

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met today for a Commissioners' Meeting.

Present at today's meeting were:

Ray D'Agostino, Chairman
Joshua G. Parsons, Vice-Chairman
John B. Trescot
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Tammy Moyer
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Brett Cole, Deputy Chief
ADULT PROBATION/PAROLE SERVICES

George Custer, Director of Administration
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Justin Eby, Executive Director
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Judy Erb, Executive Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Julie Holtry, Deputy Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Tonia Hripto, Deputy Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Rick Kastner, Executive Director
DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION

Jonathan Fox
EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

LaRoc Hudson
NAACP

Miles Klein, Law Librarian
LAW LIBRARY

Tom Lisi
LNP Reporter

Jocelyn Ritchey, Manager
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Tim Stuhldreher, Writer
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Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the July 6, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and to postpone approval of the July 13, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced there is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 and no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the following:

Administrative Agreement With: Redevelopment Authority of Lancaster County
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: To engage the Redevelopment Authority of Lancaster County to administer the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant Programs

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for grant year 2022 in conformance with applicable program regulations for the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program and all other applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations. To approve the Consolidated Plan for 2021-2025 and the 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the following:

Plan Approval With:

Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority
Consortium (County of Lancaster & City of Lancaster)
Lancaster, PA

And

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Purpose:

To approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Action Plan for HUD CPD funding.

Amount:

\$5,356,723.00.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program - \$2,940,167.00

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program - \$2,162,498.00

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program - \$254,058.00

Mr. Fox asked for sources of the funding.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 69 OF 2022

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the following budget adjustments for the Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program grant:

REVENUE ACCOUNT:

Adult Probation and Parole – Administrative Services **\$34,833.00**
State Grant Funding
B1120 Program 41045 A6321

Expenditure Account:

Adult Probation and Parole – Supervision Services
Electronic Monitoring Services **\$34,833.00**
B1120 Program 41045 A7334
\$34,833.00 (+)

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Law Library, to approve the following:

Agreement With:

West Publishing Corporation
Saint Paul, MN

For:

Subscription to West print products for the Law Library and the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, including such items as Purdon's Pennsylvania Statutes, Pennsylvania cases, state and federal formbooks and practice materials, and legal encyclopedias and treatises.

Amount:

Year one - \$16,768.00/month.

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Year two - \$17,104.00/month.
Year three - \$17,466.00/month.
Year four - \$17,795.00/month.
Year five - \$18,151/month.

Term: Five-year term from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2027.

Funding: Sole source.
Increase of 2%, but this is less than the budgeted 5% increase.

Mr. Fox asked if the Law Library would be able to keep the three percent it is saving and was told it is possible but would most likely go to print costs for other items.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Children and Youth Agency and/or the Office of Juvenile Probation, to approve the following for Fiscal Year 2022+2023:

Amended Agreement With:	For:	Amounts	% Increase/ Decrease
Hugh S. Smith, PH.D. & Associates, P.C. Lancaster, PA	Updated psychiatric evaluation (diagnostic)	\$600.00	New
Agreements With:			
		Amounts	% Increase/ Decrease
The Academy Malvern, PA	CBS Full Program	\$56.86/day	+3%
	Individual/Family Counseling	\$95.79/day	+3%
	Group Counseling	\$35.02/day	+3%
	Polygraph	\$395.00	
	Abel Assessment	\$495.00	
Bench Mark Program Lancaster, PA	Strength-based skill building	\$171,978.00	+12.31%
Bethanna Southampton, PA	Visitation program	\$558,539.00	+14.51%
Boys and Girls Club of Lancaster Lancaster, PA	Independent living program casework staff	\$554,638.00	+33.89%
Child & Family Focus Norristown, PA	Specialized foster care	\$98.91/day	New
	Foster care – level 1	\$55.60/day	
	Foster care – level 2	\$75.27/day	
COBYS Leola, PA	Incredible Years	\$113,498.00	+4.01%
	Kinship support	\$37,521.00	+3.88%
	Parenting Wisely	\$44,911.00	+39.47%
COBYS * Leola, PA	Seeking Safety	\$40,000.00	N/A
Community Partnership of Lancaster County * Lancaster, PA	Parents as Teachers	\$52,000.00	+4.00%

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<u>Agreements With:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>% Increase/ Decrease</u>
Guadenzia, Inc. Center Region Office Harrisburg, PA	Family Alternatives Program	\$202,913.00	N/A
New Way Youth Services Stroudsburg, PA	Transitional Living Program	\$200.00/day	New
PA Counseling Services * Lebanon, PA	Check & Connect	\$39.55/billable unit	N/A
	Truancy Prevention Program	\$144,320.00	+2.50%
YWCA Lancaster, PA	Parent Empowerment Program	\$365,805.00	+18.41%
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. Harrisburg, PA	Community Service Program	\$45.25/day	+16.03%
	Weekend PULSE Program	\$45.25/day	+16.03%
	Advocate Services	\$45.25/day	+16.03%

NOTE: All agreements are 16% County funding; 56% State funding; and 28% Federal funding and Sole Source unless otherwise noted. * Funding is 5% County and 95% State.

Commissioner Parsons said he is supportive of all the contracts except for the YWCA for the reasons discussed at yesterday's Work Session meeting. He said non-profits have to decide if they want to work and do the mission or whether they want to be political advocacy organizations. He said he does not care about the politics of any particular person because the County works with many organizations with members who have liberal views but their goals must align. He said one example of the YWCA's political advocacy is when they sent someone from their organization to a Commissioners' meeting to oppose election security measures. They also noted at that time that they were part of Lancaster Votes. Aside from that, he said the YWCA's parenting program is not an evidence-based practice and the County wants programs with evidence-based practices.

Commissioner Trescot said it is not important to him as a representative of county government whether someone is liberal or conservative. What is important is what services they provide and if that service is being done well. He said when a representative of the YWCA spoke in support of the ballot drop box, they were in favor of making it easier for people to vote and not opposing election security. He said what is important is that County government is trying to provide services for the residents of the County and not trying to evaluate whether they are a political entity or not. He added that Lancaster Votes is a non-partisan group that does voter registration of Democrat and Republican voters. He said he strongly supports the YWCA's parent program and if it is not evidence-based, then it should be evaluated on that basis into the future and he supports doing that.

Commissioner D'Agostino said he thinks there is a trend for nonprofits to become more political and that is not right and they should stick to their core values regarding services they provide in the community. He said he will not vote for nonprofit organizations that get involved in politics in the future but because the YWCA's parenting program is the only one the County presently has and he does not want to uproot the families involved, he will vote in favor of it today.

Mr. Hudson asked the Commissioners if the position they are taking regarding the YWCA is equitable across the board. Commissioner Parsons said yes.

Mr. Fox had questions for Commissioner Parsons regarding comments he made that Lancaster Stands Up partnered with the YMCA. He asked what the difference is between good government and politics and begged the Commissioners not to mix politics, communism and socialism in an area where it does not apply.

Motion passed.

Commissioner D'Agostino	Yes
Commissioner Parsons	No
Commissioner Trescot	Yes

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Office of Aging, to approve the following:

Agreement With:	Pennsylvania Department of Aging Bureau of Finance Harrisburg, PA
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Purpose: To provide Federal funding to the Lancaster County Office of Aging to administer the Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP), as authorized by Title V, which fosters and promotes useful part-time work-based training opportunities in community organizations for unemployed individuals ages 55 and older whose incomes do not exceed 125% of the most recent Federal poverty guidelines.

Amount/Term: \$141,207.00 from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Funding: Federal funding.
Decrease of .0011%.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Behavioral Health/Developmental Services (BH/DS), to approve the following:

1. **Amended Agreement With:** Park Avenue Apartments Associates, LP
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: To adjust the contract to the amount utilized.

Park Avenue Apartments Associates provides subsidized rents for people living at Park Avenue Apartments being served by Lancaster County Mental Health.

Amount/Term: \$26,993.00 from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.
Original amount - \$32,550.00
Decreased amount - \$5,557.00, 17.07%

Funding: Budgeted in the Human Services Block Grant.
2. **Agreement Renewal With:** Blueprints for Addiction Recovery, Inc.
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: To provide crisis peer support in conjunction with the BH/DS Crisis Intervention team to individuals in Lancaster County experiencing a mental health emergency.

Amount/Term: \$285,050.00 from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

Funding: Community Mental Health Block Grant (Federal) and Human Services Block Grant funding.
Increase of 82.88% due to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 contract being for a partial year (7 months).
3. **Amended Agreement With:** HealthPro Pediatrics
Greenville, SC

Purpose: To increasing service line caps on major services: Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Physical Therapy, and Special Instructions to individuals being served by Lancaster County Early Intervention., due to increased utilization.

Amount/Term: \$514,420.76 for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

Original amount - \$362,077.76
Increased amount - \$152,343.00, 42.07%

Funding: Budgeted 90% State Base Funding and 10% County.
4. **Amended Agreement With:** Helping Hands Therapy, Inc.
Denver, PA

Purpose: To adjust contract amount due to increased utilization.

Helping Hands provides special instruction and therapies to children being

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served by Early Intervention.

- Amount/Term:** \$519,741.76 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
Original amount - \$413,826.76
Increase amount - \$150,915.00, 25.59%.
- Funding:** Budgeted 90% State and 10% County.
5. **Amended Agreement With:** Pediatric Therapeutics, Inc.
Newton, PA
- Purpose:** To adjust contract amount due to increased utilization.
Pediatric Therapeutics, Inc. provides various evaluation services to children being served by Lancaster County Early Intervention.
- Amount/Term:** \$318,749.32 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
Original amount - \$287,109.82
Increase amount - \$31,639.50, 11.02%.
- Funding:** Budgeted 90% State and 10% County.
6. **Amended Agreement With:** Your Language Connection
Lancaster, PA
- Purpose:** To adjust contract amount due to increased utilization.
Your Language Connection provides Interpreter Services for individuals being served by Lancaster County Early Intervention.
- Amount/Term:** \$73,612.50 for the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.
Original amount - \$58,290.00
Increase amount - \$15,322.50, 26.29%.
- Funding:** Budgeted 90% State Base Funding and 10% County.
7. **Agreement Renewal With:** PAI Corporation dba Excentia Human Services
Lancaster, PA
- Purpose:** To provide special instruction and various therapies to children being served by Lancaster County Early Intervention.
- Amount/Term:** \$327,849.76 from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.
- Funding:** Budgeted 90% State Base Funding and 10% County.
Decrease of 34.32%.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the engagement of Smith and Bukowski, LLC. as outside counsel in connection with litigation matters at a rate not to exceed \$250.00 per hour, at the discretion of the County Solicitor. Said legal engagement is to be effective as of June 15, 2022.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the engagement of Zimolong, LLC. as outside counsel in connection with litigation matters at a rate not to exceed \$295.00 per hour, at the discretion of the County Solicitor. Said legal engagement is to be effective upon approval by the Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the following:

- Agreement With:** Lancaster County Conservation District
Lancaster, PA
- Purpose:** To provide American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding regarding their request

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for the Lancaster Countywide Action Plan.

Amount: \$3,465,156.00.

Term: This is one time grant funding. The term of the agreement extends through the record retention period under ARPA guidelines.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 70 OF 2022

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot;

WHEREAS, the County of Lancaster was selected by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare as one of the original twenty counties for the Human Services Block Grant under Act 80 of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Block Grant encompasses mental health and intellectual disabilities base funds, Act 152 drug and alcohol funds, behavioral health services initiative (BHSI) funds, the Human Services Development Fund and homeless assistance funding; and

WHEREAS, the counties continue to receive funding for the five line items based upon categorical allocations, but are permitted flexibility in their expenditure across program lines, with limitations; and

WHEREAS, counties are required to fund each of the five program areas and cannot defund any of the included line items completely; and

WHEREAS, counties are required to inform citizens and clients of changes that may be included in the proposed content of the Human Services Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lancaster has opted to hold two public hearings, one held on July 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. and one to be held on July 27, 2022 at 9:15 a.m., to discuss the proposed Human Services Block Grant categorical funding allocations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and provide opportunity for public comment; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lancaster will abide by the terms outlined in the County Human Services Plan Assurance of Compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA that the Lancaster County Human Services Block Grant Narrative Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 be approved.

The Commissioners thanked everyone who worked on this.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lisi had questions about the County's IT policy and how it deals with ethics matters.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Executive Secretary
Commissioners' Office