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Board of Commissioners Approves Creation of Human Services Fund

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today voted 2-1 to establish the Human Services Policy Team Fund and approved allocating \$100,000 annually for the fund. The \$100,000 will be drawn from a portion of the interest accrued annually on monies from the sale of the Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The principal of the Claremont proceeds, an estimated \$7.4 million, will be maintained for future county capital projects.

This fund is designed to support county children and adults served by the human services departments, providing one-time financial assistance for needs that cannot be met through other county funding streams.

"This is a fund of last resort," said Necole Gresh, Cumberland County Director of Children and Youth Services. "The goal of the fund is to quickly address the needs of our residents who we serve, stabilizing them until longer-term supports can be implemented."

The fund will be managed internally by a committee that includes representatives from Children and Youth Services, the Office of Aging and Community Services, Criminal Justice Services, Drug and Alcohol, Juvenile Probation, Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and the Office of Veterans Affairs and Services.

"Internal controls for the fund will be established to safeguard confidentiality while ensuring compliance with auditing requirements," Gresh added. "These tracking and monitoring systems will be put into place to assure where and how the funds are spent."

This fund was created from the ideas and research of the Nursing Home Proceeds/Needs Exploratory Committee formed in January 2023. The committee of residents was charged with researching the needs of the county in coordination with the Cumberland County Human Services Policy Steering Committee to develop recommendations for the Board of Commissioners.

“This new fund is similar to several recommendations proposed by the Exploratory Committee; however, due to the need for confidentiality the fund must be managed internally,” said Stacy M. Snyder, Cumberland County Chief Operations Officer/Chief Clerk. “We want to thank committee members for their expertise, dedication, and civic responsibility to our residents.”

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