



FOREST WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 6, 2026
Human Services 12:00 p.m.

Present: Sarah Lyon (via Zoom), Misty Pennington (via Zoom)

Absent: Jackie Bonace, Dr. Peter Koffman, Commissioner Durbin, Commissioner Kline, Mark Rhoads, Heather Stover, Diane Weckerly

Staff Present: Julie Lacki, Melissa Baxter, Tammi Shippee, Annette Miller (Recording Secretary)

Ex-Officio: Colleen Wilber

Guests: Levii Beardsley (via Zoom), Kris Fenten (via Zoom), Amanda Milliren, Sara Warmbroadt, Nichole Neukum (via Zoom), Lisa Boyd (via Zoom), Dr. Kim Thurston (via Zoom), Lisa Babo (via Zoom), Deb Kohler (via Zoom), Judy Baker, Jackie Harkins

I INTRODUCTIONS

- Julie Lacki called meeting to order and introductions were made.

II MINUTES

- There was no quorum so the minutes from November 4, 2025, could not be approved.

III BOARD MEMBER/OFFICER NOMINATIONS

- Nominations were tabled until next month due to lack of attendance.

IV TREASURER REPORT

- The account balance is \$831.97 and there were no requests.

V STATS – available in packet

- Julie shared that WSH numbers continue to be high with more referrals on the way.

VI UPDATES

- a) **ATOD-** Melissa Baxter gave the ATOD update.
 - Received the new DDAP Grant Agreement for the next four ½ years. Preparing provider contracts now for January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.
 - There were some changes in the new Case Management & Clinical Services manual and Melissa is updating policies as needed.
 - We have received some new funding for prevention and treatment for those with Alcohol Use Disorder.

- The six-month contract extensions ended December 31, 2025, and we must send back unused DDAP funds. DDAP is working on a way to get the funding back to us.
 - With the shutdown over, all providers have been paid.
 - Warren General Hospital requested Narcan and test strips, which we provided. They are looking at adding a Narcan vending machine.
 - Discussed the process for requesting opioid settlement funds.
 - Will be starting the inpatient rate setting process for the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2026.
 - The Prevention Action Plan was submitted to DDAP.
 - Working on refining the process of ensuring that inmates released from Warren County Jail have their treatment set up and insurance is turned on.
- b) MH-** Julie Lacki gave the MH update.
- We continue to have a lot of kids going to inpatient.
 - Beacon Light has a wait list for their Family Based. Both Barber Institute and the Achievement Center provide Family Based as well. We have a lack of IBS services which could help kids when they are younger.
 - Discussed partnering with BHARP to create a Family Navigator position under the CASSP Coordinator and what that position will entail.
 - Discussed transportation changes for Head Start.
 - We have posted a position for an Administrative Case Manager, but the position will be embedded at the jail.
 - Discussed competency evals and referrals to Torrence. Our last referral is number 30 on the waitlist.
 - Jamestown Psych has been providing MAT in the jail, and we are working on getting the contract in place.
 - The Consumer Support Program meets the 1st Friday of every month at the Friendship House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - The EOC has opened two housing units on Madison Avenue with two units in each. We now have a total of thirty-seven units for Mental Health permanent housing.
- c) DD/EI-** Tammi Shippee gave the DD/EI update.
- DD is seeing a large number of referrals for kids under ten years old. They will be working on outreach with physicians to educate on criteria for eligibility.
 - Received a 45-day discharge notice for a consumer at a group home. He has significant health challenges, and the group home is unable to continue to care for him. Working on finding a new placement.
 - EI is working on their semi-annual licensing.
- d) Managed Care-** Lisa Babo gave Managed Care update.
- The first quarter adult member meeting will be held on March 30th at 12:30 p.m. at Family Services Recovery Center.
- e) Human Services/Strategic Plan-** Julie Lacki gave the Human Services/Strategic Plan update.
- The Human Services Plan was approved, and we will continue to work on the goals identified.
 - Reached out the provider who completed the Strategic Plan to work on implementing it. They sent a budget, which is higher than anticipated, so we may need a new grant to continue.
- f) Other**
- Deb Hohler, Beacon Light, shared information on IBS services in the schools. They are going through some changes now that will enable them to increase caseloads.

- Colleen Wilbur shared BHARP information. Their Annual Report was published and is on the website. They are continuing funding for the Behavioral Health Higher Ed Program. They piloted the Alternative Payment Arrangement with BCM and are now working on CM in 2026. They have a Provider Council, with fourteen providers, which meet every other month in person.
- Amanda Milliron, White Deer Run, shared information on New York State Managed Medicaid. They have rescinded all their current contracts with out-of-state providers.

VII CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS

- There were no concerns.

VIII BOARD RESTRUCTURE UPDTE – Julie Lacki gave the Board Restructure update.

- There was no quorum, so we were unable to vote on rescinding the bylaws. We will return to meeting monthly.
- There was no quorum, so we were unable to vote on merging with the CYS board.

IX ADJOURNMENT

- Julie dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is February 3, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Miller, Recording Secretary