

LYCOMING COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH STANDING COMMITTEE
SHARWELL BUILDING
DECEMBER 15, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Richard Mirabito, Commissioner Scott Metzger; and Commissioner Tony Mussare were in attendance.

Staff: Matt Salvatori - CYS Administrator; Keith Wagner – Joinder Executive Director/MH/ID Administrator; Emma Thompson – Joinder Compliance Officer; Cathy Bennett – Administrative Assistant; Jonathan DeWald and Charles Greevy, III. – Joinder Solicitors.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was Called To Order by Commissioner Mirabito at 12:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the minutes from the October 20, 2021 Lycoming County Children and Youth Standing Committee meeting as presented by staff.”

The Motion passed unanimously. A meeting of the Lycoming County Children and Youth Standing Committee was not held in the month of November as there were no pressing agenda items.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:

Child and Family Services: FY 21-22 Amendment Agreement

Mr. Salvatori noted that he had received a letter of retirement effective 11/30/21 from Bruce Anderson who provides psychological evaluation services for the Agency. As Mr. Anderson’s current Agreement is in effect though 6/30/22, an Amendment Agreement was prepared to terminate his services effective 11/30/21. Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the Amendment Agreement between the Lycoming County Commissioners, on behalf of Lycoming County Children and Youth Services, and Bruce Anderson for psychological evaluation services by revising the ending date from 6/30/22 to 11/30/21 at which time his services will terminate due to retirement.”

The Motion passed unanimously. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Anderson for his many years of service to the Joinder and extended their best wishes to him in his retirement.

Child and Family Services: FY 21-22 Renewal Agreements

Mr. Salvatori presented renewal agreements for approval with Adelphoi Village and KidsPeace National Centers. He noted we currently only use foster care services from both these Agencies,

however, we are also going to contract for residential services in the event they are needed. He added that the rates presented have been approved by the State. Commissioner Metzger Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the following Purchase of Service Agreements with the Lycoming County Commissioners, on behalf of Lycoming County Children and Youth Services, for child welfare services for the period 7/1/21 to 6/30/22:

- *Adelphoi Village, Inc. for foster care services at rates between \$87.53 and \$101.96 per day and residential services at rates between \$246.96 and \$408.31 per day;*
- *KidsPeace National Centers, Inc. for foster care services at rates between \$69.37 and \$122.56 per day and residential services at the rate of \$402.60 per day.”*

The Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

License Process Update – Mr. Salvatori noted that Andrew Barnes, the Executive Deputy Secretary of the Department of Human Services, recently attended the licensing inspection of the Lycoming CYS Agency and that we had very good reviews at this inspection. **Family Engagement Initiative** – As the Commissioners will recall, a letter of interest had been submitted to the Office of Children and Families in the Courts for Lycoming CYS to be considered for participation in Phase 4 of the State Roundtable’s Family Engagement Initiative (FEI). He was pleased to report that the Agency has been accepted and that he and other CYS staff, as well as Judge Tira, would be joining a WebEx on 12/16/21 at noon to receive an overview of the FEI. Plans are to eventually train all staff in this initiative which will focus on improving and enhancing services provided by the Agency. He added that he will keep the Commissioners updated throughout this process. **Shelter Lease Update** – Mr. Salvatori noted that we are continuing to move forward in the RFP process to secure a provider to operate a 12 to 14 bed residential treatment facility for youth 12-17 at the former Shelter Care building. At this point, MHY Family Services has requested information on what the cost will be for monthly rental of the facility (approximately 8,800 sq. ft.). Following a brief discussion, the Commissioners noted that Mr. Salvatori should present to them the cost of \$8.00 a square foot and that it would be a triple net lease.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Salvatori noted that it did not appear a Standing Committee meeting would be needed in the month of January. With nothing further presented, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Salvatori
LCYS Administrator