

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, April 19, 2021, 7:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS INPUT

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 5, 2021, Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
2. March 29, 2021, Board of Supervisors Special Meeting – Whitehall Road Regional Park
3. March 31, 2021, Board of Supervisors Worksession – Solar Power Purchase Agreement

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response Report
- b. Mental Health Taskforce Report

VI. PROCLAMATIONS

- a. 2021 Asian Heritage Month Proclamation

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing – Recreation Fire Open Burn Ordinance
2. Public Hearing – Resolution Condemning Violence Against Asian American Community
3. Public Hearing – Resolution Establishing Green Infrastructure Policy
4. Public Hearing – Resolution Authorizing Tourism Grant Application for Agritourism Event

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1. Consent Agenda
2. Board Member Request – Terraced Streetscape District Ordinance Amendment
3. Contract 2021-C9, Microsurfacing
4. Contract 2021-C7a, Fuel
5. Contract 2021-C7c, Asphalt and Aggregate

IX. REPORTS

1. COG Committee Reports
2. Other Regional Reports
3. Staff Reports

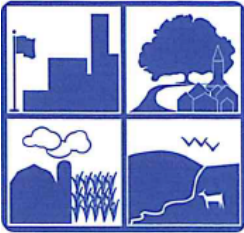
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40 minutes

1. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response Report – David Pribulka, Township Manager
2. Mental Health Taskforce Report – Chief Albright & Traci Small, Centre County CIT Coordinator

VI. PROCLAMATIONS

1. ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Prasenjit Mitra, Township Supervisor

5 minutes

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of a proclamation designating May 2021 to be Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Ferguson Township. Mr. Mitra will introduce the proclamation.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the proclamation designating May 2021 as Asian Heritage Month in Ferguson Township.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the proclamation.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER 10, HEALTH AND SAFETY, ADDING PART VII SECTION 10-701 APPLICATION; 10-702 DEFINITIONS; 10-703 RECREATIONAL FIRES; 10-704 BURNING LEAVES AND**

LEAF WASTE; 10-705 BURNING REFUSE AND TRADE WASTE PROHIBITED; 10-706 OPEN BURN PERMITS; 10-707 SAFETY ZONES FOR OPEN BURNS, SMOKERS AND RECREATIONAL FIRES; 10-708 SPECIAL PROHIBITIONS. 10 minutes

Chris Albright, Chief of Police

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of an ordinance that was advertised for public hearing establishing additional fire code and safety regulations within Ferguson Township. The Board of Supervisors reviewed this draft ordinance during their March 15, 2021, regular meeting and authorized staff to advertise the ordinance for public hearing. The new regulations prohibit burning certain materials; and creates safety setbacks and prohibits burning during dry weather conditions.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 10, Health and Safety by establishing additional fire code and safety regulations within Ferguson Township.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the ordinance.

2. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CONDEMNING ACTS OF HATRED, BIAS, AND EXCLUSIONARY BEHAVIOR TOWARDS PEOPLE OF COLOR, ESPECIALLY ASIANS, ASIAN-AMERICANS, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS "AAPI", AND JOINS OTHER COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD IN PURSUIT OF RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUITY. 10 minutes

Prasenjit Mitra, Township Supervisor

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of the resolution advertised for public hearing condemning acts of hatred, bias, and exclusionary behavior against the AAPI Community. This resolution was adopted in similar form by the Centre Region Council of Governments at the March 22nd General Forum meeting. Mr. Mitra will introduce the resolution. Judge Don Hahn and Dr. Nalini Krishnankutty are in attendance as representatives of the Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution condemning acts of hatred, bias, and exclusionary behavior against the AAPI Community.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the resolution.

3. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING A GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A". 20 minutes

Centrice Martin, Assistant Township Manager

Narrative

The Township receives requests by residents, staff and the Board to convert passive areas within parks to green infrastructure areas. Examples include Cecil Irvin Park, Fairbrook Park, Tudek Park and Haymarket Park. Responses to these requests have varied based on the nature of the situation and because there is no policy that exists to inform on how to process these requests or manage a maintenance plan for approved green infrastructure areas within Township Parks. The drafted Green Infrastructure Policy presented to the Board in September 2020 has been reviewed and updated based on input from the Parks and Recreation Committee and Centre Region Parks and Recreation, as well as comments received by members of the Board.

Provided with the agenda is a copy of the resolution advertised for a public hearing to adopt a policy to establish a program plan and process for integrating green infrastructure into appropriate park areas with a written maintenance plan for each approved green infrastructure area in Township parks.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution establishing a Green Infrastructure Policy as described in Exhibit "A" of the resolution.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the resolution.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

5 minutes

- a. Contract 2020-C3, Pay App #4: \$19,693.48
- b. Special Events Permit – Overlook Heights Block Parties
- c. Special Events Permit – Glimcher Keystone Country Ride

2. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON TOWNSHIP, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO SUBMIT A TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE HAPPY VALLEY ADVENTURE BUREAU WITH MILLHEIM BOROUGH FOR AN AGRITOURISM EVENT.

David Pribulka, Township Manager

5 minutes

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of the resolution advertised for public hearing authorizing the submission and matching funds for a grant application to the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau for a special event focused on agritourism in concert with Millheim Borough. If successful, the event would connect Millheim Borough and Ferguson Township establishments including 814 Cider Works and Pine Grove Hall for music and locally sourced menu through a self-guided tour participants can take throughout the week of the event. The resolution also authorizes a local match up to \$4,500 that would come from the Township's Economic Development account.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution authorizing the Township Manager to submit a Tourism Grant application to the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau for an agritourism event with Millheim Borough.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the resolution.

3. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST – TERRACED STREETScape DISTRICT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 20 minutes

Lisa Strickland, Township Supervisor

Narrative

Ms. Strickland has requested a discussion by the Board to review the Terraced Streetscape District (TSD) to provide direction to the Planning Commission as they begin their review of the TSD. The discussion and work item will lay the foundation for the expected engagement of a consultant in 2022 to revise the ordinance. Provided with the agenda is the request from Ms. Strickland and the text of the Terraced Streetscape District ordinance to help guide the discussion. The Board is asked to refer their comments and goals to the Planning Commission for their review and comment. Following the Planning Commission's discussion, the item will be presented back to the Board of Supervisors for an additional review prior to commencing the rewrite.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors refer its comments on the Terraced Streetscape District to the Planning Commission for review and comment.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **refer** the item to the Planning Commission.

4. AWARD OF CONTRACT 2021-C9, MICROSURFACING

5 minutes

David Modricker, Director of Public Works

Narrative

On Tuesday, March 9, 2021, bids were opened and read aloud for Contract 2021-C9 Microsurfacing for select streets in Ferguson and Harris Townships. This is a co-operative contract that is administered by Ferguson Township. The bid was advertised in the Centre Daily Times and sent out to potential bidders. This contract involves the application of a slurry seal to the roads for pavement preservation. Provided with the agenda is a memorandum from the Assistant Township Engineer containing a summary of the bids received.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors award Contract 2021-C9, Microsurfacing to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., in an amount of \$435,839.52.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **award** Contract 2021-C9 to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc.

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT 2021-C7a, FUEL

5 minutes

David Modricker, Director of Public Works

Narrative

On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, bids were opened for Contract 2021-C7a Fuel and read aloud. Gasoline and Diesel fuel are bid annually. The bid was advertised in the Centre Daily Times and sent out to potential bidders. Provided with the agenda is a memorandum from the Public Works Director containing a summary of the bids received.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors award Contract 2021-C7a, Fuel to Nittany Oil Company in an amount of \$59,239.50.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **award** Contract 2021-C7a to Nittany Oil Company.

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT 2021-C7c, ASPHALT & AGGREGATE

5 minutes

David Modricker, Director of Public Works

Narrative

On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, bids were opened for Contract 2021-C7c Asphalt and Aggregate and read aloud. Road materials are bid annually. The bid was advertised in the Centre Daily Times and sent out to potential bidders. Provided with the agenda is a memorandum from the Public Works Director containing a summary of the bids received.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors award Contract 2021-C7c, Asphalt & Aggregate as described in Public Works Director memo dated April 13 for items 1 through 4 (aggregate) to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., in the amount of \$17,800.00 and items 5 through 8 (asphalt) to HRI in the amount of \$64,800.00.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **award** Contract 2021-C7c

IX. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

20 minutes

- a. Human Resources Committee
- b. Finance Committee
- c. Climate Action & Sustainability Committee
- d. Public Safety Committee

2. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

5 minutes

3. STAFF REPORTS

20 minutes

- a. Manager's Report
- b. Public Works Director
- c. Planning and Zoning Director
- d. Chief of Police Report

X. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

XI. CALENDAR ITEMS – APRIL/MAY

- a. Ferguson Township upcoming committee meetings:
 - 1. Pine Grove Mills SAP Advisory Committee, Thursdays, April 22 and May 27, 4PM
 - 2. Planning Commission, Monday, April 26, 6PM
 - 3. Board of Supervisors, Mondays, May 3 and May 17, 7PM
 - 4. Planning Commission, Mondays, May 10 and May 24, 6PM
 - 5. Tree Commission, Monday, May 17, 4PM
 - 6. Parks & Recreation Committee, Thursday, May 20, 4PM
- b. Watershed Cleanup Day, Saturday, April 24, 8AM – 12PM
- c. Ferguson Township Virtual Bike Chat, Thursday, May 20, 12:30PM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021
7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

The Board of Supervisors held its first regular meeting of the month on Monday, April 5, 2021, via Zoom in a webinar format. In attendance were:

Board:	Laura Dininni, Chair	Staff:	Dave Pribulka, Township Manager
	Lisa Strickland, Vice Chair		Dave Modricker, Director of Public Works
	Steve Miller		Jenna Wargo, Director, Planning and Zoning
	Prasenjit Mitra		Lance King, Township Arborist
	Patty Stephens		

Others in attendance included: Rhonda Demchak, Recording Secretary; Mr. Kevin Mullen, Ferguson and Patton Township owner; Mr. Wes Glebe, Ferguson Township Resident; Mr. John Spychalski, CATA Chairman; Ms. Louwana Oliva, Executive Director and CEO of CATA; Mr. David Stone, Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition; Mr. Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Resident and Planning Commission member; Mr. John Sepp, Penn Terra Engineering; Mr. David Helfrich, Aspen Heights; Doug Hill, Senior Engineer, Wooster and Associates; Danielle Bleier, Develop Manager, Aspen Heights Partners; Mr. David Helfrich, President, East Division, Aspen Heights Partners

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dininni called the Monday, April 5, 2021, regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Pribulka noted that the Board of Supervisors meeting had been advertised in accordance to the PA Sunshine Act as a virtual meeting via Zoom in a webinar format. There was also an audio conference bridge that was accessible by dialing the Ferguson Township's main line at 814-238-4651 and then dialing extension 3799. Persons attending the webinar as members of the public and wanted to participate were asked to enter their name, municipality, and topic by utilizing the Q&A bubble at the bottom of the screen. Mr. Pribulka noted that attendees will not be permitted to speak unless addressed by the Chair. Mr. Pribulka will share more information on how attendees can interact with the Board at the appropriate time of the meeting. C-NET is recording as well. Mr. Pribulka took Roll Call and there was a quorum.

Ms. Dininni added that there have been two executive meetings since the last regular Board meeting. On March 23rd, they met regarding personnel and legal matters and on April 5th they met to discuss personnel matters.

II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS INPUT

Mr. Kevin Mullen, Ferguson and Patton Township owner, expressed frustration with UAJA Wastewater for over charging him the last 5 years.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Regular meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021. Ms. Strickland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

a) COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response Report

Mr. Pribulka noted that local or regional updates can be found on the Centre Region Ready [Facebook page](#) or the [COG website page](#). Also, information can be found on the [Township website](#) and [State College Borough website](#).

The Governor's office announced on April 5, 2021 that the Commonwealth has moved to Phase 1B of the vaccine distribution plan. Phase 1B eligible Pennsylvanians include:

- People in congregate settings not otherwise specified as long-term care facilities, and persons receiving home and community-based services
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Manufacturing workers
- Clergy and other essential support for houses of worship
- Public transit workers
- Education workers

More information can be found at the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#).

Governor Wolf's office announced that on April 4, 2021, restaurants may resume bar service; alcohol service will be allowed without the purchase of food; the curfew for removing alcoholic drinks from tables will be lifted; and indoor dining capacity will be raised to 75 percent for those restaurants pending self-certified at each establishment. Also, the Governor announced revised maximum occupancy limits for indoor events to allow for 25% of maximum occupancy and outdoor events to allow for 50% of maximum occupancy. Requirements such as mask-wearing, and social distancing, including 6 feet between diners, also still apply. More information can be found on the Governor's [website](#).

Mr. Pribulka was able to cross reference the new regulations against the Township's ordinance and noted that the ordinance does not need modified.

Regionally, Eric Barron, President, PSU, and other local leadership held a press conference on March 26, 2021 urging caution to residents and students because of the alarming uptick in COVID-19 cases. The University's wastewater monitoring system has identified variances of COVID-19.

There have been 13,575 confirmed cases county-wide, which is over 1,300 from Mr. Pribulka's report on March 15, 2021. There have been 65,428 negative cases in the State College. There have been 213 deaths attributed to the virus in Centre County. There have been 888,747 reported cases in Pennsylvania and an additional 156,653 probable cases. There have been 25,200 deaths.

Mr. Pribulka noted that information is emerging from the American Rescue Plan funding. The Township has not identified the uses of the funding but once the guidelines become available, they will begin to develop a strategy. The Township was allocated \$1.92 million.

Mr. Pribulka thanked the residences and business owners in Ferguson Township for their patience and understanding as the Township recovers.

b) Centre Area Transportation Authority Report

Mr. John Spychalski, CATA Chairman thanked Ms. Louwana Oliva, Executive Director and CEO of CATA for her resilience through the pandemic. Ms. Oliva noted that CATA has been adjusting throughout the pandemic and reported that though service was cut back, they kept routes open where ridership was needed. Ridership is only at 15% of what it used to be before the pandemic. The pandemic has taken a toll on CATA's finances because they rely on 40% of the ridership fares

and will have to make service adjustments. Ms. Oliva stated that federal funding has kept them open.

Mr. Spsychalski stated that Penn State will be a factor in making adjustments in the fall due to the possibility of online classes and employees working from home. Mr. Spsychalski noted that all Sunday services have been discontinued, but possibly reinstating HM, N, R, V and the W routes in the fall. A decision will be made to close full-service during Labor Day weekend and the week between Christmas and New Year's. There will be a reinstatement of the express routes to 40-minute frequency. The community routes will continue to be on hold.

Ms. Oliva stated that there will be a virtual community meeting on April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed changes.

Ms. Stephens asked what is being used to disinfect the busses. Ms. Oliva state that they use CDC approved disinfectants and electrostatic cleaners.

c) Private Streets and Alleys Presentation

Mr. Pribulka presented PowerPoint slides. Private streets in the Township are described as shared driveways with no dedicated right of way and has access to two or more dwellings often on the same parcel such as condos. The most common that cause disputes are private roads and alleys because there are no maintenance agreements. They are not assigned to any specific tax parcel or property; there are no agreement for maintenance, repair or access, and all adjoining properties assumed to have right to access. There are private roads and alleys in the Township that do have maintenance agreements such as approved subdivision plans since the mid-90's that include a private street and agreements assigned responsibility to all parties for maintenance improvements, and access. Mr. Pribulka gave an example of a shared driveway that included Teaberry Ridge. The most common example is a private road with no maintenance agreement such as Reed Alley in Pine Grove Mills. Breezewood Drive in the Township is a private road that does have a maintenance agreement.

Mr. Pribulka stated that they do see disputes arise from property owners that abut private streets. Mr. Modricker noted that paper streets can be a private alley plotted in a subdivision plan, but it doesn't exist physically. Mr. Modricker stated that sometimes there are disputes between property owners that might occupy a paper street.

Mr. Pribulka reviewed possible policy considerations.

- Township assumes responsibility for all private streets and alleyways.
 - Develop street standards for alleyways in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance
 - Survey "available" right-of-way, identify encroachments that exist and how they will be overcome, prepare cost estimates
 - Acquire deeds of dedication for all private streets and alleyways (excludes shared driveways) and plan for capital improvements based on existing conditions and priorities.
- Pros
 - Likely to have the most support from residents along private streets and alleyways
 - "Easiest" option – fee – simple dedication, clear ownership
- Cons
 - Cost – Will require legal representation and deed preparation ; on-going operational and maintenance expenses; equipment costs

Other possible policy considerations include the following:

- Township brokers maintenance agreements with property owners

- Develop street standards for private streets and alleyways as policy to guide development of maintenance agreements
- Work individually with each property owner to draft and execute agreements
- Pros
 - Least costly to the Township in the long-term
 - Resolves issues for all current and subsequent property owners
- Cons
 - Large initial effort to broker agreements for each private street and alleyway
 - Reliance on the willingness of property owners to enter into agreement in good faith
 - Additional enforcement opportunities assigned to the Township

Mr. Pribulka reviewed another theory for consideration

- Hybrid approach
 - Develop street standards for private streets and alleyways as an internal guidance
 - Broker private street agreements with each property owner and the Township endorses the agreements as a party of interest
 - Survey “available” right-of-way, identify encroachments that exist and how they will be overcome, prepare cost estimate
 - Township budgets for repaving and improvements for private streets and alleyways based on condition assessments
 - Once improvements are made, on-going maintenance and repairs are assigned by agreement to each property owner
- Pros
 - Ensures all private streets and alleyways are improved to a common standard
 - Likely to incentivize residents to participate voluntarily in the agreements
- Cons
 - Costly – Avoids long-term maintenance responsibility but requires investment in brokering agreements and improving streets

Mr. Pribulka stated that another alternative is to do nothing as another alternative. Ferguson Township’s approach to private streets and alleys are similar to other municipalities in the Centre Region – College Township, Patton Township, and Halfmoon Township. Staff continues to adjudicate disputes as they present themselves to the degree the Township is able. Other matters are commonly civil in nature and referred to the appropriate jurisdiction.

Mr. Pribulka gave his recommendation and noted that this is a problem that staff encounters, but not a significant problem that in the Manager’s opinion, justifies the cost of acquiring private roads. Problems may be significant for residents, especially when access is impeded, or civil disputes arise. Mr. Pribulka stated that if the Board wishes to proceed, brokering private streets agreements is the preferred staff option.

Ms. Dininni shared that she receives complaints regarding private streets and alleyways and gave a few examples. A complaint she received was the level of service of plowing on a road that the Township does not plow, and the homeowner expressed concern with the service from the private road plowing contractor. Ms. Dininni also received a complaint regarding trash removal from a private road. Ms. Dininni noted that in Pine Grove Mills it can be confusing which are private streets and which are not.

Ms. Strickland stated she too receives the same issues as Ms. Dininni and thanked the Manager for the presentation. The Planning Commission will be looking into the private streets and alleyways as part of their workplan.

Public Comment

Mr. Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Resident and Planning Commission member, thanked Mr. Pribulka and Mr. Modricker for the presentation. Mr. Keough stated that he would suggest putting initial effort into developing a strategy to come to a workable solution.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS

- a) 2021 Arbor Day Proclamation
- b) 2021 Watershed Cleanup Day Proclamation
- c) 2021 Bike Month Proclamation

Ms. Dininni reviewed the proclamations that were included in the agenda.

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the proclamations. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing – Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance

Ms. Wargo noted that the Public Works and Planning & Zoning Department has drafted an amendment to Chapter 22, Subdivision and Land Development to establish a new part, Tree Preservation and Protection. The intent of this chapter is to encourage the protection of trees through sound land use and tree management practices. This chapter will preserve, protect and maintain existing trees in Ferguson Township, as well as, increase the overall tree canopy and understory with native species. It will aid in improving tree and ecosystem health on both public and private lands. The Board authorized staff and the Ferguson Township Tree Commission to draft a Tree Preservation Ordinance. The draft ordinance has been received and reviewed by all local, regional and county reviewers. The updated amendment, as advertised, is included with agenda packet.

Ms. Strickland moved that the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the ordinance amending Chapter 22, Subdivision and Land Development; Part 5, Design and Improvements Standards by establishing Section 515, Tree Preservation and Protection and amending Part 202, Definitions. Mr. Mitra seconded the motion.

Public Hearing

Mr. David Stone, Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition, noted that the timing is awkward for NVEC because they are in final discussions with the Pine Hall lawsuit and expressed concerns with the language. Mr. Stone recommended to postpone the adoption of the ordinance until NVEC has completed the settlement agreements.

Mr. Wes Glebe, Ferguson Township Resident, asked if the quality of soil to plant trees was specified within the ordinance. Ms. Wargo noted that there is nothing included with regards to the quality of soil to be used to plant trees. Mr. Lance King, Township Arborist, noted that he is not aware of specifications because the ordinance focuses on existing trees.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Dininni – Yes: Mr. Miller – Yes: Mr. Mitra – Yes: Ms. Stephens – Yes: Ms. Strickland – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Hearing – Ordinance Accepting Deeds of Dedication of Public Right-of-Way

Mr. Modricker introduced the ordinance that included (1) additional right-of-way along Whitehall Road has been offered for dedication to the Township as part of the approved subdivision plan for Harner Farms and is ready for acceptance; (2) As part of an approved subdivision plan along Circleville Road, additional land was dedicated to the Township and is ready for acceptance; (3) A section of Blue Course Drive from Whitehall Road to the entrance to the future Whitehall Road Regional Park was constructed by the developer of The Cottages at State College Planned Residential Development and is now in a condition to be accepted by the Township. Items (4), (5), (6) establish the necessary motor vehicle regulations.

Mr. Mitra moved that the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the ordinance accepting deeds of dedication of public right-of-way as described therein and establishing additional motor vehicle regulations for the same. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion.

Public Hearing

Mr. Wes Glebe, Ferguson Township Resident, noted that The Cottages, Toll Brothers, and The Yards all reference the same project and asked why The Cottages was being used. Mr. Pribulka noted that Toll Brothers is the name of the developer, The Yards was a name change that took place after the approval of the plan, and The Cottages will be referenced on all documents now.

Mr. Miller asked if there are any other public facilities in The Yards and does it fall under private streets. Mr. Modricker noted that it is the only public street within the development.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller – Yes: Mr. Mitra – Yes: Ms. Stephens – Yes: Ms. Strickland – Yes: Ms. Dininni – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Hearing – Stormwater Fee Non-Profit Organization Exemption Resolution

Mr. Pribulka introduced the ordinance that the Board authorized at their March 1, 2021 meeting to advertise a public hearing on a resolution establishing a non-profit exemption policy for the Stormwater Management Utility Fee. Under the policy organization, §501(c)(3); §501(c)(13); or §501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code would be exempt. During the discussion on March 1st, a motion carried removing 501(d) organizations from the list of eligible applicants for the exemption.

Ms. Strickland moved that the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the resolution establishing an exemption policy from the Stormwater Management Utility Fee for eligible non-profit organizations as described in Exhibit "A". Mr. Mitra seconded the motion.

Public Hearing

Mr. Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Resident, asked if there is a definition of what would constitute annual revenue. Mr. Pribulka stated that it is a policy provision that would be interpreted as part of the administration of the resolution.

Mr. Wes Glebe, Ferguson Township Resident, noted that he was on the Stormwater Committee Phase II and was not aware of the exemptions and asked for an explanation. Ms. Dininni noted that these are a subset of non-profits and this resolution is hardship policy.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Mitra – Yes: Ms. Stephens – Yes: Ms. Strickland – Yes: Ms. Dininni – Yes: Mr. Miller – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Kocher Well Field Improvements – Final Land Development Plan

Ms. Wargo presented the plan and noted that the Final Land Development Plan was submitted by Gwin, Dobson & Foreman Engineering, Inc. on behalf of their client, State College Borough Water Authority. The parcel is 47.7 acres and is zoned Rural Agricultural (RA). The Land Development Plan proposes water pumping improvements via two proposed structures to the Kocher well fields on Tax parcel 24-006-055E, located at 3961 W. Whitehall Road. The construction consists of two (2) buildings that measure 9 feet 4 inches by 12 feet 4 inches relative to Existing Well No. 71 and 9 feet 4 inches by 11 feet 4 inches relative to Existing Well No. 78. There is an existing floodplain that traverses the parcel, and no construction is planned in the floodplain. On June 23, 2020, a variance was approved by the Zoning Hearing Board to utilize FEMA Mapping for Floodplain Boundary determination instead of independent Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) study as required by §27-701. This is the final review of the land development plan. The Preliminary Plan was conditionally approved on October 5, 2020.

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Kocher Well Field Water Pumping Improvements Final Land Development Plan, dated February 17, 2021, subject to the outstanding conditions described in the Community Planner memorandum dated March 26, 2021. Ms. Strickland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Contract 2018-PWGG-HVAC, Pay App #5: \$339,380.36
- b. Contract 2018-PWGG-Plumbing, Pay App #7: \$121,918.25
- c. Contract 2020-C4-Suburban Park, Pay App #9: \$700.80
- d. Contract 2021-C6- Curb & Ramp Upgrades, Pay App #1 Final: \$38,248.05
- e. Board Member Request – Report on Mental Health Taskforce
- f. Board Member Request – Terraced Streetscape District Amendment
- g. Treasurer’s Report – January 2021 for Acceptance
- h. Voucher Report – January 2021
- i. Voucher Report – February 2021

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Consent Agenda and the Treasurer’s Report. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution – DCED Grant Application for Construction of Park Hills Drainageway

Mr. Pribulka presented the resolution that was included in the agenda. Staff has identified funding sources to offset construction costs associated with the Park Hills Drainageway improvements. Capital Improvement Program budget in the amount of \$1,500,000. The Township intends to pursue a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a \$250,000 grant which requires a 15 percent local cash match of the total project cost. If approved, grant funding would not exceed the amount of \$250,000. A [presentation](#) was given on March 3, 2021.

Ms. Strickland moved that the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the resolution authorizing the Township Manager to submit a DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant application for the construction of the Park Hills Drainageway. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Stephens – Yes: Ms. Strickland – Yes: Ms. Dininni – Yes: Mr. Miller – Yes: Mr. Mitra – Yes

3. Request for Modifications/Waivers

a) West College Student Housing Preliminary Land Development Plan

Ms. Wargo presented the plan. Penn Terra Engineering has submitted an Application for Consideration of a Modification/Waiver on behalf of their client, Aspen Heights Partners LLC/York Acquisitions. The specific section of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance request is Section 22.504.2.A.2 – Lot Frontage 1 and Access. This section of the ordinance requires a Private Street Agreement to be signed by all property owners who access the private street. Calder Way is an alley that was created as part of the original subdivision plan and exists for the use and enjoyment of those lots created during the subdivision. The alley is in common ownership by all of the lots that created the alley and requiring all properties adjacent to Calder Way (Buckhout Street to Corl Street) to sign a Private Street Agreement presents an unreasonable hardship on the applicant since the applicant will be maintaining the alley in its entirety (from Buckhout Street to Butz Street). The applicant has included as Note 18 on the attached plan sheet their maintenance responsibilities for that section of Calder Way. Staff and Planning Commission have reviewed the application and recommend approval with the condition that the applicant submit a Private Street Agreement, with the Township as a party, that will include pre-construction, post-construction, maintenance and indemnity for the length of Calder Way between Buckhout Street and Butz Street.

Mr. John Sepp, Penn Terra Engineering stated that the agreement will state that the owners of the Aspen project will be solely responsible for the upgrading of the alley, maintenance, and keeping the alley open to access for all of the users. There is no written agreement with any of the owners at this time. The developers will be plowing and maintaining the alley and will be asking the property owners across the alley to participate in the upgrade and maintenance of the alley. A property owner attended a recent Planning Commission meeting and confirmed they would prefer to have the agreement as it is being proposed.

Ms. Dininni asked for clarification with the other two property owners and why they are not included on the agreement. Mr. Sepp stated that the modification could be amended. Ms. Dininni stated that she is comfortable amending the motion but had concerns with not amending. Mr. Miller noted that potentially a property owner could hold up a project if made to sign an agreement. Ms. Strickland suggested amending the modification to include signatures for the portion adjacent to the share of the alley that is being noted in the modification. Mr. Pribulka explained the modification process described in the MPC. Mr. Pribulka noted that the motion that is being recommended was from the Planning Commission and did communicate with the applicant the concerns the Board has. Ms. Dininni inquired if the developer reached out to all adjacent property owners. Mr. Sepp stated that they have but didn't received a formal response from the two property owners. Mr. David Helfrich, Aspen Heights, stated they spoke to their solicitor, the Ferguson Township solicitor, and staff, and they recommended the modification that is being presented. Mr. Helfrich concurred with Mr. Miller regarding a property owner not wanting to sign on and could potentially hold up the project. Mr. Helfrich stated that they are agreeing to maintain the alley and it will benefit the property owners and the Township. Ms. Dininni felt the modification should have some component of hardship. Mr. Miller noted that the current modification being proposed protects the property owners and does not see a problem with the other property owners signing the agreement. Ms. Stephens concurred with Mr. Miller that it protects everyone and gives them access. Mr. Mitra asked what would happen if one of the property owners do not sign the agreement. Mr. Pribulka stated that the Township would be acting on behalf of the adjoining property owners if there were a dispute. Ms. Strickland expressed concerns with setting a precedent and noted that it makes sense to limit to the property owners adjoining the property in question.

Public Comment

Mr. Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Resident, noted that in the agreement doesn't clarify any property ownership. The Planning Commission discussed the importance of having the Township be a party to the section of the alleyway because the Township will hold the agreement in perpetuity.

Mr. Wes Glebe, Ferguson Township Resident, noted that he lives besides an alley and asked what his rights are, and stated that his rights are limited. Mr. Glebe inquired about how much research has been done with regards to the agreement.

Mr. David Helfrich, Aspen Heights, noted that the agreement benefits the Township and the residents.

Mr. John Sepp, PennTerra Engineering, stated that the agreement would not restrict anyone's rights to access the alley and the Township solicitor would review and approve any agreement to ensure the Township wouldn't be in jeopardy.

Ms. Dininni asked about the language in the agreement around the standards, what is the benefit to the Township, and how would it be applied in this situation.

Mr. Pribulka showed an aerial map of the properties in question and answered several previous questions. The agreement will not give the applicant any exclusive rights or additional privileges. Regarding the standard question, Mr. Pribulka stated that the reason the standards are included is because typically agreements are usually the opposite of wanting to provide a service.

Ms. Stephens asked if the State College Borough is involved due to the small section that is in the Borough. Mr. Pribulka noted that under the ordinance the State College Borough tax parcel will be incorporated.

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **grant** the modification to §22- 504.2.A.2— Standards for Traffic Capacity and Access with the condition that the applicant submit a Private Street Agreement, with the Township as a party, that will include pre-construction, post-construction, maintenance and indemnity for the length of Calder Way between Buckhout Street and Butz Street. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 with Ms. Dininni and Ms. Strickland opposing.

b) Wright Property – Waiver of Land Development Plan

Ms. Wargo introduced the waiver and noted that property owners, Daniel and Kelly Wright, have submitted an Application for Consideration of a Modification/Waiver from §22-104.1.B.(1)— Establishment of Controls; Applicability for their 44-acre property at 1000 North Nixon Road. There is currently one dwelling on the parcel and the applicants are proposing to construct a new dwelling on the property. During construction of the new dwelling, the owners will live in the existing dwelling and demolish the existing structure within 6 months of receiving a Certificate of Occupancy for the new dwelling. In accordance with the PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) and the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO), the addition of the second dwelling requires the applicant to submit a land development plan and go through the land development plan process. The applicants have requested a waiver from having to complete a land development plan with the condition that the existing dwelling will be demolished within 6 months of receiving a Certificate of Occupancy for the new dwelling and that the applicant will comply with all other State Regulations. Staff and Planning Commission have reviewed the request and have no additional conditions to include with the application.

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **grant** the modification to §22- 104.1.B.(1)—Establishment of Controls; Applicability with the condition that the existing dwelling be demolished within 6 months of receiving Certificate of Occupancy for the new dwelling and that the applicant will comply with all other State Regulations. Mr. Mitra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Wasson/Ash Avenue Subdivision Plan

Ms. Wargo presented the plan and noted that on behalf of their client, PennTerra Engineering, Inc., has requested a modification/waiver from Section 22-306.1.—Minor Subdivision and Minor Alteration for the Wasson – Ash Avenue Replot/Subdivision Plan. The section has a process outlined for a Minor Subdivision and the definition of a minor subdivision was omitted during the Township’s Comprehensive Update to Chapter 22—Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). The plan submitted is replotting lot lines and no new lots are being created. Staff and Planning Commission have reviewed the application and are recommending approval. Ms. Wargo shared images of the plan.

Mr. Miller moved that hat the Board of Supervisors **grant** the modification to §22- 306.1.—Minor Subdivision and Minor Alteration Plan. Mr. Mitra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Wasson/Ash Avenue Sidewalks

Ms. Wargo presented the plan and noted that on behalf of their client, PennTerra Engineering, Inc., on behalf of their client, has requested a modification/waiver from Section 22-512—Sidewalks for the Wasson –Ashe Avenue Replot/Subdivision Plan. The plan is proposing to replot three (3) existing lots in an established, built-out neighborhood. There are no existing sidewalks on either side of the street. The potential for connection to future sidewalks is extremely unlikely and no new land development is proposed. Staff and Planning Commission have reviewed the application and are recommending approval.

Ms. Strickland moved that the Board of Supervisors grant the modification to §22- 512—Sidewalks. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. West College Student Housing Preliminary Land Development Plan

Ms. Wargo presented the plan and noted that Penn Terra Engineering, Inc., submitted a Land Development Plan and Lot Consolidation Plan on behalf of their client, Aspen Heights Partners LLC/York Acquisitions. The parcels are located at the intersection of West College Ave and Buckhout Street. Once consolidated the parcel will be 1.136 acres. Four parcels are located in the Terraced Streetscape District (TSD) in Ferguson Township and Parcel 36-010-006 is located partially in the Borough of State College’s Planned Commercial District (CP-2). The land development plan proposes a 6-story multi-family residential apartment building with commercial/retail space on the first floor. The applicant is utilizing height incentives found in §27- 304.3.B.(2) and has provided additional parking in the parking structure to share for use by others. The applicant is eligible for an additional 20 feet to be added to the permitted maximum height (55 feet). The building will consist of three levels of parking and 5 floors of multi-family residential apartments. There are 96 residential units (268 beds) and a total of 8,696 square feet of nonresidential spaces. The plan calls for 159 parking spaces, 151 of which will be located in the parking structure. A variance was granted by the Ferguson Township Zoning Hearing Board on February 25, 2020, to allow parking on first floor of the building. There are 14 short-term bicycle parking spaces proposed on site. Planning Commission reviewed this Preliminary Land Development Plan at their February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors. Provided below in the agenda is a Dropbox

link to access the land development plan. Provided with the agenda packet is a memorandum from Kristina Aneckstein, Community Planner, dated April 1, 2021, summarizing Planning Commission's comments on the plan. Staff has also included all outstanding staff review comments, as well as comments provided by the Borough of State College's advisory review bodies. Staff reached out to Walt Schneider, Centre Region Code Administration Director, about §22-5C01.1.C.(1)(a) for compliance with PA Uniform Construction Code. The Code is silent on drive aisle widths for parking structures and only includes standards for accessibility and height.

Ms. Strickland asked if the sinkhole was resolved. Mr. Sepp noted it was resolved by working with CMT Laboratories in identifying them. Ms. Strickland inquired about the number of extra public parking spaces and where they are located. Ms. Wargo stated that there are two extra spaces. Mr. Sepp noted that one option that is being considered is to work with the other adjacent property owner for them to use the spaces and stated that they will most likely be within the garage. Ms. Dininni asked for clarification since the adjacent property owner is related to the landowner. Mr. Sepp indicated that it is a possibility. Ms. Strickland asked how that would meet the terms of the incentive. Ms. Wargo noted that the incentive states that additional parking to share by use of others and stated that the Township Zoning Officer interprets others as someone not directly involved with the land development. Once the lot consolidation is complete, the current owner that is on the plans will no longer be associated, so that can be a potential option. Mr. Helfrich, Aspen Heights, stated there will be signage that reads public parking and not for non-resident use. Ms. Wargo noted that commercial tenants, patrons, and residents will have parking spaces.

Ms. Strickland inquired about the building height. Ms. Wargo stated that it is approximately 75 feet. Mr. Sepp indicated it is just under 75 feet. There are an additional six parking spaces that are not within the building, and Ms. Strickland asked where they were located. Mr. Sepp answered that they are behind the building along the alley. With regards to bike parking, Ms. Strickland inquired about the short-term bike parking and asked if there is any residential bike storage. Ms. Wargo stated that there is no requirement within the ordinance and it only includes short-term bike parking. Mr. Helfrich stated that there isn't anything included but will look into adding.

Ms. Strickland inquired about the contamination and digging of the foundation to ensure it would not be disturbed. Mr. Sepp stated that they will not be going to the depth of where the contamination is located. Ms. Dininni expressed concerns in the event the soil was to be disturbed and a potential of gas fumes. Mr. Sepp stated that DEP has strict requirements for removal and disposal of any containment soils. In the event anything would arise in the future, Mr. Sepp stated that DEP and the Township would be notified immediately. Mr. Helfrich stated that they will follow the regulations and directions from the state, consultants, and the Township.

Ms. Strickland inquired about the timeline of construction and Mr. Helfrich stated that construction will start in mid to late June and will last 18 months. In the event there would be a delay in construction, Aspen Heights will make every effort to accommodate the students by booking hotels and offering per diems.

Ms. Dininni asked if Aspen Heights will be participating in the CATA bus program to provide passes for residents. Danielle Bleier, Develop Manager, Aspen Heights, stated they are working with CATA to join the program to provide passes.

Ms. Strickland expressed concerns with the CATA bus stop. Mr. Sepp noted that CATA is looking into relocating east of the Buckhout intersection. Ms. Strickland and Ms. Dininni both expressed concerns with pedestrian safety.

Ms. Dininni inquired about the voluntary participation with upgrading the intersection when it is needed. Mr. Pribulka stated that the Township's Engineers opinion is that it is unlikely that the intersection will ever meet PennDot's signal warrant.

Ms. Strickland asked about signage on College Avenue with regards to no stopping. Mr. Sepp stated that the signs have been approved by the Public Works staff and will be approved during the final plan approval. Also, Ms. Strickland asked for rent comparison with other rental properties in the area. Mr. Helfrich stated they are two years out from occupancy and have not published the rates. Ms. Strickland noted at this time she would not approve the preliminary plan as it is due to traffic and pedestrian safety issues. Mr. Helfrich reiterated that they incorporated all of PennDot, the consultant, and staff recommendations into the plan.

Ms. Dininni asked about the rooftop terrace and the potential for amplification of noise such as music. Mr. Pribulka noted that the Township's noise ordinance is somewhat restrictive with amplified music. Mr. Helfrich stated there wouldn't be music playing on the terrace and would comply with the ordinance.

Public Comment

Mr. Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Resident, noted that the Planning Commission spent a lot of time reviewing and discussing vehicular and pedestrian traffic around the location. Mr. Keough commented that the location is not ideal for either vehicles or pedestrians and it will be a challenge. Mr. Keough thanked the developer for listening to the Planning Commission with regards to the loading area that was recommended to be incorporated into the plan.

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the West College Student Housing Preliminary Land Development Plan pending outstanding staff comments as noted in the Community Planner's memorandum dated April 1, 2021. Mr. Mitra seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Ms. Strickland opposing.

5. Wasson/Ash Avenue Replot Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan

Ms. Wargo presented the plan and noted that PennTerra Engineering, Inc., submitted the Wasson – Ash Avenue Replot Plan on behalf of their client. The Wasson – Ash Avenue Replot Plan is located at 1451 Ash Avenue, T.P. # 24- 002A,132-,0000. The purpose of this plan is to replot Tax Parcel 24-002A,132-,0000-, 24- 002A,134-,0000- and 24-002A,135- ,0000-.

The parcel is located within the Single Family Residential (R1) zoning district. A request for a modification/waiver from Section 22-306.1. – Minor Subdivision and Minor Alteration Plan and Section 22-512 – Sidewalks was submitted on behalf of their client. Ms. Wargo noted that the Board reviewed earlier in the evening and was approved. Provided with the agenda packet is a memorandum from Kristina Aneckstein, Community Planner, dated March 26, 2021, that includes outstanding staff comments. Ms. Wargo stated that this will be the only review the Board will have with the plan.

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Wasson/Ash Avenue pending outstanding staff comments outlined in the Community Planner's memorandum dated March 26, 2021. Mr. Mitra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee – Ms. Dininni noted that the report was included in the agenda packet.

- b. Joint PSE, TLU Committees and CRPC – Ms. Strickland noted that the report was included in the agenda packet and encouraged everyone to watch on CNET. The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2021.

2. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Spring Creek Watershed Commission – Mr. Mitra noted that there was a presentation on One Water Report by Paul Takac. The Board will be seeing this presentation in the future. The educational topic was from Dr. Richard Parizek on “The Living Filter Project”. There will be a Groundwater Symposium on May 5, 2021, by Penn State Extension.
- b. Solar PPA Working Group – The report was included in the packet.

3. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Manager’s Report – Mr. Pribulka noted that the report is in the agenda along with a communication from the Centre County Central Booking Center. Ms. Dininni inquired about the funding that is being proposed in the letter from the Booking Center. Mr. Pribulka will obtain more information to share with the Board.
- b. Public Works Director - Mr. Pribulka noted that the report is in the agenda.
- c. Planning and Zoning Director - Mr. Pribulka noted that the report is in the agenda.

X. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

There were no communications.

XI. CALENDAR ITEMS – APRIL

- a. Coffee and Conversation, Saturday, April 17, 2021, 8:00 a.m.
- b. Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee, Thursday, April 22, 4:00 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Stephens motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pribulka, Township Manager
For the Board of Supervisors

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WHITEHALL ROAD REGIONAL PARK
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021
2:00 p.m.**

I. ATTENDANCE

The Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on Monday, March 29, 2021, via ZOOM. In attendance were:

Board: Laura Dininni- Chair
Lisa Strickland – Vice Chair
Patricia Stephens
Prasentjit Mitra

Staff: David Pribulka, Township Manager
Kristina Aneckstein, Community Planner

Others in attendance were: Joe Viglione; Eric Norenberg; Brian Brushwood; Kathy; Leah Witzig; Jim May; lukef; Mark Kunkle; Marley Parish; Matt Vidic; Melanie Lucas; Mike Stratton; Nicolas Auvillian; Pam Salokangas; Patti; Shannon Messick; Stephanie Staniar; Thomas Wilson; and Wes Glebe.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. Mr. Pribulka introduced the Zoom engagement etiquette and rules.

III. WHITEHALL ROAD REGIONAL PARK PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Dininni introduced the goals of the Special Meeting and the items which are proposed for discussion. She reviewed the most recent discussions relative to the development of Whitehall Road Regional Park and how the Parks Authority voted to proceed at their most recent meeting, which included awarding of two of the seven bids, and a plan to rescope and rebid the remaining five agreements.

Ms. Strickland suggested the COG consider the suggestion of Peter Marshall, Councilman for State College Borough, to engage the managers and a designated elected official from each municipality about potential master plan modifications that could result in cost containment for the project. Mr. Mitra and Ms. Stephens agreed on this approach. Mr. Mitra reemphasized his position that, where possible, parking should be reduced.

Ms. Dininni suggested a liaison be designated by the Board to attend the Centre Region Parks Authority meetings as decisions are being made. Ms. Dininni reviewed a conceptual drawing submitted by a resident that include modifications to the proposed master plan.

The Board discussed suggesting substituting costs associated with parking for the installation of the restrooms if possible. The Board also discussed the implications that changes would have on the master plan and the approved land development plan. The Board discussed potential parking changes.

Ms. Dininni suggested a letter to capture the suggestions as a Board to COG General Forum and the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority about the discussions that took place by the Board. Ms. Stephens noted that she does not want the letter to sound like an ultimatum or directive. The letter was summarized as a request to reduce impervious surface and to identify what the operational costs would be per sq. ft. of parking for a stormwater fee. The Board clarified their request to want to be present (or a designee of the Board) for the discussions on rescoping prior to the bids being re-issued. Ms. Strickland suggested that the Manager be the designee of the Board to represent the Township in its request. Ms. Dininni suggested that the Township's position would be open-ended so as not to unduly influence the discussions of the Authority and not limit the options available to them. The Board clarified that the communication to the Parks Authority should note that the stormwater fee and operational expenses associated with the proposed development should be considered, including that reducing the impervious surface or capitalizing on available credits may reduce their fee.

Ms. Salokangas review the proposed rescoping process in front of the Park Authority.

Ms. Strickland reiterated that the letter does not include a Board recommendation that the Park Authority revise the Park Master Plan, but to suggest modifications within the approved master plan and land development plan. The Board reviewed their recommendations for a restroom facility at the park. The Board agreed that the restroom facility, if it would indeed change the approved land development requirement, may be deprioritized or that the restroom amenity be reduced to contain cost.

Ms. Dininni noted that the State College Borough Water Authority has suggested that future phases of the park remain undeveloped. Ms. Salokangas noted that the land development plan does include grading of future phases of the site for stormwater management purposes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Auvillain expressed support for the development of active play fields. Mr. Lovisky expressed support for the park and the development of the regional park and its facilities without further delay. Ms. Dininni clarified that the discussion was not intended to further delay the park. Ms. Zeiss reiterated Mr. Lovisky's comments and noted that her opinion is that fields should take precedence over restrooms. Mr. Vidic also reiterated Mr. Lovisky's comments and noted that the parking needs to include considerations for the variety of uses and how tournament play is accounted for in the park's development. Mr. Fallon noted that turf and lights will significantly improve youth sports in the State College area. Mr. Brushwood with State College Warrior's Lacross echoed previous comments and noted that restrooms and pavilions add to the attraction for outside organizations to utilize the field.

Ms. Dininni requested an updated benchmark analysis and more details on how the proposed changes in the restroom amenity would impact the short- and long-term operational costs associated with the park. Ms. Stephens and Ms. Strickland disagreed with the request. Mr.

Mitra concurred. Ms. Dininni noted that her request was for the purposes of local budgeting that would be expected to supplement the operational costs associated with the park.

Ms. Dininni expressed concern about emergency access to the park. Ms. Stephens reiterated her opinion that Peter Marshall's suggestion should be prioritized. Ms. Strickland agreed.

The Board directed the Manager to schedule a further discussion on the financing options for the first Regular Meeting in May.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stephens moved to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pribulka, Township Manager
For the Board of Supervisors

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FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOLAR WORKSESSION MINUTES
SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021
3:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE

The Board of Supervisors held a work session on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, via ZOOM. In attendance were:

Board:

Laura Dininni- Chair
Lisa Strickland – Vice Chair
Steve Miller
Prasentjit Mitra
Patricia Stephens

Staff

David Pribulka, Township Manager
David Modricker, Public Works Director

Others in attendance were: Summer Brown, Recording Secretary; Marcus Sheffer, 7 Group representative; Jason Grottini, Envinity representative; Peter Dawson Buck, College Township Resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Supervisors solar work session was called to order on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 3:02 pm.

III. SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

a. Discuss the Basis of Design for Public Works Building 6

Mr. David Modricker reviewed the solar power purchase agreement (PPA) and onsite renewable energy with the Board. Mr. Modricker stated that Public Works Building 6 was built with LEED gold standards in mind and as part of that the building was built with the capability of solar panels to be installed on the roof. Mr. Modricker stated that a request for proposals (RFP) for a solar photovoltaic system was advertised and the Township received two proposals back. Mr. Marcus Sheffer with the 7 Group is present to review the proposals with the Board.

b. Review Request for Proposals for a Solar PPA

Mr. Modricker briefly went over some key items that were included in the RFP. Mr. Modricker stated that this solar PPA would contribute to the buildings LEED certification. Mr. Modricker noted that a unique factor about the RFP was that the Township was looking for proposals that would put a solar array on the roof with no upfront cost and pay for power consumption of the life of the solar array and that entity provides financing, operations, and maintenance.

The proposals that were received didn't meet all of the Township's criteria. A major difference between the proposals was that one company offered financing and operations maintenance for the first 5 years but on year 6 the Township would have to do a buyout of the system. Mr. Modricker noted that the reason the proposal wasn't fulfilled was because the system we requested is not big enough for financing. The companies stated that they would be able to meet the RFP criteria if the system was bigger.

c. Review Proposals

Mr. Modricker stated that the proposals were submitted from Envinity and EIS Solar. Mr. Modricker introduced Mr. Marcus Sheffer with the 7 Group and gave the Board an overview of his work on the project. Mr. Sheffer summarized the proposals in detail to the Board. Mr. Sheffer stated that it really comes down to money. Mr. Sheffer stated that both proposals come from experienced practitioners, however the RFP was not set up to do a complete comparison between the two. Mr. Sheffer explained that Envinity included the hybrid approach which included system financing but the financing would be in place for 5 years with the option to take advantage of the subsidies. However, in year 6 the Township would have to buy out the remaining value of the system. After the buy out the Township would achieve a positive cash flow. Mr. Sheffer noted that Envinity is a local company and has expressed interest in trying to help the Township make this work.

Mr. Sheffer reviewed the proposal from EIS which was a more straight forward PPA that didn't include a lot of financing options. Mr. Sheffer stated that EIS is also located in Pennsylvania and is based out of Pittsburgh. Mr. Sheffer stated that EIS was asked to provide more information on financing. The Township asked how big of PPA does this project need to be made to make it more financially viable. EIS stated that a 400 KW range would be the size needed. Mr. Modricker stated that to make a 400 KW system work the Township would need to cover the rooves of Public Works Buildings 4, 6, and the Administration building. Mr. Sheffer noted that if the Township decided on this there will be no upfront cost, and it will generate a positive cash rate. Mr. Sheffer reviewed the 4 options the Township has: an outright purchase with no option to take advantage of subsidies, finance the project through a company but have a buy out in year 6, do more of a straight forward PPA and cover other buildings, or do nothing.

d. Discuss options to award a solar PPA

Mr. Modricker stated that staff is interested in receiving feedback on a campus wide solar array option as this could likely achieve the power purchase agreement. Mr. Pribulka stated that the Board needs to consider the region wide PPA and how a campus wide option may jeopardize that. Mr. Pribulka stated that the solar array on Public Works building 6 is crucial for its LEED certification points. The Board discussed the Township's role in the regional PPA. Mr. Pribulka suggested using recovery and federal funding and put out competitive bids for a solar array for Public Works building 6.

Mr. Jason Grottini who is a representative from Envinity stated that he is also a member of the regional PPA working group. Mr. Grottini stated that the Township will still be able to participate in the regional PPA as it would take 100,000 KW and that is equal to an entire field of solar arrays and the arrays produced from the Township will help achieve that goal. The Board discussed the impact on the Public Works building 6 LEED certifications these options would have. The Board continued discussion on buying the system outright and some members stated that they would like more information on the system and pricing. Mr. Modricker stated that this would be equal to a capital budget item such as a fitted plow truck. Mr. Sheffer stated that the Township would receive more than 2 bids if the Township was buying the system outright. Ms. Dininni stated that it seems like the Board would like to participate in the regional agreement and put an array on the new Public Works building.

Mr. Pribulka stated that once bids are received staff can give a more definitive information to answer Board member questions. Mr. Sheffer suggested asking for both out right and hybrid bids. Mr. Modricker stated that the Township would use specifications from Mr.

Sheffer and would follow normal Township bid procedure. The Board agreed with staff on advertising bid for a system that would be bought by the Township.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dininni called for a motion to adjourn the solar work session. Ms. Patricia Stephens made a motion to adjourn and the Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pribulka, Township Manager
For the Board of Supervisors

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**REPORT OF THE CENTRE COUNTY
TASK FORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH
CRISIS SERVICES**

NOVEMBER 2020

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The status of the nation's mental health system is under welcome, much needed, and long-overdue scrutiny along the entire continuum of prevention, crisis intervention, treatment and recovery services to improve accessibility, treatment effectiveness, and cultural responsiveness. Sobering statistics bear witness to the need for action.

- 1 in 5 US adults experience mental illness each year.
- 1 in 25 US adults experience serious mental illness each year.
- 19% of US adults with mental illness also have a substance use disorder.
- 1 in 6 US youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.
- High school students with depression are more than twice as likely to drop out of school.
- 8.4 million Americans provide care to an adult with an emotional or mental illness.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (<https://www.nami.org/mhstats>)

It is important to state that improving preventive care and services is by far an essential and preferred step in reducing the potential use of crisis intervention services for those in need. When intervention is needed, a coordinated and effective crisis care system is crucial.

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According to the National Guidelines for Crisis Care, published by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA, 2020), "Effective crisis care that saves lives...requires a systemic approach." It provides a "line of defense in preventing tragedies of public and patient safety, civil rights, extraordinary and unacceptable loss of lives, and the waste of resources." The Treatment Advocacy Center estimates that at least one in four fatal encounters with police involved a person with an untreated severe mental illness, according to The Philadelphia Inquirer (November 1, 2020). The risks are compounded when race, both Black and Latino, is a factor.

Bringing about change is a challenging undertaking requiring coordinated leadership at national, state, and local levels, involving government, health care, law enforcement, mental health and social services, education, community organizations, and those most impacted, consumers and their families.

In Centre County, the increasing need for mental health services is no exception, as is the pressure on the crisis intervention service system to meet growing and diverse needs. From January through September, 2020, 870 mental health calls were responded to by police officers from three municipalities, Penn State, and Pennsylvania State Police. The Center for Community Resources received 7,646 calls on its Helpline, 238 walk-ins to the Center, and made 134 mobile visits to home, schools, or other sites to meet with individuals. Mount Nittany Medical Center had 1200 mental health Emergency Department visits.

Following the tragic shooting death of Osaze Osagie on March 20, 2019, during a law enforcement response to a mental health 302 Warrant service and the subsequent concerned community response during a well attended public meeting in June seeking action to address concerns, the Centre County Commissioners and the Borough of State College appointed the Task Force on Mental Health Crisis Services.

The charge to the Task Force focuses on that one critical component of the overall mental health system in Centre County. This report and its recommendations address the continuum of services when crisis intervention is needed, both its strengths and potential enhancements to the system. The charge specified examining four areas: Crisis Intervention Services (Mobile), Delegate Services, Police Officers' Role in Responding, and Mount Nittany Medical Center Emergency Department.

Section I of the report describes the system and the work process:

Centre County residents are served by a crisis intervention system including a 24/7 walk-in center, a telephone crisis line, and a mobile response unit at the Center for Community Resources and Delegate services through Service Access & Management, Inc., when an involuntary commitment warrant service is indicated. More than six municipal police departments, Centre County Sheriff, the Pennsylvania State Police, Penn State, and the Centre County Correctional Facility are directly involved in responding to mental health calls, warrant services or needs. The Emergency Department responds to those in need of mental health care. A descriptive data picture of the usage of these services is included in the report.

The system was mapped from point of entry to exit to describe how the system's component services interact, as well as their functions, overlaps, and transitions. It is a document to aid elected officials, decision makers, and stakeholders as the recommendations are studied and implemented.

The Task Force conducted a concentrated work process that included the perspectives, expertise, knowledge, and skills of its members. Members analyzed a consultant's report of structured interviews with 60 representatives of identified key populations. They were educated on the processes of the four areas, and considered data, best practices, research, regulations and diverse resources during the many months of work. Using a Strengths, Gaps, Opportunities, and Barriers organizing format, the draft recommendations were produced.

Two updates were provided to the Centre County Commissioners and State College Borough Council in public meetings. In addition, two virtual public meetings attended by more than 100 people were held to solicit input on the draft of the Key Recommendations. The final report with the Key Recommendations is being presented in a joint virtual public meeting of the Commissioners and the Council.

Section II of the report contains the Systemwide Key Recommendations.

Six inter-related themes clearly emerged and are central to the recommendations. They are not hierarchical, but are firmly embedded in the content of the enhancements. They are care, cultural responsiveness, communication, collaboration, coordination, and consistency.

There are 11 systemwide recommendations, organized by Enhancements Through Coordination of Care; Through Training, Education, and Data; and, Through Advocacy. Separate Key Recommendations, of which there are eight, address enhancements for Crisis and Delegate Services, Law Enforcement, and the Emergency Department. Finally, there are two Key Recommendations for Implementation. The chart lists each recommendation, provides brief explanatory/descriptive information, and supporting examples and resources.

The Task Force was guided by its charge and its commitment to a report that is accurate, forthright, thorough, evidence-based, where possible, culturally responsive and, most of all, actionable. These recommendations are a start. They represent steps built on the basic crisis system foundation that exists in Centre County. Some are more easily implemented, require current or redirected resources, and simple accountability measures. Others are more complex, require study for adaptation to Centre County, resource sharing and acquisition, and challenging data management for future assessment of effectiveness. Also, some involve regulatory and funding issues that exceed direct local control, but involve active advocacy in the hope of influencing positive change.

Finally, the Task Force findings, on behalf of those individuals and families living with the wrenching, life limiting and life threatening impact of serious mental illness, as well as the confounding damage caused by implicit bias and racial inequity, provide a significant opportunity for Centre County to answer the question posed by Martin

Luther King, Jr. “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is ‘what are you doing for others?’”

To this end, the Task Force included two implementation recommendations. Upon acceptance of the report and taking the first steps of identifying and assigning responsible parties, agencies or committees to pursue implementation by the Commissioners and the Council, the Task Force offers to convene a sub-group to follow up through quarterly meetings and offer additional assistance that may be needed in reviewing progress. The members of the Task Force appreciate the opportunity provided by the Centre County Commissioners and the State College Borough Council to contribute to this effort to enhance the crisis services system in Centre County.

“It’s not differences that divide us. It’s our judgments about each other that do.”
Margaret Wheatley

TASK FORCE

A. History and Formation

The formation of the Mental Health Crisis Services Task Force was born out of the tragic shooting death of Osaze Osagie on March 20, 2019, during a law enforcement response to a mental health 302 Warrant service and the subsequent community questions, concerns, and response. The County held a Mental Health public meeting on June 27, 2019, which was widely attended with many residents sharing personal, family, and professional experiences, concerns, and challenges with aspects of the mental health system. As a result, the Centre County Commissioners and the State College Borough Council jointly proposed involving the community in examining and enhancing the provision of mental health crisis services to prevent a violent outcome as a response to a person in need of help. Additional community response was sought to identify recommendations for enhancement and changes that would positively impact any individual seeking mental health crisis services.

The Task Force on Mental Health Crisis Services began its work in September, 2019, with the leadership of Dr. Billie Willits as chair. The 30 members represent a broad base of experience, knowledge, and expertise. They include those with personal lived experience with using the system, those whose professions provide direct mental health services and support, those in law enforcement, and those who educate, volunteer and advocate for mental health support from across the county. The full roster of Task Force members is below.

In January, 2020, Dr. Patricia Best was appointed to chair the Task Force, due to the untimely passing of Dr. Willits. A work plan was developed to analyze each of the four areas specified in the charge using small work groups and a Strengths, Gaps, Opportunities, Barriers organizing system, with a projected completion date of July, 2020. With the advent of Covid19 restrictions, meetings were postponed until the work plan was revised, moved to a virtual platform, and resumed in May.

B. Task Force Roster

(The full Task Force roster will be placed here)

C. Charge

The charge to the Task Force is to recommend enhancements to, and identify strengths of, the mental health crisis delivery system in Centre County. The Task Force will examine the continuum of mental health crisis services, including:

- a. Crisis intervention services (Mobile)
- b. Delegate crisis services
- c. Involuntary commitment warrant procedures
- d. Police officers' role in responding to mental health calls and 302 warrant procedures
- e. Emergency Department procedures
- f. Post-Emergency Department services

WORK PROCESS

Consultant, James Fouts, LSW, of Forensic Systems Solutions, Family Training and Advocacy Center, was hired in October to assist in conducting a comprehensive review of mental health crisis services across the county and to produce a System Process Mapping. Task Force members assisted in identifying agencies and individuals to be interviewed and reviewed the question protocols.

Interviews were conducted from mid-December, 2019 through mid-February, 2020. Sixty interviews were conducted with stakeholders, individuals and family members, provider agency representatives, police departments, Pennsylvania State Police, 911 dispatchers, Centre County Correctional Facility, Mount Nittany Emergency Department, and Centre County MH/ID/EI/D&A. These results were summarized and provided to the Task Force in March, 2020 and used in its deliberations. The final report is found in Appendix A.

In June through August, the Task Force organized into a Core Group of ten members with two to three representatives from each of four small teams, i.e., Crisis Interventions Services, (Mobile) Delegate Services, Law Enforcement, and Emergency Department. Each Task Force member was part of a small team. From June through August, meeting bi-weekly, each Core Group session focused on one of the four areas of the charge and a summary session. Small team members participated in their respective sessions; thereby, engaging the full Task Force.

Informational presentations by service providers introduced each work session. Presenters included Shannon Quick, the Director of the new Center for Community Resources, (Crisis Intervention Services - Mobile) and Dan Tice, Director of Service Access & Management, Inc. (Delegate Services); task force members, Chief Tyler

Jolley, Patton Township Police Department, District Attorney Bernie Cantorna (Law Enforcement); and, Dr. Tiffany Cabbibo and Dr. Brian Newcomb (Mount Nittany Emergency Department). Task Force members provided input via the SGOB worksheet. Resources also included the consultant's report, relevant research, professional standards, effective models/best practices, as well as pertinent laws and regulations, and the considerable experience and expertise of the Task Force members.

In September and October, deliberation focused on developing and fine tuning the recommendations. The Task Force affirmed its commitment to cultural responsiveness in its decision-making process. Task Force member Dr. Seria Chatters, facilitated the discussion of racial equity, cultural sensitivity and implicit bias, including the intersectionality of racial, ethnic, gender, sexual identity, socio-economic, and the full range of serious mental illnesses, as they impact access to and provision of mental health crisis services.

The Key Recommendations draft was presented during two virtual public meetings in October with over 100 participants. The Task Force received comments, and some were incorporated in Appendix C to finalize this report. This final report will be presented to the Centre County Commissioners and the State College Borough Council at a joint public meeting on November 10, 2020.

SECTION I: CURRENT STATE OF THE SYSTEM

A. Usage of the System

The following information provides an overview of the degree of use of the system in Centre County provided through Crisis Intervention (Mobile), Delegate Services, Law Enforcement, including CIT-trained responses, and the Emergency Department.

1. Crisis Intervention (Mobile)

This table shows monthly mental health contacts to Centre for Community Resources from January 2020 to September 2020.

	1-20	2-20	3-20	4-20	5-20	6-20	7-20	8-20	9-20	Avg
<i>Initial Phone</i>	917	953	776	816	919	939	161	1010	1155	938
<i>Mobile</i>	26	31	10	10	5	13	9	10	20	14
<i>Walk-In</i>	35	37	24	10	10	24	22	41	35	25

2. Delegate Services: Applications for 302 Warrants for Involuntary

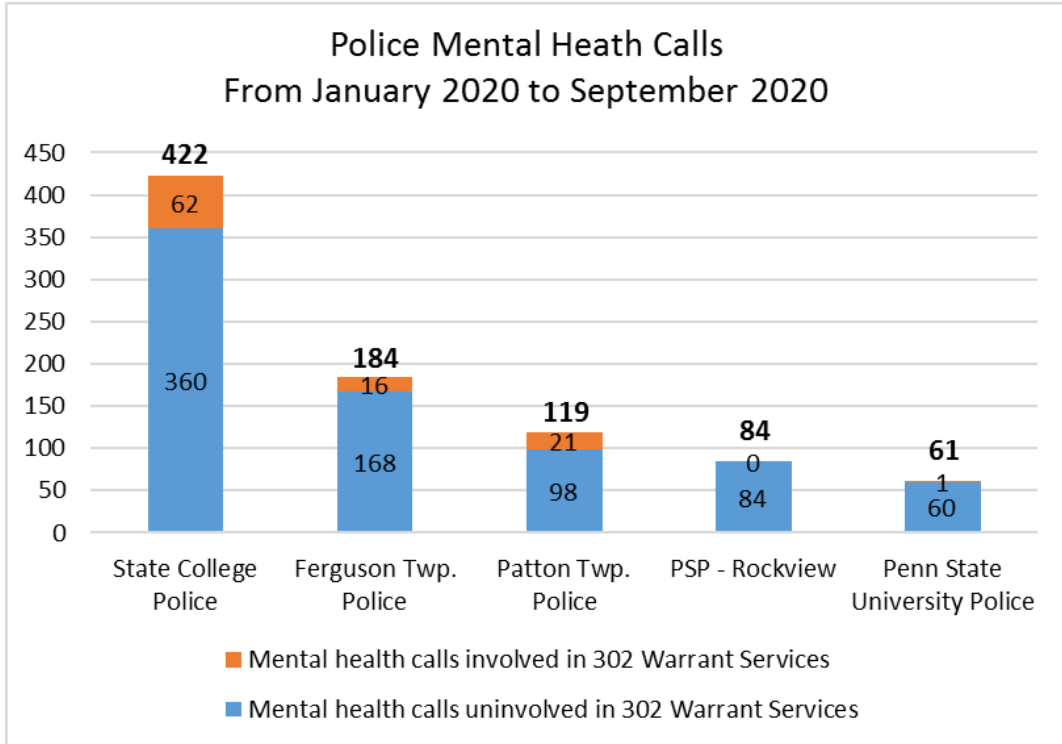
Emergency Examination and Treatment

This table shows quarterly applications for and dispositions of 302 Warrants from January 2020 to September 2020.

	1-20 ~ 3-20	4-20 ~ 6-20	7-20 ~ 9-20	Total
<i>302 Applications Submitted</i>	94	73	86	253
<i>Total Number of Individuals</i>	93	70	84	252
<i>Approved 302s</i>	52	43	44	139
<i>Denied 302s (voluntary, outpatient, denied)</i>	41	30	42	113

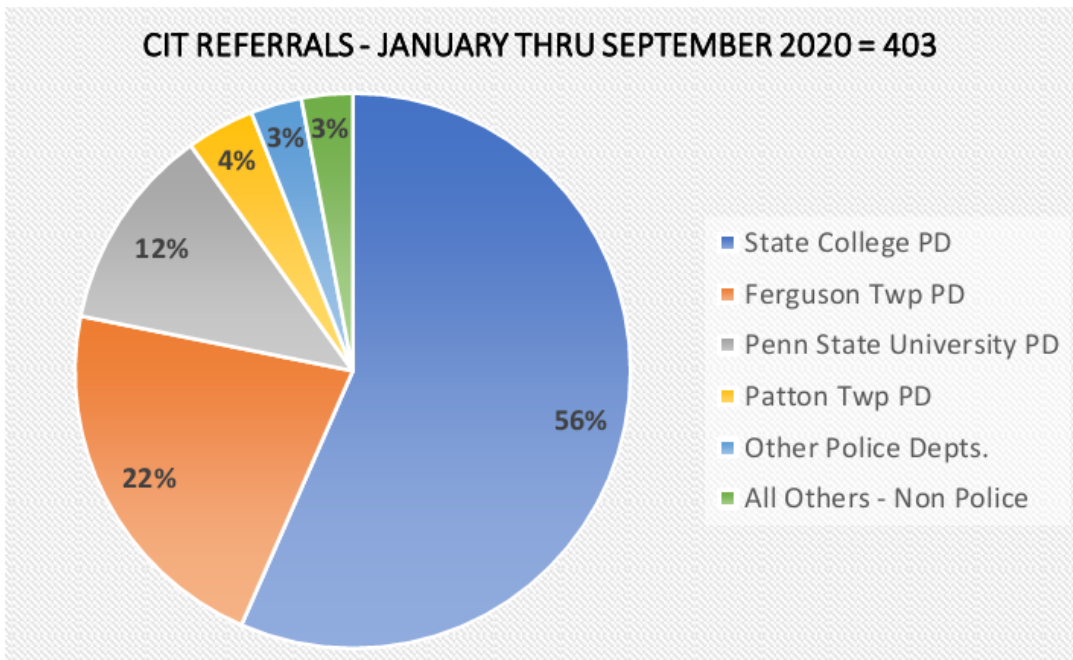
3. Law Enforcement

In the period from January to September 2020, the Police Departments of State College Borough, Ferguson Township, Patton Township, PSP-Rockview, and Penn State received the following mental health calls, which also involved 302 Warrant service.

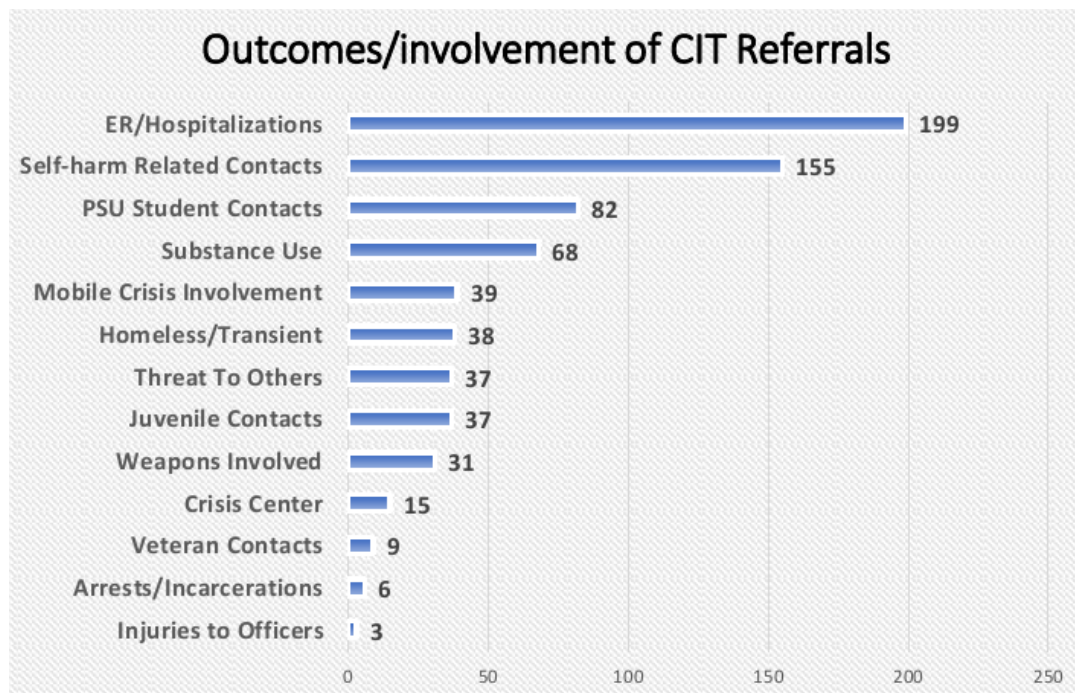


Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

This chart shows CIT referrals reported by CIT-trained officers from January 2020 to September 2020.



This chart shows outcomes of the CIT referrals from January 2020 to September 2020.



Centre County Correctional Facility

People with mental health needs are part of prison populations. This table shows monthly mental health patients housed in the Centre County Correctional Facility from September 2019 to September 2020.

Month-Year	9-19	10-19	11-19	12-19	1-20	2-20	3-20	4-20	5-20	6-20	7-20	8-20	9-20	Avg
ADP ^a (Total)	252	251	247	246	244	223	224	184	141	128	157	159	179	203
Psych Meds ^b	126	119	132	140	142	147	184	152	114	85	100	99	107	127
Active TRT ^c	96	139	122	128	112	119	118	91	83	79	88	101	135	109
SMI ^d	20	27	34	34	33	33	27	23	17	13	20	16	20	24

Note. a= Average Daily Population

b= Number of patients on psychiatric medications.

c= Patient is currently active in treatment with the mental health department (e.g., undergoing counseling, utilizing medication management services, and/or a having a history of suicide attempts or psychiatric hospitalizations in the past 2 years).

d= Patient has been diagnosed with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or exhibits significant adjustment/behavioral concerns.

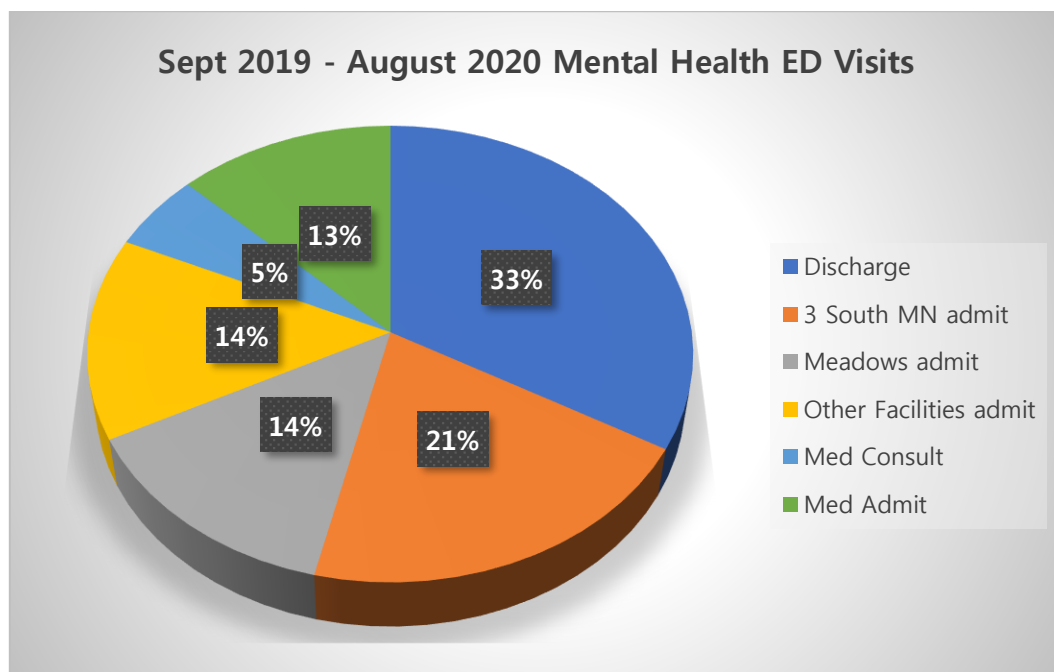
Emergency Department

This table shows the monthly mental health visits to the ED from January 2020 to August 2020.

Month-Year	1-20	2-20	3-20	4-20	5-20	6-20	7-20	8-20	Avg
Monthly Cases	157	187	132	82	103	120	143	124	146

Note. Reflects the impact of COVID-19.

This graphic shows the disposition of mental health clients visiting the ED from September 2019 to August 2020.

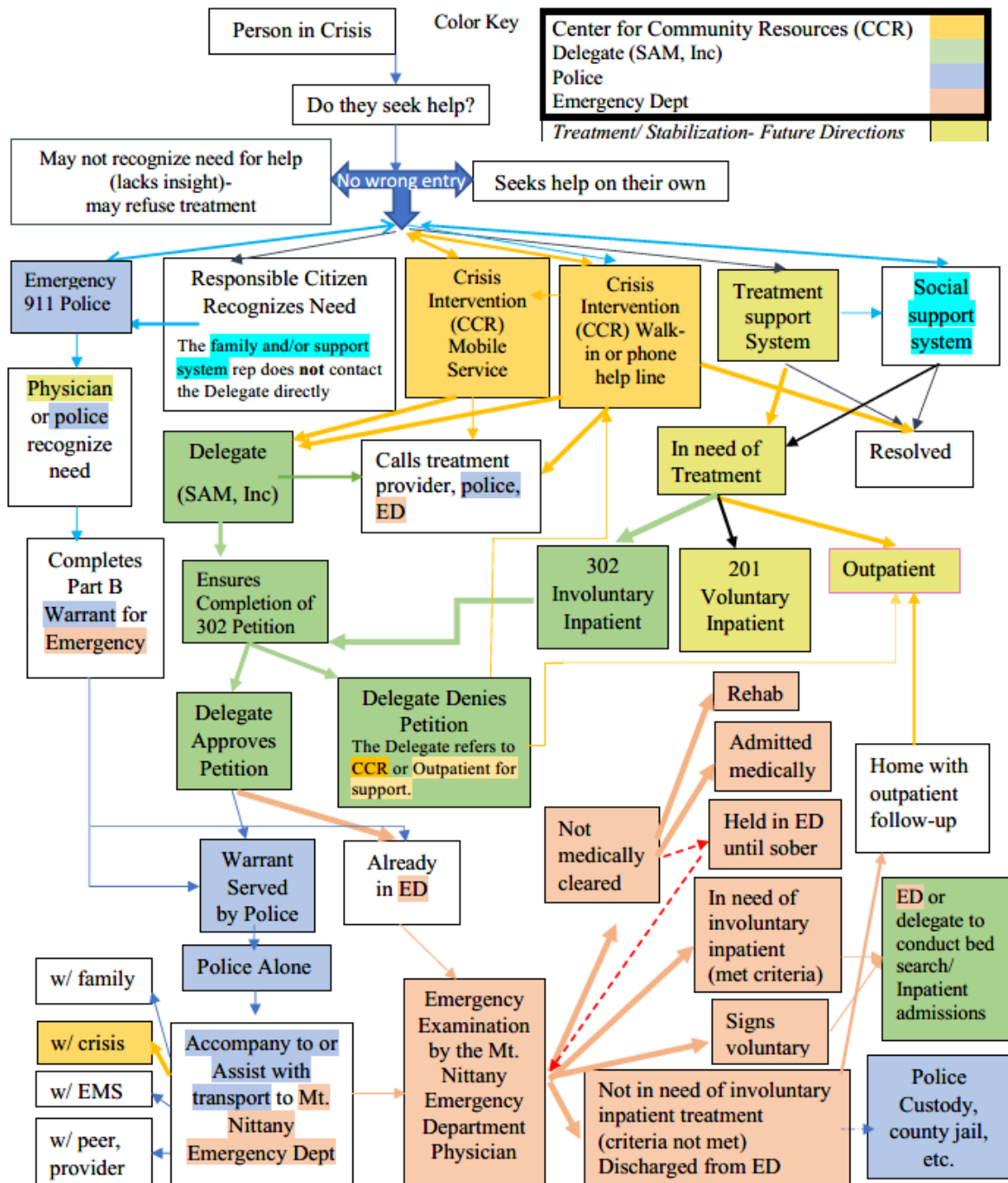


B. Process Mapping

The Task Force charge included examining the continuum of mental health crisis services, including Crisis Intervention Services (Mobile), Delegate Crisis Services and 302 Warrant Procedures, Police Officers' Role in responding to mental health calls and 302 Warrant Procedures, and Emergency Department procedures and Post-Emergency Department Services.

The following process map is a graphic depiction from a point of entry to point of exit from the crisis system. This map was developed as a guide for the Task Force in describing and studying how the crisis system works and as a document to aid the elected officials, decision makers, service providers, and stakeholders illustrating the respective components of the system, functions, overlaps, and transitions.

The map is color-coded for the four services. The arrows indicate interactions. It is a complex system, with each part governed by regulations, policies, and procedures. It presents opportunities for increased communication, coordination, collaboration, and consistency to address the needs of those seeking care.



C. Strengths within the System

The Task Force identified existing strengths within the crisis response system. A significant strength of the current system is the dedication and client focus of the many individuals providing the wide variety of services within each part of the system. Anecdotal accounts described positive, supportive, caring interactions within all of the four areas. Centre County benefits from broad local expertise in many of the areas related to effective mental health crisis services, within the community and from Penn State.

Another strength is a good foundation for communication within the involved partners. Crisis intervention (Mobile), delegate services, law enforcement, and the emergency department have organized methods of communicating that can be enhanced significantly. These partners have also indicated their strong willingness to improve the system through expanding channels of communication and collaboration and formalizing structures to facilitate coordination.

Since 2011, police officers in Centre County are provided yearly Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. CIT is designed to promote collaboration between law enforcement personnel, the community mental health system, consumer and family advocates, and other stakeholders to improve safety. Centre County has the highest percentage of CIT trained police officers in Pennsylvania at 95-97%. The system has also benefitted from regular training and education for personnel in each agency. Crisis services and delegates receive annual trainings in intervention, de-escalation, and crisis resolution. Law enforcement training includes crisis intervention, de-escalation, implicit bias, and special populations. Emergency department staffs are trained with non-violent crisis intervention and resolution.

The 2013 renovation of the Emergency Department at MNMC has provided improvements in space, privacy, security, and separation for caring for mental health patients. Case Managers are a part of the 24/7 staffing in the Emergency Department; they are currently cross-trained to provide care and support to mental health patients and facilitate follow up. In January, 2020, the Center for Community Resources (CCR) opened a new mental health walk-in center welcoming any resident/family/friend with mental health concerns to visit, talk with a provider, and use and access materials and resources. It is free and open to all. Services include a telephone Helpline and mobile services to visit a home, school, or other site at need. Additional information can be found at <https://ccrinfo.org>.

D. Gaps and Opportunities within the System

As part of the study, the Task Force reviewed the continuum and identified Gaps within the system. The consultant James Fouts' report was utilized, including the

interview summaries. Information was provided by representatives of each of the four service areas in dedicated meetings with the Task Force. In addition, members provided their broad-based experience, knowledge, and expertise, as well as resource materials. A working chart was produced.

Flowing from the Gaps, but also extending possibilities, the Task Force, as a next step, identified Opportunities for enhancements to the system. From these two working documents, further study and discussion provided the basis for the formation of the Key Recommendations (See Appendix D for charts).

E. Barriers within the System

As part of this work, Barriers were also identified. These areas included lack of funding for mental health programming, recruitment and retention of licensed mental health professionals, lack of cultural diversity among service providers, data collecting and sharing, shortage of intensive outpatient services, shortage of inpatient beds, outdated mental health law (MHPA, 1976), and complications, restrictions, and unintended consequences of HIPAA compliance in coordinating individual care.

