



## Blair County

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### AGENDA

Blair County Social Services Advisory Board  
Thursday, December 4, 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 & October 2, 2025 Social Services Advisory Board Meeting Minutes *(attached)*
  4. Board Operations – Tricia Johnson
    - Annual Board Report (Electronic Copy was emailed prior to the meeting.)
    - Nominate/Elect New Advisory Board Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary
    - Leadership Coalition Update (Retained Funds Update)
  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
    - The Arc – Maria Brandt
    - ID Providers – Lorrie Hetager
  9. Open Forum
- ❖ *Next Advisory Board Meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group (SASMG), 157 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona*
  - ❖ *Next Mental Health Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at Blair HealthChoices, 81 Holliday Hills Dr, Hollidaysburg*
  - ❖ *Next Developmental Programs Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at SASMG, 157 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona*