

Butler County
2015-2016
Human Services Block Grant Plan

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PART 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. 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.

Our integrated human services model has allowed us to focus on developing services that meet the multiple and complex needs of the individuals and families we serve rather than making sure their needs fit within the existing programs. Our existing structure promotes cost efficiencies through the braiding of funding, sharing of resources, such as personnel, equipment, and data, and the streamlining of service delivery and business practices. We recognize that complete integration is a complicated and difficult task, especially considering the intricacies of the various funding streams and regulations that are involved with each program. However, we are confident that operating within our current model and with the flexibility we are offered through our participation in the Block Grant, we will certainly reach our goal of becoming a fully integrated system of care.

1. Critical stakeholder groups:

The Butler County Human Services Block Grant 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. The role of this group is to provide input regarding needs and oversight on the implementation of the Block Grant.

In addition to the Block Grant Planning Team, our Administrative Team interacts regularly with critical stakeholder groups in the community for the purpose of continuously assessing need for changes in the system, gaps in services, etc. These groups include individuals, families, and youth who are involved with the various services areas and providers of services, as well as representatives from other sectors in the community, such as education, business, and faith-based.

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, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, the Advisory Boards for the human service program areas (MH/ID, CYA, Aging, Community Action, 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 2014-2015 on September 23, 2014 and March 18, 2015 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.

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. Perhaps the most important and effective method of program review and needs assessment we conduct on a regular basis is one-on-one interviews with program participants during monitoring of our service providers. These interviews provide us with direct insight into the way that programs are being delivered and people are being treated within our service system.

In addition, we hold two public hearings each year in preparation for the development of the Block Grant Plan. These meetings are publicized widely among all of the groups mentioned above, as well as through the local newspaper, and flyers posted in service providers and other areas throughout the community. All community members, especially individuals and families who have accessed or are in need of services, are encouraged to attend. Please see the Public Hearing section below for more detailed information.

Information from the monthly SW PA 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.

3. How the county intends to use funds to provide services to its residents in the least restrictive setting appropriate to their needs:

Participation in the Block Grant has led to increased cross-systems planning, especially in situations that are very complicated and often require multiple, intensive services. The focus on this planning is always on serving the person in the least restrictive setting appropriate. This guiding principal of service delivery is undoubtedly supported through the flexibility of the Block Grant. Through the cross-systems planning efforts, we are able to brainstorm and learn about methods of intervention from one another that we might not otherwise consider and ultimately we can devise a plan that meets the needs of the person/family rather than working to make the person/family fit into the categorical services that are available to them. The flexibility of the Block Grant funding then allows us to make the shifts necessary to pay for the plan that was created.

4. Substantial programmatic and/or funding changes being made as a result of last year's outcomes:

Butler County is not proposing any other 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 2015-2016 year. 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 person-centered and strengths-based interventions.

PART II: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In preparation for the 2015-2016 Human Services Block Grant 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 as part of the plan. 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 Wednesday, April 8 at the Community Alliance Church in Butler Township and Thursday, June 25 at the Butler County Government Center.

The public hearings were advertised widely within the community. A flyer was created announcing each of the public hearings (see Attachment B, Public Hearing Flyer #1 and Attachment C, Public Hearing Flyer #2). The flyer was posted throughout the Butler County Government Center. 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. The public hearings were also advertised in the local newspaper (see Attachment D, Proof of Publication in Butler Eagle #1 and Attachment E, Proof of Publication in Butler Eagle #2). The testimonies and comments from each public hearing were summarized (see Attachment F, Public Hearing Summary #1 and Attachment G, Public Hearing Summary #2).

PART III: WAIVER REQUEST

Not applicable

PART IV: HUMAN SERVICES NARRATIVE

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

a. Program Highlights:

The providers of Butler County continue to develop and implement a wide array of mental health services. The following is a list of programmatic achievements and improvements that have enhanced the behavioral health service system:

- The Mental Health First Aid training initiative was expanded to include the youth component. Over one hundred Butler County residents have attended the training so far this calendar year and trainings are scheduled throughout the year.

- A Crisis Intervention Training will be held in August 2015 to train 20 more police officers in the model. The prison has agreed to send correctional officers to the training as well.
- Butler County has received a grant from the Staunton Farm Foundation to implement a Mental Health Court. The court is scheduled to begin in July 2015.
- Butler County Human Services partnered with Butler Memorial Hospital to provide behavioral health supports to community based physical health program which will begin in July 2015.
- Two of the largest school districts in the county have decided to provide in-school counseling for the upcoming school year.
- Butler County Human Services worked with probation, court administration, and blended case management providers to develop a diversionary process for people with mental health issues at the time of the preliminary hearing.
- The compeer program added the ability to serve veterans.
- The crisis department will add 24-7 mobile capability in FY 2015-2016.
- An additional psychiatric rehabilitation program will be available to Butler County residents in FY 2015-2016.
- An Assertive Community Treatment Team will begin services in Fall 2015.
- Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities have worked together to develop/implement a regional Dual Diagnosis Treatment Team which will be implemented in summer 2015.

b. **Strengths and Needs:**

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

- **Older Adults (ages 60 and above)**
 - Strengths: Butler County Human Services has developed a trauma informed workgroup which includes staff from the Area Agency on Aging. The group has focused on training all human services staff on the basics of delivering services in a trauma-informed manner. The shift to a more trauma-informed organization will serve as a strength for FY 2015-2016.
 - Needs: Specific trainings pertaining to older adults remain a need for our community.

- **Adults (ages 18 and above)**
 - Strengths: Butler County continues to refine and develop a wide array of mental health services for the adult population. The continuum of care has been bolstered by offering different choices for several levels of care and quality improvement efforts. Collaboration continues to be a strength of the mental health system specifically with criminal justice, drug and alcohol, and aging.
 - Needs: The lack of affordable, recovery-oriented housing is still a need throughout the county.

- **Transition-age Youth (ages 18-26)**
 - Strengths: Mental Health continues to collaborate with both the intellectual disabilities and children and youth systems to assist with people aging out of children's services. A monthly meeting is held to discuss and problem solve challenging situations. We have also collaborated with the criminal justice system to assist with diverting people of this age range from incarceration. As always, transition-age youth are served in the majority of existing services throughout the provider network.
 - Needs: The lack of housing for this population is problematic and is often a barrier for engagement and fostering recovery.

- **Children (under 18)**
 - Strengths: Mental health has worked diligently to refine the network for children's mental health services. We recently added several sites for the in-school counseling program and have been responsive to the needs of our children by increasing summer programming.
 - Needs: The lack of evidence-based, in-home treatment options continues to be a need for the children of our county.

- **Individuals transitioning out of state hospitals**
 - Strengths: The wide array of services available for people coming out of state hospital is a strength of Butler County. Several services have undergone changes in an attempt to increase efficacy for people returning to the community. The team approach we utilize to assist people being discharged from Torrance has also been extremely helpful in bolstering community tenure.
 - Needs: The lack of safe, affordable, recovery-oriented housing remains a need for this population.

- **Co-occurring Mental Health/Substance Abuse**
 - Strengths: Several services in the mental health system have been redesigned to accommodate people with co-occurring issues. Crisis intervention and intensive outpatient programs have made a concerted effort to become trained in assisting people with co-occurring issues. The willingness of providers to obtain and implement training needed for this population is a strength for the entire county.

- Needs: Co-occurring competence needs to be attained at every level of service. This remains a need for the mental health system.
- **Justice- Involved Individuals**
 - Strengths: Butler County Mental Health has partnered with the criminal justice system to improve the processes for diverting people with mental health issues from the criminal justice system. Cross training and networking has occurred between case managers and probation officers. The development and implementation of a mental health court is also planned for FY 2015-2016. Mental health has also been involved in the development of a re-entry coalition with staff from the Butler County Prison. The ability to work together with criminal justice is a strength and will serve justice involved individuals very well.
 - Needs: The needs for safe, affordable, recovery-oriented housing remains a need for people of the county.
- **Veterans**
 - Strengths: Mental health works closely with the Butler VA to meet the needs of veterans. A mental health representative sits on the treatment team of Veteran's Court to assist with treatment coordination and this has gone far in building a collaborative relationship between the county and the VA. The compeer program has also expanded to include a Veteran component. These efforts illustrate the strong partnership between the two entities.
 - Needs: Services for veterans still need to be offered at non-traditional hours.
- **Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Questioning/Intersex (LGBTQI) Consumers**
 - Strengths: The service availability and flexibility of providers to alter service delivery to meet the needs of this population is a strength. Residential providers are adept at tailoring services to ensure that every person is treated with dignity and respect. Terminology in policies, procedures, and forms has been monitored for consistency and appropriateness.
 - Needs: The need exists for an expert provider in this area.
- **Racial/Ethnic/Linguistic Minorities**
 - Strengths: Butler County Human Services has access to interpreter services as needed. We also require that providers train staff on cultural competence and monitor this on a yearly basis.
 - Needs: As Butler County sees an influx of specific groups, we need to respond with trainings specific to that group.
- **Other/Dual Diagnoses Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities**
 - Strengths: A strong collaborative relationship between the mental health and intellectual disabilities systems continues to be a strength for the county. The systems have worked together to develop and implement a Dual Diagnosis Treatment Team.

- Needs: Safe, affordable housing for people with mental health and intellectual disabilities continues to be a need.

c. Recovery Oriented Systems Transformation:

In 2014, Butler County Human Services participated in a Trauma Informed Learning Community. The group was made possible by a private foundation grant and lasted for 12 months. Butler County Human Services has decided to continue the work of the learning community and has named the group, Partners in Building a Trauma Informed Community (PBTIC). The PBTIC meets monthly and has begun to transform the manner in which human services are delivered and monitored here in Butler County. The overall goal of the group is to promote the delivery of services in a trauma-informed manner, meaning we make every effort to not exacerbate or cause new trauma to those we come in contact with, including staff and people needing services. It should be noted that we have recently added probation to the group and are hopeful this will be of great benefit to people on probation. Below is a timeline of the goals identified for next fiscal year.

July 2015- Revise job announcements, job descriptions, performance evaluations

August 2015- Supervision Training

September 2015- Develop a training webinar for all new hires

January 2016- All staff trauma training

February 2016- Revise assessments at entry points to the Human Service System

April 2016- All county training from national expert on trauma

Fiscal support is provided through HSBG funds and should not exceed \$15,000 for FY 2015-2016. The plan is monitored on a monthly basis at the PBTIC meetings.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY SERVICES

The allocated base funds will be used to support annualized budgets for approximately 285 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 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 simulation and mentoring, health care management, safety training, job coaching, use of 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 has developed, and with networking through the United Way, we also have collaborated 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 at the University one day per week for 8-9 weeks. This project fits within 3 of the 4 focus areas of the block grant - private public partnerships, employment (transition age) and prevention. Once this program foundation is stable, we hope to expand it to other transitional youth outside of the disability system. We are currently supporting 9 individuals that are block grant funded and 20 that are waiver funded. We are looking at funding an additional 3 individuals with block grant dollars in fiscal year 2015-2016.

	Estimated / Actual Individuals served in FY 14-15	Projected Individuals to be served in FY 15-16
Supported Employment	11	17
Sheltered Workshop	29	29
Adult Training Facility	28	31
Base Funded Supports Coordination	137	141
Residential (6400)	1	1
Life sharing (6500)	6	8
PDS/AWC	0	0
PDS/VF	0	0
Family Driven Family Support Services	276	285

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.)

In addition, last year we received a grant from the United Way and Staunton Farm Foundation to conduct a study regarding employment from which a strategic plan was created for the purpose of increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to

employment, including reentry population, homeless/formerly homeless individuals, transition age youth, people with mental illness, people who are low income/low skill, people with substance abuse issues, and individuals with intellectual disabilities. A major part of that strategic plan is to hire an Employment Transformation Mobilizer who will work to build a network of partners from the private and public sectors and act as a conduit to make connections between people looking for employment and employers with job availability. This is a pilot project and therefore the Employment Transformation Mobilizer will be expected to take a leadership role in fully developing and implementing the program by working with identified partners and engaging new partners. The Employment Transformation Mobilizer will work closely with employers from various industries, with a major focus on the hospitality industry, and social service providers serving individuals from the identified target populations.

Base Funded Supports Coordination:

We currently have 137 individuals receiving base funded supports coordination. 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.

Life sharing Options:

Butler County is continuing to work towards developing an understanding of Life sharing 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 Life sharing 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 Life sharing provider under the Office of Developmental Programs. We are looking at transitioning 3 more foster care placements over to Life sharing 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. Currently we are funding 6 Life sharing 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:

The County of Butler 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. Each of these programs is managed by a Program Director who, in addition

to the Finance Director, Contract Administrator, 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 focus on opportunities for collaboration in order to further our mission of integration.

We have also established a cross-systems meeting that are held on a monthly basis between juvenile probation, children and youth, mental health and intellectual disabilities departments. These meetings assist us in proactively planning for transition for individuals, assessing current needs and mitigating risks. This year we also conducted a cross-systems training with aging and intellectual disability systems. This training was opened to all stakeholders within the community.

Our efforts toward full integration are enhanced through our focus on cross-systems trainings and communications. Five 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.

Butler County is also 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. It is because of our integrated human service model and community collaborations that we are able to address needs of individuals and families at the time of an early onset. Therefore we are mitigating the need for more increased and intense levels of supports and services including State Center and/or State Hospital admissions.

Emergency Supports:

All individuals at this time that are registered with Butler County utilize Center for Community Resources (CCR) as their supports coordination organization. CCR also runs the county crisis program. This is the process for handling those emergent needs outside normal business hours:

- SC Managers will participate in the Crisis Program Administrative on-call rotation process and document all off hour contacts with the Crisis team, in support of individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.

- In the event Crisis Services are contacted outside of normal agency business hours, Crisis Program staff will assist the individual to ensure his/her health and safety. If Crisis Program staff determines that additional resources are needed to ensure health and safety, the Crisis Program staff will contact the assigned Administrative on-call Manager to review the case and individual's needs.
- The Administrative on-call staff will advise the Crisis Program staff of next steps. This can include contacting the on-call SC Manager to assist in accessing supports and services specific to Intellectual Disabilities services and supports.
- If the SC Manager needs funding authorized so that a client's health and safety can be maintained during off hours, each SC Manager has the AE County Designee's cell phone number and can contact her for funding approval.
- All off hour contacts will be documented in HCSIS by the on call SC Manager.

Our crisis program will be going mobile 24/7 starting FY 15/16. Also, we will be doing cross systems training with the hospital, crisis, SCO, and our new DDTT through NHS. Our mental health department will be an active partner in the oversight of program delivery. Block grant funds will be utilized to meet emergent needs supporting 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.

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 state's assurances with the federal government in operating the waiver programs. We are projecting a cost of \$1,645,093 (block grant funds plus county match) 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 has a strong continuum of services for individuals and families within the County who are homeless or facing eviction. This continuum includes centralized intake, homeless prevention services, emergency shelter, transitional housing, bridge housing, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and supported housing. The Butler County Local Housing Options Team (LHOT) is a collaborative committee of housing and homeless providers, treatment providers, support service providers, and partners from the private sector that is charged with general oversight of the homeless continuum of care to ensure that needs are being met, services are being delivered in a coordinated and collaborative manner, and gaps in services are addressed. Members include Butler County Human Services, The United Way, County Assistance Office, Veterans Administration, Housing Authority of Butler County, Catholic

Charities, Victim Outreach Intervention Center, The Lighthouse Foundation, Center for Community Resources, SW 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.

Butler County Human Services directly supports many of the components of the homeless services continuum of care through the use of funds from Pennsylvania Department of Human Service's Homeless Assistance Program (HAP), as well as additional funds redirected from the Human Services and Supports/Human Services Development Fund. All HSDF funds previously used for housing initiatives are now integrated under Homeless Assistance Program which has led to better coordination of homeless services in our County.

These funds are used to provide the following programs to assist individuals and families within the County who are homeless or facing eviction: Bridge Housing, Case Management, Rental Assistance, Emergency Shelter, and Central Intake. In addition, Butler County Human Services is currently the recipient of three grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development that are used to fund permanent supportive housing programs and also PATH funding through our Mental Health Department that is also used to fund permanent supportive housing programs, as well as street outreach services. We are also the sub-recipient of the Emergency Solutions Grant that is used to fund homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services.

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 for victims of domestic violence, The Lighthouse Foundation to provide emergency shelter to homeless youth age 18-29 and to support an emergency shelter program for individuals and families, and with Catholic Charities to provide rental assistance and case management for individuals and families who are homeless or facing eviction, emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families utilizing the Safe Harbor facility and local motels, and Central Intake for Butler County residents in need of housing and homeless services. The Winter Relief Center, which provides emergency housing for individuals and families from November through March, is also supported with these funds.

Through Block Grant public hearings and work session planning meetings, housing has been identified as a major 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 allowing them to successfully participate in treatment services when necessary. 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 and literally homeless populations, of which 100% are low income or unemployed. The unskilled and underemployed populations comprise the majority of the persons served through the HAP funded programs.

As a result of the identification of housing as a priority through various planning efforts, much attention has been given to this area of need over the past few years, with many achievements

and improvements made during that time. For example, Butler County Human Services was able to create and hire for the position of Community Housing Development Coordinator. This position is funded through the Block Grant and is responsible for leading the process of 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, including building relationships with private landlords and developers. 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 reaching the greatest level of self-sufficiency possible. We believe that the addition of our Community Housing Development Coordinator to our service system will increase our ability as a community to respond to individuals' and families unique housing needs.

Another major improvement in our system is our shift to focus more on Rapid Rehousing services, especially for families, recognizing that the sooner we can get people stably and permanently housed, the sooner they are able to leave the crisis situation they have been in and begin to focus on accessing the services and supports that can help them reach the greatest level of self-sufficiency possible. This change in our system has been strongly supported by the award of Emergency Solutions Grant funds, which we use to pay for this service within our continuum of care. In fiscal year 15-16, we plan to build a stronger connection between the homeless service system and the child welfare system, recognizing that many families involved with Children and Youth Services are struggling to find safe, affordable housing. These families will be prioritized for services and supports from the homeless continuum.

Butler County Human Services is currently working on a new initiative with a private nonprofit agency to purchase and rehabilitate housing units in the Butler County community. Funding for this project is from the PHARE funds and Act 137 Register and Records Fees for Butler County. The goal is to take housing units that were previously uninhabitable or in substandard condition and convert them to safe, affordable, and accessible housing. We plan to prioritize individuals and families with incomes below 50% area median income from the following populations who, without resources from this project, might otherwise be unable to access and/or maintain safe, affordable housing: individuals who are being released from the Butler County Prison after successfully completing the Reentry Program, individuals who have successfully completed a substance abuse treatment program, and families involved with the Child Welfare System. We feel that prioritizing these populations further maximizes local, state, and federal funding by improving the stability of the individuals and/or families served and, thus, decreasing the likelihood that they will have to utilize more costly services in the future, such as additional jail time, more intensive drug treatment, or foster care placement.

This project will help to address the major gaps that we are experiencing in terms of housing and homeless services in our community. Butler County has experienced a steady increase in the homeless population within our community over the past decade. In addition, we are seeing more homeless individuals and families who are served in supportive housing having to remain in the programs longer. In examining this problem further, we have learned that the lack of

affordable housing is a major contributor to homelessness in Butler County. From 2009-2013, in Butler County, 23% of households were renters and the hourly wage necessary to afford a 2 BR at FMR was \$15.12. We know that the people we serve rarely have incomes at this level, which clearly shows the need for affordable housing options in our community. Also, as we explored the problem more, we began to see that the housing units that are affordable to the people we serve often do not meet minimum habitability standards or are located in environments that are unsafe and not supportive of people’s recovery journey due to high amounts of drug use and activity in the buildings.

Another major gap in our system is an adequate amount of supportive, safe housing environments for people in recovery from substance abuse, whether exiting from the jail having received treatment services there, or from a drug treatment provider. We have heard multiple cases of people who were doing well in their recovery, had a very strong desire to stay clean and make other important changes in their lives, but lacked safe, affordable housing options and ultimately returned to the living situation they were in when they were using and as a result, began using again. This cycle is costly to the health and well-being of these individuals and their families, the safety of the community, and taxpayers who then pay for additional treatment services for the person who has relapsed.

	Estimated Individuals served in FY 14-15	Projected Individuals to be served in FY 15-16
Bridge Housing	1	2
Case Management	780	850
Rental Assistance	20	30
Emergency Shelter	400	425
Other Housing Supports	80	90

- **Bridge Housing- VOICE:**

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 and most 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 job 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 will be determined and based on the United States Department of Health and Human Services current Poverty Guidelines.

Bridge Housing staff provide case management and on-going 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, knowledge/experience in setting up a support system in the local community, as well as with family and friends. Program staff provides 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.

Over the last 12 months, we have faced a lack of affordable, accessible, and safe housing and thus our number of Bridge Housing clients has decreased. We are optimistic that with the new purchase and rehab initiative previously mentioned, we will be able to provide additional housing options for these clients.

- **Case Management – VOICe:**

The innovative supportive housing program was developed by Victim Outreach Intervention Center (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 health disorders.

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 case management supportive services. VOICE offers outreach and in-home supportive services that include assisting survivors establish external support systems, connect with and participate in mental health and substance abuse services, make connections 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 will also be assisted with transportation costs as they work towards achieving goals.

- **Case Management and Rental Assistance- Catholic Charities:**

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.

Rental Assistance services are provided through a subcontract with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Butler Office, and is 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 homeless or near homeless, have a landlord willing to rent to them, have sufficient income to continue future rent payments, meet income guidelines (200 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 \$1000 for rental assistance for adult households or \$1500 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 will be 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.

Rental Assistance in general is funded by multiple funding streams, HAP being one of them. We are looking at restructuring our entire program and formatting it more like a rapid-rehousing program. This would include more intensive case management services to help realize improved outcomes, reduce recidivism, and better assist clients in achieving self-sufficiency. Our projected and actual number of clients served may be less than previously served, but services will be provided at a much higher level.

- **Emergency Shelter:**

Emergency Shelter services are designed to provide shelter to persons/families who 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 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, Community Service Block Grant 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 provides emergency services to victims of domestic violence at a mass shelter facility at a per diem rate of \$10 funded through HAP. CSBG 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 Foundation provides safe, supportive, affordable living space in an apartment type setting for homeless youth age 18-29. 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 will be 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 till end March (funded with HSDF, now integrated with HAP). 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 that include 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, Community Service Block Grant for homeless case management and supportive services, and with the local donations to provide emergency shelter assistance.

Emergency Shelter Program goals are achieved by:

1. 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).
2. Providing resolution of crisis homeless situations by providing safe supportive housing for women and children victims of domestic violence in a mass shelter. (VOICE)
3. Providing resolution of crisis situation for homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 29 by providing safe, supportive, affordable living space in an apartment style arrangement. (The Lighthouse)
4. Providing service plans and establishing goals with clients by which the client plans a housing and job strategy. (all providers)
5. Providing information and referral services to network with other agencies to address client needs. (all providers)
6. Connecting clients to mainstream resources in the community. (all providers)

• **Other Housing Supports-Central Intake/Coordinated Assessment:**

We also created a central intake unit for housing and homeless services in Butler County which is still in its infancy, but already proving to be a valuable addition to our service system. Central intake is operated by Catholic Charities and the purpose is to provide us with a much more comprehensive and clear picture of what homelessness looks like in Butler County and where our gaps in services are, which will allow us to better plan and address needs.

Butler County has been working with the various members of the Local Housing Options Team 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 will be directed to contact Catholic Charities, either

by phone or in person. The Central Intake unit will then complete 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 will be 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 Local Housing Options Team) 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 assists with monitoring of the program.

In addition, Butler County Human Services and 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, except for those targeting victims of domestic violence, through HUD 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) have continued to be successful in safely reducing placements allowing for further expansion of services. In 2014 the Butler County Alliance for Children, a local child advocacy center was opened. This center has begun to provide independent, expert forensic interviews for any child disclosing sexual abuse. These interviews have been conducted using the Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team approach as required by newly established CPSL legislation. The obvious challenge to CYC for the upcoming fiscal year will be the continued implementation of the Child Protective Services law amendments. In FY 14-15 concurrent planning was completely implemented by the children and youth agency. The creation of a special caseworker to facilitate productive meetings with families has helped with our engagement of families and provides faster, more family driven results. In addition, the agency has seen great impact as a result of the new CPSL requirements. Cases of reported abuse have risen sharply in the first few months of calendar year 2015. 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 block grant funding also assists our agency in better collaboration with other human services agencies.

The three outcomes selected are: Children are protected from abuse and neglect; Children have permanency and stability in their living arrangement; and Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.

Children are protected from abuse and neglect will be measured through our annual licensing inspection by OCYF, the annual report on child abuse, and our bi-annual QSR which is scheduled to be held in early 2016. Children have permanency and stability in their living arrangement will be measured through the HZA data package, Porch Light data, and our bi-annual QSR. Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs will be measured by our bi-annual QSR. Our ongoing CQI process will also monitor our progress in these areas.

Outcome	Measurement and Frequency	The Specific Child Welfare Services in HSBG Contributing to Outcome
Children are protected from abuse and neglect	OCYF Licensing Report-Annually, Report on Child Abuse-Annually, and Quality Service Review-Bi-Annually	All
Children have permanency and stability in their living arrangement	HZA Data Package-Annually, Porch Light Data-Annually , Quality Service Review-Bi-Annually	All
Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs	Quality Service Review-Annually	All

Below is information pertaining to the programs that will be funded through the Human Services Block Grant, including County match funds.

Program Name:	Family Group Decision Making (FGDM)
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Funded and delivered services in 2014-2015 but not renewing in 2015-2016	N			
Requesting funds for 2015-2016 (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 acknowledging that this initiative can help families through many types of problems.

The established cost for the year was based on past utilizations and also projections for the current year. We anticipate that 37 conferences will be coordinated and completed, with an established rate of \$3,000/completed conference. We anticipate that 11 referrals will result in coordination efforts but no conference, with a set rate of \$1,000, and 7 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. In FY 15-16 a rate of \$2,000 has been established so that follow up conferences can occur for families that have gone through the process within one year of the original referral. This effort is to strengthen this initiative’s ability to prevent further entry into dependency or abuse. We anticipate that 3 such conferences will occur during the 15-16 year.

	14-15	15-16
Target Population	All	All
# of Referrals	44	58
# Successfully completing program	30	37
Cost per year	\$92,250	\$129,750
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	\$3,000/\$1,000/\$250	\$3,000/\$2,000/\$1,000/\$250
Name of provider	Center for Community Resources	Center for Community Resources

There were instances of overspending this fiscal year. This overspending was covered by under spending in other areas of the children and youth agency budget.

Program Name:	Promising Practice - Dependent: Crisis In-Home Stabilization
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Funded and delivered services in 2014-2015 but not renewing in 2015-2016	N			
Requesting funds for 2015-2016 (new,	Y	New	Continuing	Expanding

continuing or expanding)			X	
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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. This program is increasingly necessary as the county has begun to realize the impact of the adjustments to the CPSL which occurred in January of 2015. Referrals to the agency have risen as much as 127% over the prior year (February of 2015) This program has clearly assisted in reducing the number of children who are entering the care of the county children and youth agency.

	14-15	15-16
Target Population	Children at risk	Children at risk
# of Referrals	195	200
# Successfully completing program	136	140
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

This service was under spent by \$30,000. At the beginning of the FY the criteria for entrance into the program was deemed to be too restrictive and kept appropriate families from entering the service. This issue was addressed midyear and will help address issues of under spending in the current FY.

Program Name:	Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)
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Status	Enter Y or N			
		New	Continuing	Expanding
Funded and delivered services in 2014-2015 but not renewing in 2015-2016	N			
Requesting funds for 2015-2016 (new, continuing or expanding)	Y		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. Using this program as a preventative to placement has benefitted our community by treating their behavior while in their homes.

	14-15	15-16
Target Population	At risk youth	At risk youth
# of Referrals	37	40
# Successfully completing program	32	30
Cost per year	\$160,000*	\$124,291*
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 no instances of under spending or over spending in this fiscal year.

*The reason that we have planned to spend less money on this program in 15-16 than in 14-15, despite projecting that we will serve more people, is that we know that some of our expenditures in 14-15 were attributed to the delays experienced in youth being approved for medical assistance. When this would occur, we would have to cover the cost of their services with Block Grant funds for longer periods. We believe that the planned addition of staff at the County Assistance Offices will definitely impact the long wait times for assistance to begin, thus resulting in less Block Grant funds having to be used for this service.

Program Name:	Promising Practice - Delinquent: Electronic Monitoring
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Funded and delivered services in 2014-2015 but not renewing in 2015-2016	N			
Requesting funds for 2015-2016 (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. In addition, this program assists to keep younger delinquent youth out of placements with older youth who may

negatively influence or harm them. This program also can be utilized for shared case responsibility youth.

	14-15	15-16
Target Population	At risk youth	At risk youth
# of Referrals	88	90
# Successfully completing program	82	85
Cost per year	\$148,000	\$148,000
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	Various rates	Various rates
Name of provider	MHY-Family Services	MHY-Family Services

This program was under spent by \$13,000. This will most likely begin to decrease over the next FY due to increased efforts to keep children out of placements and in the community.

Program Name:	Truancy Intervention Program
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Funded and delivered services in 2014-2015 but not renewing in 2015-2016	N			
Requesting funds for 2015-2016 (new, continuing or expanding)	Y	New	Continuing	Expanding
			X	

The Truancy Intervention Program was started in 2011 as a method to prevent further school absences from school for youth that have been identified as truant by the District Judge. The target population for this program is all school age children who have issues with compulsory school attendance and have been referred by the District Judge. It is a class for children and at least one parent to prevent dependency or placement.

	14-15	15-16
Target Population	Truant Youth	Truant Youth
# of Referrals	61	70
# Successfully completing program	51	60

Cost per year	\$3,265	\$3,400
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	\$3,265	\$3,400
Name of provider	Alliance for Non-Profit Resources	Alliance for Non-Profit Resources

There were no instances of under or over spending.

Program Name:	Housing
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Status	Enter Y or N			
Funded and delivered services in 2014-2015 but not renewing in 2015-2016	N			
Requesting funds for 2015-2016 (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.). In FY 14-15 this program assisted in preventing the placement of 92 children. There is a potential of an increase of children in need of this program due to an observation of increased housing and support needs. This is also a potential impact area of the new CPSL requirements enacted in January of 2015.

	14-15	15-16
Target Population	Children at risk	Children at risk
# of Referrals	110	113
# Successfully completing program	92	98
Cost per year	\$30,000	\$30,000
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	\$30,000	\$30,000
Name of provider	Totin Family Services	Totin Family Services

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, as well as 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 need for drug and alcohol treatment services has continued to increase over the years. In order to continue to meet the demand for services despite level funding and/or budget cuts, the Butler SCA implemented limitations on treatment services several years ago. Fiscal year and lifetime limitations are in place for Non-Hospital treatment, Halfway House, Partial Hospitalization treatment, and Methadone Maintenance treatment. Fiscal year only limitations are in place for Intensive Outpatient as well as Outpatient treatment services. Although we identify limitations for Non-Hospital Detoxification treatment, Butler SCA has never denied this service. Due in large part to Health Choices and the expedited plus plus process, we have rarely had to hold firm on the existing limitations. Additional funding made available through the Human Services Block Grant has also helped tremendously.

The SCA works closely with many community agencies and 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 also 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. This 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, individuals with co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders, veterans, and individuals involved with the criminal justice system.

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 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. Please refer to the "Recovery-Oriented Services" section for further information.

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 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.

Over the past several years, we have continued to see increased heroin and prescription drug use within Butler County. These increases, along with increased incidences of overdoses related to opiate use/abuse, continue to greatly impact our ability to meet the demands for treatment services with no additional funding available. We continue to stretch existing funds in order 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 the provision of a comprehensive, balanced and accessible continuum of drug and alcohol treatment as well as case management services 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. All individuals, including those within the following populations, are afforded the opportunity to access the supports and services available within Butler County.

- **Older Adults (ages 60 and above)**
Please refer back to the information provided under “Drug and Alcohol Services.”
- **Adults (ages 18 and above)**
Please refer back to the information provided under “Drug and Alcohol Services.”
- **Transition Age Youth (ages 18 to 26)**
Please refer back to the information provided under “Drug and Alcohol Services.”
- **Adolescents (under 18)**
Please refer back to the information provided under “Drug and Alcohol Services.”
- **Individuals with Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders**
Please refer back to the information provided under “Drug and Alcohol Services.”
- **Criminal Justice Involved Individuals**
Please refer back to the information provided under “Drug and Alcohol Services.”
- **Veterans**
Please refer back to the information provided under “Drug and Alcohol Services.”

Recovery –Oriented Services:

The Recovery -Oriented Services currently 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 and women; 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.

The need for stable, safe and affordable housing for individuals in recovery continues to exist within the county. As such, we continue to collaborate with other departments within Butler County Human Services, as well as the Butler County Local Housing Options Team, in an effort to identify and/or develop suitable housing options for individuals.

Butler SCA is also collaborating with multiple SCA’s within the region in order to increase the number of recovery houses available, provide assistance to individuals who are attempting to secure housing, and provide assistance with furnishings and/or other basic needs. A Health Choices regional reinvestment plan has been submitted to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS).

HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS/HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND

REVISED

Butler County aims to utilize funds in this category to support services that help people meet their basic needs, including those that provide transportation and supports that help keep people stably housed. This category is also used to support programs and initiatives that address cross-systems needs, including those identified through public hearings held in preparation for the Block Grant plan.

The following chart shows the number of people served in FY 2014-2015 and the numbers that are projected to be served in FY 2015-2016:

	Estimated / Actual Individuals served in FY 14-15	Projected Individuals to be served in FY 15-16
Adult Services	88	60
Aging Services	4	0
Children and Youth Services	0	0
Generic Services	0	27
Specialized Services	17	61

Adult Services:

Program Name and Description	Changes in Service Delivery	Specific Service	Planned Expenditures
Adult Services Program, Community Care Connections: Practical education and training in skills needed to perform safely the activities of daily living.	None	Life Skills Education	\$6,300
Case Management, Victim Outreach Intervention Center: Case Management services are provided to victims of domestic violence for the purpose of helping the program participant determine what services and supports they need and to coordinate their timely provision.	None	Service Planning/Case Management	\$13,000
TOTAL			\$19,300

Generic Services:

Program Name and Description	Changes in Service Delivery	Specific Service	Planned Expenditures
Homemaker Chore Program, Community Care Connections: This program provides various supports within the home for the purpose of helping people remain stably housed in their own homes. 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. These services are primarily delivered to the adult population (target population of	We used to fund a portion of this program under the Adult Services category and a portion under the Aging category.	Homemaker	\$36,700

adult services) but the program can also serve people from the aging sector in order to allow them to continue to serve a program participant past their 60 th birthday to ensure continuity of care and a smooth transition to services within the aging system.			
TOTAL			\$36,700

Specialized Services:

Butler County will utilize this category of funding to support programs that address cross-systems issues, including those that focus on our system priorities. A small portion of the funding will be used to provide Representative Payee services for people who do not fall in to the Mental Health or Intellectual Disabilities systems but are still required by the Social Security Administration to have a Representative Payee and have no other means of securing one. Funding will continue to be allocated 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 (for families participating in FGDM who are also involved with the Child Welfare system, the service will continue to be paid for through Children and Youth Services as described in that section above). 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.

The remainder of the funds in this category will support initiatives relating to our system priorities, including housing, employment, prevention and mentoring. These priorities have been identified during each one of the public hearings we have held over the past 4 years to gain stakeholder input on the development of our Block Grant plans.

Program Name and Description	Changes in Service Delivery	Planned Expenditures
Representative Payee, Mental Health Association: 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 people who are unable to manage a financial system, yet wish to remain independent in the community. These funds	None	\$2,000

<p>are specifically for people who not meet the criteria for this service under the Mental Health or Intellectual Disabilities systems but are in need of the support.</p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>\$45,000</p>
<p>Employment: Funds will be used as match to Impact Fee funds being provided by the Board of Commissioners to support the creation of a an Employment Transformation Mobilizer position. This is a pilot project and this position will be responsible for increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment by building a network of partners from the private and public sectors and acting as a conduit to make connections between people looking for employment and employers with job availability. The Employment Transformation Mobilizer will work closely with employers from various industries, with a major focus on the hospitality industry, social service providers serving individuals from the following target populations: reentry, homeless/formerly homeless, transition age youth, mental health, low income/low skill, substance abuse, and intellectual disabilities, and also directly with individuals from the aforementioned target populations.</p>	<p>Newly added program</p>	<p>\$0 (\$5,263 from 14-15 carryover funds will be used to support this initiative.)</p>
<p>Prevention: Funds will be used to support the enhancement of</p>	<p>Newly added program</p>	<p>\$0 (\$6,000 from 14-</p>

<p>Speak Up. Speak Up is a partnership between Slippery Rock University, Butler Collaborative for Families and Butler County Human Services. The purpose of this program is to reach out to adolescents throughout Butler County in order to gain their input on their direct observations of the needs of youth in our community and to work with them to identify and implement solutions. Groups are facilitated by SRU students.</p> <p>Funds will be provided to Victim Outreach Intervention Center, VOICe, to be used to enhance their efforts toward prevention of domestic violence and child abuse. VOICe will be partnering with Children and Youth Services, as well as the Butler County Prevention Council, to develop strategies to implement in our community that aim to prevent child abuse. We have decided to focus additional resources toward this purpose because of the very large percentage of people incarcerated that report that they were victims of abuse as a child. This data is a clear indicator of the impact that such trauma can have, not only on the child as they age, but also on the human service system and the community as a whole.</p>		<p>15 carryover funds will be used to support this initiative.)</p> <p>\$20,000</p>
<p>Mentoring:</p> <p>Funds will be used to support the implementation of Open Table in Butler County. Open Table is a model of service implemented by churches in which approximately 10 members of the church commit to work with one individual/family for a period of a year and help them access resources in the community they can use to develop and implement plans that create change. We are providing funding to one of our local provider organizations to be the mobilizer of this projects and work with the area churches to coordinate and implement.</p>	<p>Newly added program</p>	<p>\$20,000</p>
<p>TOTAL</p>		<p>\$87,000</p>

Interagency Coordination:

Funding from this category of the block grant, in addition to funds redirected from other programs including Intellectual Disabilities and Mental Health, will be used to continue to support interagency coordination occurring within our community. The focus of support in this category is on enhancing 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.

Program Name and Description	Changes in Service Delivery	Planned Expenditures
<p>General Interagency Coordination:</p> <p>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 the community. Efforts include cross-systems trainings, coordination of Planning Team meetings, coordination of internal cross-systems team meetings and participation/leadership in various community collaboratives and other efforts relating to interagency coordination.</p>	None	\$60,000
<p>Butler Collaborative for Families:</p> <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>	None	\$6,000

<p>Early Care and Education Council:</p> <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>	None	\$20,000
<p>Integrated Planning and Program Development:</p> <p>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 relating to interagency coordination and collaboration as needed which may include quality assurance, HIPAA compliance consultation, a Human Services newsletter, and integrated planning and program development.</p>	None	\$60,000
TOTAL		\$146,000

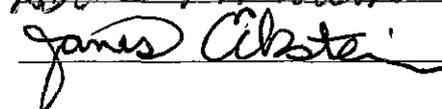
PART V: BUDGET

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 H – Proposed Budget and Service Recipients).

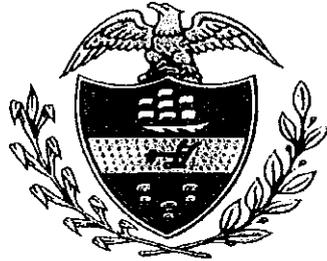
Appendix A
Fiscal Year 2015-2016COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES PLAN
ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCECOUNTY OF: BUTLER

- 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 the Department of Human Services.
- 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>	
	William L. McCarrier	Date: 6/29/15
	A. Dale Pinkerton	Date: 6/29/15
	James Eckstein	Date: 6/30/15

PUBLIC HEARING



Butler County Human Services

A public hearing will be held to prepare
for the submission of the
Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Human Services Block Grant Plan

Date: April 8, 2015

Time: 1:30pm

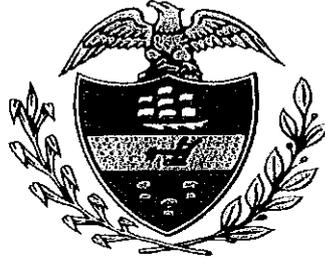
Location: Community Alliance Church
800 Mercer Rd., Butler

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss and gather input on needs and priorities within the human service system and to provide opportunity for testimony from stakeholders, especially individuals and families 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.

PUBLIC HEARING



Butler County Human Services

A public hearing will be held to prepare for the submission of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Human Services Block Grant Plan

Date: June 25, 2015

Time: 3:00pm

Location: Butler County Government Center
Public Meeting Room
124 W. Diamond St. Butler, 16001

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide an overview of Butler County's draft 2015-2016 Human Services Block Grant Plan and to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to give feedback, including input on needs and priorities within the human service system.

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Butler Eagle

March 30, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING
Butler County
2015 - 2016
HUMAN SERVICES
BLOCK GRANT PLAN
PUBLIC Hearing will
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accommodations contact
Butler Co. Human Serv-
ices at 724-284-5114.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING
Butler County
2015 - 2016

**HUMAN SERVICES
BLOCK GRANT PLAN**

Public Hearing will be held on June 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM at Butler County Government Center Public Meeting Room, 124 West Diamond St., Butler. The purpose is to provide an overview of Butler County's draft 2015-2016 Human Services Block Grant Plan and to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to give feedback, including input on needs and priorities within the human service system. For further info or to arrange accommodations contact Butler County Human Services at 724-264-5114.

Charges for the notice should be made to the Butler County Human Services Department at the above address. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Grace B. Abbruzzese
Administrative Assistant

**Butler County Human Services 2015-2016 Block Grant Plan
Public Hearing**

Date: April 8, 2015

Time: 1:30 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 8, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Alliance Church, 800 Mercer Road, Butler, PA. Twenty-two (22) people attended.

Presenters:

Joyce Ainsworth, Human Services Director

Amanda Feltenberger, Director of Service Integration and Quality Management

Janine Kennedy, Community Action Director

Amy Peters, Mental Health Services Director

Ms. Ainsworth welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Ms. Ainsworth gave an overview and history of the Human Services Block Grant. She explained the seven funding categories: Mental Health Community Program, Intellectual Disabilities Community Base, County Child Welfare Special Grants, Homeless Assistance Program, Act 152, Behavioral Health Services Initiative, and the Human Services Development Fund. Block Grant funds account for 30% of Butler County Human Services base budget.

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

She explained our reasons for applying and spoke about other benefits of the block Grant.

She reviewed a chart showing comparison of allocation, minimum required expenditures and actual expenditures for FY 13-14.

Ms. Feltenberger listed the priorities identified through previous public hearings: Employment, Housing, Transportation, Prevention/Mentoring, Integration of Physical and Behavioral Health. Public/Private partnerships were identified as key to addressing priorities.

Employment:

Ms. Feltenberger explained the progress we have made since the beginning of the Block Grant: Collaboration with United Way on Employment Transformation Project – we used a grant from the Staunton Farm Foundation, combined with grant funds previously awarded to United Way to complete strategic planning. We are now beginning to plan for a pilot project that will connect eligible individuals served in our system with open positions at local partner hotels. Funding was provided to Nonprofit Development Corporation to support a Workforce Training Program that teaches individuals various skills through hands on experience.

Housing:

Ms. Kennedy explained that we have: Employed a full-time Human Services Housing Coordinator to enhance safe, affordable housing options for target populations. We are partnering with Nonprofit Development Corporation who has purchased and renovated a home in Butler. Awarded Emergency Solutions Grant to develop a Rapid Rehousing Program for Homeless individuals and families.

Transportation:

Our primary focus has been on implementing plans to control increasing costs. The local Transportation Advisory Board is working with a local civic group to offer volunteer transportation. We are participating in the ATWIC (Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities) planning process. We expanded transportation services through Alliance for Nonprofit Resources.

Prevention and Mentoring.

Ms. Peters discussed the following activities: Mental Health First Aid Training is held monthly including focus on youth. Crisis Intervention Training for police. Trauma-Informed Care Learning Community. Suicide awareness Task Force. Open Table program. Speak-UP partnership with Slippery Rock University. Awarded Communities that care grant to work with Karns City School District. After school tutoring funded through XTO Energy grant.

Integration of Behavioral and Physical Health Services.

National data shows that people with mental illness have an average life expectancy of 25 years less than people without mental illness. A plan was approved by the State to hire a Registered Nurse to focus on integrating behavioral and physical health services for people with serious mental illness in our community. She is an employee of Center for Community Resources and is currently serving 16 individuals. The position is 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 were:

- Need to get the afterschool program back up and running.
- Need to create more three-quarter houses for females leaving prison.
- Need for long term treatment for drug and alcohol addiction.
- Need a place for patient to detox while waiting to get into treatment.
- Need to continue early care and education programs for the young child.
- Need to continue transition programs for students with I.D. or autism transitioning from high school, or foster homes to employment, further education and independent living.
- Vacant school buildings can be obtained inexpensively and used for community programs

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

The hearing was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Butler County Human Services 2015-2016 Block Grant Plan

Public Hearing

Date: June 25, 2015

Time: 3:00 p.m.

**Location: Butler County Government Center
124 West Diamond Street, Butler, PA 16003-1208**

A public hearing was held for the Butler County Human Services Block Grant Plan on June 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Butler County Government Center, Public Meeting Room, 124 West Diamond Street, Butler, PA. Forty-three (43) people attended.

Presenters:

Joyce Ainsworth, Human Services Director

Amy Peters, Mental Health Services Director

Amy Badger-Witenski, Early Intervention & Intellectual Disabilities Director

Janine Kennedy, Community Action Director

Donna Jenereski, Drug & Alcohol Services Director

Amanda Feltenberger, Director of Service Integration and Quality Management

Ms. Ainsworth welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Ms. Ainsworth gave an overview of the Human Services Block Grant and the seven funding categories. She reviewed a chart showing current funding of categorical programs and their share of funds which collectively comprise the Block Grant. She explained the benefits of the Block Grant and reviewed a chart showing comparison of allocation, minimum required expenditures and actual expenditures for FY 13-14.

OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2015-2016 BLOCK GRANT PLAN

Mental Health Services

Ms. Peters gave an overview of the following mental health services: Mental Health First Aid training, Crisis Intervention Training, Mental Health Court, Behavioral Health/Physical Health program, In school counseling, crisis department 24-7 mobile capability, additional psychiatric rehabilitation program, Assertive Community Treatment Team.

Intellectual Disability Services

Ms. Badger Witenski explained that allocated funds will be used to support annualized budgets for approximately 285 individuals in supportive services including: supports coordination, life sharing placements, respite, supported employment, transportation, home and community habilitation, companion, prevocational services, adult training facilities, and behavior support.

Unallocated base funds will be used to support individuals in emergent situations, protecting their health and welfare to maintain current living or employment situations in least restrictive environments.

ID and MH have worked together to develop a regional Dual Diagnosis Treatment Team which will be implemented in the summer of 2015.

We will continue to enhance collaboration with MH, CYS, Juvenile Probation, and Aging systems to ensure continuity of care for individuals served by all categories. We have been successful in smoothly transferring foster care placements for children under 18 to life sharing once they turn 18 and will continue with this type of service planning.

Homeless Assistance Services

Ms. Kennedy explained that Block Grant funds are used to support the following services: Bridge Housing, Case Management, Rental Assistance, and Emergency Shelter.

Funds are also being used to support the addition of Central Intake to the homeless services continuum of care to streamline the assessment and referral process for individuals and families facing housing-related emergencies. This provides a comprehensive and clear picture of what homelessness looks like in Butler County which allows us to better plan and address needs.

Children and Youth Services

In the absence of the CYS Director, Charlie Johns, Ms. Ainsworth presented an overview of CYS services:

CYS has been successful in safely reducing placements, allowing for expansion of services, such as the Child Advocacy Center. Services supported through the Block Grant have aided in this accomplishment, including: Multi-Systemic Therapy, Family Group Decision Making, Crisis In-Home Stabilization, Electronic Monitoring.

In 2015-2016, there will be an increased focus on collaboration with the housing and homeless system in order to ensure families served have access to safe, affordable housing.

Drug and Alcohol Services

Ms. Jenereski explained the Butler Co. D&A Program 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.

Butler Co. continues to receive grant funding for the Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Program and also continues to support Drug Treatment Court with D&A base funds. Both programs have allowed us to expand the continuum of services and supports available to the identified population served.

Plans to address the increased incidences of heroin and prescription drug use: Additional funds from the Block Grant (not originally allocated as D&A) have and will continue to be made available, to the extent possible, to help cover increased costs associated with this epidemic. Also support of efforts to make Narcan more readily available.

Major focus on supporting and enhancing recovery oriented services, include: Recovery Project, recovery based houses available for men and women, Certified Recovery Specialists (CRS) to offer peer-based recovery services to individuals in need.

Human Services and Supports/Human Services Development Fund

Ms. Feltenberger explained that this category is used primarily to support cross-systems services, including: Homemaker Chore, Life Skills Education, Representative Payee, Transportation, Family Group Decision Making, Community Housing Development Coordinator, and Community Collaboratives.

CROSS-SYSTEMS PRIORITIES

Employment

Ms. Feltenberger said Block Grant funds will be used to match Impact Fee Funds provided by the County of Butler to support a pilot project that will connect eligible individuals served in our system with open positions at local partner hotels. Funding provided to Nonprofit Development Corporation to support a Workforce Training Program that teaches individuals various skills through hands on experience. Plan to use Block Grant funds to support at least three additional youth participating in the Next Steps program with Lifesteps.

Housing

Ms. Feltenberger reported that we employed a full-time Human Services Housing Coordinator to enhance safe, affordable housing options for target populations. We are partnering with Nonprofit Development Corporation to purchase and renovate housing units to increase safe, affordable housing options.

Our focus in 2015-2016 will be building relationships and collaboration with additional developers and private landlords.

Transportation

Ms. Kennedy explained the following: Primary focus has been on implementing plans to control increasing costs, Local Transportation Advisory Board working with local civic group to offer volunteer transportation, Participation in ATWIC planning process, Expansion of transportation services through Alliance for Nonprofit Resources, Will continue to explore volunteer transportation programs in other communities.

Prevention

Ms. Peters explained the following prevention priorities: Trauma-Informed Care Learning Community, Open Table, Speak-Up partnership with Slippery Rock University, Communities that Care grant, and the Butler County Prevention Council to focus on child abuse prevention.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Collaboration among providers to better meet the needs of persons with Intellectual Disabilities.

Would like Narcan and training for its use to be made available to providers.

The new Human Services Building: It will be convenient having services all located in one building.

Ms. Ainsworth announced that additional comments can be mailed to Butler County Human Services, at PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003, Or emailed to: bcmhmr@co.butler.pa.us

She also announced the final Plan will be posted on the County of Butler website by July 6, 2015 at: <http://www.co.butler.pa.us/>

APPENDIX C-1 - BLOCK GRANT COUNTIES
HUMAN SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROPOSED BUDGET AND INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Directions: Using this format, please provide the county plan for allocated Human Services expenditures and proposed numbers of individuals to be served in each of the eligible categories.

- 1). Estimated Individuals** – Please provide an estimate in each cost center of the number of individuals to be served. An estimate must be entered for each cost center with associated expenditures.
- 2). HSBG Allocation** - Please enter the county's **total** state and federal HSBG allocation for each program area (MH, ID, HAP, C&Y, D&A, and HSDF).
- 3). HSBG Planned Expenditures** – Please enter the county's planned expenditures for HSBG funds in the applicable cost centers. The Grand Totals for HSBG Planned Expenditures and HSBG Allocation **must equal**.
- 4). Non-Block Grant Expenditures** – Please enter the county's planned expenditures (**MH& ID only**) that are **not** associated with HSBG funds in the applicable cost centers. This does not include Act 148 funding or D&A funding received from the Department of Drug and Alcohol.
- 5). County Match** - Please enter the county's planned match amount in the applicable cost centers.
- 6). Other Planned Expenditures** – Please enter in the applicable cost centers, the county's planned expenditures not included in either the HSBG or Non-Block Grant allocations (such as grants, reinvestment, etc.). *(Completion of this column is optional.)*
- 7). County Block Grant Administration** - Please provide an estimate of the county's administrative costs for services **not included** in MH or ID Services.

NOTE: Fields that are grayed out are to be left blank.

***Please use FY 14-15 Primary Allocations for completion of the budget.**

***If your county received a supplemental CHIPP allocation in FY 14-15, include the annualized amount in your FY 15-16 budget.**

***The Department will request your county to submit a revised budget if, based on the budget enacted by the General Assembly, the allocations for FY 2015/16 are significantly different than FY 2014/15. In addition, the county should submit a revised budget if and when it determines, at any point in the fiscal year, that expenditures in any cost centers/service categories will change by more than 20 percent.**

**APPENDIX C-1 - BLOCK GRANT COUNTIES
HUMAN SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROPOSED BUDGET AND INDIVIDUALS SERVED**

County: BUTLER	1. ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED	2. HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE AND FEDERAL)	3. HSBG PLANNED EXPENDITURES (STATE AND FEDERAL)	4. NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES	5. COUNTY MATCH	6. OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES						
ACT and CTT	6		88,492		2,708	
Administrative Management	4,000		618,658		18,167	
Administrator's Office			457,828		14,010	
Adult Developmental Training - Adult Day Care	0		0		0	
Children's Evidence Based Practices	0		0		0	
Children's Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services	25		8,582		263	
Community Employment & Emplmt Rel Svcs	50		141,400		4,786	15,000
Community Residential Services	125		807,076	74,287	24,697	
Community Services	300		26,140		800	
Consumer-Driven Services	1,950		280,950		8,597	
Emergency Services	450		148,046		4,530	
Facility Based Vocational Rehabilitation	0		0		0	
Family Based Mental Health Services	8		61,184		1,872	
Family Support Services	25		50,012		1,530	
Housing Support Services	60		84,292		2,579	
Mental Health Crisis Intervention	1,750		450,457		14,549	25,000
Other	0		0		0	
Outpatient	800		418,897		6,903	
Partial Hospitalization	0		9,703		297	
Peer Support Services	20		43,664		1,336	
Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization	0		0		0	
Psychiatric Rehabilitation	40		158,902		6,698	60,000
Social Rehabilitation Services	250		402,487		12,316	
Targeted Case Management	150		167,768		5,134	
Transitional and Community Integration	150		486,280		14,880	
TOTAL MH SERVICES	10,159	4,954,583	4,910,818	74,287	146,652	100,000

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County: BUTLER	1. ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED	2. HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE AND FEDERAL)	3. HSBG PLANNED EXPENDITURES (STATE AND FEDERAL)	4. NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES	5. COUNTY MATCH	6. OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES						
Administrator's Office			1,617,425		27,668	
Case Management	141		230,548		7,055	
Community-Based Services	362		604,287		18,491	
Community Residential Services	9		132,380		4,051	
Other	0		0		0	
TOTAL ID SERVICES	512	2,811,209	2,584,640	0	57,265	0
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES						
Bridge Housing	2		3,396		104	
Case Management	850		92,549		2,921	
Rental Assistance	30		23,266		734	
Emergency Shelter	425		63,011		1,989	17,000
Other Housing Supports	90		9,694		306	
TOTAL HAP SERVICES	1,397	133,931	191,916		6,054	17,000
CHILD WELFARE SPECIAL GRANT SERVICES						
Evidence Based Services	98		246,498		7,543	
Promising Practice	290		264,894		8,106	
Alternatives to Truancy	70		3,299		101	
Housing	113		29,109		891	
TOTAL CWSG SERVICES	571	543,800	543,800		16,641	0

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DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES						
Case/Care Management	10		3,200		98	
Inpatient Hospital	0		0		0	
Inpatient Non-Hospital	190		232,900		7,127	
Medication Assisted Therapy	49		54,030		1,653	
Other Intervention	0		0		0	
Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient	110		65,921		2,017	
Partial Hospitalization	10		11,000		337	
Prevention	0		0		0	
Recovery Support Services	0		0		0	
TOTAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES	369	367,051	367,051		11,232	0
HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS						
Adult Services	60		18,729		571	
Aging Services	0		0		0	
Children and Youth Services	0		0		0	
Generic Services	27		35,610		1,090	
Specialized Services	61		84,415		2,585	11,263
Interagency Coordination			122,259		3,741	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS	148	126,726	261,013		7,987	11,263
7. COUNTY BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATION			78,062		2,388	
GRAND TOTAL	13,156	8,937,300	8,937,300	74,287	248,219	128,263