



## Blair County

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### AGENDA

Blair County Social Services Advisory Board

**Thursday, October 3, 2024 – 11:30 a.m.**

**SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd, Altoona, PA**

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of August 1, 2024 Social Services Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (*attached*)
4. Board Operations – Tricia Johnson
  - By-Laws Approval (*attached*)
  - Board Reappointments (Appointments Ending December 31, 2024)
    - Susanna Tomlinson
    - Rick Petroski
    - Rebecca Aungst
    - Amber Hatfield
  - Discuss Non-Profit/Provider to donate to in December
    - *Previous recipients:* HOPE Drop-In, Family Services Shelter, United Way Toasty Toddler Program
5. Mental Health Committee Report (*attached*)
6. Developmental Programs Committee Report (*attached*)
7. County Reports
  - Director – Tricia Johnson
  - MH – Cindy James
  - ID – Melissa Gordon (*attached*)
  - EI – Kelly Popich (*attached*)
  - Human Services – Missy Gillin
8. Ex-Officio Reports
  - CONTACT Altoona – Erin Kay (*attached*)
  - NAMI – Aimee Burns (*attached*)
  - The Arc – Maria Brandt
  - ID Providers – Lorrie Hetager
  - Blair HealthChoices – Amy Marten-Shanafelt
9. Open Forum/Good News Stories
  - ❖ *Next Advisory Board Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group (SASMG), 157 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona*
  - ❖ *Next Mental Health Committee Meetings: Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Blair HealthChoices, 81 Holliday Hills Dr, Hollidaysburg*
  - ❖ *Next Developmental Programs Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona*