

Phase 3 Recovery and Beyond Minutes May 21, 2020

Pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public the Phase 3 Recovery and Beyond meeting was held via Microsoft Teams Live at 1:00 p.m..

Participating were Commissioner Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt, Commissioner Michael S. Rivera, Executive Assistants Mary Buerer, Jessica Blausner and Barbara Lopez, Chief Administration Officer Ronald R. Seaman, Assistant County Solicitor Paul Bradshaw, Human Resources Director Jessica Weaknecht, Assistant Human Resources Director Kristin Scheffler and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson. Also attending were County Controller Sandy Graffius, Heather Berger, Application Specialist & Trainer and Producer, Lori Schneider, Implementation Specialist, and Tim Smith, Enterprise Manager.

Commissioner Leinbach reported that apparently there were technical difficulties this morning during the Comment period at the Commissioners' Meeting. The issue has been rectified.

SET Report –

Commissioner Barnhardt reported the SET Team interviewed the Mail Room, MH/DD and Aging, Archives, Berks County Residential Center, and will finish out the week with Veterans Affairs, Human Resources, Commissioner Rivera and his Executive Assistant. J.D. DelCollo and Tracy Barlet were dealing with other matters and did not participate in the interviews.

Commissioner Barnhardt reported the majority of employees in MH/DD are working remotely and focused on what that looks like going forward for caseworkers; is it more efficient and is there a savings working from their home for a portion of the time.

Commissioner Barnhardt asked his colleagues to review the proposal from Co-County Wellness. We do have inquiries from other groups in the community, but he and Dr. Michalik support moving forward with Co-County Wellness because of their bandwidth ability and experience to do contact tracing.

Commissioner Leinbach commented he has had questions from the public on contact tracing and made it clear he only supports voluntary testing, and suggested a press release with the details of what we are doing regarding contact testing.

Commissioner Barnhardt confirmed it will only be volunteer based.

Sub-Committee Reports –

Commissioner Leinbach did not have anything new to report, but will begin the review process with the sub-committee May 29.

Commissioner Rivera reported Team B met with Commissioner Leinbach and his Executive Assistant Mary Buerer, and tomorrow will meet with Commissioner Barnhardt and Jessica Blausner and the Department of Emergency Services, and will then set up a Team meeting to go over information gathered.

Actions and Next Steps –
None.

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Nothing

There were no public comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk