

PERRY COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PLAN

2025-2026

Perry County Commissioners:

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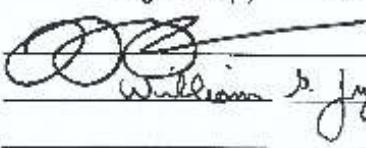
**Appendix A
Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

**COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES PLAN
ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE**

COUNTY OF: Perry

- A. The County assures that services will be managed and delivered in accordance with the County Human Services Plan submitted herewith.
- B. The County assures, in compliance with Act 153 of 2016, that the County Human Services Plan submitted herewith has been developed based upon the County officials' determination of County need, formulated after an opportunity for public comment in the County.
- C. The County assures that it and its providers will maintain the eligibility records and other records necessary to support the expenditure reports submitted to the Department of Human Services.
- D. The County hereby expressly, and as a condition precedent to the receipt of state and federal funds, assures that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1955, as amended; and 16 PA Code, Chapter 49 (relating to contract compliance):
 - 1. The County does not and will not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, origin, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability in providing services or employment; or in its relationship with other providers; or in providing access to services and employment for individuals with disabilities.
 - 2. The County will comply with all regulations promulgated to enforce the statutory provisions against discrimination.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY EXECUTIVE

<i>Signature(s)</i>	<i>Please Print Name(s)</i>	<i>Date:</i>
	William B. Lyons	8/4/2025
		Date: 8. 4. 2025
		Date:

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Appendix B County Human Services Plan Template

The County Human Services Plan (Plan) is to be submitted using the template outlined below. It is to be submitted in conjunction with Appendices A and C (C-1 or C-2, as applicable) to the Department of Human Services (DHS) as instructed in the Bulletin 2025-01.

INTRODUCTION

This Human Services Block Grant (HSBG) plan is submitted on behalf of the Perry County Board of Commissioners and represents input from the Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program (C-P MH.IDD), Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission (C-P D&A), Perry Human Services, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #49. The plan was developed in collaboration with these agencies and the Perry County Family Services Partnership Board.

Perry County is a joinder with Cumberland County for the Mental Health, Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services and the Drug and Alcohol Commission. In December 1967, a joint Mental Health & Mental Retardation program was established with the Boards of County Commissioners of Cumberland and Perry Counties in compliance with the Mental Health & Mental Retardation Act of 1966. The agency now known as Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program (C-P MH.IDD) operates as a department of Cumberland County government and serves residents of Cumberland and Perry Counties in need of those treatment services and rehabilitative supports. Initially, the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission was a part of the MH.IDD program, and in 1980, became a separate agency, continuing with the county joinder arrangement. For these services, coordinated planning is ongoing between the two counties with service providers, individuals, family members, other County Human Services, and Commissioners evaluating current services, need areas, and how best to meet the needs of the residents of Cumberland and Perry Counties. We are committed to ensuring this successful joinder arrangement maintains as it has provided opportunities for residents from both counties that would not have been afforded otherwise. As per the plan directive, narratives and information related to those joinder services are found in the Cumberland County (CC) Human Services Block Grant Plan.

Describe the county planning and leadership team and the process utilized to develop the Plan for the expenditure of human services funds by answering each question below.

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PART I: COUNTY PLANNING PROCESS (Limit of 3 pages)

1. Please identify, as appropriate, the critical stakeholder groups, including:
 - a. Individuals and their families
 - b. Consumer groups
 - c. Providers of human services
 - d. Partners from other systems involved in the county's human services system.

The Perry County Family Service Partnership Board serves as the focal point for Plan development in Perry County. Established in 1995 under the direction of the Perry County Commissioners in response to the Family Service System Reform (FSSR) initiative, the Partnership Board is a collaboration of family service customers, local government, schools, human service agencies, public health and local community representatives. The Partnership Board believes that our county will be an environment that enhances the well-being of all members of the community. The mission of the Partnership Board is to assist and empower communities to invest in solutions to meet their own needs. Various Community and Human Service agencies and County Commissioners participate in monthly meetings to share information and discuss needs, solutions and outcomes. Board meeting participants include representatives from:

- Adoption services
- Aging services
- Area Churches
- Child & Family services
- Childcare services
- Community Ministry services
- Community Partnership agencies
- Commuter & Transportation services
- Council of the Arts
- County Commissioners
- County School Districts
- Domestic Violence services
- Early Education services
- Early Intervention services
- Employment & Vocational services
- Food Bank Ministries
- Home health agencies
- Hospice agencies
- Housing & Homelessness services
- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities services
- Law Enforcement
- Legal services
- Literacy council
- Long Term Care services
- Mental Health service providers
- Parenting Networks
- Physical & Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations
- Physical Health Disabilities services
- Probation office
- Public libraries
- Social services
- State Representatives' office
- State Senators' office
- Substance Use Disorder services
- Veterans' services

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- Wellness services

Stakeholder input occurs from all of the agencies, organizations, and services mentioned. Most participants are also community members who strive to improve their local communities.

The Perry Health Coalition involves many of the previously mentioned stakeholders and has several initiatives to address community needs in Perry County. Access to primary care, dental and mental health providers in order to improve health outcomes for those living in the county is the primary need according to the community residents. The Perry County Health Coalition's work moving forward will continue to focus on these areas.

Stakeholder input also occurs through the monthly Cumberland & Perry Mental Health Community Support Program (CSP) meetings as well as Cumberland & Perry Child & Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP). Please see the Cumberland County (CC) plan for more information on the planning processes for our joinder services. Many program committees include stakeholders as well to ensure consumer voice and participation in the planning process.

Perry County Plan of Safe Care (POSC) is required by federal and state law under Act 54 and has taken the place of the Perry County Integrated Children's meeting. POSC consists of a cross-system committee who meet to provide support for infants that are born affected by substance use or withdraw symptoms that result from prenatal drug exposure or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD). The plan is to improve the safety, early childhood development and well-being of the infant and their caregivers. The plans are individualized and multigenerational with the intention of connecting the infant and family to multidisciplinary resources and supports. The Perry County Plan of Safe Care Team partners to ensure that infants born affected by substances and their caregivers receive needed treatment which begins with early identification through appropriate screening and assessments.

The multidisciplinary teams (MDT) consist of staff from:

- Children & Youth
- Early Intervention
- Drug and Alcohol
- Mental Health
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Maternal Assistance Program – Penn State Health Holy Spirit
- PA State Health Nurse
- Tri-County Community Action

Additional stakeholders are regularly involved in the overall human service planning process as a function of ongoing collaboration. Service needs and system enhancements with regard to human service planning are discussed at the following

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regular meetings, many of which involve individuals, family members, and various community service agencies:

- Perry County Family Partnership Board meetings
- Perry County Health Coalition and Behavioral Health Task Force
- Perry County LINK to Aging & Disability Resources meetings
- Elder Abuse Task Force
- Perry Housing Task Force meetings
- Cumberland & Perry Counties' CASSP Core Teams
- Perry County Plan of Safe Care meetings
- Cumberland-Perry Community Support Program (CSP) meetings
- NAMI PA-Cumberland-Perry Counties' meetings
- Cumberland & Perry MH Provider and Base Service Unit (BSU) meetings
- Behavioral Health Managed Care committee meetings including Quality Improvement/Utilization Management (QI/UM), Clinical, Reinvestment Planning and Consumer & Family Focus Committee (CFFC) with our behavioral health partners - Capital Area Behavioral Health Collaborative (CABHC) & PerformCare
- Regional Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) Collaborative meeting
- CIT Steering Committee meetings
- Cumberland & Perry MH.IDD Advisory Board meetings
- Student Assistance Program Education Council Meetings

Information for the Human Services Plan is gathered continuously throughout the year via these collaborative and joint planning processes.

2. Please describe how these stakeholders were provided with an opportunity for participation in the planning process, including information on outreach and engagement efforts.

Information is discussed and gathered through the numerous committees and community meetings previously mentioned throughout the year. Many of these meetings are open forums. Individuals with lived experience, family members, and providers are strongly encouraged to participate through notifications via newsletters, emails, listservs, and social media. Many program committees include stakeholders as well to ensure voice and participation by those with lived experience in the planning process. Utilization of virtual platforms such as ZOOM and TEAMS have allowed for expanded access and participation for many stakeholders. Public Hearings were also held, and Legal Notices issued to make others aware of these opportunities to give input into the planning process. In addition, notifications and documents are posted on various county websites to support wide dissemination of information.

3. Please list the advisory boards that participated in the planning process.

As previously stated, the Perry County Family Service Partnership Board serves in an advisory capacity to numerous participating human service and community

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agencies within Perry County. The chief role of this collaborative board is to identify community needs and discuss strategies to address those needs as well as serve as a clearinghouse for information and as a collaborative entity for future program planning.

In addition, two of the human service departments impacted by this block grant (MH.IDD and D&A) hold regularly scheduled community advisory board committee meetings that are open to the public.

As stated in the CC Plan, The Mental Health Procedures Act guides the selection of community stakeholders to serve on the **Cumberland & Perry Counties' MH.IDD Advisory Board**. This board also includes County Commissioner representatives from both counties. The advisory board, using the established term limits identified in the by-laws, has received new members during the last year. Additionally, the entire advisory board participated in a dedicated on-boarding session which included presentations from all operational areas of MH.IDD.EI. This Advisory Board is comprised of individuals from the community who represent various professional disciplines including faith-based, social work, education, aging, employment, and medical field, including a nurse and a psychiatrist, as well as family members of individuals receiving IDD and/or MH services. Advisory Board representatives are identified from both counties and are appointed by the boards of Commissioners of their respective counties. Various community stakeholders including individuals with lived experience, family members, and providers also attend and participate in the monthly advisory committee meetings which provides their voices and participation in the planning process. Meetings are convened using a hybrid format to promote transparency and invite greater awareness and participation from the community. These advisory committee meetings have been streamed live on Facebook.

As stated in the CC Plan, The Boards of County Commissioners of Cumberland and Perry Counties also select volunteers representing various community and geographic interests to serve on the **Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission Community Advisory** Board. There are eight board representatives from Cumberland County and seven representatives from Perry County. The Drug and Alcohol Commission Community Advisory Board meets every other month. All of these meetings are open to the public. The responsibility of this group of 15 appointed members is to plan and oversee the delivery of public-funded drug and alcohol services in the counties, which includes coordination and collaboration with other county-managed human services.

The Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank has a board of directors which meets regularly to provide oversight of and input to the program. The Food Bank is a stand-alone non-profit organization.

4. Please describe how the county intends to use funds to provide services to its residents in the least restrictive setting appropriate to their needs. The response must specifically address providing services in the least restrictive setting.

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The County intends to use allocated funds to provide services to its residents in the least restrictive settings appropriate to individuals' needs. A major value that cuts across all the County-managed human services is an emphasis on building a broad range of community-based treatment and support services that reduce the need for and reliance upon more restrictive (and costly) residential, inpatient, and institutional programs.

For more than two decades, a guiding principle in our local human service planning has been to develop networks of care that will allow County residents to access appropriate services while retaining as much self-sufficiency as possible in the community. This approach applies to the recipients of all the human services described in this and the CC plan: individuals and families with mental health needs, citizens with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, persons in recovery from a substance use disorder, youth (including juvenile offenders), individuals who are homeless, older citizens, and individuals with physical disabilities. Specific examples of this programmatic philosophy can be found within each human service area in this and the CC plan. Each program has an array of services available to residents and various processes to determine the most appropriate level of care to meet the individuals' and families' needs.

Our priority is to continue providing community-based services that meet those needs. Each program and/or service develops its own budget and determines expenditures based on the allocation of funds and needs of each program and those accessing services. Each department/service reviews available data to determine the budget and anticipated expenditure of the state allocated funds.

5. Please describe any substantial programmatic and funding changes being made as a result of last year's outcomes.

The priority for funding is to sustain the current infrastructure of community-based services as much as possible. However, if our financial allocations cannot meet the needs of the community, we would determine where budgetary and programmatic cuts would be necessary.

As stated in the CC plan, Cumberland County continues to sustain significant population growth, similar or greater than other counties in central and southeastern tier of the state. After years of collaborative work to provide education across many stakeholder groups regarding the need for adequate base funding for mental health services, this year, program cuts were needed during FY24-25 to attempt to balance the MH budget. Total program cuts during FY24-25 were approximately \$650,000. Effective July 1, 2025, an additional 1.2 million in program cuts were instituted. The obvious concern is how these cuts will negatively impact the individuals served, their families, contracted service providers, their parts of the human services system, and the community as a whole. The priority for funding is to sustain the current infrastructure of community-based services as much as possible.

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County staff, providers, and stakeholders continue to have discussions on measures to take to decrease costs while maintaining needed services, despite the lack of any substantial budget increases.

The Regional Emergency Behavioral Health Crisis Walk in Center and mobile crisis program successfully opened in December of 2024 as a newly licensed crisis program to serve Cumberland, Perry, and Dauphin Counties. Connections Health Solutions expanded our current Crisis Intervention services by providing additional crisis walk in services, urgent behavioral health care, expanded mobile crisis, and up to 23 hours of stabilization time to best support individuals in our region. These services will positively impact on the overuse of the Emergency Department. As this service expands to full capacity, it heightens the recognition for crisis regulations, and the need for additional revenue sources to sustain the project.

In late 2023, Cumberland & Perry counties' MH Office was notified that we had a successful proposal to develop a Regional Long Term Structured Residence (LTSR) with neighboring Franklin & Fulton Counties' MH Program. Funds for this project have been annualized, however there is no cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) as part of the allocation. There is awareness that in a few years, new programs will operate with deficits due to the lack of COLA on appropriations.

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PART II: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Two (2) public hearings are required for counties participating in the Human Services Block Grant. One (1) public hearing is needed for non-block grant counties.

1. Proof of publication:
 - a. Please attach a copy of the actual newspaper advertisement(s) for the public hearing(s).
 - b. When was the ad published?
 - c. When was the second ad published (if applicable)?

*If other media options were utilized, such as social media, internet, etc., for the public hearing announcement, please attach a copy(screenshot) of the notice, along with the date(s) posted.
2. Please submit a summary and/or sign-in sheet of each public hearing.

NOTE: The public hearing notice for counties participating in local collaborative arrangements (LCA) should be made known to residents of all counties. Please ensure that the notice is publicized in each county participating in the LCA.



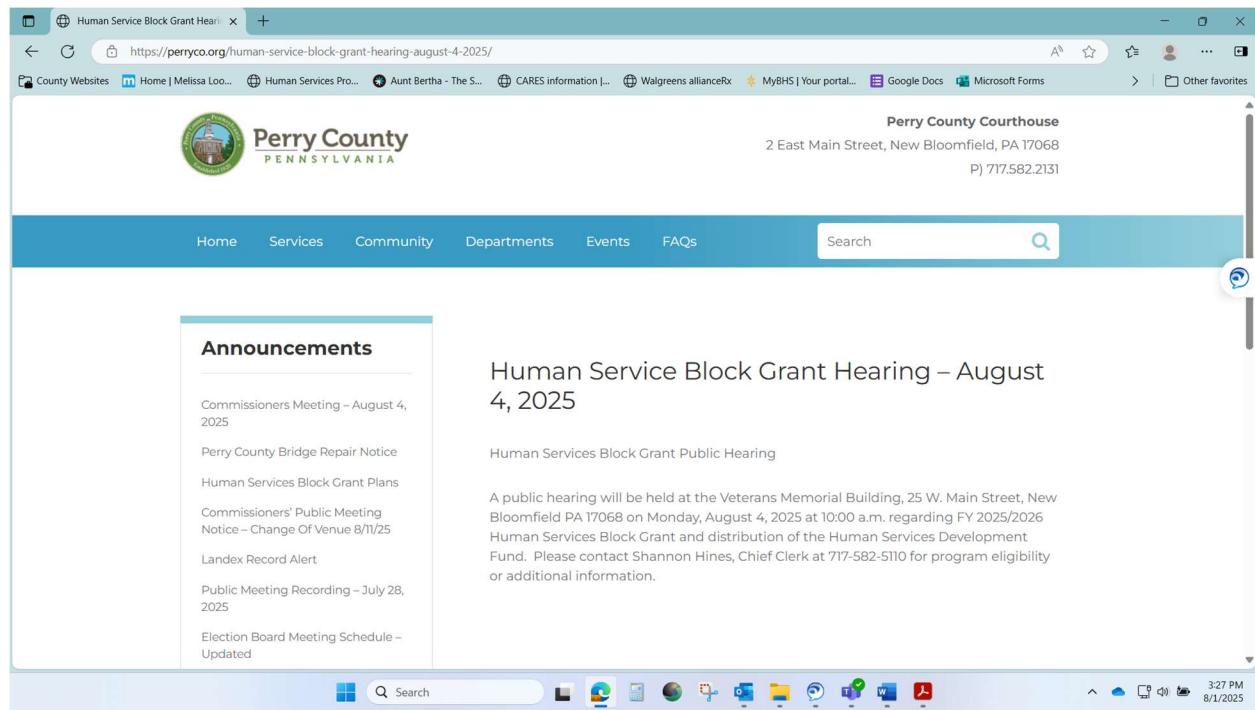
Perry County
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Human Services Development Fund Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building – 25 W Main Street, New Bloomfield PA 17068 on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of public input for distribution of FY 2025-2026 Human Services Development Funds. Requests must comply with the rules and regulations of the funding source. Contact Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk, at 717-582-5110 regarding eligibility requirements.

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The screenshot shows a Microsoft Edge browser window displaying the Perry County website. The title bar reads "Human Service Block Grant Heari" and the URL is "https://perryco.org/human-service-block-grant-hearing-august-4-2025/". The page header includes the Perry County logo and "Perry County COURTHOUSE" with address "2 East Main Street, New Bloomfield, PA 17068" and phone "P) 717.582.2131". A navigation bar at the top has links for Home, Services, Community, Departments, Events, and FAQs. A search bar is on the right. The main content area has a sidebar titled "Announcements" listing several notices. The main content area is titled "Human Service Block Grant Hearing – August 4, 2025" and contains a description of the hearing and its purpose. The taskbar at the bottom shows various pinned icons and the date "8/1/2025" and time "3:27 PM".

Announcements

- Commissioners Meeting – August 4, 2025
- Perry County Bridge Repair Notice
- Human Services Block Grant Plans
- Commissioners' Public Meeting Notice – Change Of Venue 8/11/25
- Landex Record Alert
- Public Meeting Recording – July 28, 2025
- Election Board Meeting Schedule – Updated

Human Service Block Grant Hearing – August 4, 2025

Human Services Block Grant Public Hearing

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Affidavit of Publication

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COMMONWEALTH OF
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COUNTY OF PERRY }

Public Hearing

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That he is Publisher of the The News-Sun, Duncannon Record, Perry County Times, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in New Bloomfield, Perry County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

July 09, 2025, July 10, 2025

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

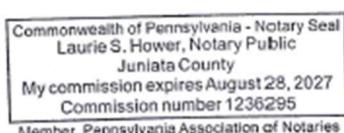
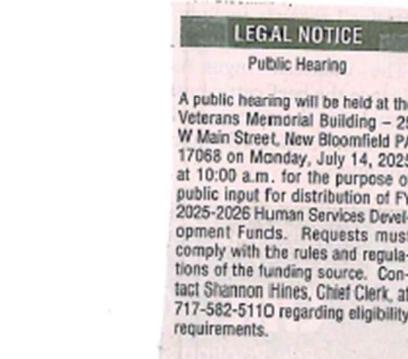
Curtis L. Dreibelbis
Publisher

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 10th day of July 2025.

Laurie S. Hower

Laurie S. Hower, Notary Public, Junata County,
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

My commission expires: August 28, 2027



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NEW BLOOMFIELD , PA 17068

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Meeting Notice-Block Grant

Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF PERRY }

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Public Hearing

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July 23, 2025, July 24, 2025

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That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Curtis L. Dreibelbis

Publisher

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 24th day of July 2025.

Laurie S. Hower

Laurie S. Hower, Notary Public, *Juniata* County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

My commission expires: August 28, 2027

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COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

August 4, 2025

Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:

R. Franklin Campbell - Chair
William G. Lyons - Secretary
Shannon Hines - Chief Clerk
William R. Bunt - Solicitor

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public: Shariyah Etienne, Mark Evans, Kristie Gantt, Sarah Geesaman, George Gochenaus, Cyntia Howard, Brenda Iliff, Taira Little, Sam Miller, Michelle Orris, Eric Reeser, Fred Rudy, Rita Schaaf, Annie Strite, Randy Waggoner, Brian Weidow, Brian Wilson, Josh Wilson

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 4, 2025 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County and Paul Wyatt.

Updates/Announcements: Commissioner Campbell noted that Greenwood teacher, Michael Clark was recognized by the National Association of Agricultural Educators. He also said that next week's Commissioners' meeting on August 11th would be held at the Perry County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Lyons congratulated Newport for the celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the Newport Fire Company. He said it was a successful event and noted all the work that individuals put into the event to make it a success.

Commissioner Campbell reminded attendees that the first round of public comment was for agenda items, and the second round was for items of general interest.

Public Comments: George Gochenaus said he had a comment but it was not regarding an agenda item. Commissioner Campbell said his comment would be for the second round of public comments.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Services Block Grant Hearing 2025/2026: Commissioner Campbell stated that a hearing regarding the 2025/2026 Human Services Block Grant (HSBG) would be held. Brian Wilson, from Cumberland-Perry MH/IDD, talked about the history of the block grant and said the Department of Human Services develops the annual plan. He further said the Perry County plan references Cumberland County's plan since the counties are in a joinder for services. Mr. Wilson stated that the comprehensive plan includes information on mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, drug/alcohol services, homeless assistance program, and the human services development fund. He said the plan includes all services, not just county funded services, and cuts in services are also in the document. He said the priorities in the plan include: monitoring and maintaining the current services, progress towards alignment with best practices, and expansion of services to support the forensic population with serious mental illness. Mr. Wilson provided testimonies in writing to the Commissioners regarding services supported by the plan and said anyone in attendance could provide testimony as well but he would need it in writing to include with the plan submission.

Mark Evans, Cumberland – Perry Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)/Early Intervention (EI) Director, said the focus of the IDD portion of the plan are services that would enable individuals to have an everyday life in their community. He further stated that they believe the services should allow choice, growth, and foster independence. He said that the two-county program has an administrative side and a supports

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coordination side. He commented that currently 1,150 individuals are being serviced, with 80% being Cumberland County residents and 20% being Perry County residents. Mr. Evans stated that services include: supports coordination, residential services, supported employment/job training services, adult developmental programs, and family support services. He explained competitive employment and the Project Search Program. He talked about post-secondary programs that IDD clients are involved in as well. He commented on independent and supported living and noted the Pathways Academy program that allows individuals to practice the skills they will need to live in the community. He continued to provide information about the IDD programs. Mr. Evans said that some of the major program challenges include staffing issues, development of new programs, finding residential programs for those with challenging behaviors, continued rapid growth of individuals that need program assistance, and lack of affordable housing for those that want to live independently in the community.

Brenda Iliff, from Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission, said there are several departments at the Commission including prevention, student assistance, adult case management, and recovery systems. She commented that the block grant funding is focused on recovery and treatment. She stated that the organization's mission statement recently changed and now focuses on substance misuse and providing resources to individuals. Ms. Iliff made attendees aware of Medicaid cuts as this may mean the County agencies will see an increase in individuals seeking services. She also said covid funding is ending and provided information on the needs assessment that happens every five years. Ms. Iliff said the priorities from the assessment include: opioids, vaping, marijuana use, and alcohol use. She commented that staffing shortages affect their programs as well, and noted that there is only one provider in Perry County. She stated that the good news is that there is currently no waitlist for detox and the warm handoff program continues. She said there is a certified recovery specialist at Perry Human Service and another at the Prison. She commented that opioid overdoses are also down in Perry County and noted that in the current year one death had been attributed to overdose. Ms. Iliff stated that opioid settlement funds are being used for clean up and said Perry County is doing a MAT Prison program, Narcan distribution, EMS Leave Behind Program, and funds a prevention position at Perry Human Services.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk, stated that the Homeless Assistance Program is administered by Perry Human Services but the staff member that was to attend the meeting was unable to be there due to a health issue. She further said that a Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) public meeting was held several weeks ago. She commented that the fund provides \$50,000 to be used for human service organizations within the County. Ms. Hines listed some of the previous HSDF funding recipients and noted that the Commissioners would be making the allocation decisions at today's meeting.

Commissioner Campbell asked for any questions or testimony.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the 2025/2026 Human Services Block Grant. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to allocate Human Services Development Funds (HSDF) to the following organizations:

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank - \$10,000
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49 - \$9,000
Perry Human Services - \$8,500
Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission - \$10,000
Join Hands - \$12,500

Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Sam Miller, Chief Financial Executive, presented the financial overview through June 2025. He noted that there was commentary attached to the financial overview. He said the reports are comparative and included budget versus actual results. Mr. Miller highlighted that the cash investment position and said it was

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pretty stable. He noted that it was down about \$500,000 from last year and attributed it to a timing difference awaiting grant funds. He also highlighted the change in accounts receivables and deferrals due to moving opioid funds into a different fund for tracking purposes. Mr. Miller reviewed the profit and loss statement side and detailed some of the differences between 2025 and 2024. He noted that invoices continue to come in which do change the figures that relate back to a prior period and asked if anyone had any questions.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission contracts (attached). Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Consent to Assignment of Contract with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company for actuarial and OPEB GASB 75 disclosures. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted that consents were due to a company merger. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the FY 2025/2026 In-Home contracts for Children & Youth Services (attached). Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. Kristie Gantt, Director of Children & Youth, stated that the contracts were the last of the renewals for the 2025/2026 year. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None

Post Comments: George Gochenaus said he went to pull an oath of office for Assistant District Attorney, Russell Marks, but it could not be located. He further said that he was then provided an oath of office for his admission into the bar association. He commented that Mr. Marks was hired in October 2024 and said an oath was not administered until July 3rd. Mr. Gochenaus said he wants all the money Mr. Marks was paid back in the treasury because he was not an employee. He stated that Judge Mumma had to force District Attorney Merris to administer the oath of office. He said this is the second time he has caught the District Attorney hiring someone and not administering an oath of office. Mr. Gochenaus stated that it should not come out of taxpayer funds to pay for him, as an oath of office must be on file with the Prothonotary's Office. He said the Commissioners need to look into this and recover the funds.

Rita Schaaf, from Join Hands, thanked the Commissioners for the HSDF funding.

Fredy Rudy, from the Board of Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, said the foodbank is in transition as the Director has resigned. He said the support is greatly appreciated and the organization will continue on.

Taira Little, also from the Board of Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, stated that from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 the food bank served 19,604 individuals and said this is over 40% of Perry County residents. She noted that they see five new families each week and said the funding is greatly appreciated.

Eric Reeser, from DAV Chapter 49, thanked the Commissioners for the HSDF funding and highlighted the two programs they administer. He said the transportation takes veterans to many of their vital medical appointments.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

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Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission Contracts

Provider	Service	24/25	25/26	Rate Increase	Percent Increase	Last Increase
Diakon	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adult	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%	
	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adolescent	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%	
	.5 Early Intervention Individual Adolescent	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%	
	.5 Early Intervention Group Adolescent	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%	
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Individual	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%	
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adolescent Individual	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%	
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adult and Adolescent Group	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%	
UHS of PA (Roxbury)	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%	
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Individual	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%	
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Group	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%	
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Individual	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%	
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Group	\$28	\$28	\$0	0.00%	
	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adolescent	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%	
	.5 Early Intervention Individual Adolescent	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%	
	.5 Early Intervention Group Adolescent	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%	
Penn State Health - Holy Spirit Hospital	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adolescent Individual	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%	
	Maternal Assistance Program	\$220,000	\$210,250	(\$9,750)	-4%	
JFT Recovery & Veteran's Support	Warm handoff	199771	99885	-\$99,886.00	-50%	
Perry Human Services	Prevention	\$125,500.00	\$125,500.00	\$0.00	0%	
Avenues Recovery Medical Center Valley Forge Hospital	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B	\$429.00	\$429.00	\$0.00	0%	
	3.7 Intensive Activity 823C	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$0.00	0%	
	3.7 WM Activity 823A	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0%	
	4 (Medically Managed) Adult Activity 834B	\$589.37	\$589.37	\$0.00	0%	
	4 WM (Medically Managed) Activity 834A	\$589.37	\$589.37	\$0.00	0%	
Drug & Alcohol Rehab Services	3.5 Clinically Managed Medium Intensity Residential Services	\$208.00	\$208.00	\$0.00	0%	
	3.5 Clinically Managed Medium Intensity Residential Services	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	0%	
H.E.A.R. Inc.	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Female) (Marietta)	\$245.00	\$245.00	\$0.00	0%	
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Urbz)	\$231.00	\$231.00	\$0.00	0%	
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Mountville)	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	0%	
Addiction Recovery (ARS)	Methadone Maintenance	\$14.75	\$14.75	\$0.00	0%	
	Outpatient Individual	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	0%	
	Outpatient Group	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$0.00	0%	
	Buprenorphine	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	0%	
	Intensive Outpatient Treatment	\$336.00	\$336.00	\$0.00	0%	

25/26 In-Home Contracts----PERRY CO. CHILDREN & YOUTH

8/4/25

Valley Youth House – Family Functional Therapy Program- (Rate Increase \$0.87/unit) - \$51.47/unit

Tri County Community Action – Ages & Stages Screenings (no increase) - \$200/screening

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PENNSYLVANIA

JUNE 2025 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORTING PACKAGE (UNAUDITED)

JULY 31, 2025

FISCAL OFFICE

Introduction

The attached represents a summarized June 2025 Balance Sheet, Summary of Cash/Investment Assignment (*a reconciliation of current cash and investments with the Commissioner-approved assignments from the 2025 budget adoption*), and Budget-to-Actual Comparison Report for the General Fund. The summarized General Fund report consolidates major revenue and expense reporting categories, primarily by operating department, in a similar fashion to our budgetary documents. Narrative is provided to add perspective differences of significance, chiefly supporting those differences within the current year (currently six of 12 months, or roughly 50%, of the year) but also commenting on prior year where applicable. *NOTE – timing differences can occur month-to-month based on posting of invoices to appropriate periods (at times prior period) as well as correcting and auditing adjustments.*

Balance Sheet and Summary of Cash/Investment Assignment

Most categories on the Balance Sheet remain reasonably comparable between June 2025 and 2024, with some differences for the timing of Due from Other Funds satisfaction (*relating primarily to amounts submitted for grant reimbursements, timing differences for centralized payments from the General Fund on behalf of other funds, future recognition of County support for Children and Youth, Domestic Relations, and Area Agency on Aging programs [will reduce amounts due against budgeted expense line items], and remaining audit adjustments for 2024 relative to pending audit and final close-outs*

Current cash/investment position continues to decline from annual highs in April, as the majority of current year levy Real Estate Taxes have been collected during the discount/par period and then significant revenue sources decline for the remainder of the year (while most non-project expenses are consistent throughout the year). In addition, significant declines in Accounts/Taxes Receivable and Deferred Revenue – Taxes/Opioid primarily reflect transfer of Opioid settlement funds to be received in 2025 and future years to a segregated fund for tracking and reconciling these settlement-restricted funds for use (*thus no longer reported in the General Fund*).

The budgetary assignments identify a myriad of projects that the Commissioners have approved dedicated reserves to fund, including amounts necessary to balance the 2025 budget (*which includes a number of non-recurring projects and investments, including real estate reassessment*) and a designation of minimum 10% of current General Fund budgeted expenses (\$25,900,119). *NOTE – all amounts reflect those established with the 2025 budget and are not adjusted for any expenses to-date (process occurs as part of the following year's budget process and year-end close).* The net amount of \$11,750,457 reflects amounts available for future budgetary needs and infrastructure/program investments.

Budget-to-Actual Comparison Report

The majority of activity within the summarized classifications for the General Fund operation are comparable between June 2025 and 2024, both in amount as a percentage of budget (*as anticipated, as a reasonable number of revenue and most expense classifications have consistent flows year-to-year and, particularly for expenses, throughout the year*). For revenues, 2024's General Government function budget was significantly higher, primarily due to several pass-through one-time grant programs anticipated; however, actual revenues were reasonably comparable (*slightly heightened with change in reporting for delinquent Real Estate Tax collections in 2025*). Expenses (as compared with 2024) are down for General Government function (*primarily due to small business ARPA grants issued in 2024*), higher for Judicial Government (*primarily due to additional District Attorney's Office employee approved and hired in 2025*), and down for Public Safety (*prior year heightened due to \$373,000 and \$377,056 budgeted and spent, respectively, for security camera project*). Overall, net results through June 2025 are slightly stronger than 2024, though fairly comparable when the above (*mostly one-time*) differences are excluded.

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Balance Sheet - General Fund
As of June 30, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash	\$ 11,483,424	\$ 11,632,859
Investments	22,583,982	22,904,276
Accounts/Taxes Receivable	296,325	1,932,442
Due from Other Funds (Net)	3,845,010	1,774,888
Inventory	8,115	5,473
Prepaid Expenses	296,715	190,193
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ 38,513,571	 \$ 38,440,130
 Liabilities & Deferred Inflows		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,002,391	\$ 884,578
Accrued Payroll/Related Expenses	728,557	898,923
Escrows/Escheats	76,680	23,266
Deferred Revenue - Taxes/Opioid	676,671	2,029,591
 Total Liabilities & Deferred Inflows	 2,484,299	 3,836,359
 Fund Balance		
Prior Year Fund Balances	29,270,281	28,676,771
Current Year-to-Date Net Income (Loss)	6,758,991	5,927,000
 Total Fund Balance	 36,029,272	 34,603,771
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	 \$ 38,513,571	 \$ 38,440,130

Perry County
Cash/Investment Balances and 2025 Budgetary Assignments - General Fund
As of June 30, 2025

2025 BUDGETARY ASSIGNMENTS FOR CASH/INVESTMENT BALANCES:	
Broodband	6,400,000
Building (New or Consolidation) plus Feasibility Study	6,900,000
Infrastructure Bank	2,000,000
Digital Records - Various Offices	400,000
Public Defender's Office Reorganization	250,000
Economic Development	3,000,000
Farmland Preservation	250,000
New Software System	500,000
Security Measures on County-Occupied Properties	500,000
 <i>2025 Original Budget Deficit (\$4,692,449), Less \$2,575,500 in Projects Above with 2025 Budgeted Expenses</i>	 2,116,949
Fund Balance Reserve for 10% of General Fund Expenditures	2,590,012
Unrestricted/Unassigned Funds	11,750,457
 Total Cash/Investment Balances	 \$36,657,418

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Perry County
Budget-to-Actual Comparison Report - General Fund
As of June 30, 2025 and 2024

	2025				2024			
	Amended Budget	Actual	+/(-) Variance	Percent of Budget	Original Budget	Actual	+/(-) Variance	Percent of Budget
Revenues								
General Government	\$ 18,456,894	\$ 14,829,882	\$ (3,627,012)	80%	\$ 21,885,857	\$ 14,325,738	\$ (7,560,119)	65%
Judicial Government	993,200	386,375	(606,825)	39%	946,450	364,504	(581,946)	39%
Public Safety	1,551,826	599,153	(952,673)	39%	1,060,850	691,348	(369,502)	65%
Veterans Affairs	-	115	115	0%	-	-	-	0%
Soil Conservation	-	2,300	2,300	0%	-	-	-	0%
Total Revenue	21,001,920	15,817,826	(5,184,094)	75%	23,893,157	15,381,590	(8,511,567)	64%
Expenses								
General Government	13,263,582	3,504,584	9,758,998	26%	13,497,250	3,847,433	9,649,817	29%
Judicial Government	4,425,611	2,004,831	2,420,780	45%	4,167,037	1,766,582	2,400,455	42%
Public Safety	8,074,966	3,486,561	4,588,405	43%	7,599,686	3,788,898	3,810,788	50%
Veterans Affairs	118,181	57,802	60,379	49%	92,224	47,153	45,071	51%
AG Extension	17,779	5,056	12,723	28%	17,899	4,524	13,375	25%
Total Expenses	25,900,119	9,058,834	16,841,285	35%	25,374,096	9,454,589	15,919,507	37%
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(\$4,898,199)	\$6,758,991			(\$1,480,939)	\$5,927,000		

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PART III: CROSS-COLLABORATION OF SERVICES

For each of the following, please explain how the county works collaboratively across the human services programs; how the county intends to leverage funds to link residents to existing opportunities and/or to generate new opportunities; identify partners and agencies involved in the provision of services; and provide any updates to the county's collaborative efforts and any new efforts planned for the coming year. (Limit of 4 pages)

Cross-collaboration is clearly evident within Perry County service providers, especially those receiving funds from the Human Services Block Grant (HSBG). The Perry County Family Service Partnership Board is a clear example of the regular collaboration of many agencies in addressing numerous community needs. A list of collaborative partners is found in Part I. Additional Employment and Housing Collaboration is found in the Cumberland County (CC) HSBG Plan for the joinder services.

1. Employment:

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank works collaboratively around employment opportunities by posting job openings in Perry and Cumberland Counties, offering Literacy Council information which provides GED and training opportunities, and hosting job recruiters.

Perry Human Services connects service recipients with the Perry County Literacy Council, Join Hands Ministry and Tri-County Community Action for assistance in vocational pursuits.

The Perry County Disabled American Veterans office works closely with Join Hands Ministry, New Bloomfield VFW, Eagle House, Perry County Housing Partnership, County Veterans Service Officers (VSO) and Rabbit Transit to access employment opportunities.

Relevant information around employment opportunities and collaborations within the Mental Health or Intellectual Disabilities Programs is also available in Part III of the Cumberland County (CC) plan as those services are a joinder with Perry County.

2. Housing:

Perry Human Services (PHS) provides the Homeless Assistance program (HAP) and collaborates regularly with Perry Housing Partnership, Rental Assistance, Join Hands Ministry and Tri-County Community Action to support individuals with housing needs.

HAP case manager collaborates with a variety of other agencies to coordinate numerous other services for the HAP clients. These agencies are utilized as needed:

- Bread of Life Outreach - BOLO
- Domestic Violence Services for C/P Counties
- Join Hands – Collaborative Ministry
- Local landlords

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- Local motel managers (Emergency Shelter lodging)
- Perry County Assistance Office
- Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank
- Perry County Office of Aging
- Social Security Office YWCA – Linda House
- Perry County Rental Assistance Office
- Perry Housing Partnership
- Perry Link to Aging & Disability Resources
- Redevelopment and Housing Authority of Cumberland County

Perry County has a community collaborative board, Perry County Family Services Partnership Board. Through monthly meetings (1st Thursday), this board serves as the vehicle for coordinated planning and networking as the County continues to streamline and integrate services. PHS Executive Director is a member of the Perry County Family Services Partnership Board.

With regards to housing, Perry Human Services is the only provider for HAP services in the county.

Regarding Emergency Shelter, Perry Human Services is the initial financial provider for limited emergency shelter money. When those funds are depleted, PHS works with local assistance office, Join Hands and local churches for additional funds.

Subsidized housing or Rental Assistance continues to have a waiting period of a year or more before the client becomes eligible for this program. For our low-income clients who do not receive subsidies, we continually see a shortage of affordable housing.

With limited permanent emergency shelter facility in the county, providing emergency shelter for individuals or families is extremely difficult. Covering costs of a couple nights at a local motel really does not solve the problem. Many people calling for emergency shelter have no resources, including transportation and money, and no action plan for what happens next. Putting them in a motel which has no access to any resources or case management is a major concern. The need for an emergency shelter in Perry County remains a serious issue.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank works collaboratively making referrals for housing to Perry Housing Partnership, Rental Assistance, and the Homeless Assistance Program at Perry Human Services.

Disabled American Veterans has strong connections with the Perry County Housing Partnership, Perry County Food Bank, Join Hands, New Bloomfield VFW, Eagle House, County VSO, and Rabbit Transit to support individuals with their housing needs.

Additional information regarding housing collaborations within the joinder services is available in this section of the CC plan as well as the Supportive Housing chart in the Mental Health section of the CC plan.

PART IV: HUMAN SERVICES NARRATIVE

CUMBERLAND PERRY MENTAL HEALTH & INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM

In December 1967, a joint Mental Health & Mental Retardation program was established with the Boards of County Commissioners of Cumberland and Perry Counties in compliance with the Mental Health & Mental Retardation Act of 1966. The agency now known as Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program (C-P MH.IDD) operates as a department of Cumberland County government and serves residents of Cumberland and Perry Counties in need of those treatment services and rehabilitative supports. The county joinder agreement remains in effect today.

As a joinder with Cumberland County, please refer to the Cumberland County plan for information in these sections as the Perry County Commissioners are in agreement with the information presented for these joint services in the Cumberland County (CC) MH and IDD plans.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

The Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission (the Commission) has lead responsibility for planning and administering a continuum of substance use disorder prevention, intervention, and treatment services for Cumberland and Perry County residents. As a result of a longstanding joinder agreement between the Boards of County Commissioners in Cumberland County and Perry County, the Commission operates as a department of Cumberland County government and as one part of a broad system of county human services. The Commission serves as the Single County Authority (SCA) for Cumberland and Perry Counties in fulfillment of state contracts and regulations.

As a joinder with Cumberland County, please refer to the Cumberland County (CC) plan for information in this section as the Perry County Commissioners are in agreement with the information presented for these joint services in the Cumberland County Substance Use Disorder plan.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Bridge Housing Services:

Not provided with HSDF Block Grant Funds. Bridge (Transitional) Housing in Perry County is provided by Perry Housing Partnership which utilizes other funding sources for its transitional housing.

Case Management:

- Please describe the case management services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families at risk or experiencing homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.

Case Management is provided by Perry Human Services (PHS) to clients seeking help who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Beginning with the intake process, case management provides a series of coordinated activities to assist individuals and families to prevent the reoccurrence of homelessness. The level and extent of case management varies with each client and continues through discharge. Case management also includes follow-up with clients who

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have been discharged. The case manager attempts a two-month follow-up with clients who completed an intake but were not eligible for a rental assistance grant. For clients receiving a rental assistance grant, the case manager contacts the client's landlord or client for a six-month follow-up to assess whether the individual/family continues housing stabilization.

PHS Case Manager works with the clients on budgeting. This can occur through individual budgeting sessions or through a group budgeting class. All clients requesting financial help with rent or security deposit are required to attend either individual or group budgeting sessions before being approved for a housing grant. This service has been very beneficial for our clients in providing instruction on financial management, including the use of credit cards and budgeting skills.

- How does the county evaluate the efficacy of case management services? Please provide a summary of the case management services' results.

As of June 2025, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, 18 intakes have been completed using case management services, and 14 rental assistance grants have been awarded.

A two-month follow-up phone contact was made by a housing case manager to 14 intakes. For those 18 clients, all reported being stable housing, whether that means living with family/friends or in their own place. 10 reported owing back rent, 4 were living with friends or family.

- Please describe any proposed changes to case management services for FY 25-26.

For this year we believe there will be an increase in case management service hours. Our agency continued to experience some changes in case management staffing this past fiscal year. Because of the changes, many calls were missed and/or fell through the cracks. We have an agreement with Join Hands Ministry to offer budgeting classes to clients. Clients may be required to attend said budgeting classes to receive services. With review of the 24-25 stats, we anticipate that the need for payee services will continue to require additional case management hours throughout the 25-26 fiscal year.

- If case management services are not offered, please provide an explanation of why services are not offered. NA

Rental Assistance:

- Please describe the rental assistance services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families experiencing or at risk for homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.

Rental Assistance provides payment for rents and/or security deposits to prevent and/or end homelessness or near homelessness for individuals/families who qualify for grants.

Perry Human Services defines "resident" as an individual or family who has been living in the county for a minimum of six months. The length of time a client will remain in the program will

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depend on immediate needs and client participation in the development and follow-through of a case plan to resolve identified issues leading to housing problems. The plan, goals, support services and client action steps are developed with the client. The outcome is for client to achieve housing stabilization.

Requests for rental assistance are made to Perry Human Services to avoid duplication of services and to provide more comprehensive planning. PHS case manager works closely with local agencies to centralize the process for emergency shelter and housing assistance to Perry County residents.

Community service agencies that PHS case manager collaborates with for clients includes but is not limited to Perry County Assistance Office, Rental Assistance Office, Perry Housing Partnership, Social Security Administration, County Mental Health/Intellectual Developmental Disabilities programs, Join Hands Ministries, and other social service agencies offering supportive services. Since clients are referred by agencies and landlords to Perry Human Services, it is important to maintain ongoing communication within this network.

As previously discussed in the Case Management section, rental assistance clients are required to participate in either individual budgeting sessions to receive a rental assistance grant. Case manager also conducts a two-month follow-up contact for rental assistance clients not receiving a grant and a six-month follow-up for clients who receive a grant.

Verification of need occurs at the intake process. Client income eligibility will be at or below 200% of the poverty guidelines. The maximum amount a client may receive will be \$1000 for adult households or \$1500 for families with children within a 24-month period. Client financial participation is encouraged, and each client will be individually assessed as to his/her ability to assist with the financial obligations towards security deposit or rent. Any assistance from a public source to assist the client with rent or security deposit will be included. Rental Assistance funds will only be used for rent or security deposits. Checks will be disbursed directly to the landlord upon application approval. Repeat clients will be addressed and reviewed on an individual basis by the case manager and Executive Director. Approval for partial or maximum assistance will then be at the discretion of the Executive Director. Section 8 and subsidized housing clients may be served if they complete and meet the application requirements and have approval by the Executive Director. The intake process includes verification of eviction and documentation that shows the landlord's willingness to continue to rent to the client while the HAP application is being processed.

- How does the county evaluate the efficacy of rental assistance services? Please provide a brief summary of rental assistance services results.

As of June 2025, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, 18 intakes have been completed using case management and 14 rental assistance grants have been awarded.

- Please describe any proposed changes to rental assistance services for FY 25-26.

There are no proposed changes to rental assistance services for FY 25-26.

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- If rental assistance services are not offered, please provide an explanation of why services are not offered. NA

Emergency Shelter:

- Please describe the emergency shelter services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families at risk or experiencing homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.

This service assists individuals and families who are homeless and in immediate need of emergency housing. Perry County does not have a permanent emergency shelter. The Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) allows Perry Human Services to cover the cost of a room at a local motel for homeless individuals and families for a limited amount of nights.

Because HAP funds have been reduced significantly over the past several years, ESP funds have also been reduced significantly and are very limited. All clients requesting emergency shelter are screened as to their immediate need and whether other emergency living arrangements are available. Emergency Shelter is limited to no more than seven consecutive days unless exception request approved by DHS.

Individuals with income are expected to pay as much of the cost as possible. Those who are without resources are assisted in acquiring increased financial stability. PHS may work with these individuals with the long-range goal of permanent housing and a stable environment. Emergency shelter clients may be referred to the Perry Housing Partnership for Transitional Housing and/or other shelters outside the county.

- How does the county evaluate the efficacy of emergency shelter services? Please provide a brief summary of emergency shelter services results.

For 2024-2025, as of June 2025, 0 emergency screenings were completed, via phone or telehealth, and 0 nights of shelter were given.

- Please describe any proposed changes to emergency shelter services for FY 25-26.

Perry Human Services is in the process of becoming contracted with a suitable location.

- If emergency shelter services are not offered, please provide an explanation of why services are not offered.

Perry Human Services was unable to find a suitable location that was willing to contract with us to provide shelter services.

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Innovative Supportive Housing Services:

- Please describe the other housing supports services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families experiencing or at risk for homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.

No Other Housing Supports are provided through HSDF Block Grant funds.

There is limited Transitional Housing available which is provided through Perry Housing Partnership. HSDF Block Grant Funds are not used in this program.

- How does the county evaluate the efficacy of other housing supports services? Please provide a brief summary of other housing supports services results. NA
- Please describe any proposed changes to other housing supports services for FY 25-26.

NA

- If other housing supports services are not offered, please provide an explanation of why services are not offered.

NA

Homeless Management Information Systems:

- Please describe the current status of the county's implementation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Does every Homeless Assistance provider enter data into HMIS?

Perry Human Services (PHS) HAP case manager has been trained in HMIS, but agency is not currently using HMIS as part of its data collection. PHS continues to utilize this agency's own data collection system.

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HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS/ HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND (HSDF)

Please use the fields and dropdowns to describe how the county intends to utilize HSDF funds on allowable expenditures for the following categories. (Please refer to the HSDF Instructions and Requirements for more detail.)

Dropdown menu may be viewed by clicking on “Please choose an item.” Under each service category.

Copy and paste the template for each service offered under each categorical, ensuring each service aligns with the service category when utilizing Adult, Aging, Children and Youth, or Generic Services.

Adult Services: Please provide the following:

Program Name: Perry Human Services HAP Case Management

Description of Services: Case management for the homeless assistance program that assists individuals/families in achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency by stabilizing basic needs for housing through coordination of rental assistance. PHS Adult Services Program utilizes HSDF funds for Case Management for the homeless assistance program that assists individuals/families in achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency by stabilizing basic needs for housing through coordination of rental assistance. Case Management assists individuals in identifying areas of need and then developing and implementing service plans to meet those needs. Service planning and case management services are a series of coordinated staff activities. These services are designed to determine with client input what services are needed and to coordinate the provision of these services. Case Management can include a wide range of activities. An initial step always includes a thorough exploration of the service needs of the individual and discussions with the client of the available and acceptable service options. Once the extent of need is determined, a service plan is prepared in

cooperation with and in agreement with the client. What follows is the involvement of the case manager to assure the prompt arrangement of services using those providers acceptable to the client, and then continue to network with all providers serving the client. This often requires personal advocacy for the client to ensure the satisfactory delivery of service and monitoring the continuity and continued appropriateness of the services. As with all PHS services a follow-up is conducted whenever possible to ensure client satisfaction and to offer additional services as needed

Service Category: Service Planning/Case Management - a series of coordinative staff activities to determine with the client what services are needed and to coordinate their timely provision by the provider and other resources in the community.

Program Name: Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49 Transportation

Description of Services: Transportation services for veterans (age 18-59) to medical, mental health, and dental appointments. HSDF provides funding through DAV Chapter 49 for providing transportation for adult veterans in need of free transportation to their medical, mental, and dental appointments throughout Perry County, PA. as well as free transportation for adult Veterans to pick up needed food (50-lbs) from Perry County's Military Food Share program, at the New Bloomfield VFW, the last Thursday of every month. Additionally, they make stops to and from these appointments to allow our adult Veterans to go to bank, grocery stores, etc. to meet their basic needs, not met through other sources.

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Service Category: Transportation - Activities which enable individuals to travel to and from community facilities to receive social and medical service, or otherwise promote independent living. The service is provided only if there are no other appropriate resources.

Program Name: Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49 Veterans in Need

Description of Services: HSDF funds are used to provide financial assistance to adult Veterans and their families not able to utilize other services. Each client is screened based on their income versus expenses and screened to determine eligibility. A VIN application form submitted through the Perry County Veteran Service Officer with all bills attached is utilized during the screening process. Four VIN committee members review and approve or disapprove requests. Bills are directly paid to the billing agency

and not to individuals. Financial emergencies and hardships that are paid by DAV are related to financial emergencies due to sudden unemployment without compensation, accidents, car repairs, unable to pay utilities, out of oil in winter and no funds, out of food, house burnt down, etc. Individuals are referred to other Perry County agencies such as food banks, social services, housing partnership, Join Hands, American Legions or Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc. DAV does not use funding for hardships resulting from unfavorable actions such as substance abuse, DUI, court costs, etc.

They partner with several Perry County agencies such as Perry County Housing Partnership, the Eagle House, Office of Aging, food banks, Social Services, Counseling, Join Hands, American Legions, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Service Category: Service Planning/Case Management - a series of coordinative staff activities to determine with the client what services are needed and to coordinate their timely provision by the provider and other resources in the community.

Aging Services: Please provide the following:

Program Name: Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49 Transportation

Description of Services: Transportation services for veterans (age 60+) to medical, mental health, and dental appointments. HSDF provides funding through DAV Chapter 49 for providing transportation, including the majority of disabled Senior Veterans, in need of free Transportation to their medical, mental, and dental appointments throughout state of PA. As well as free transportation for Veterans, which are primarily disabled, home-bound Senior Veterans, to have food (50-lbs) from Perry County's Military Food Share program, on the last Thursday of every month delivered to their homes. They also make stops to and from their appointments to allow Senior Veterans to go to bank, grocery stores, etc. to meet their basic needs, not met through other sources

Service Category: Transportation (Passenger) - Activities which enable individuals to travel to and from community facilities to receive social and medical service, or otherwise promote independent living.

Program Name: Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49 Veterans in Need

Description of Services: Provide financial assistance to veterans (age 60+) and their families not able to utilize other services. Each client is screened based on their income versus expenses and screened to determine eligibility. A VIN application form submitted through the Perry County Veteran Service Officer with all bills attached is utilized during the screening process. Four VIN committee members review and approve or disapprove requests. Bills are directly paid to the billing agency and not to individuals. Financial emergencies and hardships that are paid by DAV are related to financial emergencies due to sudden unemployment without compensation, accidents, car repairs, unable to pay

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Service Category: Service Planning/Case Management - a series of coordinative staff activities to determine with the client what services are needed and to coordinate their timely provision by the provider and other resources in the community

Specialized Services: Please provide the following: (Limit 1 paragraph per service description)

Program Name: Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank

Description of Services: Provide supplemental food services for seniors, children, individuals, and families within Perry County who are food insecure. Located at 300 A South Carlisle St, New Bloomfield 17068, this emergency food pantry offers to help supplement the food budget of qualified Perry County households. Their mission to provide supplemental food to those that are food insecure has remained unchanged.

Program Name: Join Hands Ministry

Description of Services: Provide a financial literacy program to individuals on budgeting, savings, debt management, and financial planning. This will also include case management to the individuals participating in the financial workshops. Join Hands Ministry, Inc. is a collaborative community outreach program providing direction, intervention and support to persons facing a variety of daily living challenges in Perry County. Financial management workshops are necessary to support good financial decision-making and enable individuals to achieve financial stability and independence.

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HUMAN SERVICES PROPOSED BUDGET AND INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED**

County:	1. ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED	2. HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE & FEDERAL)	3. HSBG PLANNED EXPENDITURES (STATE & FEDERAL)	4. NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES	5. COUNTY MATCH	6. OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES
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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

ACT and CTT	20		\$ 138,075			
Administrative Management	929		\$ 793,831		\$ 71,268	
Administrator's Office			\$ 494,448		\$ 54,939	\$ 232,620
Adult Developmental Training						
Children's Evidence-Based Practices						
Children's Psychosocial Rehabilitation						
Community Employment						
Community Residential Services	105		\$ 5,682,805	\$ 605,000	\$ 85,417	
Community Services	901		\$ 621,839		\$ 69,093	\$ 66,262
Consumer-Driven Services						
Emergency Services	231		\$ 58,478		\$ 6,499	
Facility Based Vocational Rehabilitation						
Family Based Mental Health Services	1		\$ 6,000			
Family Support Services	92		\$ 142,322		\$ 15,814	
Housing Support Services	106		\$ 673,484		\$ 42,729	
Mental Health Crisis Intervention	6,006		\$ 724,425	\$ 796,126		
Other						
Outpatient	2		\$ 7,832		\$ 870	
Partial Hospitalization	2		\$ 5,000			
Peer Support Services						
Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization	1		\$ 200,000			
Psychiatric Rehabilitation						
Social Rehabilitation Services	205		\$ 559,948		\$ 51,550	
Targeted Case Management	138		\$ 241,648			
Transitional and Community Integration	30		\$ 93,788			
TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	8,769	\$ 10,443,923	\$ 10,443,923	\$ 1,401,126	\$ 398,179	\$ 298,882

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

Administrator's Office			\$ 1,230,284		\$ 24,386	\$ 649,420
Case Management	100		\$ 421,700		\$ 14,429	
Community-Based Services	48		\$ 531,084	\$ 161,018	\$ 59,009	
Community Residential Services	6		\$ 809,530			
Other						
TOTAL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES	154	\$ 2,992,598	\$ 2,992,598	\$ 161,018	\$ 97,824	\$ 649,420

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HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES						
Bridge Housing						
Case Management	200		\$ 25,500			
Rental Assistance	80		\$ 28,665			
Emergency Shelter	10		\$ 5,460			
Innovative Supportive Housing Services						
Administration						
TOTAL HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES	290	\$ 59,625	\$ 59,625		\$ -	\$ -
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES						
Case/Care Management	10		\$ 29,426			
Inpatient Hospital						
Inpatient Non-Hospital	71		\$ 256,561			
Medication Assisted Therapy	7		\$ 45,000			
Other Intervention	15		\$ 7,000			
Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient	45		\$ 56,000			
Partial Hospitalization	1		\$ 2,500			
Prevention	30		\$ 30,000			
Recovery Support Services	20		\$ 57,148			
Administration			\$ 24,000			
TOTAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES	199	\$ 497,635	\$ 507,635		\$ -	\$ -
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND						
Adult Services	184		\$ 15,500			
Aging Services	2		\$ 2,000			
Children and Youth Services						
Generic Services						
Specialized Services	500		\$ 22,500			
Interagency Coordination						
Administration						
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND	686	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000		\$ -	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL	10,098	\$ 14,043,781	\$ 14,043,781	\$ 1,562,144	\$ 496,003	\$ 948,302