

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

September 24, 2020

Ebensburg, PA
September 18, 2020

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 21, 2020

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 22, 2020

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 23, 2020

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Commissioners in Session. Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt were present.

The meeting was called to Order by President Commissioner Chernisky, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 18, 2020, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola stated that he was still waiting for a determination from the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records regarding his Right to Know Request that was asking for information from the Sheriff's Office. He also stated that he received a response from the Commissioners' Office pertaining to a Right to Know Request he filed looking for letters of support regarding the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport.

Mr. DeBartola reiterated his concerns with the Greater Johnstown Regional Partnership as well as his concerns over insuring there is a fair election in November.

COMMISSIONERS

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$59,559.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement between Allegheny County and the Cambria County Prison to temporarily house Cambria County youthful offenders at a rate of \$110.00 per day, per inmate, beginning September 24, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI FY 2020-2021 Budget:

Vendor	Service Provided	Rate
Merakey Pennsylvania	Will provide support in the medical environment, i.e., general hospital or nursing home setting, where there is a documented need.	\$ 17,116.56
Familylinks	To provide support coordination to individuals of Cambria County in accordance with ODP Support Coordination Services Bulletin #00-10-06.	\$ 5,000.00
Alliance for Behavioral & Developmental Disabilities, Inc.	Supported structured living arrangements with a personal care boarding home type structure.	\$ 256,970.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve five (5) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth FY 2020-2021 Budget:

Adelphoi Village, Inc.

Unit ID Type	Service Provided	Gender	Group Home	DHS Cert	7/1/20 to 6/30/21 Rate
FI	Intensive Supervision	female	Alliance	411060	\$275.54
MH	Intensive Supervision - Mental Health Focus	female	Colony	459880	\$315.31
MH	Intensive Supervision - Mental Health Focus	female	Marker	420430	\$315.31
MH	Intensive Supervision - Mental Health Focus	female	Susans	444040	\$315.31
MI	Intensive Supervision	male	Anchor	426970	\$265.14
MI	Intensive Supervision	male	Greystone	317760	\$265.14
MI	Intensive Supervision	male	Sweeney	417680	\$265.14
ES	Enhanced Supervision	male	Manor	333980	\$317.80
SA	Substance Abuse	male	Margaret	453830	\$271.91
SO	Sexual Offenses	male	Benet	474850	\$252.96
SO	Sexual Offenses	male	Loyalhanna	448150	\$252.96
SO	Sexual Offenses	male	Raphael	429060	\$252.96
SO	Sexual Offenses	male	Williams	318370	\$252.96
MH	Sexual Offenses - Mental Health Focus	male	Vincent	421880	\$315.31
LQ	Sexual Offenses - La Sa Quik (Eastern Region)	male	La Sa Quik	329120	\$309.17
SH	Shelter	female	Alliance	411060	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	female	Colony	459880	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	female	Marker	420430	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	female	Susans	444040	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	male	Anchor	426970	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	male	Benet	474850	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	male	Greystone	317760	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	male	Loyalhanna	448150	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	male	Moh Run	463030	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	male	Raphael	429060	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	male	Sweeney	417680	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	male	Vincent	421880	\$252.39
SH	Shelter	male	Williams	318370	\$252.39
SS	Secure – Sexual Offenses	male	Middle Creek I	473050	\$401.76
SC	Secure	female	Middle Creek II	411010	\$352.40
SC	Secure	male	Middle Creek III	445280	\$352.40
SC	Secure	male	Manor	333990	\$352.40
IL	Specialized Independent Living	male	Hilltop	329670	\$230.87
IL	Specialized Independent Living	male	Saxman	446260	\$230.87
TL	Transitional Living	male	Williams	332190	\$211.83
SF	Foster Care – Specialized/Kinship	m/f	n/a	226190 329170 332470 332490 423940 449830	\$77.67
IF	Foster Care – Intensive/Kinship	m/f	n/a	226190 329170 332470 332490 423940 449830	\$83.77
PP	Foster Care – Pregnant and Parenting	female	n/a	226190 329170 332470 332490 423940 449830	\$89.87

Unit ID Type	Service Provided	Gender	Group Home	DHS Cert	7/1/20 to 6/30/21 Rate
	Diagnostic Evaluation (per service rate)	m/f	Any		\$2,773.68
	Psychiatric Services (hourly rate)	m/f	n/a		\$236.25
	Psychological Services (hourly rate)	m/f	n/a		\$168.00
	Polygraphs	m/f	n/a		\$437.75
	Sexual Offender Evaluation: ABEL or JSOAP-II or SAI-J Single Assessment	m/f	n/a		\$429.06
	Juvenile Sexual Offender Assessment – Includes ABEL, JSOAP II, and Sexual History Assessments	m/f	n/a		\$1,287.17
	Adoption – Family Approval Document	m/f	n/a	407250	\$2,844.80
	CIL – Community Independent Living (hourly rate)	m/f	n/a		\$70.61
	Family Preservation (Formerly In Home Services) (hourly rate)	m/f	n/a		\$67.56
	IFCS – Intensive Family Counseling Services (hourly rate)	m/f	n/a		\$70.61
	PTA – Prevention, Treatment and Aftercare	m/f	n/a		\$64.40
	Visitation (hourly rate)	m/f	n/a		\$73.15
	Family Group Decision Making – Conference Complete	m/f	n/a		\$3,000.00
	Family Group Decision Making – Successful Referral	m/f	n/a		\$1,000.00
	Family Group Decision Making – Unsuccessful Referral	m/f	n/a		\$250.00
	PTSD Assessment	m/f	n/a		\$750.00
	PTSD Non-Residential Youth	m/f	n/a		\$49.00
	PTSD Residential Youth	m/f	n/a		\$42.50
	PTSD Sibling Rate	m/f	n/a		\$30.40
	*MST – MultiSystemic Therapy Services: Non-MA Eligible,	m/f	n/a		*\$88.39
	*MST – Non-MA Eligible: This is the rate Adelphoi Village will bill the County until the MCO begins to cover the service.				

Merakey Pennsylvania

Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
Multiple 211980	AA	NHSPA Therapeutic Foster Care R&B	\$29.29 per diem				
Multiple 211980	FF	NHSPA Therapeutic Foster Care + Treatment	\$157.04 per diem				
Multiple 211980	DD	NHSPA Therapeutic Foster Care with infant	\$72.20 per diem				
Multiple 211980	CC	NHSPA Respite	\$96.80 per diem				
Multiple 211980	CA	NHSPA Respite	\$96.80 per diem				
Multiple 211980	HH	NHSPA Emergency Respite	\$125.70 per diem				
Multiple 211980	HI	NHSPA Emergency Respite	\$125.70 per diem				
Multiple 211980 307120	BB	NHSPA Foster Care Plus	\$91.00 per diem				
Multiple 211980	BC	NHSPA Foster Care Plus	\$91.00 per diem				
Multiple 211980	EF	NHSPA Foster Care – Infant Add on only	\$91.00 per diem				
Multiple 211980	BD	NHSPA Enhanced Foster Care	\$120.21 per diem				
Multiple 211980	TF	NHSPA Foster Care with Infant	\$132.91 per diem				
Multiple 211980	TG	NHSPA Foster Care with Infant	\$132.91 per diem				
Multiple 211980	N/A	NHSPA Residential – Lehigh (Girls)	\$48.05 per diem				
Multiple 211980	N/A	NHSPA Residential – Lehigh (Boys)	\$48.67 per diem				
		Psychiatric Evaluation by MD in Facility for a Child	\$363.00				
		Individual Psychotherapy (38-52 minutes)	\$99.00				
		Clinical Evaluation (non MD)	\$136.95				
		Office/OP visit for E&M of New or Established Patient (MD service)	\$89.10				
		Family Engagement Position #1	\$230.49 per diem				
		Family Engagement Position #2	\$193.75 per diem				

JusticeWorks YouthCare, Inc.

Service Provided	Rate
JustCare Program	\$77.25/hour
JustCare + Program	\$84.98/hour
STOPP Program	\$82.50/hour
STOPP + Program	\$90.75/hour
VIP (Violation Initiative Program)	\$82.50/hour
VIP + Program	\$90.75/hour
Anger Management Program	\$77.25/hour
Anger Management + Program	\$84.98/hour
Drug Testing	\$89.00 (flat rate)
Drug Testing – No Shows	\$30.00 (flat rate)
Family Finding	\$61.38/hour
FGDM	\$3,000.00/conference
FGDM	\$1,000.00/successful referral but no conference
FGDM	\$250.00/unsucessful referral
FGDM	\$650.00/facilitation only (including food prep + site rental)
Foster Care Assistance Program (FCAP)	\$60.00/hour
ICM (Institutional Case Management)	\$20.50/day
Independent Living	\$85.00/hour and \$42.50/hour Co-Facilitator rate
Nurturing Parenting	\$77.25/hour
Nurturing Parenting +	\$84.98/hour
Community Based Nurturing Parenting	\$77.25/hour
Nurturing Parenting for Families in Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery (NP-SA)	\$77.25/hour or with drug screening at \$84.98/hour
Supervised Visits	\$60.00/hour
Supervised Visits Plus Drug Testing	\$66.00/hour
Truancy Remediation/Diversion	\$77.25/hour
Truancy Remediation/Diversion +	\$84.98/hour
Visitation	\$135.00/visit for cases within 65 mile radius of County seat
Visitation	\$100.00/visit, \$30.00/hour travel time + travel allowance to equal rate established by the IRS, not to be below \$.51 for cases 66 miles and beyond
Visit Coaching	\$77.25/hour
Visit Coaching Plus Drug Testing	\$84.98/hour
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	\$350.00/group session (max of 10 youth in a group), \$70.00/hour for individual missed appointments, travel not included in rate
Transportation Service Program (TSP)	\$32.00/hour plus IRS mileage reimbursement rate
Attendance Improvement Program (AIP)	\$250.00/group, up to 8 families
Seeking Safety	\$82.50/hour
Seeking Safety with Drug Testing	\$90.75/hour

Woods Services, Inc.

Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
090901	MW	Residential IA – Mollie Woods	\$515.00/day				

Independent Family Services, Inc.

Service Provided	Rate (Per Hour)
Family-Based Mental Health Services (FBMHS) – Behavioral health treatment services including co-occurring disorders (MA eligible and upon approval).	No Charge
In-Home Parent Support Services – a. Parenting Enhancement Services- Including SAFECARE and Incredible Years); b. Family Activity Building Services; c. Community Support Building Services; d. Comprehensive Reporting Services – includes monthly progress reports and family functionality assessment and evaluation.	Direct Services (including telehealth) - \$85.00 Court Preparation & Testimony - \$85.00 Court Report - \$30.00 (maximum 2-hour charge) Consultation - \$50.00
Crisis Intervention – IFS Family Resource Professionals offer 24/7 telephone coverage for CYS families in crisis. These situations can lead to traumatic and life-threatening events, if left unattended. The families that work with the IFS Family Resource Professionals often rely on the IFS worker as their first line of defense. Families are also encouraged to use local and state police, the Cambria County Crisis Unit, and the Women’s Help Center while learning to independently deal with their crises.	No Charge
Follow-Up Aftercare Services – Monthly contact with families who successfully complete an IFS Program up to 12 months. Review discharge planning and assist family as necessary.	No Charge
Assessment & Evaluation Services – In-Home Family Functionality Assessment and Baseline Measurement of current functionality with report to referring agency. Maximum of 12 hours. If IFS services are initiated after the assessment & evaluation, then the evaluation results will be utilized for referred family.	\$85.00
Batterer’s Intervention Group – 26-week Duluth Model: Educational materials and presentations to males (over 18 years old) who have been involved in domestic violence situations. All participants will be charged an assessment fee of \$80.00 and will be charged a minimum fee of \$20.00 per group. Weekly groups are held in Johnstown and have an open enrollment.	No Charge
Court Preparation & Involvement – Court preparation and testimony as to family progress, deficiencies, and issues within the scope of the IFS Program. Provide recommendations and prognoses.	See individual service listed
Court Reports – Detailed description of family progress and recommendations for treatment/intervention. Court notice must be provided a minimum of 15 days prior to hearing date to ensure delivery of IFS Court Report. Minimum charge of 1 hour. Maximum charge of 2 hours.	See individual service listed
IFS Consultation – Face-to-face consultation with caseworker regarding a family referred for IFS services or consultation after services have been initiated that has been requested by the caseworker/supervisor	See individual service listed
Home Management Services – Designed to offer the most basic needs that are necessary in the development of healthy and safe children. The program utilizes a Home Manager to assist the family with the basics of providing food, shelter, and clothing in a safe and sanitary environment where each individual learns their specific role in meeting these basic family goals. These services include a Lice Protocol specifically authorized by the caseworker.	Direct Services (including telehealth) - \$45.00 Court Preparation & Testimony - \$45.00 Court Report - \$20.00 (maximum 2-hour charge) Consultation - \$30.00
Lice/Bedbug/Cockroach Protocol – Designed to assist families with infestations to reduce the infestation and teach real-life skills to the family to eliminate the need for services in the future. The program utilizes 1 to 3 Home Management staff to assist the family with eliminating the infestation, treating the home, and/or preparing the home for treatment by exterminators. A primary staff member coordinates and utilizes additional IFS staff member(s) dependent upon the severity and nature of the infestation to implement initial protocols and then singularly monitors and manages the protocols henceforth.	Lice/Bedbug/Cockroach Protocol Primary Worker- \$90.00 Additional Staff - \$45.00 Court Preparation & Testimony - \$45.00 Court Report - \$20.00 (maximum 2-hour charge) Consultation - \$30.00
Recovery Coach Services – An intensive, community-based case management program for individuals and their families who are involved with their local County Children & Youth Services agency and are experiencing distress because of a substance use disorder (SUD) within the family unit and obtain stability in the home.	Direct Services (including telehealth) - \$60.00 Court Preparation & Testimony - \$60.00 Court Report - \$20.00 Consultation - \$30.00
Family First Foster Parent Program: A program designed to support foster parents and CCCYS and prevent placement disruptions. The program places the children at the center of the equation, grounded first and foremost in what children need. Foster parents and caregivers are provided coaching and support in building specialized skills to effectively care for children who have experienced instability and trauma. Includes telehealth services.	Direct Services (including telehealth) - \$60.00 Court Preparation & Testimony - \$75.00 Court Report - \$20.00 (maximum 2-hour charge) Consultation - \$30.00
Telehealth: IFS began using various forms of communication as a result of the global COVID-19 crisis in addition to face-to-face direct services. IFS staff conduct the various services offered via facetime, zoom, skype, and telephone communication, dependent upon the technical capabilities of the client(s).	See individual service listed
Training – Staff training, parent training, conference trainings, service-provider training	\$500.00 per day/6hours
Safe Care Program – An evidence-based in-home family service program for children 5 or under to educate the family on safety, health and parent-child interaction needs. Includes telehealth services.	Direct Services (including telehealth) - \$85.00 Coaching/Audio Consultation - \$50.00 Group Rate per Class: \$255.00 (includes prep time, supplies, and room rental)
Incredible Years Program – An evidence-based parenting group provided to the community for families that may or may not be active with Cambria County Children and Youth.	

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Heather Cummings, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk I for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 6-C/\$10.05 per hour), effective September 28, 2020. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Krista Warner, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$10.06 per hour), effective September 28, 2020. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove Tahtan Gorman, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective September 15, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove Sarah Voytko, Full-Time Telecommunicator for 911, (Paygrade 35-F/\$13.96 per hour), effective October 2, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Start Date Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to correct the start date of Kristin Moore, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective September 13, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting will be held on October 8, 2020, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk