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Commissioners

David Kessler, Chairman
Amy Webster, Vice-Chairman
Laura Burke, Secretary

AGENDA

Blair County Social Services Advisory Board
Thursday, December 5, 2024 – 11:30 a.m.
SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd, Altoona, PA

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of October 3, 2024 Social Services Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (*attached*)
4. Approval of March 7, May 2, September 5, 2024 MH Committee Meeting Minutes (*attached*)
5. Board Operations – Tricia Johnson
 - By-Laws Approval (*attached*)
 - Board Member Reappointment:
 - Susanna Tomlinson
 - Board Members Appointments Ending:
 - Rick Petroski
 - Rebecca Aungst
 - Amber Hatfield
 - Voluntary Monetary Donations for the Warming Center
 - 2024 Annual Board Report
6. Mental Health Committee Report (*attached*)
7. Developmental Programs Committee Report (*attached*)
8. County Reports
 - Director – Tricia Johnson
 - MH – Cindy James
 - ID – Melissa Gordon (*attached*)
 - EI – Kelly Popich (*attached*)
 - Human Services – Missy Gillin
9. 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
10. Open Forum/Good News Stories
 - ❖ *Next Advisory Board Meeting: Thursday, February 6, April 3, June 5, August 7, October 2 & December 4, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group (SASMG), 157 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona*
 - ❖ *Next Mental Health Committee Meetings: Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Blair HealthChoices, 81 Holliday Hills Dr, Hollidaysburg*
 - ❖ *Next Developmental Programs Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona*

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MH Program Coordinator
NIKKI MCHUGH
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CASSP Coordinator
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KAREN WISE
Fiscal Specialist
TRINA ILLIG
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Community Development
ELIZABETH NELSON
Community Development
Specialist
MELISSA GILLIN
Quality Assurance
& Housing Coordinator
JENNIFER KENSINGER
Administrative Coordinator