

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

October 24, 2019

Ebensburg, PA
October 10, 2019

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 11, 2019

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 14, 2019

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 15, 2019

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 16, 2019

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 17, 2019

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 18, 2019

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 21, 2019

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 22, 2019

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 23, 2019

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Commissioners in Session. Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger were present.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to waive the reading of the Minutes of October 10, 2019, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola stated that he believes it is his job to point out corruption and that elected officials are not doing what should be done for the public. He stated that he will continue to fight corruption.

Proclamations:

Commissioners presented Proclamations for Red Ribbon Week and Fire Prevention Week.

COMMISSIONERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve authorizing a transfer of land to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, for a bridge replacement project in Scalp Level Borough, Tax Map No. 52-001.-400.000.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Resolutions:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the submittal of an application for FY 2019 funds under the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the submittal of an application for FY 2019 funds under the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program on behalf of Adams, Cambria, Cresson, and Jackson Townships.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Inmate Mail Screening, Processing, and Management System Implementation Agreement between TextBehind and the Cambria County Prison, for a three-year term.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Fishing License Issuing Agent Agreement and the Authorization Agreement for Electronic Funds Transfer Form between the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Cambria County Treasurer’s Office.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, authorizing the condemnation of property located in Blacklick Township, with regard to the Acid Mine Drainage Abatement Project.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Service Agreement with Inservco Insurance Services, Inc., to perform third-party administrator duties with regard to Cambria County’s Self-Insurance Program, beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve ten (10) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service FY 2019-2020 Budget:

Appalachian Youth Service							
Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
328870	KY	Community Residential Services (Kathy's House)	\$183.94 per diem				
329270	RS	Community Residential Services (Ross' House)	\$183.61 per diem				
350340	DT	Day Treatment	\$40.27 per diem				

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 including monthly progress reports and family functionality assessment and evaluation.	\$85.00
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 families 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 and 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.	\$85.00
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.	\$30.00
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.	\$50.00
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 - \$45.00 Court Preparation & Testimony - \$45.00 Court Report - \$20.00 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.	Lice/Bedbug/Cockroach Protocol - \$90.00 Court Preparation & Testimony - \$45.00 Court Report - \$20.00 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, use disorder and obtain stability in the home.	Direct Services - \$60.00 Court Preparation & Testimony - \$60.00 Court Report - \$20.00
Training – Staff training, parent training, conference trainings, and service provider training.	\$500.00 per day/6hours

Outside-In School of Experiential Education, Inc.

Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
448600 448590 436380 436360 462780 414690	VO	Voyager Residential Program (Non-MA)	\$250.05/day				
448870 414700 436380 436360 448860	PR	Pathway to Recovery Integrated Residential Substance Abuse Services	\$289.66/day				
		Sanction Services: Diversion and Reintegration Non-MA Eligible	\$290.00/day				

Mid-Atlantic Youth Services Corporation

Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
444170	TR	Secure Treatment – Emlenton	\$340.00/day				
444180	IO	Intensive Open Residential Treatment – Emlenton	\$284.00/day				
204100	TR	Secure Treatment – Pittston	\$362.25/day				
207860	TR	Secure Treatment – Pittston	\$362.25/day				
		One-on-One Supervision, as indicated for disruptive behaviors.	\$284.00/day				
		Two-on-One Supervision, as indicated for disruptive behaviors.	\$568.00/day				

Children's Home of Pittsburgh, Inc.

Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
432720	IA	Foster Care – Class IA	\$67.00/day				
432720	IB	Foster Care – Class IB	\$69.00/day				
432720	CA	Foster Care – Class CA	\$71.00/day				
432720	CB	Foster Care – Class CB	\$73.00/day				

Perseus House, Inc.

Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
418410	IT	Perseus House Male – Intensive Treatment Programs	\$273.14/day				
407390	SH	Perseus House Shelter – Male & Female	\$202.81/day				
475820	AH	Andromeda House Female – Intensive Treatment Unit	\$254.86/day				
433330	MO	Florence Crittenton – Pregnant or Parenting	\$289.09/day				
433330	BA	Florence Crittenton – For Babies	\$40.00/day				
433330	MB	Florence Crittenton – Mother/Baby Combined	\$329.09/day				

Timothy J. Sloan, Esquire

Service Provided	Rate
Guardian Ad Litem Services	\$27,037.66/year + \$1,676.22/year FICA

JusticeWorks, Inc.

<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
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

Northern Children's Services

<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Initial Home Visit	\$200.00/visit
Home Safety Inspection to access the plan of correction	\$100.00/inspection
Transportation	\$.54/mile
*Northern Children's Services will not provide case management services	

Gary F. Vitko, Esquire

<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allow</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>
Legal Representation	\$80.00/hour		
Legal Consultation	\$80.00/hour		
Staff Training	\$80.00/hour		

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI FY 2019-2020 Budget:

SERVICE PROVIDERS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Cambria Residential Services, Inc.	Community Residential Rehabilitation Service for Intellectual Disabilities. Utilizes normal home-like settings, which emphasize social integration.	\$360,321.00
Cambria Residential Services, Inc.	Community Residential Rehabilitation Service for Behavioral Health. Utilizes normal home-like settings, which emphasize social integration.	\$965,008.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging FY 2019-2020 Budget:

SERVICE PROVIDERS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT
D'Arcy Yerace	Part-Time Ombudsman	Max \$10,000.00 annually

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Brittany Blackham, Full-Time Grant Facilitator for the Commissioners' Office, (Paygrade 50-F/\$42,000.00 annually), effective November 12, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Kimberly Feist, Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 48-D/\$49,420.30 annually), effective October 28, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Allison Seidel, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$17,550.00 annually), effective November 12, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Christopher Gvozdich, Full-Time Permanent Hearing Officer for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 48-C/\$37,815.18 annually), effective October 28, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Cory Stormer, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.43 per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$22.64 per hour), effective September 22, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Keri Lyn Burke, Full-Time Account Clerk II/Steno-Float for the Tax Assessment Office, (Paygrade 11-K/\$12.60 per hour), to Full-Time Account Clerk II-Float for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 11-C/\$12.60 per hour), effective November 11, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Kayla Gaudlip, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$13.65 per hour), effective October 21, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Patricia Muriceak, Full-Time Accountant II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 45-E/\$28,736.50 annually), effective October 19, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Erik Thrower, Per-Diem Correctional Officer for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective October 12, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Courtney Miranda, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$14.23 per hour), effective November 4, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Pamela Farabaugh, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$9.89 per hour), effective October 16, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Richard Cidor, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.43 per hour), effective October 27, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jaclyn Howell, Full-Time Aging Program Assessor for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 44-D/\$30,675.32 annually), effective October 26, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next regular Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Cambria County Courthouse.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk