asert representative spoke. There was a family story, updated the changes coming the SICC, SPEL Grant updates, Family survey information and National Autism Conference recap.
- LICC (Local Interagency Coordinating Council) Meeting for D/C/P EI. This included HeadStart, Early HeadStart and CAIU, Speakers included: AmeriHealth and Kareem's Mission. Updates on Child Find, Dauphin Co Events, Transition committee and Community Links updates. Dauphin/Cumberland/Perry will be reviewing the EIC agreement in more detail at our next monthly meeting
- SPOC (Safe Plans of Care) met with CYS, Hershey pediatric unit, UPMC Nurse Family Partnership, to discuss updates to the program and changes to CYS EI unit. They will be expanding from infants/toddlers' birth to three years of age to preschool and up to 5 years of age

**Meetings:**

- All Staff Meeting-Staffing, solicitor updates, county updates, events
- Met with Rebecca Kichman, C/P EI Supervisor who will take over as chair of the Social-Emotional Committee and two subcommittees. Reviewed information to date and next step goals.
- Met with Jena Shovlin (Shovlin Therapy)-we discussed OT and ST medical scripts in EI. She offered up to date information and discussed situations where she would best get a script whether required or not (such as feeding therapy). I'll be revisiting this with her at another time.
- Met with Amy Reed (C/P EIC) for monthly meeting-discussed OCDEL report updates, mandatory training followed up, CLT prep and survey, LICC transition agreement and meeting prep and transition needs.
- Karen Reale, contracted OT requested a meeting to discuss the service notes, CLT, and co-treatment
- Attended a meeting with UCP's Marci Walborn and Karen Beaston, Amy Reed (C/P EIC) and Mary deCoen to discuss Community Links website. They will be streamlining the site by removing some of the unneeded images; replacing blocked information with website links; and turning the focus to more of the special needs families/individuals of EI and ID. We will be meeting at quarterly.

**Training:**

- Facilitated and monitored Lunch and Learn training presented by Laura Bosley-Krieger, "Compassion Fatigue vs Burnout". 1 hour
- Facilitated and monitored a Social-Emotional Café for EI professionals to share and learn about SE wellness. 30 minutes
- Attended the Statewide EI Leadership Conference at Penn State—the main topic was inclusion and belonging. There were several guest speakers: Shante Brown (Deputy Secretary, OCDEL), Lisa Parker (Bureau Director OCDEL), Dr. Alissa Rausch, Dr. Sadia Batool, and Jani Kozlowski. Attended sessions regarding provider monitoring, Assistive Technology, and information specific to the FGRBI Learn Path Delivery model. This was a two-day conference for EI leadership.

**Annual Provider Monitoring:**

- UCP-held on 10/2 @ 12:30 with C/P. No improvement plan was issued.
- Building Blocks-held 10/3 @ 1:30 with C/P. No improvement plan was issued.
- Joanna Karns-held 10/29 @ 12:00. No improvement plan was issued.
- Theraplay/Ivy-held 10/30 @ 2:00 with C/P. No improvement plan was issued.

**Verification:**

- Received an email with the files that will be reviewed for verification.
- Began contacting the providers requesting for session notes in FY23-24 to present on those children
- Had discussions with CMU EI supervisor
- Began creating electronic and hard-copy files
- Attended the Pre-verification Meeting directed by Ellen Castagneto, OCDEL advisor



- Requested information was gathered and sent to Ellen via email by 10/30/24
- Continued to gather, organize files to prepare for the second round of information due 11/30/24.

#### **Important Projects/Other:**

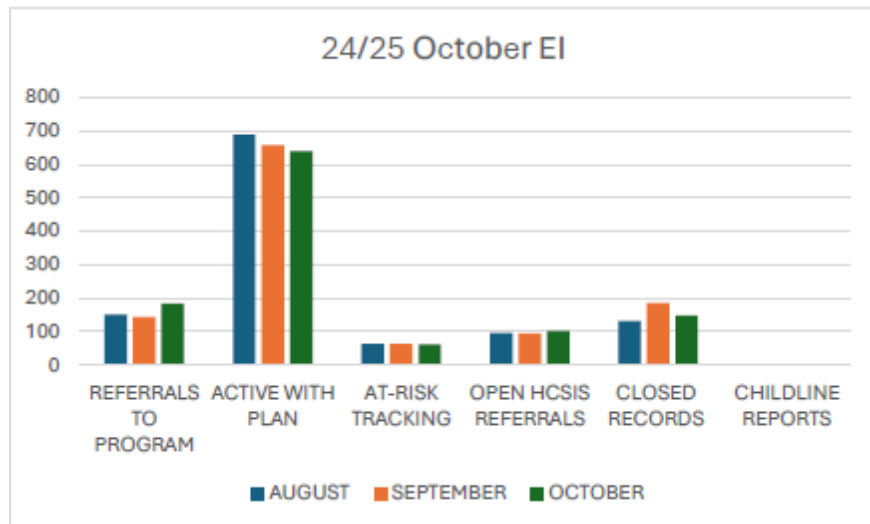
- Billing issues addressed weekly.
- Continued monitoring of Centralized Referral System
- Continued addressing concerns from families and providers
- Monthly status updates and corrections from OCDEL to providers
- Scheduling Annual Provider Monitoring
- Scheduling and developing training opportunities
- Onboarding new therapists as needed
- Contract needs—during this month, we're in the process of adding two independent contractors.
- Daily authorizations of services
- Gina Federico (EITA consultant), Amy Reed (C/P EIC) and Tammy created and implemented a survey for each EI professional regarding the completion of training on the FBGRI Learning Path. (See CLT note). It was sent out on 10/29. Gina will gather the results and share with Amy and Tammy. This will be presented to the CLT, EI providers and at closing of our verification in January to OCDEL. Surrounding counties will also be able to view results that impact them.
- CMU reported a **record high of referrals** in one month this month. They had **184 referrals** mainly from medical facilities, CYS, and community partners! CMU currently has two vacant EI positions. They have two full-time EI Supervisors but during this month, one supervisor was on unexpected leave.

#### **Events:**

- Statewide EI Leadership Conference at Penn State

#### **October Monthly EI Data**

For the month of October 2024, Early Intervention received **184 referrals**, served 639 children - active with plan, served 60 children – at risk tracking, and closed 147 children. There were 2 reports made to ChildLine.



- All Staff Meeting-discussed budget information, staffing, new walk-in center, vehicle policy
- ID/A continues to expand the FDSS program and offers increased opportunities for physical fitness, recreation/socialization, and mental/emotional well-being for all registered individuals.
- ADP continues to collaborate with other service systems within Dauphin County including CYS and Mental Health to meet the needs of individuals with complex needs and enroll them in waiver programs as capacity to do so is available.
- ADP has continued outreach efforts to residential providers for several children and young adults that are soon transitioning out of the children's system.
- ADP also continues to offer base funding to help support children whenever possible until waiver capacity is available.

## **Mental Health**

### **Staffing**

- Vacancies – Program Specialist 1 and 2 for children's mental health

### **Community Outreach Events**

- Sunshine Park Resource Festival
- Bhutanese Community of Harrisburg Festival

**Staff Training Events**

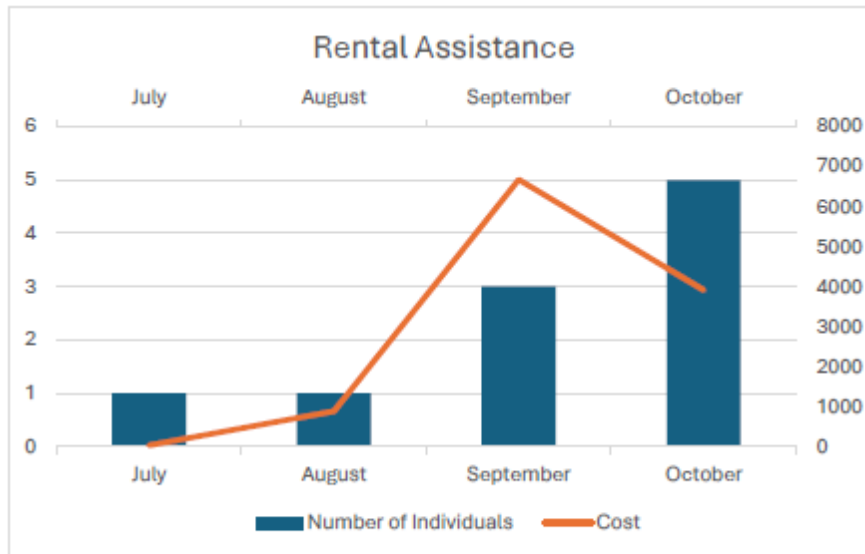
- DHS Capacity Building Institute
- CIT Coordinator Training

**ROST Priorities Updates**

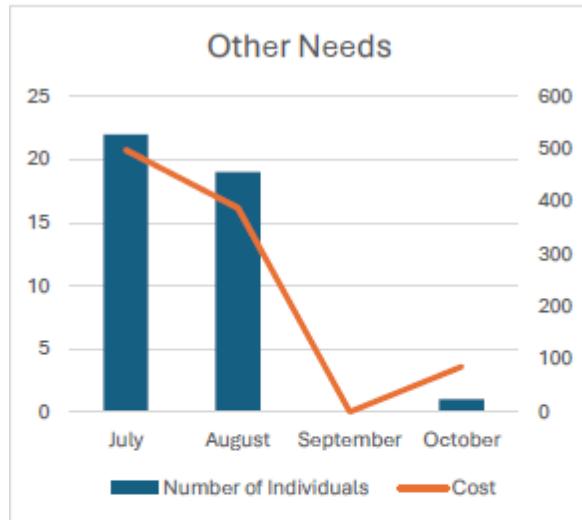
- BH Crisis Response Services – Connections Health Solutions Emergency Behavioral Health Walk-In Center will open 12/4/24; ongoing work to develop crisis stabilization programming
- Suicide Prevention – NAMI Central PA provided Teen Mental Health First Aid in Middletown School District this month; Dauphin County MHADP was awarded additional DOH funds to support targeted suicide prevention activities within the Bhutanese community
- SDoH/Housing
  - PATH – 3 individuals received PATH funds for rental assistance in October. Downtown Daily Bread and Dauphin County Crisis Intervention continue homeless outreach and homeless case management
  - Bridge – 1 individual transitioned to a permanent voucher and 2 applicants were submitted for a subsidy
  - SOAR – currently serving 5 individuals, 35 individuals pending; a meeting was held with OMHSAS to work on improving relationships with SSA Bureau of Disability Determination and MidPenn Legal Services.
  - SDoH – no updates
  - Sycamore Homes – Delayed until March 2025
  - Shelter Plus Care – In process of submitting 4 applicants
  - Family Support Services – “emergency funds” for shelter, transportation, medication, food, clothing, etc



Hotel Usage	Number of Individuals	Cost
July	4	5512
August	5	5724
September	11	13466
October	10	8525



Rental Assistance	Number of Individuals	Cost
July	1	35
August	1	885
September	3	6675
October	5	3919



Other Needs	Number of Individuals	Cost
July	22	498
August	19	388
September	0	0
October	1	86

### Other Grant/Reinvestment Updates

- The JEREMY Project – In September, participants were offered the opportunity to join a health and wellness group for a walk at Wildwood Nature Park and several groups on boundaries, healthy relationships, and team building. Three volunteer opportunities were offered at Millersburg Community Garden and Lords Angels Helping Moms and Babies. Three Family Night Out events were held at Hersheypark and Bristle and Board. Two Halloween celebrations were also held.

<b>Total Served</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Currently Opened</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Pending Enrollment</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>New Enrollments</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Discharged</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Individual Sessions Held</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Groups Offered</b>	<b>18</b>

## Outcome Data

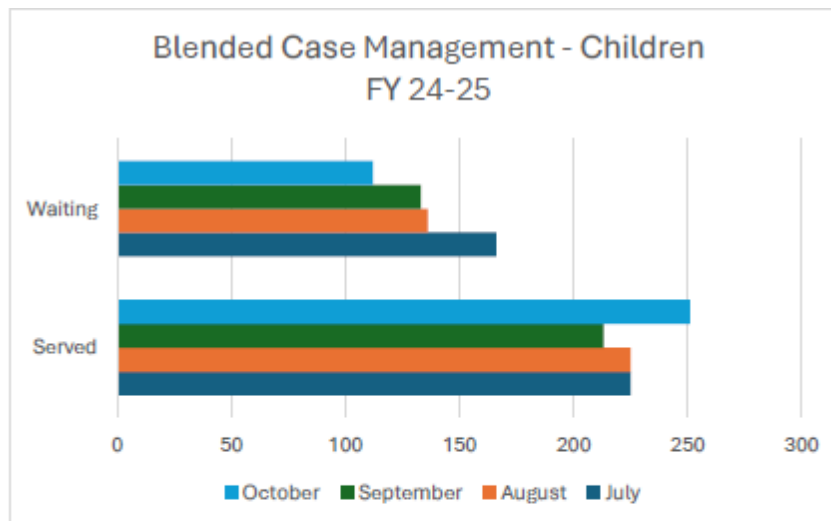
- YWCA Support Employment – 7/1/24 – 10/31/24

Performance Indicators	Quarterly
80% program participation rate in employment or educational	18/18 = 100%
60% employment/education placement rate	10/18= 56%
60% retention in employment for 3 months	5/10 = 50%
75% non-recidivism rate of ex-offender served	17/18 = 94%
70% no less than minimum competitive employment wage	12/12 =100%
All consumers will receive employer/academic contact within the first 60 days of enrollment	18/18 +100%
60% employed within the first 90days of service	10/18 =56%
60% rate they are doing better in school and/or work	18/18 = 100%
37% feel that their symptoms are not bothering them as much	16/18 = 89%
33% feel they are better able to take care of their needs	14/18 = 75%



## Children's Mental Health

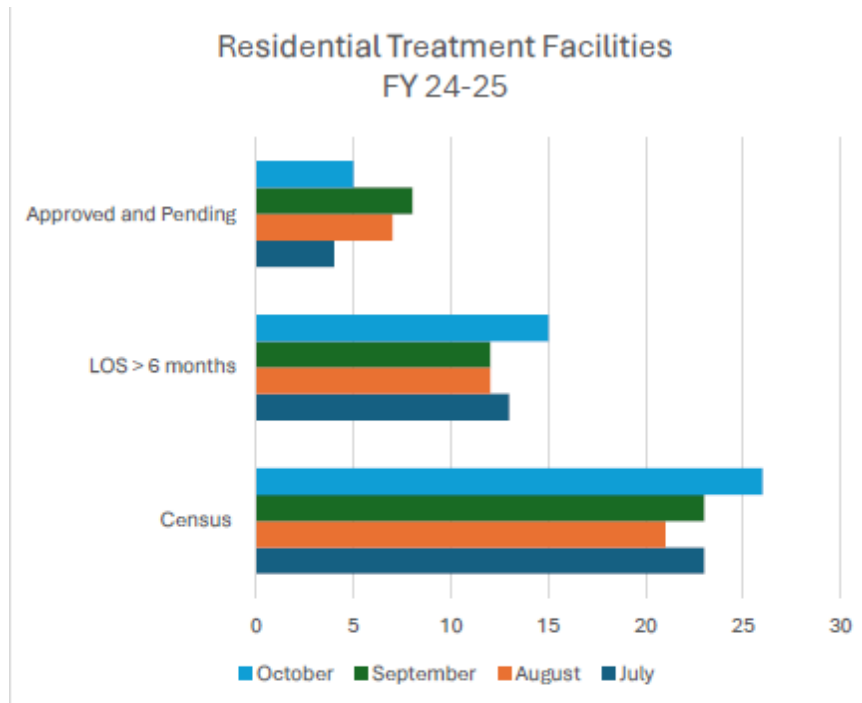
- Access Issues
  - IBHS and psychiatry continue to have the longest average wait times; however, some outpatient providers are reporting immediate or less than two weeks access for psychiatry.
  - CMU continues to open all eligible children in admin case management and refer for blended care management if needed. CMU continues to have a significant waiting list for BCM for children:



BCM - Children	Served	Waiting
July	225	166
August	225	136
September	213	133
October	251	112

- All other community-based services have little to no wait time including family based mental health services (< 2 weeks), outpatient therapy, and partial hospitalization.

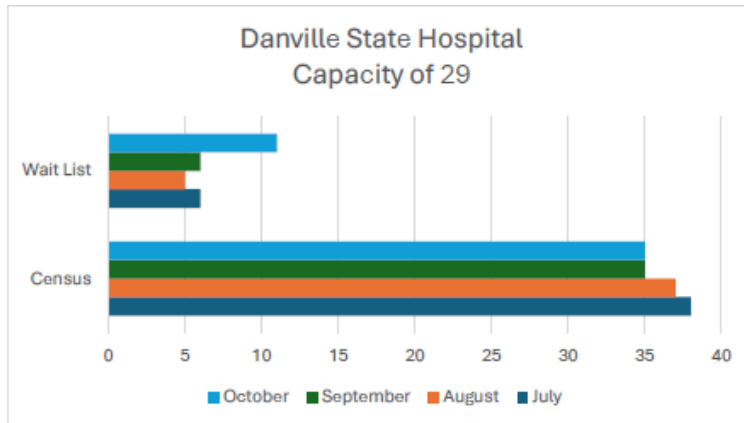
- RTFs and CRR Host Homes– Work continues to plan for discharge for those currently residing in RTFs and offer all available community-based supports for those at risk of placement.



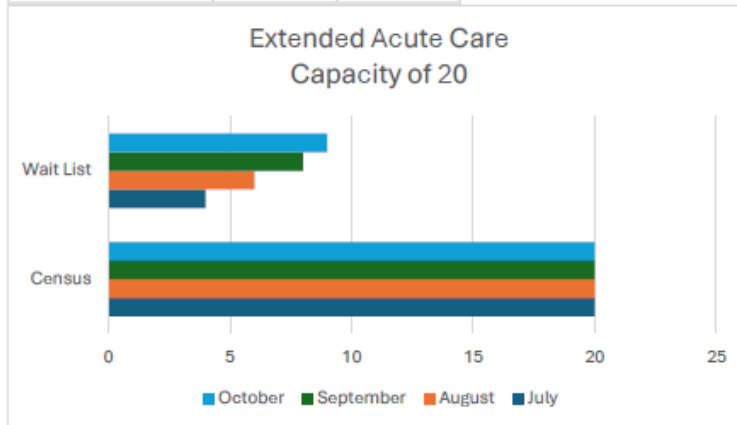
RTF	Census	LOS > 6 months	Approved and Pending
July	23	13	4
August	21	12	7
September	23	12	8
October	26	15	5

## Adult Mental Health

- State Hospital / Extended Acute Care

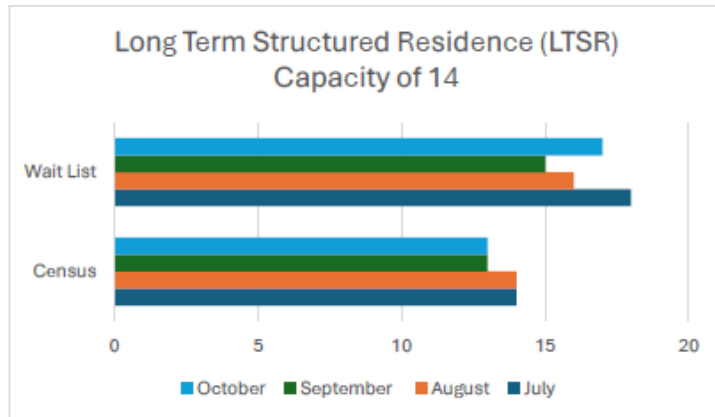


Danville SH	Census	Wait List
July	38	6
August	37	5
September	35	6
October	35	11

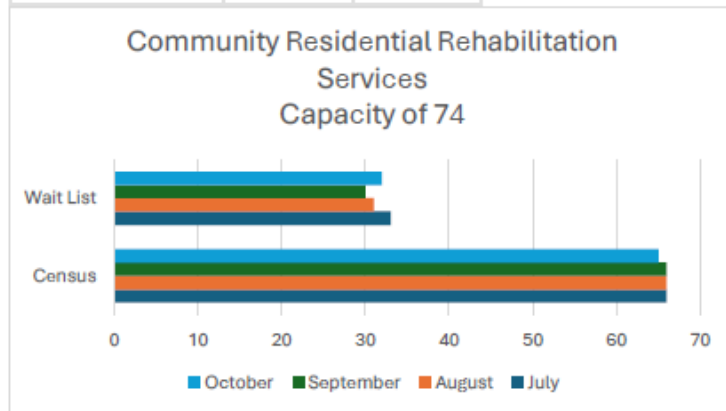


EAC	Census	Wait List
July	20	4
August	20	6
September	20	8
October	20	9

- o Access Issues
- o Residential services continue to have significant wait times

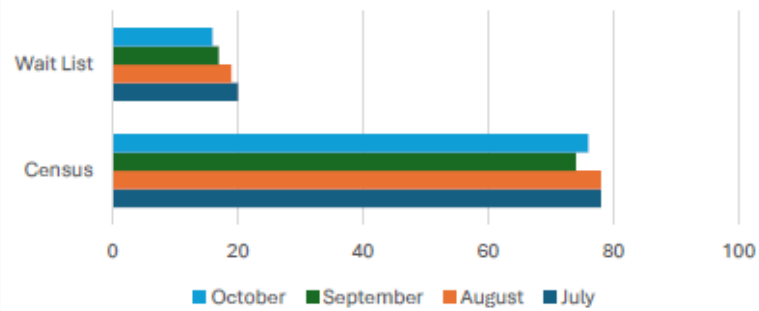


LTSR	Census	Wait List
July	14	18
August	14	16
September	13	15
October	13	17



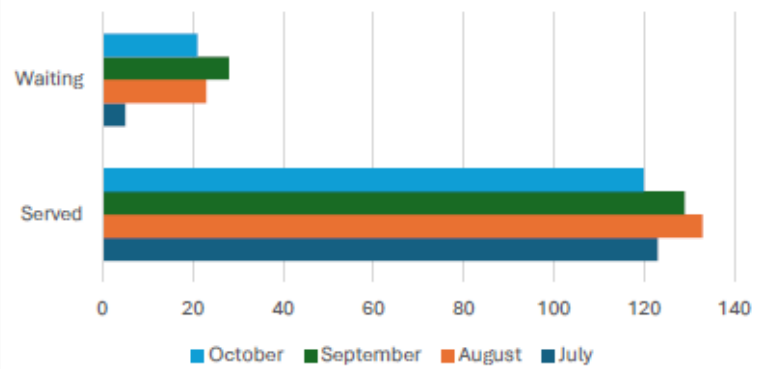
CRRS	Census	Wait List
July	66	33
August	66	31
September	66	30
October	65	32

### Specialized Care Residence/PCBH Capacity of 79



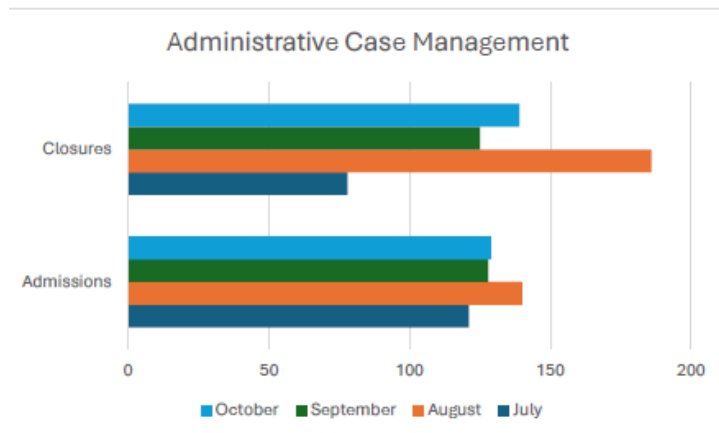
SCR/PCBH	Census	Wait List
July	78	20
August	78	19
September	74	17
October	76	16

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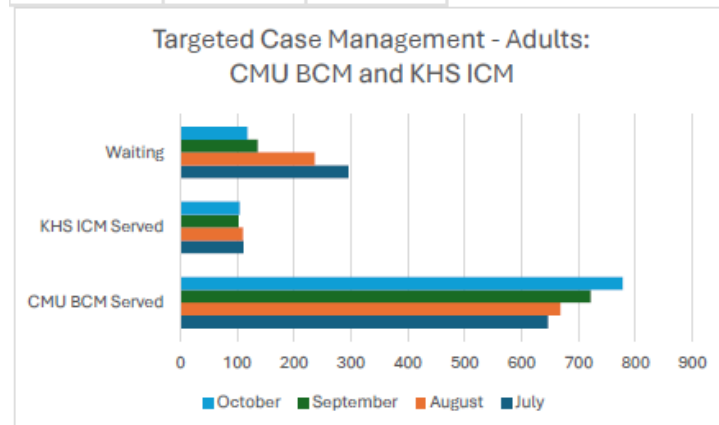


SLS	Served	Waiting
July	123	5
August	133	23
September	129	28
October	120	21

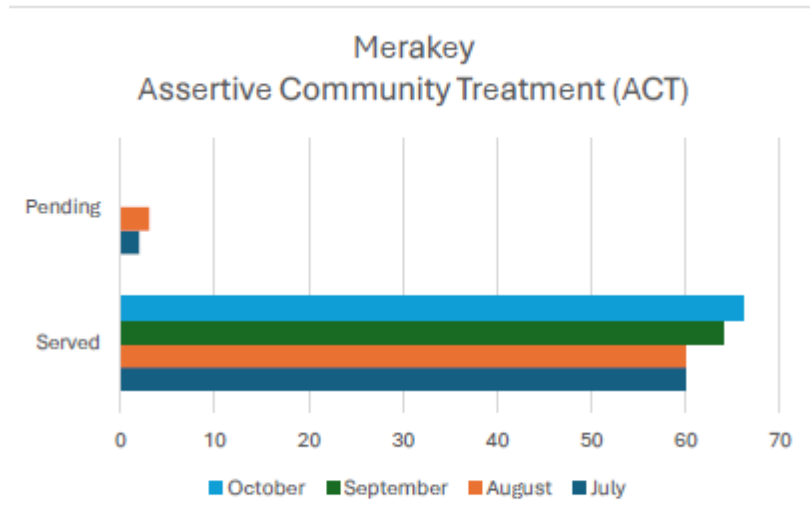
- o Continued work on the closure of Mod Care CRRS – 15 individuals remain to transition
- o Targeted Case Management also continues to have a significant wait list



CMU Admin	Admissions	Closures
July	121	78
August	140	186
September	128	125
October	129	139



TCM - Adult	CMU BCM Served	KHS ICM Served	Waiting
July	646	111	295
August	668	110	236
September	721	102	136
October	778	104	118



MerakeyACT	Served	Pending
July	60	2
August	60	3
September	64	0
October	66	0

- Wait times for outpatient therapy and psychiatry are approving; no current wait for partial hospitalization, social rehabilitation, peer support, psychiatric rehabilitation, supported employment

#### • Involuntary Outpatient Orders

Month	Total individuals on an active involuntary outpatient (IVOP) commitment order	IVOP Orders expired this month	New IVOP Orders this month
July	0	2	0
August	0	0	0
September	0	0	0
October	0	0	0



- **Incidents - Children**

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
Restraint with Injury	2	2	0	0
Seclusion	0		0	0
Missing Person	0	2	0	2
Serious Illness/Injury	0	0	0	7
Abuse/Neglect Allegation	6	1	0	3
Self-Injurious Behavior	2	0	1	0
Serious Physical Aggression	3	0	0	0
Sexual Acting Out	2	0	0	0
Police/Fire Event	0	0	1	1
Suicide Attempt	0	1	1	0
Death	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Number of Incidents</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>

- Incidents - Adults**

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
Death by drug overdose MH	0	0	0	0
Death by drug overdose- ID	0	0	0	0
Death	1	0	1	0
Attempted Suicide by Overdose	1	0	2	0
Serious Illness Requiring Hospitalization	37	29	22	33
Incarceration	15	13	25	20
Criminal Event Involving the Police	1	7	1	3
Inpatient Psychology Care	12	12	3	8
Serious Acts of Violence	2	1	1	1
Resident to Resident Abuse	0	0	1	0
Allegations of Abuse by Staff	2	2	0	6
Fire or other Disasters	0	0	1	1
Communicable Disease	0	0	1	0
Medication Error	4	3	3	6
Injury	0	0	1	0
Missing Person	0	2	0	0
<b>Total Number of Incidents</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>78</b>

## Crisis Intervention Services – October 2024

- Crisis staff answered 2,532 of 2,834 incoming calls (89%) in October of 2024.
- Crisis Intervention served a total of 236 individuals. Of those, 92 were first-time consumers of the program, while 144 had at least one previous contact.
- Crisis provided 99 mobile services with each service averaging 1.32 hours.
- Crisis provided 330 telephone services with each service averaging .34 hours.
- Crisis provided 5 walk-in services with each service averaging .70 hours.

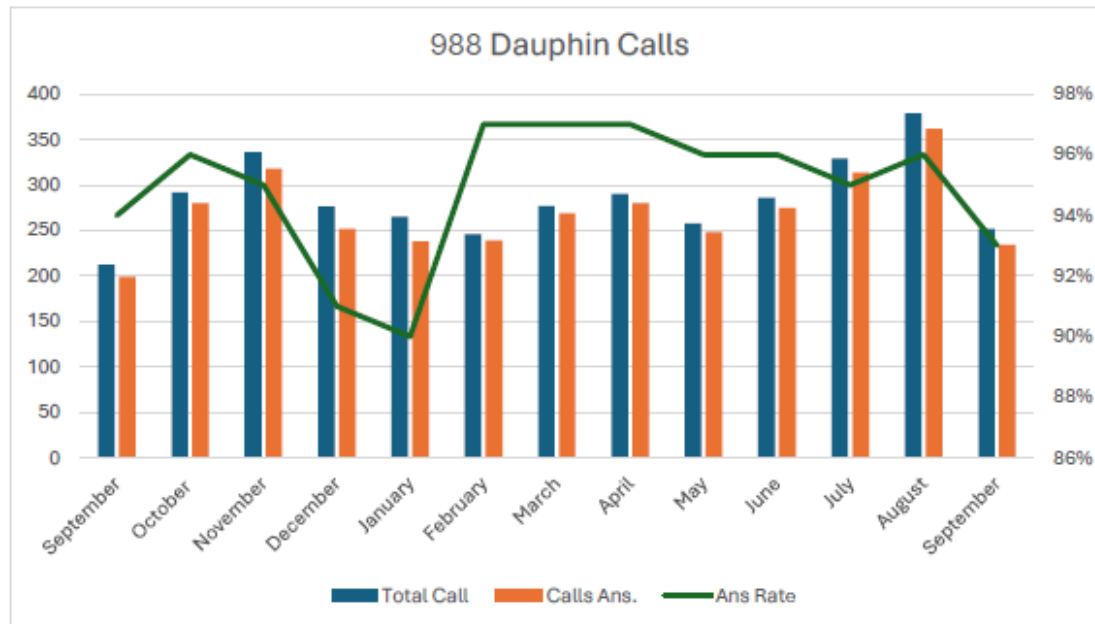
### Crisis Services

		Start Date	End Date	
Service Date:		10/1/2024	10/31/2024	
		Telephone	Walk-In	Mobile
Age:	Less Than 13:	17	0	0
	13 - 17 Yrs:	42	0	5
	18 - 34 Yrs:	105	1	42
	35 - 49 Yrs:	77	3	17
	50 - 64 Yrs:	58	1	27
	65 - 74 Yrs:	26	0	7
	Greater Than 74:	5	0	1
Total:		330	5	99

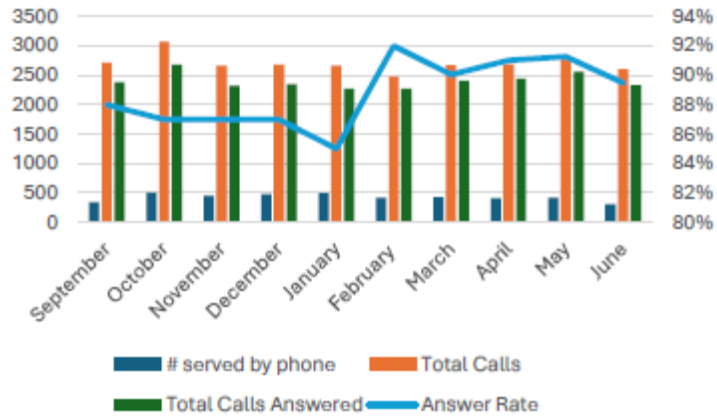
- Crisis also provided an additional 189 hours of collateral contacts which consist of other phone calls and interactions that are not defined by state regulations.
- In addition, a total of 150 hours was collectively spent working on bed searches, insurance authorizations and other activity related to commitments.
- Crisis received 38 referrals from the three emergency departments (UPMC Harrisburg, UPMC Community General, and Penn State Hershey) in Dauphin County.
- Crisis received 35 referrals from police.
- Crisis received 2 referrals from DCP.
- Crisis received 1 referral from 988/Lifeline.
- \*\*Data regarding commitments during October is still in progress, but the following is being reported for September 2024:
  - 8 voluntary (201) admissions.
  - 71 petitioned 302's:
    - 47 were approved (66% of those petitioned), and 44 were ultimately admitted for treatment (94% of approvals). There was also 1 that required a 303 to be completed prior to transfer to a psychiatric facility.
  - Breakdown of 302 petitioners:
    - 25 were petitioned by physicians (includes ER doctors, psychiatrists at PPI and doctors on medical floors).
    - 4 were petitioned by police officers.
    - 2 were petitioned by a co-responder.
      - Of those petitioned by police/co-responders, 2 were denied, and 1 of the denials signed a 201.
    - 25 were petitioned by friends and family members.
    - 10 were petitioned by MH workers (includes Crisis, CMU, Keystone and ACT staff).
    - 2 were petitioned by CYS staff.
    - 1 was petitioned by AAA staff.
    - 1 was petitioned by staff at Downtown Daily Bread.
    - 1 was petitioned by staff at DCP.

**Dauphin County 988 Calls**  
Holy Spirit Hospital- Penn State

Month	FY	Total Call	Calls Ans.	Ans Rate
September	23/24	212	199	94%
October	23/24	292	280	96%
November	23/24	336	318	95%
December	23/24	276	252	91%
January	23/24	265	238	90%
February	23/24	246	239	97%
March	23/24	277	269	97%
April	23/24	290	280	97%
May	23/24	258	248	96%
June	23/24	286	275	96%
July	24/25	329	314	95%
August	24/25	379	362	96%
September	24/25	252	234	93%



Sept. 2023- June 2024 DCCI Calls



Dauphin County Crisis Intervention Telephone Call Metrics					
Month	FY	# served by phone	Total Calls	Total Calls Answered	Answer Rate
September	23/24	341	2714	2386	88%
October	23/24	498	3070	2681	87%
November	23/24	456	2659	2326	87%
December	23/24	475	2683	2345	87%
January	23/24	493	2668	2275	85%
February	23/24	420	2474	2271	92%
March	23/24	426	2677	2411	90.06%
April	23/24	407	2684	2443	91.02%
May	23/24	415	2805	2560	91.27%
June	23/24	306	2605	2331	89.48%
July	24/25	320	2460	2124	86.34%
August	24/25	349	2753	2467	89.60%
September	24/25	323	2686	2449	91%
October	24/25	330	2834	2532	89.34%

E. **Approval of 2025 draft Advisory Board Meeting dates/times and Advisory Board Committee Meeting dates/times-** No objections

F. **Presentation- Brittney McCarthy, Connections Health Solutions Regional Crisis Walk In Center**

- Connections is a regional emergency behavioral health walk-in center that will serve Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry Counties. Mobile crisis services will also be available.
- Misson: To provide immediate care to people in crisis and connect with them for long-term support within the community.
- Who We Serve: Anyone in need of behavioral health crisis care
  - The center will serve both youth and adults 24/7/365
- Location: 1100 S Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17104
- Services We Provide:
  - **Mobile Crisis Response-** A dedicated team of behavioral health professionals are dispatched directly to assist individuals in crisis and connect them to ongoing services.
  - **Walk-In Urgent Care-** A 24/7 walk-in clinic will be open to all individuals in need of mental health support, regardless of insurance or circumstance.
  - **23 Hour Observation-** An observation unit providing rapid assessment, treatment, stabilization and proactive discharge planning in a therapeutic environment.
  - **Outpatient Recovery Services (Transitions Program)-** Our recovery support program is designed to surround individuals with the care and community-based resources needed to stay on a path to recovery.
- Law Enforcement Drop Off Entrance
  - There will be a rear entrance for law enforcement and the emergency response team.
  - They will be met at the door by staff to ensure a smooth drop off. Each drop off is to be under 10 minutes.
  - The goal is to promote treatment and avoid a jail stay.

G. **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee- None

Nominating Committee- No Review of Vacancies

Intellectual Disabilities Committee- Nancy Sajeski- Last meeting was held at Kumba Saho Integrity Solutions Services because of CMU construction. Sarah Freeland was promoted to deputy, and Crystal Melton was promoted to fill Sarah's

position. CCR and ECCM have taken on 7 cases from Dauphin County. 36 providers have applied for performance-based contracting. New increased ODP rates will take place in which 10/1 providers can backdate to 7/1/24.

Mental Health Committee- Dianne Bates-Siers- There are currently 7 vacant case worker positions. Interviews have begun for the Program Specialist 2-Children's Mental Health position. A Program Specialist position vacancy remains. The Inventory of Suicide Prevention and Awareness resources continues to be developed with the goal of sharing the resource list on line on the county webpage and other sites. ASPIRE was suggested and Rachel Clifton confirmed that this has been discussed. Dauphin County MHADP received an additional \$100,000 in grant funds for the Suicide Prevention/Awareness grant.

- H. **Fiscal Report Briefing-** Funding is received from 3 separate allocations: Early Intervention, MHADP Block Grant and Non-block grant allocation. 23/24 has been closed out. The MH deficit was balanced by the ADP surplus. No change is expected to be the same for 24/25. Non Block Grant funds includes reinvestment funds received to support MH Residential services and two CHIPP allocations. PATH, FEP and recent Base MH fund increases are also included in the Non Block Grant allocation. It is uncertain if the recent base increases will be annualized.
- I. **Community Input/Other Business/Motions/Adjournment**  
None. Dr. Bartlett made comments however, the audio had a disruption and the comments were unclear. (We will attempt to clarify those comments by email and share with the Board).
- J. **Next Public Board Meeting: January 28, 2025, at 8:30AM, virtual meeting.** The FY 23/24 Annual Plan will be presented.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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