



## Blair County

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## AGENDA

Blair County Social Services Advisory Board

Thursday, October 2, 2025 – 11:30 a.m.

SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd, Altoona, PA

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of August 7, 2025 Social Services Advisory Board Meeting Minutes *(attached)*
4. Board Operations – Tricia Johnson
  - Leadership Coalition Update
  - Discuss Non-Profit/Provider Donation for December Meeting
    - Previous recipients: HOPE Drop-In, Family Services Shelter, United Way Toasty Toddler Program, Warming Center
5. Mental Health Committee Report *(attached)*
6. Developmental Programs Committee 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 *(flyer attached)*
  - ID Providers – Lorrie Hetager
9. Open Forum
  - ❖ *Next Advisory Board Meeting: Thursday, 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, November 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Blair HealthChoices, 81 Holliday Hills Dr, Hollidaysburg*
  - ❖ *Next Developmental Programs Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona*