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AGENDA

Blair County Social Services Advisory Board

Thursday, April 3, 2025 – 11:30 a.m.

SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd, Altoona, PA

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of December 5, 2024 & February 6, 2025 Social Services Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (*attached*)
4. Board Operations – Tricia Johnson
 - By-Laws Discussion (Finance and Allocations Committee Possible Removal)
5. Mental Health Committee Report (*report attached*)
6. Developmental Programs Committee Report (*report attached*)
7. County Reports
 - Director – Tricia Johnson
 - MH – Cindy James
 - ID – Melissa Gordon (*attached*)
 - EI – Kelly Popich (*attached*)
 - Human Services – Missy Gillin
8. Ex-Officio Reports
 - CONTACT Altoona – Erin Kay (*attached*)
 - NAMI – Aimee Burns (*attached*)
 - The Arc – Maria Brandt
 - ID Providers – Lorrie Hetager (*attached*)
9. Open Forum/Good News Stories
 - ❖ *Next Advisory Board Meeting: Thursday, June 5, August 7, October 2 & December 4, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group (SASMG), 157 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona*
 - ❖ *Next Mental Health Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Blair HealthChoices, 81 Holliday Hills Dr, Hollidaysburg*
 - ❖ *Next Developmental Programs Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona*