

LYCOMING CHILDREN AND YOUTH STANDING COMMITTEE
SHARWELL BUILDING
JULY 21, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

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

Staff: Matt Salvatori - CYS Administrator; Keith Wagner – Joinder Executive Director/ MH/ID Administrator; and Cathy Bennett – Administrative Assistant. Mr. Greevy, the Joinder’s Solicitor, also called in to join the meeting.

Coffee and donuts were provided for the Commissioners and staff in attendance. A receipt was provided to the fiscal department.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Lycoming Children and Youth Standing Committee was Called To Order at 8:35 a.m. at the Sharwell Building in Williamsport, PA.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:

Solicitor and Guardian Ad Litem Services: FY 2021-2022

Mr. Salvatori presented 5 renewal agreements for solicitor and guardian ad litem services for Lycoming County Children and Youth Services. He added that these agreements reflected no increase from last year’s amounts. Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

*“Approve the following renewal Purchase of Service Agreements with **Lycoming County Children and Youth Services** for the period 7/1/21 to 6/30/22:*

- **John P. Pietrovito, Esq.** for Lycoming County Children and Youth (LCYS) Solicitor Services in the amount of \$5,500/month retainer; \$100/hour for additional services;
- **Greevy and Taylor Law Office** (Charles F. Greevy, III) for Substitute LCYS Solicitor Services in the amount of \$120.00 per hour;
- **Angela C. Lovecchio, Esq.** for Guardian Ad Litem Services in the amount of \$3,700/month retainer;
- **Trisha Hoover Jasper, Esq.** for Substitute Guardian Ad Litem Services in the amount of \$75.00 per hour;

- **Patricia A. Shipman, Esq.** for Substitute Guardian Ad Litem Services in the amount of \$75.00 per hour.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

Child and Family Services: FY 2020-2021

Mr. Salvatori presented an agreement with Centre Marriage and Relational Therapy, LLC. He noted that this was a new provider of therapy services to address a specific need. Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Lycoming County Children and Youth Services and Centre Marriage and Relational Therapy, LLC for psychotherapy services (various services and rates per approved fee schedule) for the period 3/20/21 to 6/30/21.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

Child and Family Services: FY 2021-2022

Mr. Salvatori presented 8 renewal agreements for child and family services, noting there were no increases from last year’s amounts. Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the following renewal Purchase of Service Agreements with Lycoming County Children and Youth Services for the period 7/1/21 to 6/30/22:

- **Centre Marriage and Relational Therapy, LLC** for psychotherapy services (various services and rates per approved fee schedule);
- **Bruce Anderson** for psychological evaluation services in the amount of \$15,000;
- **Crossroads Counseling, Inc.** for outpatient mental health assessment and treatment services (various services and rates per approved fee schedule);
- **Geisinger Clinic for the Child Advocacy Center of the Central Susquehanna Valley** for forensic interview services in the amount of \$100.00 per interview;
- **Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission For Community Action (STEP, Inc.)** for Family Navigator Services, Youth Enrichment For Success (YES) Program; and STEPPing Stones Program in the amount of \$254,700;

- **Sullivan County Children and Youth Services** for family group decision making services provided by LCYS staff in the amount of \$3,000/conference and \$1,000 for referral (**Income**);
- **Susquehanna Valley CASA – Voices For Children** for the provision of trained volunteer child advocates during court proceedings for dependent children in the amount of \$30,000;
- **West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission** for the Strengthening Families Program in the amount of \$20,000.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

Human Services Development Fund: FY 2021-2022

Mr. Salvatori noted that he was presenting 6 renewal agreements for Human Services Development Funds (HSDF), all at the same rate as those approved last year. He noted that HSDF funds are to be used to provide locally identified services that meet the human service needs of the residents of the County. He added that he was not making any funding changes to this year’s agreements; however, he plans to meet with each provider during this fiscal year to better understand the services they are providing before making any decisions about next year’s funding level. Commissioner Metzger Moved and Commissioner Mussare Seconded a Motion to:

*“Approve the following renewal Purchase of Service Agreements with **Lycoming County Children and Youth Services** for the use of **Human Services Development Funds** for the period 7/1/21 to 6/30/22:*

- **American Rescue Workers** for emergency shelter services in the amount of \$12,500;
- **Confer Home Health Services, LLC** for adult homemaker services in the amount of \$20,000;
- **Favors Forward Foundation** for information and referral services in the amount of \$3,000;
- **Firetree Place** for life skills education in the amount of \$25,000;
- **Jersey Shore Summer Recreation, Inc.** for life skills education in the amount of \$4,000;

- **YWCA – Liberty House** for emergency shelter services in the amount of \$12,500.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Salvatori noted that the Needs Based Budget for Lycoming County Children and Youth Services was due in Harrisburg on September 1st and would require approval by the Commissioners before being submitted. He noted that a budget overview could be provided to them by the LCYS Fiscal Officer and Administrator at the August 18th Standing Committee meeting. The Commissioners were in agreement to listen to the budget review on August 18th.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

It was noted that the next meeting of the Lycoming Children and Youth Standing Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Sharwell Building. Zoom conferencing or call in will continue to be offered for attendance of these meetings.

With nothing further presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Salvatori
LCYS Administrator