

**Butler County
2014-2015 Human Services Plan**

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I: COUNTY PLANNING PROCESS

Butler County operates an integrated human services department, with a Director that oversees seven program areas, including Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Early Intervention, Drug and Alcohol, Children and Youth Services, Community Action, and Area Agency on Aging (see Attachment b. – Organizational Chart). Each of these programs is managed by a Program Director who, in addition to the Finance Director, Director of Information Technology, and the Director of Service Integration and Quality Management, is part of the Human Services Administrative Team.

1. Critical stakeholder groups

The Butler County Human Services Planning Team was created in the first year of the Block Grant. Team members were recruited by the Human Services Administrative Team based upon their active participation in the human service system. The Planning Team is comprised of 14 members and includes each of the program directors within Butler County Human Services, the Human Services Administrator and Fiscal Director, a representative from the County Board of Commissioners, a representative from the local United Way, a representative from the local mental health consumer drop-in center, a parent with a child involved with the children and youth system, a parent with a transition-age child involved with the intellectual disabilities system, and a person in recovery from substance abuse.

2. How stakeholders were provided with opportunity for participation in the planning process

In order for the Planning Team to be an effective vehicle for planning for the expenditure of human services funds, it is necessary to maintain a manageable number of members. In light of this, it is extremely important to note that we view planning for the use of the Human Services Block Grant as an ongoing process of networking and collaboration that aims to assess the continuously evolving needs within the community and develop a plan to utilize available community resources and funding streams in a way that will be most effective and efficient.

Various stakeholder groups from the community are involved in a number of working committees, including the Butler Collaborative for Families, Local Housing Options Team, Early Care and Education Council, Community Support Program, Aging Taskforce, Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Butler County Prevention Council, Mentoring Initiative Committee, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, the Advisory Boards for the human service program areas (MH, CYS, ID, D&A), and many others. A majority of these committees meet on a monthly basis and all have representation from the Butler County Human Services Planning Team as part of their membership. These working committees provide informative data and a real-time assessment of the needs of our target populations which is critical in developing solutions. This information is then fed back to the Planning Team by the representative members and is taken into account as we move forward with the development and implementation of the Block Grant.

The Planning Team met twice in FY 2013-2014 on September 11, 2013 and March 12, 2014 to oversee the progress of the block grant plan and to report input throughout the year from the various community stakeholder groups. Minutes of these meetings are available in the Human Services office.

3. How the county intends to use funds

When planning for the original 2012-2013 plan, the public hearings resulted in the identification of four priority areas including housing, prevention/mentoring, transportation, and employment. Our subsequent public hearings continued to support these four priority areas along with a new one added in FY 2013-2014 to strategize issues involving integration of behavioral and physical health. Efforts are now in place to enhance services relating to each of these priority areas. In addition, Butler County continues to follow the system-wide guiding principles outlined in the introductory paragraph of Part IV. Human Services Narrative to plan and implement services.

A major focus in prevention is on substance abuse prevention through various evidence-based programs and also on the expansion of Mental Health First Aid in our community. In the area of mentoring, we will be looking at individuals accessing services being encouraged to "give back" and will track their volunteer hours. We believe this will show funders that their investment into human services will be two-fold. An example of this is our Winter Relief Center which entered its second year in operation. This public/private venture operates a shelter which is open from November until March during any night that drops below 27 degrees. The center was open for 133 nights during the FY 2013-14 and served 80 homeless individuals, connecting 55% of them to more permanent housing. Forty-one (41) volunteers were recruited, many of whom were recipients of the shelter the year before, working 3 shifts per night. This resulted in a \$48,000 savings due to the use of volunteers, which can be used as an in-kind match to draw down federal funds.

In the area of transportation, a committee was formed that is working toward creating a volunteer driver program. The committee has already addressed the aging population and looks to expand to other groups. There was a changeover in leadership in our transportation program this past year, so there has been a delay in the expansion of this program. We hope to resume planning this year. We have also encountered some liability issues when connecting riders with volunteer drivers. We will be addressing liability during FY 2014-15.

Regarding employment, during FY 2013–2014, Butler County Human Services initiated the Butler County Employment Transformation Project in collaboration with the Butler County United Way. The purpose of the project is to develop sustainable strategies that enhance Butler County's employment support system by combining the use of new community resources with existing employment programs. We believe that by providing employment services in a more efficient and effective manner we could significantly increase opportunities for securing and maintaining employment among our county's most vulnerable populations including individuals with mental illness, intellectual or other disabilities, those struggling with homelessness or drug and alcohol addictions, and individuals involved with criminal justice.

With funds from the United Way and the Staunton Farm Foundation, an extensive study was conducted with community stakeholders including consumers, families, service agencies providing vocational training and job placement, educational institutions and employers. Initial steps of the study included collection and analysis of information related to local and regional training and employment programs, identification of promising practices, and perspectives from the stakeholders of the challenges/opportunities involved in an concerted effort to develop a successful workforce development for our community. With the completion of the report, a

planning meeting is scheduled in which stakeholders will develop a 3-year plan establishing investment priorities and corresponding strategies that will increase the success of our individuals with special needs in obtaining employment.

The new priority, integration of physical and behavioral health, resulted in a Community Hospital Integration Planning Project (CHIPP) through our Mental Health Department where beds were closed at the state hospital in exchange for funds to hire a nurse to work with individuals with serious mental illness who also suffer from chronic physical illness. Our goal is to increase the life expectancy of our SMI population reversing the research that this group lives 25 years less than the average population. A key function of the nurse will be to maintain communication with the behavioral health provider and the individuals' primary care provider. CHIPP is responsive to the need to integrate physical and behavioral health services at the county level, as highlighted in a recent article in the National Association of Counties newsletter, *County News*.

The Human Services Planning Team oversees our progress in meeting the 5 human service priorities described above (housing, prevention/mentoring, transportation, employment, and integration of behavioral and physical health) and thus addressing the needs identified through the public planning process. Following the two public hearings held last year, the Planning Team began to brainstorm how to address the needs identified. The Team agreed that a major priority in all that we do has to be the creation/enhancement of public/private partnerships, recognizing that many of these issues are community-wide problems, not just human service system problems, and therefore require a community response to address them effectively. The Planning Team also adopted the concept of a Community Mobilizer, which is a role that will be identified for each priority area. The Community Mobilizer will be the person, committee, or agency that will be responsible for moving us toward our goal of addressing identified needs. The Community Mobilizer is essential because we recognize that the cuts we have experienced have left the human service system struggling to keep up with increased work demand, leaving us faced with the reality that there is nobody existing within the system that has the time and energy necessary to dedicate to fully understand the problems and engage the necessary supports and resources to implement an effective, lasting solution. We are in the process of identifying various funding sources to support the Community Mobilizer positions, which in some cases will partially include block grant funding.

To date, we have recruited a full-time Community Housing Mobilizer. This position was filled in April 2014. As we stated earlier, the team agreed that the housing shortage is our greatest need. This position will be working with our community leaders to develop new, safe and affordable housing options, the first project being a 6-unit house recently purchased with a combination of HealthChoices reinvestment and block grant funding. The Employment Mobilizer will not be recruited until after the needs assessment and only if the Planning Team still believes that is the best course of action. Our Prevention Mobilizer continues to be our D&A Prevention Specialist and our Transportation Mobilizer is our local Transportation Director. Our Physical/Behavioral Health Mobilizer will be the nurse hired for CHIPP due to the pilot program's targeted population. Recognizing that the latter group of mobilizers has shared functions, the Planning Team will continue to monitor the need to develop full-time mobilizers and identify the necessary funding.

4. Substantial programmatic and/or funding changes

Butler County is not proposing any substantial programmatic and/or funding changes. Considering that the goals we have established in many cases require major changes within the human service system and the community as a whole, we recognize that it will take time to reach our goals and therefore, we continue to work toward these same goals in the 2014-2015 year with the addition of the physical/behavioral health integration goal. We will continue to work toward our vision of a safe and thriving place to live and work by offering services that are effective and offered in the least restrictive setting appropriate to the individual's needs. Butler County Human Services recognizes that individuals are more productive and successful when they are living in the environment of their choice. We continually strive to provide client-centered and strengths-based interventions.

5. Needs assessment

Our process of assessing need in the community in order to determine priorities for funding and services is ongoing and occurs continuously throughout the year. We gather information relating to need from multiple sources. We collect qualitative data at the various community meetings we attend where we hear reports from provider organizations about the needs they are seeing, any shifts in populations seeking services, wait lists, etc. In addition, each Program Director receives quantitative data through reports, many of which are received quarterly, as well as through the annual monitoring process. This helps us to better understand the anecdotal information that we hear and to assess where the greatest gaps and level of needs exist within our system. The types of data we receive and analyze regularly includes number of people served, major issue leading to the person/family seeking assistance, types of programs that people are being referred to, length of wait list, housing status, employment status, requests for assistance with basic needs, success rates of various programs, recidivism rates, participant satisfaction, people's progress through the system and participation in various levels of care, etc.

An example of one source of data utilized in developing plans for expenditure of human services funds is the D&A prevention/treatment needs assessment conducted in 2012. Results of this assessment indicated the emergence and increase of prescription drug use among adults as well as adolescents within Butler County. We are fully aware that this, coupled with the continued increase in heroin use among the adult population, will most definitely impact our ability to meet the increased demand for treatment services with no additional funding. Our 2012 D&A needs assessment also indicated that in order to further support a recovery oriented system of care within our county, the availability of natural supports within the community needs be further increased by mobilizing the volunteer community to become involved and provide support to individuals within all stages of recovery. Similarly, information gathered by other systems has shown this same need for increased community involvement to support individuals and families who are struggling with any multitude of illnesses or issues.

An example of another source of data utilized in developing plans for expenditure of human services funds is the CYS Quality Service Review (QSR). The QSR is an in-depth review of 12 randomly selected cases where teams of two conduct interviews, review files and make quality improvement suggestions on both the individual case and the system at large. In the review held this past April, there was an increase in housing issues identified for our families. We saw evidence of displacement due to substandard heating systems and doubling or even tripling of

families into tight quarters due to lack of affordable housing. We are fully aware that this coupled with the increase of workers for the drilling industry validates we have a serious shortage of safe, affordable housing.

A very important method for us to gather information relating to needs in the community is through the public hearings that are held in preparation for the development of the block grant plan. In addition, the Human Services Planning Team oversees our progress in meeting the goals described above and thus addressing the needs identified through the public planning process. Following the two public hearings held last year, the Planning Team began to brainstorm how to address the needs identified. The Team agreed that a major priority in all that we do has to be the creation/enhancement of public/private partnerships, recognizing that many of these issues are community-wide problems, not human service system problems, and therefore require a community response to address them effectively. The Planning Team also adopted the concept of a Community Mobilizer, which is a role that will be identified for each priority area. The Community Mobilizer will be the person, committee, or agency that will be responsible for moving us toward our goal of addressing identified needs. The Community Mobilizer is essential because we recognize that the cuts we have experienced have left the human service system struggling to keep up with increased work demand, leaving us faced with the reality that there is nobody existing within the system that has the time and energy necessary to dedicate to fully understand the problems and engage the necessary supports and resources to implement an effective, lasting solution. We are in the process of identifying various funding sources to support the Community Mobilizer positions, which in some cases will partially include block grant funding.

II: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In preparation for the 2014-2015 Human Services Plan, Butler County held two public hearings for the purpose of providing the public with information about the Block Grant and for gaining direct input from the community regarding the priorities and issues they feel should be addressed. A majority of the time at each public meeting was scheduled to hear testimonies from individuals and families accessing services, as well as providers, advocates and other stakeholders. The public hearings were held on Tuesday, April 22 at the County Government Center, and Thursday, April 24 at the Community Alliance Church in Butler Township.

The public hearings were advertised widely within the community. A flyer was created announcing the public hearings (See Attachment c - Public Hearing Flyer). The flyer was posted at the front doors and elevators of the Butler County Government Center, in the offices of the Human Services Department and in the offices of the County Commissioners. In addition, the flyer was emailed to the Butler Collaborative for Families, the Butler County Local Housing Options Team and the Early Care and Education Council. About 70 organizations are represented within these three community collaboratives. Members were asked to print the flyer and post it in their agencies and also to share it directly with the people they serve. The flyer was also emailed to the MH/ID/EI Advisory Board, the CYS Advisory Board, the D&A Advisory Board and the Community Action Advisory Board. In addition, the flyer was emailed to all provider agencies and also to various State Representatives and the County Commissioners Association of PA. The public hearings were also advertised in the local newspaper (See

Attachment d – Proof of Publication of Notice in Butler Eagle). The testimonies and comments from each public hearing were summarized (See Attachments e and f - Public Hearing Summaries).

Information from the monthly 2-1-1 reports complemented the feedback from the public hearings because 2-1-1 helps to identify the needs of those in the community requiring assistance. In addition to input from the public hearings and 2-1-1 data, we also advertised that community members could submit their comments, questions, testimonies, etc. via email or mail. We let people know that, although this plan is due in June, we will continue to collect input beyond that point because we are constantly in planning mode, and it is always beneficial to have ongoing community feedback.

Beyond the Planning Team and the feedback from our collaboratives, each Program Director receives quantitative data through reports, many of which are received quarterly, as well as through the annual monitoring process. This helps us to better understand the anecdotal information that we hear and to assess where the greatest gaps and level of needs exist within our system. The types of data we receive and analyze regularly includes number of people served, major issues leading to the person/family seeking assistance, types of programs that people are being referred to, length of wait lists, housing status, employment status, requests for assistance with basic needs, success rates of various programs, recidivism rates, participant satisfaction, people's progress through the system and participation in various levels of care, etc.

III. WAIVER

Butler County will not be requesting a waiver at this time.

IV. HUMAN SERVICES NARRATIVE

Following is the service plan for each of the programs included within the block grant. Though each program has its unique set of services that is necessary to maintain in order to support the needs of the people served, Butler County Human Services has identified a set of guiding principles that direct planning and implementation in all of the programs. These principles have been developed through ongoing input and feedback from various stakeholder groups within the community. Our system-wide guiding principles are to:

- Provide services in the least restrictive setting appropriate;
- Maintain existing service arrays;
- Address people's basic needs, such as housing, food, and transportation;
- Provide integrated services that combine the expertise and resources of multiple categorical programs and lead to improved outcomes for children, families, and individuals;
- Assure people are receiving Medicaid if eligible and fund priority treatment and support services not covered by 3rd parties;
- Address special populations, including transition age youth, people with co-occurring diagnoses (MH/D&A) , people with dual diagnoses (MH/ID) and the re-entry population;
- Develop an integrated data system;
- Incorporate community and natural supports;

- Integrate primary and behavioral healthcare; and
- Measure for quality and effectiveness in the service system.

Each program within Butler County Human Services is responsible for taking these guiding principles into consideration in all aspects of planning and service delivery.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

a) Program Highlights

Butler County continues to offer its residents quality, effective mental health services. This will be carried through fiscal year 2014-2015. The following is a list of programmatic highlights for the year.

- Over 150 people have been trained in Mental Health First Aid, and trainings are scheduled throughout the remainder of calendar year 2014. The initiative is being funded through a “Mental Health Matters” grant.
- Butler County was able to send 21 law enforcement/security/correctional officers to the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training. Human Services Block Grant funds were used to assist police departments with the personnel expenses associated with sending officers to the training and to support the trainers and logistical components of the regional trainings.
- A behavioral health/physical health coordination program was implemented as a result of an approved Community Hospital Integration Plan (CHIP). The plan was fully implemented in April 2014 and consists of a registered nurse being added to the Base Services Unit to support medically fragile individuals with their transition back to the community from restrictive levels of mental health treatment (i.e. State Hospital, Long Term Structured Residence).
- The monitoring/oversight of mental health programs has been enhanced by the addition of a dedicated quality management specialist. Providers are utilizing this position to consult about regulatory requirements and to improve the quality of services being delivered.
- Butler County Human Services has entered into a Trauma-Informed Learning Community to ensure that all functions are being conducted in the most trauma-informed manner possible. The learning community was established using grant funds from a private foundation, and Butler County participates in the community with six other community service entities.
- A Suicide Awareness Taskforce has been established in Butler and was able to hold its first event in September 2013. The Taskforce continually looks at county data to determine appropriate strategies for issues related to suicide. Partners in the Taskforce include the Veterans’ Administration, Butler County Sheriff, Coroner, family members, and various human service providers.

- The Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) identified the development of a Mental Health (MH) Court in its most recent strategic plan. As a result, the CJAB has partnered with Butler County Human Services to apply for two grants that would allow the implementation of the MH court. A workgroup has been established to begin the process of policy/procedure development.
- A Request for Proposal was disseminated to acquire a provider for a Children’s Partial Hospitalization program. Butler Memorial Hospital was chosen, and the program has been operating since October 2013.
- The Grapevine Center was able to obtain grant funding to establish a Forensic Certified Peer Specialist (CPS). This program has been granted access to the jail and has begun the “in-reach” for inmates in need of CPS services.

b) Strengths and Unmet Needs

The following is an overview of strengths and unmet needs for the following target populations served by the behavioral health system.

Older Adults (ages 60 and above)

A slight increase in the use of mental health services by older adults has been noted this fiscal year. Older adults utilize all levels of care offered by Butler County Human Services. This year, Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) was offered to the aging population and has been shown to be extremely useful for families trying to work together to meet the needs of their aging members. We are still in need of Certified Peer Specialists with an aging specialty.

Adults (ages 18 and above)

The variety of services available and the systemic transformation to become more trauma-informed are strengths for the adult population. The addition of the Behavioral Health/Physical Health (BH/PH) Coordinator brings medical expertise to discharge planning from restrictive levels of care, and as a result, Butler County will be able to decrease the bedcap at Torrance State Hospital from 19 to 17. The BH/PH Coordinator will have access to “set aside” psychiatric time at three local mental health providers. The psychiatric time will be dedicated to individuals transitioning back to the community and will decrease the wait time that some of these individuals experience in trying to mitigate medication issues. This added layer of coordination between behavioral and physical health is another strength for the adult population. A need exists to ascertain the reasons/causes of a recent rise in readmissions to area psychiatric units. A workgroup has been established to begin looking at this issue.

Transition-age Youth (ages 18-26)

Butler County has worked diligently to increase cross systems planning for individuals aging out of the children’s world into adult mental health services. A monthly Integrated Children Services meeting is held with Juvenile Probation, Children and Youth, and Mental Health to assist with planning for transitions. This collaboration is a strength that coupled with an increased understanding of transition age issues by existing providers of adult mental health services bolsters overall support of transition aged individuals. We still have far to go and recognize that more training specific to engagement strategies is needed. **Therefore, a need exists to pursue**

training opportunities for implementation of engagement practices and furtherance of evidence-based practices.

Children (under 18)

The addition of a Children's Partial Hospitalization program, a partnership with the alternative high school, and an increased use of FGDM highlight strengths of the children's mental health system. The Student Assistance Program (SAP) continues to operate, and several high schools in Butler are working with SAP to refine the in-school counseling program. The prevention, education, and outreach component of SAP has developed a relationship with the alternative high school and has been able to support them with psycho-educational mental health programming throughout the school year. Identified needs for the children's system are to improve the quality of evaluations provided by Independent Prescribers in the region and to standardize the process by which summer programming obtains approval each year.

The following is an overview of strengths and unmet needs for the following special/underserved populations.

Individuals transitioning out of state hospitals

The recently added BH/PH Coordinator has proven invaluable in supporting individuals returning home from the state hospital and is a definite strength for Butler County. A plan is currently being implemented to obtain "set aside" psychiatric time for individuals returning from the state hospital and will improve accessibility for these individuals. The willingness to work with Butler County to develop the protocols for this psych time speaks to the level of investment we all have in helping people to come home and be successful. Butler County has many housing options for all types of people, but we continue to struggle with finding suitable, permanent housing for everyone. This continues to be a need for our community.

Co-occurring Mental Health/Substance Abuse

The integration of mental health and substance abuse providers has improved dramatically over the past year. Provider meetings are integrated, and this is a strength for Butler County. We have also recently established a readmission workgroup which will be carried out by both mental health and drug/alcohol departments. Although we have several co-occurring options for some levels of treatment, we are still in need of co-occurring treatment at every level of intensity.

Justice-involved individuals

The implementation of Mental Health First Aid and Crisis Intervention Training signal a heightened awareness of the criminal justice system to issues concerning individuals with mental health problems. This awareness has also led to the development of a workgroup focused on Mental Health Court. Overall, the spirit of collaboration between mental health and criminal justice is a huge strength for both of these systems. This collaboration has also led to the advent of Forensic Certified Peer Specialist, Prevention/Education groups with inmates while incarcerated, and increased operationalization of the Justice Related Recovery Team. We are still struggling with housing options for people being discharged from jail with mental health issues.

Veterans

Butler County veterans continue to benefit from the array of mental health services. The providers in the community serve veterans in all levels of care and have made a concerted effort to obtain trainings regarding veteran-specific issues. The willingness of providers to meet the needs of veterans is a strength. An identified need for this population is treatment availability based on non-traditional hours (i.e. evenings, weekends).

Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Questioning/Intersex (LGBTQI) consumers

The participation in a Trauma-Informed Learning Community has strengthened the commitment of Butler County Human Services to highlight the non-discrimination language in our yearly contracts and monitoring expectations. The consistent messaging regarding respect, dignity and culturally competent services is a strength. The system as a whole is in need of specific trainings and a manner in which specialized providers can be identified and credentialed.

Racial/Ethnic/Linguistic minorities

Butler County continues to have access to interpreter services and requires that providers expose staff to training around cultural issues. The expectations are reinforced through yearly monitoring visits. The consistency of this expectation is a system strength. As Butler becomes more diverse, a need for more specific, in depth clinical trainings exists throughout the entire mental health system.

Other-Dual Diagnoses Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities

The mental health and intellectual disabilities systems work closely together to support individuals whom have been dually diagnosed. The level of communication and collaboration is a strength for Butler County. Mental health providers have been in attendance at many trainings pertaining to individuals with dual diagnoses, and we have had some success with transitioning individuals from the children's system into the adult service continuum. Butler County is also participating in the development and implementation of a Dual Diagnosis Treatment Team in conjunction with two other counties. Specialized trainings and housing options are still a need for our county.

c) Recovery-Oriented Systems Transformation

Butler County Human Services has done several things to transform the mental health system into one that is more recovery-oriented. Overall, we have participated in a Trauma-Informed Learning Community to assist with becoming more trauma-informed. The impetus to become more trauma-informed was derived from seeing people as complex and having multiple issues/needs simultaneously. Therefore, the Trauma-Informed Learning Community has been folded into the Complex Capability Integration Initiative described in the FY 2013-2014 Human Services Plan.

The end goal of the trauma-informed movement is to alter the policies/procedures/processes so that they in no way add to the trauma histories of those coming to us for assistance. As such, we have begun to look at every aspect of our system to ascertain strategies to diminish the opportunities for re-traumatization. Below is a timeline with some basic steps to move the initiative forward:

- January 2014- Staff wide training to introduce the trauma-informed concept
- March 2014- Redesigned waiting areas, developed messaging plan and branding

- April 2014- Conducted organizational assessment
- May 2014- Developed training plan
- June 2014- Held recovery-oriented documentation training for front line staff (i.e. BCM, FBMHS, Therapists) and staff wide compassion fatigue training scheduled
- July 2014- Training scheduled for trauma-informed supervision
- August 2014- Schedule another recovery-oriented documentation training
- September 2014- Develop survey to ascertain impact of trainings
- October 2014- Begin to engage in strategic planning for continuation of initiative
- January 2015- Complete plan for 2015
- February-June 2015- Implement plan for 2015

The initiative was started with a grant and is being sustained with Human Services Block Grant funds. The plan is reviewed and action steps documented on a monthly basis.

*Implementation of the items is tracked by a monthly meeting of the trauma informed care committee comprised of various human service staff. The steps noted above are discussed and completion is reported to the group. The planning for 2015 will be an ongoing process for the first few months of 2015. The entire strategic plan will be included in the 2015-2016 HSBG plan.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY SERVICES

The allocated base funds will be used to support annualized budgets for approximately 375 individuals in supportive services including but not limited to supports coordination, life sharing placements, respite, supported employment, Family Support Services, transportation, home and community habilitation, companion, prevocational services, adult training facilities, behavior support etc. The remaining unallocated base funds will be used for supporting individuals in emergent situations, protecting their health and welfare to maintain current living or employment situations in least restrictive environments.

We will continue to use the Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) process for any families that may be interested. FGDM is a strengths-based empowerment model designed to join the wider family group including relatives, friends, community members, and others to collectively make decisions to resolve an identified concern. This plan, developed by the family, utilizes resources from identified potential natural and public supports.

We are continuing to work on a project that initially started as a collaborative effort with Lifesteps, Inc., Butler County United Way, and Butler County Human Services to work with transitional age youth 14 to 26. This program will be funded through grants, the Department of Education, Butler County United Way, private pay, Office of Developmental Program waivers and block grant funds, etc. Program highlights to be phased in are job stimulation and mentoring, health care management, safety training, job coaching, technology and the internet and apartment living. Primary focuses will be on personal potential and developing relationships with local businesses and employers who can help create vocational opportunities. As this project developed and with networking through the United Way, we now have representation and a

verbal agreement with Slippery Rock University to assess ways in which we could partner. Participants receive practice in employment skills, social skills, nutrition education and physical activity one day per week for 8-9 weeks during the spring and fall semesters. For the summer session, program participants will be gaining employment skills at Walgreens two days per week and at the Butler County Humane Society one day per week. This project fits within 3 of the 4 focus areas of the block grant - private public partnerships, employment (transition age) and prevention/mentoring. Once this program foundation is stable, we hope to expand it to other transitional youth outside of the disability system. We met our projected number of supporting 12 students the first year. We are looking at funding an additional 3 individuals with block grant dollars moving into this next fiscal year.

	Estimated / Actual Individuals served in FY 13-14	Projected Individuals to be served in FY 14-15
Supported Employment	27	29
Sheltered Workshop	111	118
Adult Training Facility	132	137
Base Funded Supports Coordination	149	150
Residential (6400)	115	115
Lifesharing (6500)	32	34
PDS/AWC	112	120
PDS/VF	5	5
Family Driven Family Support Services	317	317

Supported Employment

In our Quality Management (QM) Plan, we are monitoring the number of individuals that are employed, using supported employment services and volunteering. Data being collected will include the employer and number of hours per week working or volunteering. (Also, please see Lifesteps Transition Program outlined above that has been made possible through collaborative private and public partnerships.) We have received a grant from the United Way and Staunton Farm Foundation to conduct a study regarding employment from which a strategic plan is being developed to establish investment priorities and corresponding strategies that will increase the success of our individuals with special needs in obtaining employment. The results of this study will be presented to the Planning Team sometime during the summer of 2014.

Base Funded Supports Coordination

We have increased our actual numbers of individuals being supported by 21, for a total of 149. We will continue to fund transition services from ICF/ID and other facility based programs as part of our philosophy and best practices. Our contracted Supports Coordination Organization (SCO) and the Administrative Entity (AE) is currently assessing the number of individuals being served and corresponding allocations to see if adjustments need to be made to next fiscal year's contract.

Lifesharing Options

Butler County is continuing to work towards developing an understanding of Lifesharing across Human Service Departments and agencies with which Butler County does business. The AE routinely has discussions with Children and Youth Services (CYS) and mental health agencies and other departments regarding those individuals transitioning from one service area to another. A thorough crosswalk was recently completed comparing the Lifesharing regulations with Therapeutic Foster Care regulations. With continuity of care in mind, we were successful in transitioning a living arrangement that was licensed as a foster care home to one that is now licensed as a lifesharing provider under the Office of Developmental Programs. We are looking at transitioning 3 more foster care placements over to lifesharing in the next 4 years. This allows the individual transitioning from the CYS system to stay with his current provider where the only thing changing is the funding behind the scenes. By the end of this fiscal year we will be funding a total of 4 lifesharing placements through block grant funds.

Also, as part of our QM Plan, we are monitoring **all** living situations and are in the process of developing action steps that we hope result in an increase of number of people being served in less restrictive environments.

Cross Systems Communications and Training

As previously mentioned, Butler County operates an integrated human services department, with a Director that oversees seven program areas, and each program area is managed by a Program Director. Each of the Program Directors, in addition to the Finance Director, Director of Information Technology, and the Director of Service Integration and Quality Management, is part of the Human Services Administrative Team. The Administrative Team meets at least monthly to share information and focus on opportunities for collaboration in order to further our mission of integration.

Our efforts toward full integration are enhanced through our focus on cross-systems trainings and communications. Four years ago, we developed a training entitled “Introduction to Butler County’s Human Service System”. This training provides participants with an overview of our system as a whole, including the various components, and also focuses on educating them on the service expectations and important initiatives occurring within our system. This training is held once per year. We also hold cross-systems trainings on a smaller scale throughout the year. For example, we recently held a training on ID and aging services.

Butler County is in a good position to become fully integrated due to the collaboration that occurs with other critical services and community sectors that are not directly led by county government. Butler County Human Services is actively involved with a number of collaborative groups in the community, such as the Community Support Program, Local Housing Options Team, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Early Care and Education Council, and Butler Collaborative for Families. We have a strong partnership with our local United Way and often collaborate, both financially and programmatically, on projects that support our common goal of helping Butler County residents reach their highest possible potential. We have also spent years forming positive relationships with our provider organizations and the local Chamber of Commerce. These connections are critical in realizing our goal of full integration because in order to effectively meet the multiple and complex needs of the people we serve, we must take into consideration all aspects of a person or family’s life,

and this is only possible by reaching beyond the human service system to the other sectors of the community.

Emergency Supports

Block grant funds are set aside and will be utilized to meet the needs of individuals in emergent situations, protecting their health and welfare to maintain current living or employment situations in least restrictive environments, while assessing potential natural supports and other resources. In addition, base dollars are reserved to meet the emergent needs of the ID population. Butler County meets emergency needs of individuals outside of normal work hours by utilizing an on call system with our crisis unit, supports coordination organization unit and the AE. We hold block grant contracts for most levels of supports with local providers so that we may secure supports in a timely fashion. Local providers with whom Butler County contracts and the types of support they provide include:

- Allegheny Valley School – adult training facility, older adult day and behavior support
- Allegheny Behavioral and Developmental Disabilities – respite
- Arc of Butler – respite, lifesharing, home and community habilitation, pre-vocational services and supported employment
- ARC Human Services – behavior support
- Community Care Connections – adult training facility
- Lifesteps – respite, home and community habilitation, behavior support and adult training facility

Recognizing that emergencies are individualized, block grant contracts with these local providers are easy to amend if we need to add additional services. In addition, Butler County is in an advantageous position to pull the cross system players together quickly because of our human services model. This allows us to come up with an emergency support plan for individual in a timely manner.

Administrative Funding

These administrative dollars have a federal match to the base allocation. We are **not** considering them as being flexible monies within the block grant. The monies used in the administrative office, the Health Care Quality Unit, and the Independent Monitoring for Quality program are part of the states assurances with the federal government in operating the waiver programs. We are projecting a cost of \$1,637,294 to support approximately 4,480 individuals within the region.

Butler County conducts administrative functions for the department in operating the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers for the individuals with intellectual disabilities. These functions are what the department agreed to do for the federal government, specifically the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in order to be compliant with the waiver renewals. The county office presently supports 342 individuals receiving waiver funding.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Butler County Community Action & Development, an office under the Butler County Human Services umbrella, utilizes the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's Homeless

Assistance Program (HAP), as well as additional funds redirected from the Human Services and Supports/Human Services Development Fund (\$33,670), to provide the following programs to assist the homeless and near homeless: Emergency Shelter, Rental Assistance, Bridge Housing, Case Management, Supportive Housing Services, and Central Intake/Coordinated Assessment. All programs are subcontracted to local providers of services. Butler County subcontracts with Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICe) to provide emergency shelter, bridge housing, and case management/supportive services for victims of domestic violence, with The Lighthouse Foundation to provide emergency shelter to homeless youth age 18-21 and to support an emergency shelter program for individuals and families, and with Catholic Charities to provide rental assistance that includes case management for homeless and near homeless, emergency shelter for homeless utilizing the Safe Harbor facility and local motels, and Central Intake/Coordinated Assessment for Butler County residents in need of homeless services. The Winter Relief Center is contracted through our Local Housing Options Team (LHOT).

Through Block Grant public hearings and work session planning meetings, housing has been identified as priority in the community. Safe, stable, affordable housing is one of the main building blocks in assisting families and individuals not only in obtaining employment and gaining self-sufficiency, but in treatment and recovery.

Through the emergency shelter, rental assistance, bridge housing, and case management programs, every effort is made to address the housing needs of the at-risk populations, 100% of whom are low income or unemployed. Persons in need of housing assistance frequently have problems that include drug and alcohol abuse, serious mental illness, and domestic violence. The unskilled and underemployed populations comprise the majority of the persons served through the HAP funded programs.

Rental Assistance funded through HAP is used to prevent homelessness of individuals and families while providing safe, decent and affordable housing in the community and to enable families to remain intact, to become self-reliant and independent.

Butler County Human Services and Butler County United Way share in the funding of housing programs operated by Catholic Charities, VOICe and The Lighthouse and meet regularly to coordinate funding for the housing providers in order to make the most effective use of all funding.

Butler County Human Services also participates actively in the Butler County Local Housing Options Team (LHOT) which also includes as members the United Way, County Assistance Office (CAO), Veterans Administration, Housing Authority of Butler County, Catholic Charities, VOICe, The Lighthouse, Center For Community Resources, PA AIDS Planning Coalition, PA Homeless Children's Initiative, Glade Run Lutheran Services, Irene Stacy Community Mental Health Center, Salvation Army, local churches and community members. The LHOT is the central housing coalition that collaborates on local housing issues in Butler County. Meetings are held monthly with near full participation from member agencies. All agencies provide updates on their programs, vacancies, waiting lists, success stories and challenges. The LHOT also serves as the planning platform for developing new housing programs and services.

Representatives from Butler County Human Services, Butler Housing Authority, VOICe, and The Lighthouse also participate in the Southwest Continuum of Care Regional Homeless Advisory Board.

In addition, this year, Butler County Human Services was able to hire the position of Community Housing Development Coordinator/Community Housing Mobilizer. This position is funded using HSDF dollars and is responsible for fully assessing the housing needs of the various populations served by human services on a system-wide level, identifying gaps and barriers relating to housing for our target populations and forging private/public partnerships to address these needs. The overall goal of this position is to increase availability and opportunities for safe, affordable, accessible housing for our target populations in order to support them in their recovery process. This position is a critical addition and achievement because of the requirements that are placed on state and local governments to ensure that people with disabilities have access to appropriate housing and services that support them within their own communities. Adherence to the Olmstead Act has become a major focus and as such, enforcement has been increased.

An initial focus of the Community Housing Development Coordinator/Community Housing Mobilizer was to implement Housing Quality Standards (HQS) in accordance with the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act). Housing leased with Continuum of Care program funds, or for which rental assistance payments are made with Continuum of Care program funds, must meet the applicable housing quality standards. In May 2014, Butler County Human Services contracted with Non Profit Development Corporation (NDC) to complete HQS inspections a minimum of annually for all current apartments and prior to leasing new apartments. Our purpose is to promote community wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness while providing safe and affordable housing options.

	Estimated/Actual Individuals served in FY 13-14	Projected Individuals to be served in FY 14-15
Bridge Housing	4	4
Case Management	642	994
Rental Assistance	60	300
Emergency Shelter	482	490
Other Housing Supports	96	200

Bridge Housing Program

The Bridge Housing Program, funded through HAP, is subcontracted to Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICe) as the provider of services in Butler County for victims of domestic violence. All participants in Bridge Housing are victims of domestic violence. Most participants are referred from the VOICe domestic violence shelter to Bridge Housing for services. This provides for a “continuum of care” for families, allowing them to move from a shelter living environment to permanent and stable housing. Bridge Housing enables more direct and effective interventions in empowering family lifestyle changes and access to resources and ensures that clients’ basic survival needs are met. This enables families to focus on more long term goals and objectives such as education, vocational training and jobs/careers. Finally, the Bridge Housing

Program assists clients in making a more successful transition to permanent housing and family stability.

Housing is provided at scattered sites in local neighborhoods by local landlords. The landlords agree to maintain their units at HUD-approved standards in exchange for a fair market return to Bridge Housing clients. Rental payments are shared between HAP funding and Bridge Housing tenants. The Bridge Housing intake is set up to ensure clients meet the general criteria of homelessness or near homelessness due to domestic abuse. Client eligibility is determined and based on the United States Department of Health and Human Services current poverty guidelines.

Bridge Housing staff provide case management and ongoing support and counseling services to encourage families to work towards achieving their service plan goals, while feeling safe and secure in their current housing environment. A significant amount of life skills instruction is also provided in the areas of budgeting and money management, decision making and knowledge/experience in setting up a support system in the local community, as well as with family and friends. Program staff provide referral information to families in the areas of tangible needs (i.e., public assistance, WIC, unemployment, energy assistance) and intangible needs (i.e., counseling, parenting skills, career assessment and development, training, etc.). Once families are near completion of the program and their service plan goals and objectives, a transition plan is developed to ensure that the transition to permanency is successful and that the re-establishment support system, both formal and informal, is secure.

While participating in the Bridge Housing Program, the family's progress is charted through the service plan, which is based on the needs of the family. The service plan defines the client goals and is broken down into short-term, long-term and ongoing goals. Standard goals are in the areas of education, employment, career exploration and personal achievement. The service plan is re-evaluated every three months until the client completes the goals and objectives or services are ended. The key to consistent progress in the Bridge Housing Program is the use of attainable goals, thus promoting empowerment and self-esteem.

Case Management/Rental Assistance

Rental Assistance services are provided through a subcontract with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Butler Office and are a component of their overall housing program that includes emergency shelter and case management. To be eligible for the Rental Assistance Program, clients must be a resident of Butler County for 30 days, homeless or near homeless, have a landlord willing to rent to them, have sufficient income to continue future rent payments, meet income guidelines (125 percent of poverty) and have applied for title IV-A Emergency Shelter allowance when applicable. Clients are responsible for contributing towards rental costs, and the dollar amount is based on the client's ability to contribute. Rental Assistance staff work with landlords requiring verification of a rental agreement and the landlord's willingness to rent to the client.

HAP guidelines permit payments of up to \$1,000 for rental assistance for adult households or \$1,500 for families with children. In Butler County, clients may receive financial assistance once in a 12-month period but not to exceed the maximum dollar amount in the 24-month clock of

eligibility. The Rental Assistance Program provides for housing costs consisting of overdue rent payments, including trailer or lot rent, mortgage assistance and utility assistance. Exceptions can be made, e.g., eviction will result in children being placed in foster care. When applicable, Rental Assistance staff collaborate with the CAO and the local Housing Authority office to address client housing needs. Clients who appear to meet eligibility criteria for financial assistance through the CAO are referred there for a formal screening and intake appointment with the housing coordinator prior to receiving financial assistance from HAP funding.

The Rental Assistance intake process is designed to ensure clients meet the general criteria for rental assistance and to develop a comprehensive service plan that addresses problems that have led to the client's housing crisis. The plan, monitored by Rental Assistance staff, lists client goals that can move the client towards achieving a higher level of independence and self-sufficiency. Participants are then assisted through case management to connect with various resources and services in the community that will aid them in reaching their identified goals, as well as allow them to assume and/or resume their responsibility of providing for housing costs. By providing case management, clients are assisted in maintaining affordable, safe and decent housing while developing adequate household budgeting techniques. The Rental Assistance Program outcomes are assessed through follow-up services provided by the case worker. These services monitor the housing stability of clients within 30 days after receiving rental assistance and determine if there are any other services that the clients could be referred to for additional support and assistance.

Emergency Shelter Program

The Emergency Shelter Program is designed to provide shelter to persons/families that are in a housing crisis situation and in immediate danger of becoming homeless or have no permanent legal residence of their own. HAP funding, along with funds redirected from HSDF, is coordinated with other sources such as Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), The Emergency Food and Shelter Program and the United Way to provide emergency shelter and case management services in Butler County. Emergency Shelter services are provided through subcontracts with four non-profit providers:

Catholic Charities - Homeless and near homeless persons and families in crisis situations will be provided short-term emergency lodging in Safe Harbor, our homeless shelter facility, for a period of 30 days. Vouchers are also issued from one to three days using local motels/hotels, and longer if necessary, when Safe Harbor is over capacity. Catholic Charities coordinates the HAP funds with The Emergency Food and Shelter Program, CSBG for homeless case management and supportive services, and with the local United Way to provide emergency shelter assistance. In addition, funds that have been redirected from HSDF are used to support the Resident Manager position of Safe Harbor, which is essential in ensuring that program participants are supported during hours that case management and treatment services are not available.

Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICe) - VOICe provides emergency services to victims of domestic violence at a mass shelter facility at a per diem rate of \$10 funded through HAP. SBG funds are used for counseling/advocacy and case management services for shelter residents. VOICe also receives an annual allocation from the Local Board of The Emergency Food and Shelter Program to apply towards per diem costs.

The Lighthouse Foundation - The Lighthouse provides safe, supportive, affordable living space in an apartment type setting for homeless youth age 18-21. The Lighthouse assists the youth in achieving financial and personal independence while working on educational and vocational goals, pursuing employment and developing independent living skills. Youth are provided shelter at \$10/day not to exceed 60 days with funding provided through HAP. CSBG funds are utilized to provide the night-time staffing. The Lighthouse also receives an annual allocation from the Local Board of The Emergency Food and Shelter Program to apply towards per diem costs.

Grace Youth and Family Foundation - Grace Youth and Family Foundation operates the facility for the Winter Relief Center which is open from November until the end of March. The Winter Relief Center provides emergency shelter services on a nightly basis to homeless individuals or individuals who do not have a heating source in their home. The Winter Relief Center is a collaborative program of many community partners, including local churches, non-profit organizations, social and human service agencies and businesses. Catholic Charities coordinates the HAP funds with The Emergency Food and Shelter Program, CSBG for homeless case management and supportive services, and with the local donations to provide emergency shelter assistance.

Emergency Shelter Program goals are achieved by:

- Providing resolution of crisis homeless situations by arranging for shelter in Safe Harbor, motels/hotels in the local community (Catholic Charities), and The Winter Relief Center (Grace Youth and Family Foundation).
- Providing resolution of crisis homeless situations by providing safe supportive housing for women and children victims of domestic violence in a mass shelter (VOICE).
- Providing resolution of crisis situation for homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 21 by providing safe, supportive, affordable living space in an apartment style arrangement (The Lighthouse).
- Providing service plans and establishing goals with clients by which the client plans a housing and job strategy (all providers).
- Providing information and referral services to network with other agencies to address client needs (all providers).
- Connecting clients to mainstream resources in the community.

Other Housing Supports-Supportive Housing Services

This innovative supportive housing program was developed by VOICE to address the needs of chronic and consistent homeless individuals who are victims of domestic violence. Many of these individuals have substance abuse and/or mental illness. The homeless domestic violence victims who display serious mental illness, substance abuse and or co-occurring disorders are often the most difficult population to engage in supportive services. Basic shelter services, beyond providing immediate access to safety, can be ineffective in providing the intensive services needed by this population of victims. The supportive housing program through VOICE is a combination of McKinney Vento funding for the scattered site apartments and HAP funding for the supportive services. VOICE offers outreach and in-home supportive services that include assisting survivors to establish external support systems, connect with and participate in mental health and substance abuse services and connect with other support services including peer support and life skill building. Short and long term advocacy/goal plans and safety planning are a

part of the services as well. Clients are also assisted with transportation costs as they work towards achieving goals.

Other Housing Supports-Central Intake/Coordinated Assessment

Over the past six months, Butler County has been working with the various members of the LHOT to develop a Central Intake Program and a Coordinated Assessment process. Catholic Charities was selected as our Central Intake provider because of their status as the primary contact for people seeking homeless services. By accepting the role of Central Intake, all people in Butler County who are in need of homeless services are directed to contact Catholic Charities either by phone or in person. The Central Intake unit then completes the coordinated assessment with the person or family. This assessment was developed by combining the common elements of the various assessments that were being done by the multiple providers of homeless services in our community. The purpose of the assessment is to determine which level of care is most appropriate for the person/family. The completed assessment is then shared with the agency(s) that operates the appropriate level of service. The overall goal of this process is to eliminate confusion for people seeking homeless services by directing them to one agency that will help them through the process and also to streamline the process by asking the person in need to complete only one assessment versus multiples at different agencies, which is what was occurring in the past. We are still working towards full implementation of this process.

Funds that have been redirected from the HSDF category into HAP will be used to support the Central Intake Unit of Catholic Charities. The Central Intake Unit is responsible for:

- Meeting with individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homeless by walk-in and appointments;
- Completing a general screening for the at-risk population to identify alternative housing or resources;
- Completing the comprehensive assessment tool (developed and approved by the Butler County LHOT) for the literally homeless population and also for the at-risk population for whom no other options were identified through the general screening;
- Determining eligibility for various homeless/housing programs;
- Referring to appropriate homeless/housing programs, as well as other supportive services and resources;
- Providing support in accessing basic needs, such as food, transportation, etc., as available; and
- Providing ongoing Case Management services until the person/family is connected with another program.

Evaluation of Outcomes

All services provided with HAP funding are subcontracted to non-profit social service agencies in the community. The subcontract agreements all contain work statements with projected outcomes to be met. Although the PA Department of Public Welfare now only requires submission of an annual client report, Butler County Community Action continues to collect quarterly cumulative client data reports from providers using the DPW-HAP client reporting form. These reports are reviewed quarterly to measure progress towards projected outcomes and assist with monitoring of the program.

In addition, Butler County Community Action meets regularly with providers throughout the year to discuss projected numbers served, spending trends and needs of clients. The creation of the Community Housing Development Coordinator position will also serve to evaluate and improve housing services provided throughout the Butler County continuum of care which includes HAP services.

Status of HMIS

Currently, all programs that receive HEARTH funds through HUD, except for those targeting victims of domestic violence, are entering data into HMIS. This includes 8 different programs in Butler County. As of July 1, 2013, two additional programs that are funded through PATH funds will begin to enter data. The programs that are funded through HAP are not entered into the system yet. Our hope is that PA HMIS, which is the system that is most widely used in the State, will work toward adding HAP as a component within the system as they have done with PATH. This would allow agencies to easily differentiate between various funding streams. This would also be beneficial because it would cut down on counting people served by the homeless system multiple times.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

Butler County Children and Youth Services (CYS) has been successful in safely reducing placements allowing for expansion of services, one of which is the creation of a Child Advocacy Center. This center will provide independent, expert forensic interviews for any child disclosing sexual abuse. These interviews will be conducted using the Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team approach as required by newly established legislation. The obvious challenge to CYC for the upcoming fiscal year will be the implementation of both the Child Protective Services law amendments and concurrent planning. The special grants will become even more important in keeping children safe, finding permanency, and maintaining well being. Funds from the block grant as well as Act 148 funds will be combined to provide a continuum of necessary services to keep children safe, healthy and in a permanent home. These services include both residential and in-home services.

The three outcomes selected are Entries into Care (Safety), Role and Voice (Child and Family Wellbeing), and Rate of Reunification (Permanency). Entries into Care will be measured semi-annually using the Hornzby-Zeller reports from AFCARS. This data shows the efforts toward safely reducing placements. In the recently released 2013 Child Abuse Report, Butler County had 0 substantiated cases of re-abuse. This statistic exemplifies the progress the agency has made in keeping children safe. Role and Voice will be measured through the bi-annual Quality Service Reviews (QSRs). This data shows the efforts of staff practice changes around family involvement in service planning. Rate of Reunification will also be measured semi-annually with the AFCARS report which shows our success in reunifying families quickly when placements do occur.

Outcome	Measurement and Frequency	All Child Welfare Services in HSBG Contributing to Outcome
Entries into Care (Safety)	2 x per year	Yes
Role and Voice (Child and Family Wellbeing)	Bi-annual	Yes
Rate of Reunification (Permanency)	2 x per year	Yes

Program Name:	Family Group Decision Making (FGDM)
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Continuation from 2013-2014	Y			
New implementation for 2014-2015	N			
Funded and delivered services in 2013-2014 but not renewing in 2014-2015	N			
Requesting funds for 2014-2015 (new, continuing or expanding)	Y	New	Continuing	Expanding
			X	

FGDM is a strengths-based, voluntary process which recognizes that a family itself is the best judge of how to meet its member's needs. It empowers the families by providing an opportunity to join together with other people who are important in their lives to develop a plan for solving a problem or to address important family concerns. The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts researched best practice models for their Permanency Initiative and included FGDM as their preferred model. As part of the initiative, we were required to participate. While this program was started as part of the OCFC Permanency Initiative, it was expanded last year to additional populations other than child welfare.

The established cost for the year was based on past utilizations and also projections for the current year. We anticipate that 45 conferences will be coordinated and completed, with an established rate of \$3,000/completed conference. We anticipate that 6 referrals will result in coordination efforts but no conference, with a set rate of \$1,000, and 4 referrals will be assessed but no additional follow-up occurring due to the family's willingness to continue the process. This level of service has an established rate of \$250/referral. The total for the anticipated 55 referrals is \$142,000 and we are requesting \$141,800 of this from the Block Grant (the additional \$200 will come from other sources).

	13-14	14-15
Target Population	All	All
# of Referrals	38	55
# Successfully completing program	19	45
Cost per year	\$64,000	\$141,800
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	\$3,000/\$1,000/\$250	\$3,000/\$1,000/\$250
Name of provider	Center for Community Resources	Center for Community Resources

There were instances of under spending in this fiscal year. A Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) grant has been secured to do more marketing for this year.

Program Name:	Promising Practice - Dependent: Crisis In-Home Stabilization
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Continuation from 2013-2014	Y			
New implementation for 2014-2015	N			
Funded and delivered services in 2013-2014 but not renewing in 2014-2015	N			
Requesting funds for 2014-2015 (new, continuing or expanding)	Y	New	Continuing	Expanding
			X	

This is a crisis program provided to families at risk of a placement. Services are intensive and focus on community and healthy family supports. This program was initiated due to our high percentage of placements.

	13-14	14-15
Target Population	Children at risk	Children at risk
# of Referrals	109	110
# Successfully completing program	81	85
Cost per year	\$125,000	\$125,000
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	Various rates	Various rates
Name of provider	Totin Family Services	Totin Family Services

There was no under or over spending of this service.

Program Name:	Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Continuation from 2013-2014	Y			
New implementation for 2014-2015	N			
Funded and delivered services in 2013-2014 but not renewing in 2014-2015	N			
Requesting funds for 2014-2015 (new, continuing or expanding)	Y	New	Continuing	Expanding
			X	

The MST program prevents out of home placements, preserves and strengthens the family, reduces the length of stay in placement, prevents youth from entering more restrictive programs, prevents youth from committing juvenile offenses, and decreases association with deviant peers and increases association with pro-social peers. MST was started as a result of our work with teens. Since our service delivery became determined by safety, we needed an evidence-based program for our older adolescents at risk of out of home placement.

	13-14	14-15
Target Population	At risk youth	At risk youth

# of Referrals	15	20
# Successfully completing program	11	15
Cost per year	\$60,000	\$94,000
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	\$51.37/15 minutes	\$51.37/15 minutes
Name of provider	MHY - Family Services	MHY- Family Services

There were instances of under spending in this fiscal year due to staff turnover at the agency. The program will be fully staffed going forward.

Program Name:	Promising Practice - Delinquent: Electronic Monitoring
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Continuation from 2013-2014	Y			
New implementation for 2014-2015	N			
Funded and delivered services in 2013-2014 but not renewing in 2014-2015	N			
Requesting funds for 2014-2015 (new, continuing or expanding)	Y	New	Continuing	Expanding
			X	

This program uses GPS equipment to monitor a delinquent juvenile who would otherwise be placed. The program was initiated due to our high percentage of placements.

	13-14	14-15
Target Population	At risk youth	At risk youth
# of Referrals	75	75
# Successfully completing program	60	60
Cost per year	\$144,000	\$148,000
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	Various rates	Various rates
Name of provider	MHY-Family Services	MHY-Family Services

There were no instances of under or over spending.

Program Name:	Family Development Credentialing (FDC)
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Continuation from 2013-2014	Y			
New implementation for 2014-2015	N			
Funded and delivered services in 2013-2014 but not renewing in 2014-2015	N			

Requesting funds for 2014-2015 (new, continuing or expanding)	Y	New	Continuing	Expanding
			X	

The FDC program was started in 2009 as part of the Phase I Permanency Initiative established by the Office of Children and Families in the Courts. The population to be served are all human service workers within the county. The goal is for all workers to be trained in this family driven, culturally competent, strengths-based model. The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts researched best practice models for their Permanency Initiative and included FDC as their preferred staff training model. As part of the initiative, we were required to participate.

	13-14	14-15
Target Population	Human Service Workers	Human Service Workers
# of Referrals	10	12
# Successfully completing program	10	12
Cost per year	\$1,850	\$2,000
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	\$1,850	\$2,000
Name of provider	Butler County Children's Center	Butler County Children's Center

There were no instances of under or over spending.

Program Name:	Housing
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Continuation from 2013-2014	Y			
New implementation for 2014-2015	N			
Funded and delivered services in 2013-2014 but not renewing in 2014-2015	N			
Requesting funds for 2014-2015 (new, continuing or expanding)	Y	New	Continuing	Expanding
			X	

Funds are available to families and youth of Butler County to assist in the prevention of removal of the child from the home or to assist in reunification of the child to the home due to housing related issues (rent, heat, water, concrete goods, etc.)

	13-14	14-15
Target Population	Children at risk	Children at risk
# of Referrals	84	85
# Successfully completing program	84	85
Cost per year	\$30,000	\$30,000
Per Diem Cost/Program funded	\$30,000	\$30,000

amount		
Name of provider	Totin Family Services	Totin Family Services

There were no instances of over or under spending.

Program Name:	Truancy Intervention Program (TIP)
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Continuation from 2013-2014	Y			
New implementation for 2014-2015	N			
Funded and delivered services in 2013-2014 but not renewing in 2014-2015	N			
Requesting funds for 2014-2015 (new, continuing or expanding)	Y	New	Continuing	Expanding
			X	

The TIP program provides education to children and families on the importance of staying in school in lieu of a fine from the district judges. This program was started due to the truancy rates in Butler County.

	13-14	14-15
Target Population	At risk youth	At risk youth
# of Referrals	35	35
# Successfully completing program	35	35
Cost per year	\$3,000	\$3,000
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	\$3,000	\$3,000
Name of provider	Alliance for Non-Profit Resources	Alliance for Non-Profit Resources

There were no instances of over or under spending.

DRUG and ALCOHOL SERVICES

The Butler County Drug and Alcohol Program, designated as the Single County Authority (SCA), is responsible to ensure the provision of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery support and case management services to Butler County residents. The services provided incorporate all funding sources available to the SCA including state and federal base allocations, county funds, Health Choices and reinvestment funding, and any state and/or federal grant funds made available.

Our program is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for information, referral and any of the services listed above. Individuals can access our office through phone or as a walk-in and receive an initial client screening and a scheduled assessment appointment. After hours and/or weekend emergencies are directed to contact, via phone or as a walk-in, the local crisis intervention program or the Emergency Department of Butler Hospital. The SCA does not have any waiting list issues.

The SCA works closely with many community agencies and human service providers to offer numerous and varied prevention programs for all ages, populations and across multiple arenas.

These prevention programs have performance-based standards which are focused on reducing identified community risk factors associated with substance abuse. Risk factors are reduced through increasing the community's awareness, knowledge and skills, as well as through instilling the positive attitudes and behaviors necessary to develop healthy lifestyles and communities. Student Assistance Program (SAP) services, including pre-screenings, core team meeting participation, consultations and parent meetings, are provided to elementary as well as secondary schools within the county.

Community intervention programs supported through the SCA work directly with individuals and groups already impacted, either directly or indirectly, by substance abuse and addiction. These programs vary from family intervention programs to the ongoing drug and alcohol awareness/education programs provided in the county jail.

The SCA is also responsible to ensure a comprehensive, balanced, and accessible continuum of drug and alcohol treatment services is available to our residents. The SCA provides screenings, level of care assessments, and referrals to the most appropriate treatment services, if applicable. Referrals can range from outpatient services to residential rehabilitation treatment. The office subcontracts with over forty (40) different treatment facilities to ensure that a comprehensive continuum of drug and alcohol treatment services is available to meet the diverse needs of county residents. Treatment services are available to all individuals in need, including adolescents, transition age youth, adults, older adults, and adults with co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders. This includes all special populations, including veterans, criminal justice involved individuals, minorities, homeless individuals, and racial/ethnic/linguistic minorities within our community.

The SCA ensures that case management services are also available to all individuals seeking services. Case management services are available prior to beginning, throughout, and after completion of treatment. The case manager's responsibilities include assessment, placement and review of all levels of care, as well as identifying non-treatment related issues and ensuring that these issues are adequately addressed. The SCA ensures the availability of two (2) levels of case management services in our community: Case Coordination and Intensive Case Management (ICM). The case management staff of the SCA provides Case Coordination for all individuals receiving services paid for by the SCA and community-based ICM services are housed at a local provider.

The Recovery Support Services available within Butler County are designed to support individuals through their unique journeys to sustained, long-term recovery over their lifespan. These services are a critical component to a comprehensive and supportive system of care that assists in removing barriers while offering resources to individuals contemplating, initiating and maintaining recovery from substance abuse problems. Some of the recovery support services available within our county include: the Recovery Project - a drug-free recreational and social environment for individuals in recovery; Oxford Houses - seven (7) recovery based houses available for men, women and women with children; a permanent supportive housing program providing housing, treatment and case management supports to 18-24 year old homeless Butler County residents struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues; Certified Recovery Specialists (CRS) to offer peer-based recovery services to individuals in need; and numerous

community and faith-based groups reaching out to individuals as well as families using natural supports.

Butler SCA continues to work with the community as well as other systems in order to increase our ability to respond to and meet the D&A treatment and case management needs of our residents. Our continued collaborations with community task forces, social service agencies, local providers and other county departments have afforded our office additional funding, continued to increase the effectiveness of services and assisted our office in improving our ability to address the multiple needs of individuals we serve. Some of these ongoing collaborations include:

- Ongoing involvement and grant funding for the Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Program - Funding for substance abuse treatment and case management services have allowed the SCA to meet the treatment needs of the criminal justice involved individuals sentenced to the program.
- Ongoing involvement and grant funding for Butler County's Drug Treatment Court - Available funds have allowed our office to identify and respond to the treatment needs of this population and provide ongoing ICM services.
- Ongoing involvement with the Local Housing Options Team (LHOT) - Collaborative effort among human service agencies as well the community to address homelessness, housing issues and service coordination for individuals in need.
- Ongoing collaboration among human service programs and community agencies to continue the Complex Capable Integration Initiative (CCII) - The goal of this initiative is to promote competence/capability in the Mental Health, D&A and Intellectual Disabilities systems when assisting individuals whom have been identified as having complex needs. The mission of this initiative is to ultimately create a welcoming, accessible, integrated and recovery based system of care for individuals and families with complex needs.
- Ongoing collaboration with the Butler VA Hospital and the Butler County Veterans Court in order to ensure that our veterans are able to access and/or receive drug and alcohol services within our community.
- Ongoing collaboration among Butler County Human Services and various community agencies to move forward with agency and community specific changes and initiatives which aim to inform/educate individuals on Trauma Informed Care (TIC) with the ultimate goal being to assist in moving/transforming our existing system to that of a Trauma-Informed Community.

Results of the D&A prevention/treatment needs assessment conducted in 2012 indicate the emergence and increase of prescription drug use among adults as well as adolescents within Butler County. Over the past several years, we have continued to see the increase in prescription drug use as well as a significant increase in heroin use among the adult population within Butler County. These increases, coupled with increased incidences of overdoses related to opiate use/abuse, have definitely impacted our ability to meet the demands for treatment services with no additional funding available. As a result, existing funds have been stretched so that we could continue to meet the immediate treatment needs of those using/abusing opiates and also provide information/education to the public regarding overdose prevention.

Target Populations

The Butler SCA is responsible to ensure that the provision of a comprehensive, balanced and accessible continuum of drug and alcohol treatment including case management services is made available to all Butler County residents in need. At this time, there are no identified service gaps and/or unmet needs for the following populations.

- **Older Adults (ages 60 and above)** - Please refer back to the information provided above for specific services provided to this target population.
- **Adults (ages 18 and above)** - Please refer back to the information provided above for specific services provided to this target population.
- **Transition Age Youth (ages 18 to 26)** - Please refer back to the information provided above for specific services provided to this target population.
- **Adolescents (under 18)** - Please refer back to the information provided above for specific services provided to this target population.
- **Individuals with Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders** - Please refer back to the information provided above for specific services provided to this target population.
- **Criminal Justice Involved Individuals** - Please refer back to the information provided above for specific services provided to this target population.
- **Veterans** - Please refer back to the information provided above for specific services provided to this target population.
- **Racial/Ethnic/Linguistic minorities** - Please refer back to the information provided above for specific services provided to this target population.

Prior data collected by the Butler County SCA indicate that our office continues to serve primarily white, English speaking individuals. Our office, however, continues to be mindful of the diverse backgrounds and/or physical challenges of individuals seeking services. As such, we continue to ensure an array of case management as well as treatment services in order to meet the diverse and/or physical needs of individuals.

Recovery-Oriented Services

The Recovery-Oriented Services currently available within Butler County include mentoring programs, training and education programs, family programs, support groups, recovery housing, recovery support and planning programs and a local recovery center. Our 2012 needs assessment indicated that, in order to further support a recovery oriented system of care within our county, the availability of natural supports within the community needs to be further increased by mobilizing the volunteer community to become involved and provide support to individuals within all stages of recovery. This need has also been identified by our Block Grant Planning Team as one of our priorities moving forward (public-private partnerships). Efforts are underway to mobilize and streamline the community-based volunteer services in order to eliminate

duplication and ensure that individuals are appropriately connected to the supports and services available.

Butler County SCA continues to focus efforts on movement toward a recovery-oriented system of care in Butler County. At the present time, we are unable to identify any challenges, aside from the lack of increased funding, that would prevent the move toward a recovery-oriented system of care in the county.

HUMAN SERVICES and SUPPORTS/ HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND

Butler County aims to utilize funds in this category to support services that help people meet their basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation. The following chart shows the number of people served in FY 2013-2014 and the numbers that are projected to be served in FY 2014-2015:

	Estimated / Actual Individuals served in FY 13-14	Projected Individuals to be served in FY 14-15
Adult Services	71	83
Aging Services	5	6
Generic Services	0	0
Specialized Services	35	35

Adult Services

We will continue to use a portion of funding in the Human Services and Supports/HSDF category to provide Adult Services, which are programs designed to meet needs of low income county residents. The chart below shows the service that will be funded, the amount of funding each service will receive, and the estimated number of individuals to be served. No changes are being proposed from the previous year.

Program Name	Program Description	# to be served	Amount
Homemaker	Activities provided in the person’s home if there is no family member available or willing to provide the services. Services include instructional care if the person is functionally capable but lacks the knowledge and home help and non-medical personal care if the individual is functionally unable to perform life-essential tasks of daily living.	25	\$30,000
Life Skills Education	Practical education and training in skills needed to perform safely the activities of daily living.	10	\$5,300
Protective-Representative Payee	Assistance provided in bill paying and financial accountability to people who need help with organizing and disbursing his/her personal finances. The program is offered to	8	\$2,000

	people who are unable to manage a financial system, yet wish to remain independent in the community.		
Service Planning/Case Management	A series of coordinative staff activities to determine with the client what services are needed and to coordinate their timely provision.	32	\$13,000
Transportation	Activities which enable individuals to travel to and from community facilities to receive social and medical services.	8	\$4,000
TOTAL		83	\$54,300

Aging Services

In addition to the Adult Services shown above, we will also direct a small portion of the funds to support Aging Services. As we have done in the past, these funds will be provided to the Homemaker Program (described above) in order to allow them the flexibility to continue to serve people past their 60th birthday. At the age of 60, people become eligible for Homemaker Services through the Area Agency on Aging; however, there is often a waiting list for this program. Therefore, in order to maintain continuity of care and the person’s independence in his/her home, we will continue to fund the Homemaker Services until the person begins to receive those services through the Aging system. It is important to note that the Area Agency on Aging operates within the Human Services Department and therefore is a key partner in all planning processes, including the identification of this gap and plan to address it.

Homemaker	Described above	6	\$10,500
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Specialized Services

Butler County will continue to support Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) through the entire spectrum of ages and disabilities. FGDM began in Butler County a few years ago but was only available to families being served by Children and Youth Services. We have seen such incredible successes with this process that we are committed to securing funding that will allow families in other systems to benefit from its effectiveness, including families with no children involved. We have adopted this process as the standard for successful service planning and hope one day to be able to make it available to any family who wants to take part.

We are also directing a small amount of money to the creation of a Family Self-Sufficiency Fund. This fund will be maintained by the Service Coordination Unit within our County and will be used to address emergency needs for families who may not be involved with any of the service systems. The Service Coordination Unit in Butler County functions as the after-hours call center for the region’s 2-1-1 system, so they are very aware of the problems for which people in our community are seeking assistance. The purpose of these calls vary greatly but may include a family whose refrigerator broke and they have no means of replacing it, a disabled person who is homebound and in need of air conditioning in the harsh summer temperatures, or a person in need of help paying for a prescription because he/she is awaiting health care coverage. The fund will be available for those emergency circumstances when the Service Coordinators are not able to help the caller identify any other options. It is important to note that the individuals working in

this department are experts on the resources available in the community and also have many connections outside of the human service system to aid people, so often they are able to identify other resources and will not need to utilize these funds.

Family Group Decision Making	FGDM is a voluntary process which recognizes that the family itself is the best judge of how to meet its members' needs. FGDM offers families the opportunity to join together with individuals who they identify as being important in their lives, with the goal of developing a plan to resolve identified concerns. All families who choose to enter into FGDM are guided by a Coordinator who will ensure that everyone involved is prepared and understands the guidelines for success throughout the process.	31	\$93,000
Family Self Sufficiency Fund	Described above	4	\$1,500
TOTAL		35	\$94,500

With the exception of the Homemaker Program, which is financed entirely with funds from this category, and the Family Self-Sufficiency Fund, which is not a program but rather an account used to address emergencies, the other services supported through HSDF receive additional funding from other community partners in order to maximize their capacity and effectiveness. Partnering funders include the Intellectual Disabilities Program, Mental Health Program, Child and Youth Services, Community Action, and United Way.

Interagency Coordination

Funding from this category of the block grant, in addition to funds redirected from other programs, including Intellectual Disabilities, Mental Health, and Children and Youth, will be used to continue to support interagency coordination occurring within our community. The focus of support in this category is for collaborative partnerships formed between private and public organizations in order to design overall solutions to community problems and to improve the effectiveness of the service delivery system. Butler County strongly believes in the power of collaboration and recognizes that in order to be successful over the long-term in helping individuals and families overcome the barriers they face to happy, productive lives within the community, organizations within the system must function as partners and must also reach out to the other sectors of the community for support. This is the basis for the development of our community mobilizer concept. New this year is the Housing Mobilizer and possibly an Employment Mobilizer upon approval of the Planning Team.

General Interagency Coordination	These funds will be used to support the time spent by the Director of Service Integration and Quality Management on efforts toward improving coordination among agencies, including contracted providers, internal programs and other partners in	N/A	\$60,000
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	<p>the community. Efforts include cross-systems trainings, coordination of Planning Team meetings and participation in various community collaboratives, including the Butler Collaborative for Families (described below), the Local Housing Options Team (collaborative that focuses on addressing housing and homeless issues within the community), the Regional Homeless Advisory Board (regional collaborative that oversees the homeless continuum of care efforts mandated by the federal government), Community Impact Councils (teams that are driven through the United Way to identify community-wide solutions to issues dealing with education and financial stability) and other efforts relating to interagency coordination.</p>		
Butler Collaborative for Families	<p>The BCF is a committee comprised of representatives from various sectors of the community, including families, social services, education, faith-based and business. The mission of the collaborative is to build a unified and integrated network of services by using a multiple-agency approach to break down barriers and strengthen the system of care for children and families in Butler County. These funds will be used to support the overall operations of the BCF.</p>	N/A	\$6,000
Early Care and Education Council	<p>The Butler Early Care and Education Council brings together early childhood programs, families, public and private schools, higher education, businesses and other child-serving organizations to assess the quality early learning opportunities that exist in the community and to develop annual goals that encourage quality early learning. The Council also builds partnerships between schools and community-based early learning programs to help families make a smooth transition into kindergarten.</p>	N/A	\$20,000
Employment Mobilizer	<p>The job responsibilities for this position will include developing public/private partnerships to expand employment opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged individuals.</p>	N/A	\$63,000
Housing Coordinator	<p>In April 2014, a new Housing Coordinator was recruited to work with the Human Services Department as the Community Mobilizer for Housing. The job responsibilities include developing public/private partnerships to expand</p>	N/A	\$65,000

	housing opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged individuals.		
Service Collaboration	A contract with the Alliance for Non-Profit Resources will be created to assist the Human Services staff as well as other human service agencies with special projects as needed which may include quality assurance, HIPAA compliance consultation, a Human Services newsletter, and integrated planning and program development.	N/A	\$93,000

IV. BUDGET

The complete proposed block grant budget, with the estimated number of people to be served in each program, is included as an attachment to this plan (See Attachment g – Proposed Budget and Service Recipients).

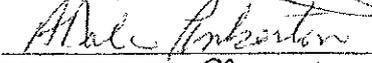
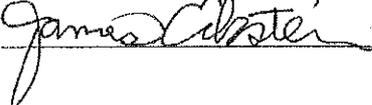
Appendix A
Fiscal Year 2014-2015COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES PLAN
ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCECOUNTY OF: Butler

- A. The County assures that services will be managed and delivered in accordance with the County Human Services Plan submitted herewith,
- B. The County assures, in compliance with Act 80, that the Pre-Expenditure Plan submitted herewith has been developed based upon the County officials' determination of County need, formulated after an opportunity for public comment in the County.
- C. The County and/or its providers assures that it will maintain the necessary eligibility records and other records necessary to support the expenditure reports submitted to DPW of Public Welfare.
- D. The County hereby expressly, and as a condition precedent to the receipt of state and federal funds, assures that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1955, as amended; and 16 PA Code, Chapter 49 (Contract Compliance regulations):

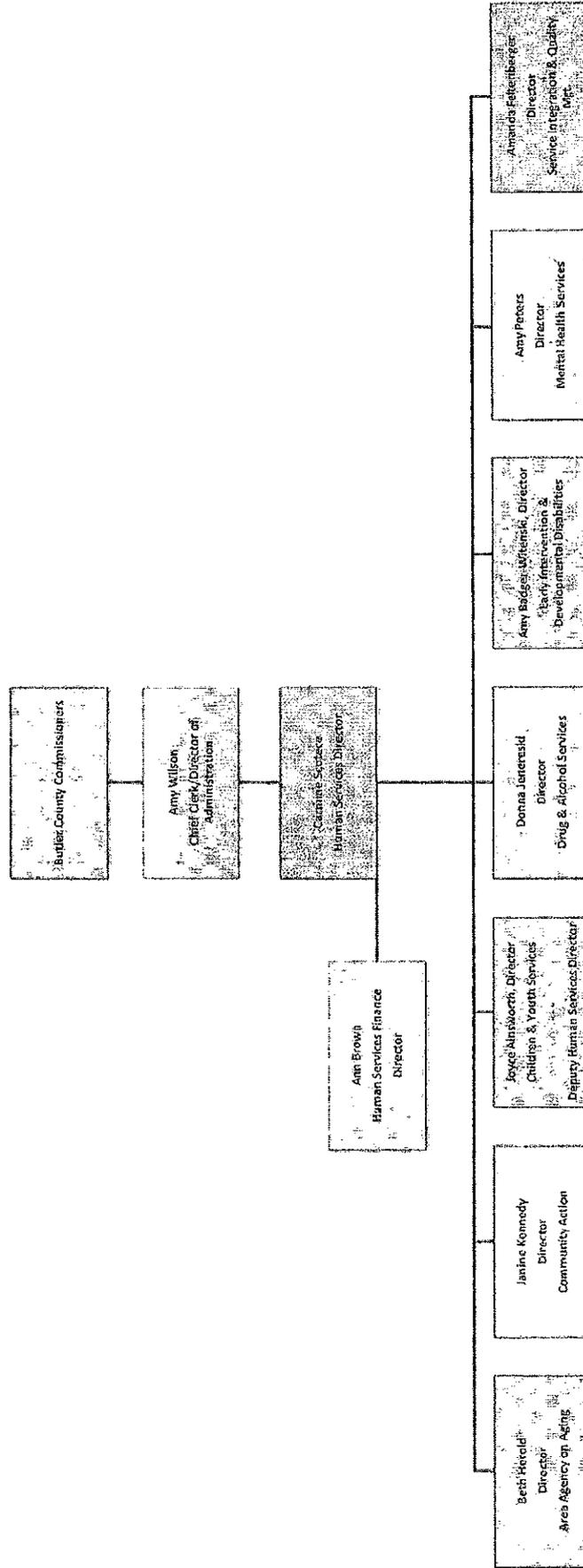
1. The County does not and will not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, origin, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or handicap in providing services or employment, or in its relationship with other providers; or in providing access to services and employment for handicapped individuals.

2. The County will comply with all regulations promulgated to enforce the statutory provisions against discrimination.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY EXECUTIVE

<i>Signatures</i>	<i>Please Print</i>	
	Commissioner William L. McCarrier Chairman	Date: 6/26/14
	Commissioner A. Dale Pinkerton Vice Chairman	Date: 6/26/14
	Commissioner James Eckstein Secretary	Date: 6/30/14

BUTLER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES



PUBLIC HEARINGS



Butler County Human Services

Two public hearings will be held
for the
Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Human Services Block Grant Plan

Date: April 22, 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: County Government Center
Human Services Dept, 2nd Floor
124 W. Diamond St., Butler

Date: April 24, 2014

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Community Alliance Church
800 Mercer Rd., Butler

The purpose of the public hearings is to discuss and gather input on the 2014-2015 Human Services Block Grant Plan and to provide opportunity for testimony from stakeholders, especially people utilizing services.

Comments can also be submitted by mail or email at:

Butler County Human Services
PO Box 1208
Butler, PA 16003
bcmhmr@co.butler.pa.us

If you are in need of accommodations in order to participate in the public hearings, please do not hesitate to contact Butler County Human Services at (724) 284-5114.

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**Butler County Human Services 2014-2015 Block Grant Plan
Public Hearing
Date: April 22, 2014
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Butler County Government Center
Human Services Conference Room
124 W. Diamond Street, Butler PA 16003**

A public hearing was held for the Butler County Human Services Block Grant Plan on April 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Butler County Government Center, 124 W. Diamond Street, Butler, PA. Thirty (30) people attended.

Presenters:

Carmine A. Scotece, Human Services Director
Amanda Feltenberger, Director of Service Integration and Quality Management
Amy Peters, Mental Health Services Director

Ms. Feltenberger welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Mr. Scotece also thanked everyone for attending and gave an overview and history of the Human Services Block Grant.

He reviewed the seven funding categories in the Block Grant: Mental Health Community Program, Intellectual Disabilities Community Base, County Child Welfare Special Grants, Homeless Assistance Program, Act 152, Behavioral Health Services Initiative, Human Services Development Fund

Mr. Scotece reviewed a chart showing current funding of categorical programs and their share of funds which collectively comprise the block grant.

He gave reasons for applying and then explained other benefits of the Block Grant.

He talked about our ongoing planning and other things to consider; block grant funds are not new or additional funds, significant funding cuts over the past two years and that there is no budget yet for next year.

Ms. Feltenberger listed the priorities identified through previous public hearings. Public/Private Partnerships, Employment, Housing, Transportation, and Prevention/Mentoring.

Ms. Feltenberger further explained the details of these priorities:

Public/Private Partnerships: Ongoing efforts to build public/private partnerships to address unmet needs - Strengthened relationship with United Way of Butler County - Supporting implementation of Get Connected Volunteer Database - Training support for Boards of Directors
Employment: Collaboration with United Way on Employment Transformation Project - Awarded a grant from the Staunton Farm Foundation, combined with grant funds previously awarded to United Way - Grant funding being used to support temporary, contracted position to

examine existing employment support system and develop three-year strategic plan to enhance services available to target populations

Housing: Employed a full-time Human Services Housing Coordinator to enhance safe, affordable housing options for target populations - Working with Nonprofit Development Corporation and Housing Authority of Butler County to invest Block Grant carryover funds in a multi-unit apartment complex to provide quality, affordable housing

Transportation: Primary focus has been on implementing plans to control increasing costs - Exploring Open Your Heart to a Senior-Volunteer Transportation Pilot Project - Hope then to expand to other populations

Ms. Peters gave an overview of **Prevention and Mentoring**. She spoke about Mental Health First Aid Training, Crisis Intervention Training, and the Trauma-Informed Care Learning Community Committee.

She also spoke about the priority identified for 2014-2015: **Integration of Behavioral and Physical Health Services**. It is critical that we expand our efforts to integrate care in order to improve the health and lives of people with serious mental illness and also to save significant service costs. She explained plan submitted to the State by Mental Health Program to hire a Registered Nurse that will focus on integrating behavioral and physical health services for people with serious mental illness in our community. Was approved for over \$150,000 in additional funding per year to support this effort. The position will be clinically supervised by Beth Herold, Director of Area Agency on Aging, who has an extensive nursing background

Ms. Peters asked for public testimony and questions.

The public comments included:

Need to attract more psychiatric doctors to the area. There is not enough psychiatric time for adults and children with mental illness and it is difficult to get appointments. Children are getting psych meds from their pediatricians and experiencing major side-effects. PCPs should partner with psychologists, especially for teens and children.

Butler Hospital is looking for a better way to serve those who are chronically mentally ill in order to help reduce the number of readmissions. Under the Affordable Care Act the hospitals pay penalties for 30 day readmissions. Shortage of doctor time is a barrier. Need to provide services outside the hospital. Need collaboration and ideas to cut down on readmissions.

Drug and Alcohol treatment dollars are shrinking. Need treatment dollars for the uninsured. A lot of people are dying. There is also an unknown with the Affordable Care Act. We are in limbo with Medicaid expansion in Pennsylvania. Providers need to know how to position themselves to best serve folks with treatment dollars especially for young people.

Heroin treatment for young folks requires more treatment dollars than others. Cannot assign cap, all patients are different. Treatment is essential to save lives. .

There is not much in Butler for young people to divert them from trouble and keep them away from drugs. Need education and prevention for young people.

In Dual Diagnosis, need to determine which diagnosis is more important for treatment, which has more impact? Some people are misdiagnosed. Children need educated about their diagnosis and educated about their treatment. Many children have no idea why they are getting treatment. Need to explain to children as well as their parents.

NAMI was going into high schools. Education on mental illness should start at an early age. Education is very important.

Community needs to be enlightened. People are afraid of kids. Community needs to be more involved and reach out to those in need especially young people.

Need to get the word out about The Art Center to bring in people, especially kids so they can be a part of something different from unfortunate circumstances in their lives. Find resources that are available here. The Art Center is having a kite celebration to promote art.

Lifesteps Early Care and Education helps children be prepared and ready to succeed in school. Their funds were cut but Human Services gave them the money needed to continue. Early childhood is a priority. Need to continue aligned services between early childhood and school age.

We need a swimming pool in the town of Butler. Alameda pool is expensive and too far away for city children to walk to. Need productive activities for children.

Ms. Feltenberger announced that a second public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Community Alliance Church, 800 Mercer Road, Butler.

Ms. Feltenberger also announced that additional comments can be sent to: Butler County Human Services, PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003

The hearing was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**Butler County Human Services 2014-2015 Block Grant Plan
Public Hearing**

Date: April 24, 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Community Alliance Church, 800 Mercer Road, Butler, PA 16001

A public hearing was held for the Butler County Human Services Block Grant Plan on April 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Alliance Church, 800 Mercer Road, Butler, PA. Twenty-one (21) people attended.

Presenters:

Carmine A. Scotece, Human Services Director

Amanda Feltenberger, Director of Service Integration and Quality Management

Ms. Feltenberger welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Mr. Scotece gave an overview and history of the Human Services Block Grant.

He talked about the seven categories funded by the Block Grant: Mental Health Community Program, Intellectual Disabilities Community Base, County Child Welfare Special Grants, Homeless Assistance Program, Act 152, Behavioral Health Services Initiative, Human Services Development Fund

He reviewed a chart showing current funding of categorical programs and their share of funds which collectively comprise the block grant.

Mr. Scotece gave the reasons for applying for the Block Grant and then talked about other benefits of the Block Grant.

He spoke about things to consider regarding the Block Grant: ongoing planning, block grant funds are not new or additional funds, significant funding cuts over the past two years and that there is no budget yet for next year.

Ms. Feltenberger then spoke about priorities we have identified through previous public hearings: Public/Private Partnerships, Employment, Housing, Transportation, and Prevention/Mentoring.

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Prevention and Mentoring. Mental Health First Aid Training, Crisis Intervention Training, and the Trauma-Informed Care Learning Community Committee.

Ms. Feltenberger described the priority identified for 2014-2015: **Integration of Behavioral and Physical Health Services.** Research shows that there is a strong relationship between physical and behavioral health. Persons with mental illness have a life expectancy of 25 years less than people without a mental illness. It is critical that we expand our efforts to integrate physical and behavioral health care in order to improve the health and lives of people with serious mental illness. A plan was submitted to the State to hire a Registered Nurse that will focus on integrating behavioral and physical health services for people with serious mental illness in our community. It was approved for \$150,000 in funding each year to support this effort. The position will be clinically supervised by Beth Herold, Director of Area Agency on Aging, who has an extensive nursing background

Ms. Feltenberger asked for public testimony and questions.

The public comments included:

- Continued assistance for Lifesteps Transition Program
- Year round emergency shelter
- Collaboration – even among the priorities
- Broaden the relationship with education gap in services of the “middle” population of students, have to catch them sooner
- Early Care & Education – Keep this collaboration intact – don’t lose the progress – important to make sure kids are prepared
- Strong partnership with faith based community
- Unique options in housing
- Services for unaccompanied homeless youth (under age 18) [a lot of couch surfing]
- Youth/Adults with disabilities (not ID) who are transitioning out of public education -- can’t find, not tied to a system/service
- Adult Protective Services – Situations where a person has to be removed from the perpetrator, not appropriate for group home but often the only option
- Services for blind/visually impaired persons with physical disabilities. Better partnership with existing systems to enhance options
- Housing: Basic skills needed to maintain
- Pay it Forward

Ms. Feltenberger announced that additional comments can be sent to: Butler County Human Services, PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003

The hearing was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

APPENDIX C-1 - BLOCK GRANT COUNTIES
HUMAN SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROPOSED BUDGET AND SERVICE RECIPIENTS

County: Butler	ESTIMATED CLIENTS	HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE AND FEDERAL)	HSBG PLANNED EXPENDITURES (STATE AND FEDERAL)	NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES	COUNTY MATCH	OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES						
ACT and CTT	6		86,400		2,644	
Administrator's Office			438,011		13,403	
Administrative Management	4,000		539,039		16,495	
Adult Developmental Training	0		0		0	
Children's Evidence Based Practices	0		0		0	
Children's Psychosocial Rehab	25		8,845		271	
Community Employment	45		132,526		4,055	
Community Residential Services	125		816,077	74,287	24,972	
Community Services	350		245,607		7,516	
Consumer Driven Services	1,950		276,024		8,446	29,264
Crisis Intervention	1,700		417,926		12,769	
Emergency Services	400		144,562		4,332	
Facility Based Vocational Rehab	0		0		0	
Family Based Services	8		43,869		1,342	
Family Support Services	40		29,754		910	
Housing Support	60		69,924		2,140	
Other	0		0		0	
Outpatient	800		404,811		12,295	
Partial Hospitalization	5		10,000		306	
Peer Support	25		37,631		1,151	
Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization	1		2,000		61	
Psychiatric Rehabilitation	40		145,611		4,456	
Social Rehab Services	240		170,337		5,212	
Targeted Case Management	150		146,094		4,470	
Transitional and Community Integration	200		470,710		14,404	80,000
TOTAL MH SERVICES	10,170	4,954,583	4,629,758	74,287	141,670	109,264

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INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

Admin Office				1,627,294		49,795	
Case Management	149			232,945		7,128	
Community Residential Services	5			150,000		4,590	
Community Based Services	375			800,970		24,510	
Other	0			0		0	
TOTAL ID SERVICES	529		2,811,209	2,811,209	0	86,023	0

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Bridge Housing	4			3,500		107	
Case Management	994			52,170		1,598	
Rental Assistance	300			24,500		747	
Emergency Shelter	490			71,239		2,180	
Other Housing Supports	200			14,800		454	
TOTAL HAP SERVICES	1,988		133,931	166,209		5,086	0

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

Evidence Based Services	84			237,800		7,277	
Promising Practice	185			273,000		8,353	
Alternatives to Truancy	35			3,000		92	
Housing	85			30,000		918	
TOTAL C & Y SERVICES	389		543,800	543,800		16,640	0

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DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES							
Inpatient non hospital		250		219,000		6,701	
Inpatient Hospital		0		0		0	
Partial Hospitalization		10		8,450		259	
Outpatient/IOP		200		69,001		2,111	
Medication Assisted Therapy		85		35,350		1,082	
Recovery Support Services		160		15,250		467	
Case/Case Management		135		20,000		612	
Other Intervention		0		0		0	
Prevention		0		0		0	
TOTAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES		840	367,051	367,051		11,232	0
HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS							
Adult Services		83		54,300		1,662	
Aging Services		6		10,500		321	
Genetic Services		0		0		0	
Specialized Services		35		94,500		2,892	
Children and Youth Services		0		0		0	
Interagency Coordination				195,250		5,974	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS		124	126,726	354,550		10,849	111,750
COUNTY BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATION				64,723		1,981	
GRAND TOTAL		12,052	8,937,300	8,937,300	74,287	273,481	221,014