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AGENDA

Blair County Social Services Advisory Board

Thursday, August 1, 2024 – 11:30 a.m.

SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd, Altoona, PA

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of June 6, 2024 Social Services Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (*attached*)
4. Board Operations – Tricia Johnson
 - By-Laws Approval (*attached*)
5. Mental Health Committee Report (*No July meeting*)
6. Developmental Programs Committee Report (*No July meeting*)
7. County Reports
 - Director – Tricia Johnson
 - HSBG 24/25 Annual Plan 2nd Public Hearing
Friday, August 2, 2024, 2:00 PM, Altoona Public Library
 - 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
 - ❖ *Next Advisory Board Meeting: Thursday, October 3, 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, September 5, November 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Blair HealthChoices, 81 Holliday Hills Dr, Hollidaysburg*
 - ❖ *Next Developmental Programs Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 5, November 7, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona*