The next meeting of the

Indiana County Community Support Program

will be

Thursday, January 4, 2018

at 1:00 P.M.

at the

Indiana Borough Building

80 North 8th Street

Indiana

**Guest Speaker: Tabitha Reefer, SNAP Outreach Coordinator for Indiana County, of the
 Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank will speak about there services. There will
 also be discussion on Transportation Issues.**

**Indiana County CSP Minutes**

**December 7, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

Motion to accept last month’s minutes: Marcy motioned. Zach seconded.

**Agency Reports**

Michelle - Continue to provide peer support services in Indiana County. Forensic peer support training next week with staff. Extra support for people in community. Did co-occurring disorder training. Will do developmental disabilities training.

Karan - Sue Klaus had surgery. Doing well. Name change to Beacon Health Options in 2018. Have moved Trafford office to Seven Fields, PA. Three years ago Value Options merged with Beacon Solutions.

Aggie - Still doing surveys.

Craig - The Open Door. Heroin epidemic. Contact list: police, IUP, D & A Commission, law enforcement, first responders. Rash of overdoses. Bad batch of heroin going around. Have partnered with D & A Commission - Ambulance/Narcan. Can’t force overdose victims to go to hospital. Can give card with Crisis Hotline, CRS contact info. Help to get into services. Can reach out and get help.

Bonnie - Housing Authority. Vacancy at Chestnut Ridge Terrace. Six to eight months waiting list for Section 8. Twenty-five (25) vouchers for homeless veterans. No waiting list if qualify for VA. HUD - as of 1/1/18, no smoking on public sites (including vaping). If someone is caught smoking, 4-step process toward eviction. No exceptions. Senior High Rise in Blairsville- $500/month. Hard time keeping Section 8 vouchers. Can’t figure out why. Paperwork could be problem.

Tabitha - Referrals for SNAP. If anyone works in community for those who qualify for assistance, contact Tabitha. Scanned business card enclosed. SNAP, Medical Assistance, LIHEAP, free and reduced lunch for kids. Will present next month.

Rod - Worked with Indiana County resident who had filed Level One Complaint against Indiana County provider. Everything is back on track with provider.

Ashley - jail. Numbers have been odd. Low for season. Public info about inmates in jail. Can talk to friends and family. Joe - discussion of expedited transfer from jail to Forensic Unit at Torrance State Hospital. No MH court in this community. Joe met with judge regarding Veterans Court. Court enhanced with MH. 85% of inmates have BH/D&A issues - co-occurring.

Roxie - Nothing to report.

Desiree - Collaborating with on-call Crisis. Can EMT call Crisis (question to Craig)? Certainly. Doesn’t have to be person using. Can be family, friend. Couple new employees - CRS, CM. Desiree has been visiting jail - weekly overdose prevention. NARCAN training upon release - given NARCAN. Last few weeks have been interactive. Outpatient services. Rod- discussion of Westmoreland County Substance Abuse Helpline. Do we have that here in Indiana? Craig, “Yes, call The Open Door 24/7.”

Zach - Mayor apologizes for not being here. Visiting family in Southern California.

Linda - Aging Services, Inc. 11/20/17 Understanding and Managing Older Adult Behavior Issues. PCH ombudsman – Tier One- assistant. Tier Two- ombudsman. Deb Gressley - ombudsman conference. She is contact person. Task Force created - how county can have sustainable economy to replace oil and gas, such as building and agriculture. Meeting first Wednesday of each month. Three (3) meetings left at Indiana County Technology Center, 7:00 pm. Judy Damon - licensure for DOM care. Currently only two (2) DOM care facilities in Indiana County.

Stephanie – The Meadows serves all ages. Specialty is not geriatric. Dementia accepted on individual basis. Equestrian therapy in spring. Inpatient staff trained in youth MH first aid - mostly in Cambria County because of crisis services being managed.

Heather - Expansion. Hopefully 36 beds in July. Opening in October. Will be hiring 70 to 80 new employees. This is time of year when things slow down.

Karla – Not any news at IRMC. Next year will be 20th year. Will have some sort of celebration. Census pretty good - referrals.

Joe - aggressive effort for providers to attend IRMC NAMI Family Support Group. Legislative action. Unitarian Church. 1/4/18- Advocacy. Should people be detained after overdose? Several house bills/senate bills being introduced. Opioid crisis to lead to legislative action. RFP for extended acute care for ID population. County has money for this.

 Joe will be at meeting tomorrow at ACMH. Heather- Westmoreland County possibly partnering with Highlands Hospital for EAC for ID population. Clarion Psych Hospital - was determined couldn’t be done financially.

Community HealthChoices.

SuicideTask Force - intervention committee.

Every second Tuesday starting in January 2018, Survivors of Suicide meeting at Harvest Church from 6 to 8 pm in Armstrong County.

Jonathan - still dong vehicle repair program. New shelter director- Vickie Allen

Brandy- MATP working on verifications. Mileage reimbursement – pre-verification code. Some backlash, but is catching on. DHS survey: Indiana County Speaks Up! – Every 5 years, survey open until 12/22/17. What residents think about living in county?

Kendra - Would like to thank Marcie Murphy and Karan Steele for coming to Drop-In Center. NAMI Recovery Support Group Meeting: second and fourth Thursday at Drop-In Center at 2:00 pm.

**Future CSP Meetings**

January – Tabitha

February – Linda (ASI)

March- Maybe Deb Marshall, aromatherapy

April – Linda, master gardener

Other topics? Michelle wants to come to DIC to help members to want to come to CSP. Kendra - no interest. Maybe reach out to psych rehab. Peers can’t bring clients to CSP - not billable service.

Grant for promoting CSP for May event. Partnering with MH Walk. Anyone interested? Let Michelle know: mseaman@peerstarllc.com .

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.