SECTION II: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE SYSTEM

The Task Force worked to produce recommendations that are thorough, accurate, forthright, evidence-based, where possible, culturally responsive, and actionable. As we discussed, processed and analyzed the crisis services system, six inter-related themes clearly emerged. They are **care, cultural responsiveness, communication, collaboration, coordination, and consistency**. These themes are embedded throughout these recommendations. They are not in a hierarchy; they are integral to the effective implementation of the Key Recommendations.

The Key Recommendations from the Task Force are divided into three sections:

- A. Systemwide Key Recommendations 1-11
- B. Separate Key Recommendations for Crisis Services (Mobile) and Delegate Services 1-3; Law Enforcement 1-4; and, Emergency Department 1
- C. Implementation 1-2

Within these sections, the recommendations are grouped by Coordination of Care; Coordination of Training, Education, and Data; and, Coordination of Advocacy.

A. Systemwide Key Recommendations

Recommendation	Explanation	Supporting Information
<i>Enhancements to Service Systems Through Coordination of Care</i>		
1. Create a countywide co-responder model, involving a combination of law enforcement and mental health professionals OR a fully civilian mental health response unit for crisis engagement.	<p>Mental health crisis co-responder programs have developed in communities to partner a mental health crisis professional with law enforcement in responding to calls involving a mental health concern. There are many variations on the programs adapted to community needs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Some communities have developed co-responder programs that pair mental health professionals and crisis workers to provide a first response through the 911</p>	CAHOOTS is one of the most well-known co-responder models across the nation. The Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets program provides a unique response to non-violent situations. The (911) dispatcher is trained to route non-violent calls with a mental health crisis component to a team of a medic and a crisis worker to respond, assess, stabilize and transport to the next step in treatment.

dispatch system, when it is deemed a police presence is not required.

<https://whitebirdclinic.org/what-is-cahoots/>

Albuquerque and Bernalillo County partner in a co-responder mobile crisis team (MCT) model. A trained law enforcement officer and a trained master's level behavioral health clinician respond to calls in the 911 system. An officer in the field can call and request an MCT team.

<https://www.bernco.gov>

The Franklin County PA Mental Health Co-responder program provides for a mental health professional to accompany police officers on mental health crisis situations and was recognized for a Justice Public Safety Achievement Award in 2018 by the National Association of Counties.

https://franklincountypa.gov/index.php?section=mental-health_coresponder

2. Form a Crisis Services Coordinating Committee (CSCC), with membership sufficiently inclusive that consumers and family members are represented in meaningful numbers to have a voice and meeting often enough to build trust, knowledge, and organizational effectiveness.

- a. Encouraging community partnerships to strengthen the continuum of care for mental health and substance abuse services.
- b. Making recommendations related to data sharing to identify who, when, and where people in crisis are served and the results of those services, while protecting individual privacy.
- c. Creating a repository of evidence-based practices, providing technical assistance to providers and law enforcement on crisis response strategies.
- d. Promoting education and awareness of alternative

Recommendation from James Fouts, LSW, Forensic Systems Solutions, Consultant to the Task Force, as part of the final report 2020. (Appendix A)

“The CSCC can periodically assess and make recommendations to the overall crisis system. The Committee would focus on identifying and implementing best known strategies for crisis care while reducing avoidable visits to emergency departments and involvement

	<p>community crisis resources to the use of the emergency department.</p> <p>e. Advocating for policy and funding changes to help break down barriers associated with accessing care.</p>	<p>with the criminal justice system.” J. Fouts, Part 2.</p>
<p>3. Enhance communication with families in need during crisis, including connecting with groups that specifically serve marginalized populations to integrate research-based practices and processes that improve communication to and among marginalized groups and increasing accessibility to mental health crisis resources for families/supporters of those in crisis.</p>	<p>Using data and best practices, assess the effectiveness of current methods of communicating with families in crisis across all groups and develop strategies that employ cultural responsiveness in differentiating approaches where indicated to increase accessibility for vulnerable and underrepresented groups.</p>	<p>Examining our communication approaches with families in a culturally responsive way increases understanding of beliefs, values, perceptions, and attitudes that impact seeking and responding to treatment, especially mental health treatment.</p>
<p>4. Enhance current communication/collaboration among these four internal entities in the mental health crisis response system by establishing a formal, quarterly meeting of Centre County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention/Drug & Alcohol (MH/ID/EI/D&A), Crisis Intervention (Center for Community Resources), Delegate services (Service Access Management, Inc.), Law Enforcement, and Mount Nittany Medical Center Emergency Department (ED case manager and Behavioral Health inpatient case manager).</p>	<p>a. Coordinating services where possible.</p> <p>b. Capitalizing on resource allocations, grants, funding opportunities.</p> <p>c. Sharing data on effective practices/processes/intake tools and forms.</p> <p>d. Standardizing forms where appropriate to improve intake processes by more consistency of information to providers, less repetition for client/families, and shared records by involved providers, where appropriate and permitted.</p>	<p>Elevate the purpose of this ongoing committee to include primary responsibility for the tasks described in this recommendation by the task force and other related areas as assigned with a goal of strengthening working relationships across the system.</p>

<p>5. Create standardized protocols, Best Practices in Mental Health Crisis Intervention, across the larger system, including 911 dispatch, Crisis Intervention (CCR), Delegate services (SAM, Inc.), mental health transport provider(s), Centre County MH/ID/EI/D&A, Law Enforcement, MNMC Emergency Department, and the Meadows.</p>	<p>Expand the cooperative work to include those involved in parts of the larger crisis system to explore standardized protocols to increase effective practices and efficient procedures for the consumer.</p>	<p>Review best practice professional standards for opportunities to standardize and coordinate protocols.</p> <p>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), US Dept. of Health and Human Services. National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care Best Practice Toolkit. 2020</p> <p>https://www.samhsa.gov</p>
<p>6. Develop and implement a countywide transportation plan for those in mental health crisis to assist with transportation to receive crisis services.</p>	<p>There is a significant gap in the availability of transportation to treatment centers unless a medical situation requires an ambulance, or police are involved, or the mobile crisis unit from CCR. This is compounded for those in poverty or isolated rural areas.</p>	<p>The geographic size of the county, the location of mental health crisis services, and lack of a transportation system restrict accessibility to individuals and families.</p>
<p>7. Identify and develop additional community resources available for those not held for mental health treatment, including those who refuse inpatient services.</p>	<p>Centre County has a basic network of community resources. As mental health needs have grown, resources and outpatient providers have diminished causing delays in access to services. In addition, the following areas could be explored: Stabilization and Assessment Centers, Recovery Response Centers, LEAP training, Early Psychosis Programming</p>	<p>Mental Health Services in Centre County: A Guide to Mental Health Services and Support (Purple Book), 2020</p> <p>Recommendations from the consultant's report, 2020.(Appendix A)</p> <p>SAMHSA: National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care: Best Practice Toolkit, 2020</p> <p>https://www.LEAPInstitute.org</p>

Enhancements to Service Systems Through Training, Education, and Data Collection

<p>8. Create and implement a plan for common/shared trainings, where appropriate, across agencies/departments involved in the crisis response system.</p>	<p>a. Develop a common language and definitions for communication.</p> <p>b. Include cultural sensitivity, mental health manifestations, regulatory and procedural knowledge, intersectionality,</p>	<p>Shared trainings enhance communication, understanding, and opportunities for collaboration across agencies charged with varying responsibilities in the crisis system.</p>
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	de-escalation, and intervention strategies.	
9. Build a data collection, repository, and sharing system to be used for evaluating the effectiveness of the current system, while observing required and ethical privacy practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Census data b. Sociodemographic characteristics c. Triggers of crisis patterns d. Pre-existing mental health conditions and episodes e. Advanced directives f. Arrest records g. Mortality h. ED visits/duration i. Distance to inpatient beds 	<p>The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1976, the Privacy Rule (2000), is “to assure an individual’s health information is properly protected, while allowing the flow of health information needed to provide and promote high quality health care and to protect the public’s health and well-being.” It does permit certain important uses of the information that could assist in this recommendation. (See Summary of the HIPAA Privacy Rule, US Dept. of Health and Human Services.)</p> <p>http://www.hhs.gov</p>

Enhancements to Service Systems Through Advocacy

10. Identify limitations or barriers and advocate for updating of the PA Mental Health Procedures Act (MHPA, 1976).	Examine trusted professional reports for analyses and recommendations, e.g., Grading the States: An Analysis of U.S. Psychiatric Treatment Laws by the Treatment Advocacy Center, which includes Pennsylvania recommendations re: extended timelines for involuntary commitments; changing language and clearer guidance for practitioners, law enforcement, and families; expand criteria for danger to self and danger to others, grave disability and psychiatric deterioration.	<p>Grading the States: An Analysis of U.S. Psychiatric Treatment Laws, Treatment Advocacy Center, 2020.</p> <p>https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org</p>
11. Advocate for increased state/local funding for additional adult and adolescent inpatient hospital beds, including co-occurring substance abuse and	MNMC has 12 inpatient beds for patients 18 and over; the Meadows has 119 total beds serving patients 4 and over in various units. There are 7 beds reserved for Centre County in the state hospital in Danville.	When there is no availability locally, a bed search is conducted across the state to find a space, requiring distance transportation for patients, restricted family support, and out-of-county

serious mental illness (SMI).	1200 patients made mental health visits to MNMC ED in 2020; approximately 2/3 were admitted. 14% of those admissions were out of the area. The population of Centre County is 162,000.	providers less familiar with local follow-up supports.
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B. Separate Key Recommendations

Recommendation	Explanation	Supporting Information
Crisis Intervention (Mobile) and Delegate Services Enhancement Through Coordination of Care and Training		
1. Develop and implement practices assuring all relevant individual information is consistently identified, gathered, organized, and communicated to involved Law Enforcement and Emergency Department personnel.	Both providers are new to the Centre County crisis system in 2020. To increase communication and collaboration, these recommendations address reviewing these three areas after this first year of serving Centre County for adjustments and enhancements. While these are addressed to these two services, they are essential building blocks for the overall systemwide effort.	Centre County MH/ID/EI/D&A will work with current contracted providers of crisis intervention and delegate services, Center for Community Resources and Services Access Management, Inc. on these three recommendations.
2. Review and assure that all assessment tools, interview protocols, and practices reflect cultural responsiveness and are evidence-based.	CCR relies on a set of standardized screening measures: Columbia Scales, NSPL, ACEs, PHQ9 assessments (depression), GAD 7, CANS and ANSA. These are used to assist in providing information relevant to achieving the prevention and support goals of programs accessed or delivered through CCR.	The assessment tools currently in use appear to have an empirical basis and are evidence based for screening purposes. The degree to which these published assessment materials meet the requirements for cultural responsiveness is still to be determined. Further study is needed regarding the validity and cultural responsiveness of the interview protocols and practices in use.
3. Enhance required implicit bias training and periodic follow up for all Crisis Intervention and Delegate Services personnel.	Training should include components related to diversity and cultural competence. Training should acknowledge the need for different norms that can correct for under diagnosis or	The assessment systems also need to incorporate recognition of background information or insights from those who know the individual well, helping to explain deviation from normal or typical coping behavior."

under recognition of problems or disability among certain individuals, such as people of color.

Law Enforcement

Enhancement Through Coordination of Care and Training

1. Enhance the newly implemented jail diversion program and services, including supporting the creation of a mental health court in Centre County.

The goal of the Behavioral and Mental Health Diversionary program is to identify persons with serious mental illnesses who are involved with the criminal justice system and redirect them from traditional criminal justice pathways to mental health treatment systems; thereby, reducing police contact and recidivism. By successfully completing the program, individuals avoid the negative consequences that criminal records can have when they reenter society and the workplace.

Mental health courts provide a team of court staff and mental health professionals to screen/assess defendants, develop treatment plans and supervise offenders. Tracking results will assess its effectiveness over time.

Centre County Behavioral and Mental Health Diversionary Program (BMHD). 2020 Developed by the Centre County District Attorney's Office through feedback and input by the Centre County Court, Centre County Probation and Parole, and Centre County Defense Bar.

Twenty-three counties have mental health courts in PA that partner key justice system officials with mental health system leaders to divert offenders with severe mental illness into a judicially supervised program that includes community-based treatment.

<https://www.pacourts.us>

2. Enhance law enforcement training in mental health.

- a. Continuing Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
- b. Mental health law (302s)
- c. Cultural competency
- d. Implicit bias
- e. Response to special populations
- f. Available mental health resources
- g. De-escalation and crisis intervention

97% of Centre County police are trained in CIT. This is the largest percentage of any county in PA. (Consultant's report) It provides 40 hours of training in crisis techniques, de-escalation and special populations. CIT includes an annual reinforcement component.

Trainings in the mentioned areas are included in current programs; the recommendation is to continue and to build upon this strong base.

3. Support the full adoption of the Mental Health Crisis Best Practices Guide for Law Enforcement developed through the District Attorney's Office in July 2020.

The guideline aids Centre County law enforcement and mental health services in recognition and response to persons undergoing and dealing with mental illness and/or an emotional or behavioral crisis. In these situations, individuals are often in a fearful state and have difficulty processing information during contacts with police officers.

Behavioral & Mental Health Crises Response Best Practices Guidelines, SAMHSA 2020

Developed by the Centre County District Attorney's Office through cooperation with Centre County Mental Health Services, Centre County Law Enforcement and First Responder Agencies.

4. Develop a procedure, based on the creation of a mental health checklist, to aid 911 dispatchers to divert appropriate calls from police to mental health services for first response.

Crisis responses often begin with a call to 911. Having the right service response to the right location with the right resources and information is a goal of the dispatch center. When dispatching services, it is the policy to dispatch police along with any other service.

There are programs that have specially trained their dispatchers to determine if a call is a safety issue or a support issue, e.g., Binghamton, NY, Broome County, NY Emergency Dispatch/911 Center.

MNMC Emergency Department *Enhancements Through Coordination of Care*

1. Enhance MNMC Emergency Department and other hospital services care, management and processes for mental health crisis patient response and overall care by creating the Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Committee. The internal committee will consist of the ED lead physician, the Behavioral Health (BH) psychiatrist, the ED manager, the BH manager, and lead BH case manager. An internal or external consulting liaison member will provide resources on inclusivity and cultural responsiveness. The charge to the committee includes:

- a. Identifying and adopting inclusive and evidence-based practices to enhance positive patient outcomes.
- b. Enhancing two-way communication with families.
- c. Conducting internal clinical case reviews and data collection, relative to diagnosis and determination, to seek opportunities to improve practice.
- d. Exploring evidence-based processes, technologies (i.e. telemedicine), and protocols
- e. Identifying and reviewing data to assess the effectiveness of the ED's mental health crisis response system.
- f. Assessing ongoing education and professional development needs to include, but not limited to, mental health crisis diagnosis and response, crisis intervention and de-escalation, cultural

Joint State Government Commission, PA General Assembly, July, 2020 "Report Summary in Response to House Resolution 268 of 2019 Behavioral Health Care System Capacity in Pennsylvania and Its Impact on Hospital Emergency Departments and Patient Health."

<http://jsq.legis.state.pa.us/>

This committee will bring together in a formalized process those responsible for interactions with patients and families entering the mental health crisis system through the Emergency Department and will focus on further development, coordination, and consultation in those areas identified. In addition, outreach to law enforcement for standardizing

sensitivity, implicit bias, inclusivity, special populations, substance abuse, serious mental illness (SMI), HIPAA applications, 302 regulations/decisions.
 g. Reviewing policies and procedures, e.g. develop a consistent intake process and HIPAA compliant feedback loop for police bringing a person in crisis to the ED, as well as family/others.
 h. Reviewing and implementing applicable recommendations in the PA General Assembly's Joint State Government Commission Report, released in July 2020.

protocols for Emergency Department visits with mental health related situations.

C. Implementation Plan

Recommendation	Explanation	Supporting Information
1. Create an implementation plan by operationalizing the Task Force recommendations.	a. Identifying and assigning responsibility for action b. Meeting with partners to hand off recommendations c. Developing action plans and timelines for implementation. d. Estimating resources needed (staff, equipment, space) and possible sources. e. Monitoring progress through data and metrics. f. Establishing a strategy for reporting progress and effective results of implementation.	To expedite the beginning of examination and action on the Task Force recommendations, the Centre County Commissioners and the State College Borough Council, upon reception of the report can design plans around the organizing steps.
2. Form a core subgroup of the Mental Health Crisis System Task Force that will meet quarterly, beginning in January 2021, to review progress made and data on the recommendations	a. Define membership b. Develop charge c. Review reporting mechanisms from responsible entities d. Provide background to implementation teams as needed.	The Task Force can provide another voice of support for the implementation of the enhancements to the Centre County Mental Health Crisis System.

provided by the various
responsible entities.

CONCLUSION

“Ask what’s possible. Not what’s wrong. Keep asking.” Margaret Wheatley

If implementation is successful, the Task Force believes the recommendations submitted in this document will serve to enhance and expand services provided through the mental health crisis delivery system in Centre County. It is our belief that these key recommendations build on the strong, basic foundation of the many services provided to Centre County residents and will provide the next urgent steps in enhancing the prevention, intervention, recovery continuum of the overall mental health system.

The urgency lies in the current state of mental health needs, which is outpacing the availability and accessibility of those services that we do have. Recruiting and retaining workers at all levels of the system is challenging. Funding for programming is limited, leading to closing or loss of outpatient service providers. Local inpatient beds are limited. Wait times for appointments for psychiatrists and psychologists can be weeks. Training must keep pace with emerging understanding of the many facets of serious mental illness, implicit bias, and racial inequity as they differentially impact effective treatment and interactions with law enforcement and the court system. Laws governing aspects of treatment (MHPA and HIPAA) must be re-examined and updated to address unintended consequences.

If we truly desire more positive outcomes for those in need, we will continue asking the assigned responsible parties, agencies and committees to answer the following questions as part of their continuous quality improvements; what are we doing for all those who seek assistance through our systemwide crisis intervention resources during their most vulnerable times? How are we assisting their families and supporting those who love, care and entrust them to our crisis service providers? In what ways are our services inclusive and representative of the diversity of consumers accessing our services? How are we proactively and creatively adapting to the diversity of needs on behalf of those who cannot effectively advocate for themselves? What are we doing through training and education to support those providing direct crisis service care to meet their responsibilities?

Together, we believe our community and our service providers can work effectively to both advocate and deliver excellent care during a myriad of challenges in the upcoming year. It will be one important step at a time.

“Real change. Enduring change happens one step at a time.” Ruth Bader Ginsburg

“With non-existent or inadequate crisis care, costs escalate due to an overdependence on restrictive, longer-term hospital stays, hospital readmissions, overuse of law enforcement and human tragedies that result from a lack of access to care. Extremely valuable psychiatric inpatient assets are over-burdened with referrals that might be best-supported with less intrusive, less expensive services and supports. In too many communities, the “crisis system” has been unofficially handed over to law enforcement; sometimes with devastating outcomes. The current approach to crisis care is patchwork and delivers minimal treatment for some people while others, often those who have not been engaged in care, fall through the cracks: resulting in multiple hospitals readmissions, life in the criminal justice system, homelessness, early death and even suicide.”

National Guidelines for Crisis Care, SAMHSA, US DHH, 2020

REFERENCES

(More references in this report will be included at the final step)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (2020). <https://www.nami.org/mhstats>

APPENDIX A: FSS Consultant Report

Part 1. Centre County Crisis System Reformation Recommendations

Centre County Crisis System Reformation Recommendations

In 2019 Centre County created a Task Force on Mental Health Crisis Services to: “conduct a comprehensive review of mental health crisis services across the County and to produce a detailed description of this crisis system along with recommendations to enhance and strengthen crisis services in Centre County for individuals with mental illness.”

Centre County contracted with Forensic System Solutions (FSS) to work with the Task Force to develop a System Process Mapping. That report was submitted in April of 2020. Due to the COVID-19 further meetings were hampered. As part of that Report FSS staff has created the following list of recommendations to be explored by the Task Force. These recommendations are based on several factors including the rural nature of Centre County, the presence of Pennsylvania State University, already existing services and resources, and the unique Crisis Intervention Team model.

In February of 2020 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released the National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care Best Practice Toolkit. We’ve attempted to follow the Toolkit recommendations as much as possible given the unique setup of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s process of requiring only minimal standards of services and counties deciding individually to add additional services.

Essential Principles

- A. The effectiveness of a comprehensive crisis system is dependent on the outpatient system of treatment. An easily accessible, all-inclusive system that meets the needs of those in recovery affects the inflow and the outflow from the crisis system. A strong outpatient system of care will assist in preventing crises, provide a source of diversion from more restrictive settings and be a reliable source of aftercare treatment. Without a strong system of case management and treatment services you can expect to have a higher level of need for crisis services, higher contact with law enforcement and the criminal justice system, and longer inpatient stays.

There must be a meaningful effort to promote these services in the community, especially to Consumers, Families, Police, other Criminal Justice Agencies, Crisis Intervention, and Emergency Rooms.

- B. Peer and family member input is essential. The model of “Nothing About Us Without Us” is an effective force in creating an all-inclusive recovery oriented system. It can lead to a powerful force in the fight against stigma and

advocacy for adequate funding and resources. The recovery model has 2 primary premises.

- a. Recovery from a Mental illness is possible.
 - b. That recovery becomes most effective when directed by the person in recovery.
- C. Trauma is a huge factor in the lives of those in recovery. A system that understands and takes into account the effects of trauma in the lives of those it serves will see much better outcomes.
- D. Crisis services must be more than an assessment for hospitalization. The S.A.L.T.S. model has been very helpful in strengthening that recovery model in Crisis Services. Stabilizing and deescalating the heightened emotions of the situation allows for more a deliberate and strategic approach to dealing with the crisis. Assessing the strengths and needs of the person in crisis then allows for the development of a plan for the resolution. Linking the person up with an appropriate level of service to assist them in their recovery is the next step. Teaching the person in crisis coping skills, resource procurement and self-advocacy skills allows them to maintain their progress towards recovery. Leaving individuals with a Safety plan helps prepare them for dealing with the next crisis.

Centre County should develop a Crisis Services Coordinating Committee that can periodically assess and make recommendations to the Crisis system. The Committee would focus on identifying and implementing best known strategies for crisis care while reducing avoidable visits to emergency departments and involvement with the criminal justice system. This includes:

- Recommending and establishing community partnerships to strengthen the continuum of care for mental health and substance abuse services.
- Promoting education and awareness of alternative community resources to the use of emergency departments.
- Making recommendations related to data sharing to help identify who, when and where people in crisis are served, and what the results of those services are.
- Creating a repository of evidence-based practices and providing technical assistance to Local Management Entities-Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCOs), law enforcement and providers on how to respond to crisis scenarios.
- Recommending legislative, policy and funding changes to help break down barriers associated with accessing care.
- Membership on this Crisis Service Coordinating Committee must be sufficiently inclusive to assure Consumers and Family Members are represented in meaningful numbers so as not to be overwhelmed by those “professionals” who might have pre-ordained ideas of how the system should be organized and managed.
- Meetings should be frequent at the outset to build trust and mutual understanding of the issues at hand, with the potential of reducing frequency as the group gels and the initial needs are reasonably addressed.

Service Components of a best or promising model of Crisis Intervention

911 Emergency Dispatch - Most crisis responses begin with a call to either 911 or the Crisis Hotline. Having the right service respond to the right location with the right resources is a goal of the 911 Dispatch Center. When dispatching services it's the policy of the 911 center to dispatch Police along with any other service. For most calls related to a mental health crisis Police are not really required.

In most cases a telephone conversation with a crisis worker can resolve or at least stabilize the crisis until other resources can get there. If the dispatcher believes the call is more appropriate for a referral to crisis they give the caller the crisis number, tell them to call and end the call.

There are programs around the country that have specially trained their Dispatchers to determine if a call is a safety issue or a support issue. They have the ability to directly transfer a call to Crisis and hold on to the call until Crisis triages and determines the situation as not needing Police dispatch.

“When a call goes into the Emergency Communication Center—911 dispatch—operators can be trained to triage those calls and identify whether the person in crisis is a danger to her or himself or an immediate threat to someone else. If not, then the person can be passed along to appropriate care in the mental health crisis system through a warm handoff to the crisis line. At that point, says Bruno, the crisis line can also do a secondary triage and determine whether it's still a safe situation. If they decide that it's unsafe, Bruno says they can do a warm handoff back to law enforcement, and law enforcement can send out Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained officers to go out and respond to those situations. “ (CIT P. 114)

(Broome County, New York Emergency Dispatch/911 Center, 153 Lt Vanwinkle Dr, Binghamton, NY 13905, Phone: (607) 778-2170)

Warmline – Warmlines are a telephone line that People can call to talk to someone with lived experience with behavioral health issues. They are support lines operated by trained Peer specialists that are volunteers or paid staff. The Warmline is strength based, recovery oriented and trauma informed. Warmlines assist people in achieving their recovery goals. They are not suicide hotlines but can be part of the Crisis Hotline structure. The Warmline should be able to provide and receive warm handoffs to and from the crisis hotline and can collaborate with crisis hotline staff. Typically they have limited hours.

Warmlines can assist the crisis system in dealing with those callers needing basic support and to talk through things rather than be in a major crisis. Some consumers are afraid to call Crisis due to the fear of being 302'd or are looking for support and not assessment for hospitalization. See So You Want to Start a Peer-Run WarmlinE? In the resource list.

Mobile – Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams describe a variety of services that provide crisis services wherever they are needed. There are several variants differing in team makeup or focus. Typically there are two members on the team. One is a member trained in mental health and crisis intervention. Additionally, there can be a peer specialist, an emergency medical service professional, law enforcement officer or registered nurse with the backup of a virtually connected psychiatrist as a member of the team.

Team Variations –

CIT - Centre County has a very active and large mandatory attendance CIT trained Police Force. Although this is a positive in most cases, especially since the 911 dispatch system automatically sends Police to all calls for service, not all CIT trained officers have the prerequisite compassion, empathy, communication skills, and patience required for crisis intervention.

Most consumers and citizens are anxious around Police Officers. This can escalate the anxiety and crisis situation the person is in. I believe everyone in the crisis situation would like to limit Police involvement as much as possible.

Police involvement is required to serve a legally valid 302 warrant, to deal with situations that are potentially violent or have other safety risks involved. Other than these situations most crisis situations can be dealt with by a supportive telephone call or crisis team visit. Specialty training is needed for both 911 Dispatch operators equipped with warm handoff capabilities as described above Crisis Hotline workers. This training will allow both to assess for safety risks and can allow for referrals to the Mobile Teams to deal with the Crises more effectively without the aid of Police. Due to the rural nature of Centre County and the potential longer response times for Mobile Crisis Services, hotline workers must be able to provide telephone de-escalation and support services. If it's felt that the additional wait time will escalate the situation a CIT officer can be called to respond.

24/7 Mobile Team hybrids to explore:

Virtual Mobile Crisis Intervention: This is a Police response used when mobile crisis units are not readily available or after a crisis is de-escalated. Police are equipped with iPads that can connect the person in crisis to a trained crisis intervention worker located at the hotline. The crisis worker can communicate with the Police Officer and the person in crisis providing de-escalation, assessment and disposition plans.

(New Perspectives Crisis Services, Snodgrassville, Pa. (570) 992-0879.)

<https://www.rhd.org/program/new-perspectives-crisis-residence/>

(Jim Thorpe, Pa Police Department (570) 325-9111)

CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets): A Crisis Intervention program out of Eugene, Oregon. (911) "Dispatchers are trained to recognize non-violent situations with a behavioral health component and route those calls to CAHOOTS. A (mobile crisis) team will respond, assess the situation and provide immediate stabilization in case of urgent medical need or psychological crisis, assessment, information, referral, advocacy, and, when warranted, transportation to the next step in treatment." <https://whitebirdclinic.org/what-is-cahoots/>

Medical Mobile Crisis- This team utilizes the services of a registered nurse and a masters prepared crisis worker with the ability for immediate consultation with a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist can interview the person in crisis, make recommendations and give verbal orders for prescribing medications. The team can transport the person to the pharmacy to pick up their medications. The RN could also discuss side effects or other minor medical issues with the person rather than transporting them to the ER.

(See PA Crisis Intervention Regulations 5240.104 Subchapter E for Medical Mobile Program Description)

Acute Case Management – Short term wrap around type services provided to a person in crisis and their family post crisis incident. The service further assesses the needs, links with needed services and provides for support and assistance in accessing basic needs. This service can be accessed through an Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACT) or a follow up crisis service. (Philadelphia Children’s Crisis Response Center <https://www.philachildrenscrc.com/>)

Stabilization and Assessment Centers (SAC)- The SAC are facilities whose general purpose is to stabilize and assess a person in crisis when their needs are of a more acute nature than hotline or mobile interventions can provide. Some are collocated with other Crisis Intervention Services and some are collocated with a hospital emergency room.

23 Hour bed - 23-hour crisis stabilization provides ongoing assessment (beyond the initial emergency psychiatric evaluation), intervention, and clinical determination for level of care. 23-hour crisis stabilization is appropriate for individuals requiring further intervention before a level of care determination can be made, particularly those who present as suicidal or psychotic secondary to substance use, as well as those whose initial clinical presentation suggests that medical necessity for another level of care will emerge via brief treatment. 23-hour crisis stabilization aims to provide one or more of the following:

- Amelioration of condition
- Resolution of acute intoxication
- Further diagnostic testing such as a urine drug screen, lab tests, and monitoring for the emergence of withdrawal symptoms
- Collateral information gathering to clarify history, assess level of support, determine access to safe housing, corroborate the individual’s report regarding precipitating events and to help engage in treatment
 - Provision of medication or other clinical intervention and monitoring of response
 - Level of care determination

CBH 23 hour Program Description (<https://dbhids.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/23-Hour-Crisis-Stabilization- 23-Hour-Bed .pdf>)

Crisis Residence - The crisis residential service provides residential accommodations and continuous supervision for individuals in crisis. It is a bundled service that includes crisis stabilization and intervention, assessment, psychiatric evaluation and medication, short term treatment, linkage to needed services, safety planning and acute case management service. The service provides a temporary

place to stay for consumers who need to be removed from a stressful environment. (See PA Crisis Intervention Regulations 5240.104 Subchapter F for Crisis Residential Program Description)

Fusion Model – Crisis Retreat/Living Room. Programs that welcome anyone from 2 to 23 hours at a time. These programs are highly Recovery oriented. They use a high number of Peer Specialists (from 25 to 35% of staff) and act as a welcoming center for those in crisis. People are fed, clothed and left to sleep in a safe place. Then they are assessed and linked up with services. Often the person is followed up for 30 to 45 days. The only exclusion for services are safety issues such as need for detox or violence. Police and Mobile Teams are trained to assess for appropriateness of referral.

(Recovery Response Center 659 E. Chestnut Hill Road, Newark, DE 19713 Tel: (302) 318-6070) Recovery Innovations <https://riinternational.com/crisis-services/>

Emergency Department Telepsychiatry Consultation Service: The telepsychiatry consultation service provides availability to psychiatric consultation from 18 to 24 hours a day. This provides video consult between ED doctors and psychiatrists and psychiatric evaluations and assessments. Doctors would review patient records prior to video interview. This type of service has consistently lowered inpatient admissions, resulted in shorter ED stays and higher rates of follow up to aftercare services. The program allows for ED doctors more time to work on ED physical medicine issues.

Resources:

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CARE: Best Practice Toolkit, 2020

SAMHSA: PRACTICE GUIDELINES: Core Elements for Responding to Mental Health Crises, 2009

Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS): CRISIS INTERVENTION WORKGROUP: Crisis Intervention Services Transformation Recommendations, 2011

CIT, International: CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) PROGRAMS: A Best Practice Guide for Transforming Community Responses to Mental Health Crises, 2019

The National Empowerment Center and The National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse:
SO YOU WANT TO START A PEER-RUN WARMLINE?: A Guide to Developing and Maintaining a Sustainable Warmline <https://power2u.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Warmline-Guide.pdf>

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The Mission of the Centre County, Pennsylvania Task Force on Mental Health Crisis Services is to: “conduct a comprehensive review of mental health crisis services across the County and to produce a detailed description of this crisis system along with recommendations to enhance and strengthen crisis services in Centre County for individuals with mental illness.”

Mental Health Task Force Descriptive Report on the Centre County Crisis Intervention System

FSS **Forensic Systems Solutions**

A Core Program of Family Training and Advocacy
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Centre County contracted with Forensic System Solutions (FSS) to work with the Task Force to develop a System Process Mapping. A visual flow chart was completed showing each of the steps a person in crisis could go through. The flow chart outlined five stages:

1. First contact with Crisis/Police/Emergency Department (ED) to the resolution of the crisis or the decision for voluntary assessment at ED or 302 petitions,
2. ED evaluation to decision of discharge from ED, voluntary inpatient admission, or 302 commitment and hospitalization,
3. Hospital admission to discharge, voluntary admission or decision for 303 petitions,
4. 303 petitions to Mental Health Review Officer (MHRO) decision, and
5. Discharge, voluntary admission, outpatient commitment or continued hospitalization to hospital discharge.

Initially the plan was to map all 5 stages of the process. Due to time constraints, the nature of Centre County activity mirroring the Penn State University Calendar, and the untimely death of Billie Willits, the original Chairperson of the Task Force, a decision was made to limit the scope of the mapping to the first two stages. Emphasis was to be placed on first contact with Crisis/Police/Emergency Department (ED) to the resolution of the crisis or voluntary inpatient admission or 302 commitment and hospitalization.

The Process Mapping creates a picture of the existing system. The mapping is not be a critique nor a satisfaction survey, but instead describes how the system is seen and experienced by members of the community and those working within the system.

Members of the Task Force participated in the work of creating templates to be used in interviewing those involved in the crisis system. Sub committees were created based on subject matter knowledge, experience with the specific stages or interest in working with that group. Boiler plate templates were supplied by FSS and the sub committees enhanced them by making them more specific to the Centre County System.

The sub committees were then tasked with identifying the agencies or individuals to be interviewed within their assigned stages. Subcommittee members were assigned the responsibility of completing interviews using the questionnaires. Due to the complications listed above subcommittee members were not able to start the interviews and a decision by the Task Force leadership was for FSS personnel to complete the interviews. Interviews were held between mid-December 2019 and mid-February 2020.

All interviews were considered confidential and individual identifying information was not gathered. A total of 62 interviews were completed. Family members and consumers were self-identified and voluntary. Staff

from involved agencies were assigned by their administration. Interview times ranged from 20 minutes to 1 hour.

Interviewees Makeup:

SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Category	Interview Participants	Additional Information
Family Members	14	These families had 37 separate crisis contacts
Consumers	6	These consumers had 26 separate crisis contacts
Provider Agency Representatives	4	These provider agencies had 14 crisis contacts
CanHelp staff	5	CanHelp is
CCR Administration	3	CCR is
Service Access Management (SAM)		SAM is
Nittany Health Psychiatric Emergency Department	5	Interviews involved Physicians, Nurses, Case Managers
Police Departments	14	PSP, Patton, Ferguson and State College Departments
Centre County 911	4	
Centre County MH/ID/EI and Substance Abuse	2	
Centre County Correctional Facility	3	Interviews involved Warden, Psychiatrist and Registered Nurse

See Appendix 1. Flow Chart – Stages One and Two

A preliminary report on the findings of the interviews was presented to the Task Force at the February 20, 2020 meeting. The following information is a summary of the findings.

See Appendix 2. Flow Chart – Person in Crisis to Social Support Resolution

Social Support Resolution

Involvement in a mental health “Crisis Intervention System” begins with the recognition by a person, or by those around that person, that they are experiencing “an immediate stress producing situation which causes acute problems of disturbed thought, behavior, mood or social relationships requiring immediate intervention.” (PA Title 55, Chapter 5240).

In Centre County the person experiencing a crisis has several options for working towards resolution of that crisis. Those individuals who recognize the need for assistance can call upon their own social support systems (Family, Friends, and Peers) for assistance. Gaining the support and objective viewpoints of others can be

helpful in dealing with a crisis. These supports can also point the way to professional therapeutic supports including outpatient or inpatient treatment services.

See Appendix 3. Flow Chart – Person in Crisis through Outpatient Services

Mental Health Services

There are a range of services available to assist in resolving a mental health situation. A Manual developed by the Centre County MH/ID/EI and Drug and Alcohol Services lists the services available in Centre County (<https://centrecountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2100/Resource-Book-2019-revised?bidId=>). The Manual includes services paid for by the individual, by private insurance, and by public insurance such as Medicaid.

In Centre County, the Medicaid behavioral health managed care entity is Community Care Behavioral Health Organization (CCBH). CCBH is responsible for managing the behavioral health needs of individuals who are eligible for Medicaid Services. For individuals that have no insurance or are underinsured MH/ID/EI and Drug and Alcohol Services can manage services through contracted agencies.

Outpatient

The primary service to address behavioral health challenges is Outpatient Treatment Services which includes individual and group counseling as well as medication management. It was reported that new referrals to the Outpatient system in Centre County can expect to wait about 2 weeks to see an outpatient therapist and between 2 and 6 weeks to see a psychiatrist.

There is a **Mobile Medication Management Team**, which serves adults “who experience difficulties progressing toward wellness due to the inconsistent adherence to a prescribed medication regimen.” It is a recovery focused service that enables individuals to be educated about their medications and trained to develop skills to manage their medication effectively in order to control symptoms and increase community tenure.”

Another service is **Psychiatric Rehabilitation** which helps individuals to “develop, enhance or retain psychiatric stability, social competencies, personal adjustment, and/or independent living competencies.” This service is primarily for those adults with Serious Mental Illnesses.

Case Management Services are also provided to individuals with behavioral health problems in Centre County. Case Managers “work directly with individuals to ensure people receive services and are linked with community resources that facilitate their path to wellness.” Administrative Case Management, which provides “initial access to services requested and on an as needed basis,” is available to those individuals age 3 and up. Blended Case Management is a more intensive service where staff “meets with individuals anywhere from once a week to once a month depending on assessed need” and is also available to those 3 or older.

“**Peer Support Services** (PSS) are specialized therapeutic interactions provided by a Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) who is a self-identified individual who is or has accessed mental and/or behavioral health services. CPS’s are trained and certified to offer support and assistance to individuals who are working on their overall wellness. The service is designed to “...promote empowerment, self-determination, understanding, coping skills, and resiliency through mentoring and service coordination supports that allow individuals age 14 years and older to achieve their goals.”

There are two specialty **Children's Services**:

Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (BHRS) are treatment and therapeutic interventions prescribed by a psychologist or psychiatrist provided on an individual basis in the home, school and community. These services include Behavioral Specialist Consultants (BSC), Mobile Therapy (MT), and Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS). A BSC or MT can help develop crisis and safety plans. It was reported that there is a long waiting list for BHRS.

Family Based Mental Health Services (FBMHS) is an evidence-based service provided in the home by a team with at least one master's level professional. Goals are established by the family and treatment team. To receive FBMHS individuals must be diagnosed with serious emotional and/or behavioral disorder; be at-risk of needing treatment in a psychiatric hospital, Residential Treatment Facility (RTF), or other out-of-home placement.

See Appendix 4. Flow Chart – Person in Crisis through Crisis Services

Crisis Intervention Services

CCMH contracts with service provider agencies for Crisis Intervention Services. Until January of 2020 CCMH contracted with CanHelp, a part of Universal Community Behavioral Health Corporation. CanHelp provided Telephone Crisis, Mobile Crisis and Delegate Services. * Delegate Services are an administrative review of the petitions for psychiatric evaluation

Starting on January 2, 2020 Crisis Services have been provided by Center for Community Resources and Service Access Management, Inc. (SAM) has been contracted to provide the Delegate Services.

Crisis Intervention Services in PA follow the Proposed Crisis Intervention Regulations. Proposed 55 PA Code, Section 5240 [Appendix 8] (proposed in 1993, but never formally approved) and the Mental Health Procedures Act (Act of Jul. 9, 1976, P.L. 817, No. 143) [Appendix9]. There have been very few changes in the Regulations since they were written in 1993 and in the MHPA since 1976. There is a current initiative in the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to update the Regulations.

CanHelp Crisis Services included 24/7/365 Phone Crisis Intervention, Mobile Crisis Intervention and Delegate Service. Since CanHelp is no longer part of the County Services this report will report their history of service over the past 3 years.

Services Provided by CanHelp:

- 4,786 phone calls per year (last 3 years);
- 923 mobiles per year (mobiles steadily decreasing last 3 years)
- 436 Delegate visits
- Average time on phone 7.26 minutes.
- Average Mobile Response time (41 minutes)
- Average mobile visits - 1 hour 6 minutes
- Approximately 30% of Mobiles resulted in 302
- Average time for insurance pre-certification and bed search – 4.5 hours
- Most common calls were for depression, isolation and support with children

The primary mission of the CanHelp telephone, mobile and delegate service was to resolve crises using the least restrictive resource available. Comments made during the interview process by crisis workers, family members, consumers, and police officers indicated that there occurred a major shift over the last several years of an increasing focus by CanHelp on the use of assessment tools and demographic reports. This focus on paperwork was listed as a major barrier for families and consumers. The universal impression that it gave was that the crisis worker was more interested in the paperwork than in resolving the crisis.

In January of 2020 CCMH contracted with the Center for Community Resources (CCR) for crisis intervention services. The services include Telephone Services, A Walk-in Crisis Assessment Center and Mental Health Library and Mobile Crisis Intervention Team. CCR will be governed by the same Pa State Regulations as CanHelp and will be inspected on a regular basis by OMHSAS and CCMH.

Since the Service is new, statistics are not yet available. It is assumed that some basic data such as Response Time and number of calls will remain relatively the same as what occurred with CanHelp.

Changes projected by the CCR Administration include a philosophy of Resolving the Crisis. They plan to break the cycle of “call crisis, go to hospital.” Diversion from hospitalization will be a high priority. CCR would like to leave everyone with something tangible (such as written information) and a plan on what to do next. Collaboration with providers in serving consumers will be another high priority. Plans include several “meet and greets” and traveling to providers to educate them on the new crisis service.

Walk-in Crisis Assessment Center In addition to a different service delivery philosophy, Centre County has also established a new service, Walk-in Crisis Assessment Center (CAC), located at 2100 E. College Avenue in State College. The CAC is an open, inviting, and welcoming environment that has resource materials, and staff to assist the person in crisis. Staff will help create a crisis plan, seek out resources and resolve the crisis and avoid the need to contact Police, ED or Mobile Crisis. The CAC is serviced by a bus route. Mobile Crisis and Police will be transporting people to the CAC as well. Walk in services also include frequent and as needed follow up phone calls until the crisis is resolved, the person no longer wants crisis services, or the person becomes active with treatment services. Follow up will assess the status and effectiveness of referred services

Centre County will be encouraging individuals with behavioral health crises to use the least restrictive services first. Services, in order of encouraged use include – Telephone, Walk-In, Mobile, ED Evaluation, and Inpatient hospitalization.

Mobile is an option if the individual is unable to get to the Walk-in Center or if the situation is more agitated. There will be a recommendation to go directly to the ED if a person calls the phone crisis service and requests hospitalization. There will no longer be a requirement that they be assessed by Mobile if they are seeking voluntary hospitalization. Delegate service is now split off into Service Access Management, a separate agency.

The CCR **Telephone services** will be focused on crisis stabilization before having a conversation regarding demographics and assessments. They will have a mixed priority of provided referral and crisis stabilization services. The major duties of the telephone service will be to give contact information for referral resources,

provide support, crisis resolution, and stabilization. They will dispatch mobile or delegate as needed for further crisis resolution or 302 assessments. Telephone Crisis workers will contact 911 if Police Services are requested. A new focus will be on providing Police with needed information when their services are called on by Crisis.

The focus of **Mobile** Crisis services is to provide de-escalation and crisis resolution services to individual experiencing a crisis in their own home or in the community. The Mobile Crisis staff will assess for safety and appropriateness for hospitalization and perform level of care assessments if needed, compile demographics and complete other documentation. In the past Mobile would not respond without Police presence if there is any sense of violence, agitation, etc.. Mobile would also not be part of facilitating involuntary commitments. The Mobile staff would not accompany the Police as it was believed that an officer with training in Crisis Intervention being dispatched (which in Centre County is a basic expectation) would be enough to deal with the situation.

See Appendix 5. Flow Chart – Involuntary Commitments through the Delegate Service

Delegate Service

CCMH has contracted with Service Access Management, Inc. (SAM) for the involuntary commitment Delegate Service. Since they are a new provider as of January 2020 statistics are not available. The purpose for the Delegate is to assess the legality of 302 petitions, arrange serving of the 302 Warrant to the consumer, arrange transport to ED, find appropriate inpatient hospitalization for the consumer if 302 was upheld. The Mental Health Procedures Act (**Act of Jul. 9, 1976, P.L. 817, No. 143**) is the law that governs the 302 procedure. A “302” has several parts. The first is a “petition” that is signed by a “responsible citizen” that if approved by the County Mental Health Administrator or his/her “delegate”, would become a warrant that would require a person to be evaluated by a licensed physician. If that physician believes that the person is “mentally disabled” and in need of inpatient hospitalization the person would then be hospitalized up to 120 hours (5 days). If the hospital determines more than 5 days are needed to assess or to treat and stabilize the person, a 303 hearing would be scheduled. If the court approves, the person could remain in the hospital up to 20 additional days.

To be considered legal a 302 petition must meet 5 criteria:

1. A person is “dangerous to self or others”
2. The danger is due to a mental illness and not due to an organic issue (i.e., developmental delay, substance abuse or dementia) or due to behavioral issues (i.e., domestic issue, personality conflict).
3. There is a “furtherance” of the threat. The person would have had to do something that showed they were following through with the threat.
4. The consumer had to show that they were not willing to be evaluated voluntarily.
5. The 302 must be signed on Block A by a “responsible citizen” or on Block B by a licensed physician or sworn “Peace Officer”.

The SAM Delegates will fully assist in helping people complete 302 petitions. Many of the family members and providers interviewed indicated that in the past this assistance was minimal, and they would have liked more instruction on what is needed to be written by the petitioner.

If the petition is denied, the delegates will refer the petitioner to Mobile Crisis for additional services. They will also inform the petitioner of what grounds to look for in the future if involuntary commitment is potentially needed.

If the 302 is approved and the consumer was not in the ED already the Delegate would arrange for the local Police Department to serve the 302. If the Police were already on-site with the individual they would get the original 302, explain the process to the consumer, and arrange transport to the ED. If they were not present the 302 would be faxed to the Police Department. In the past a phone call would be made to the Police department informing them of the 302 being faxed. The process of sharing information with the Police regarding the consumer was inconsistent and usually insufficient. Information might be given to the 911 Dispatcher, the Officer in Charge at larger Departments or the Dispatcher at PSP. Police indicate that, in the vast majority of calls, they would only have the information that was on the 302 or their own previous knowledge of the consumer prior to serving the 302. CCR and SAM have indicated that they will address these shortcomings.

When a 302 is enacted, the Delegate will go to the ED to give the original 302 to ED personnel as well as any information needed to complete the evaluation and the bed search. In about 60% of the cases the petitioner or family member would accompany the consumer to the ED and provide information to ED personnel.

If the 302 was signed on Block A (responsible citizen) and upheld by the physician, a search for a bed in a psychiatric hospital begins. The first choice is for the local Mount Nittany Health Behavioral Health Unit. If admission is approved, the delegate would complete an insurance company pre-certification to assure payment was available. If the local inpatient unit is unable to serve the individual, a "bed search" is conducted to find a behavioral health unit that would accept the consumer. The bed search would begin locally and then go in an ever-widening circle of hospitals. There is a shortage of local inpatient psychiatric beds which affects consumers and their significant others in that some must drive to Pittsburgh or Philadelphia to visit the consumer or take part in discharge planning or treatment meetings. It is also difficult since out of the area facilities may not know the local resources to make adequate aftercare plans.

If the 302 was signed on Block B (physician or police officer) the ED will complete the pre-certification and the bed search.

Documentation from the Delegates also includes completing the Act 77 paperwork which sends notice to the Pennsylvania State Police Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS). This Notification of Mental Health Commitment results in the committed individual being placed on a list that prohibits them from purchasing a firearm and possessing firearms.

Changes in the MHPA have been discussed in the PA Legislature but action has been taken to change the involuntary hospitalization criteria. One Law, (H.B. 1233) took effect on October 24, 2018 addresses non-hospital care. The Law amends the MHPA and establishes a new standard for court-ordered assisted *outpatient* treatment in the community with a standard based on a medical determination of whether a seriously mentally ill individual needs and can benefit from assisted outpatient treatment to survive safely in the community. It leaves intact the "clear and present danger" criteria needed for involuntary inpatient hospitalization. Part of the law allows for Counties to "opt out" of implementing the new standard, and, in

fact, every County in PA has chosen to opt out of implementing the new standard. Nonetheless, Centre County is currently reviewing the law and assessing its' potential impact on the community.

See Appendix 6. Flow Chart – 911 Dispatch to Police Department

Centre County 911 Dispatch

The vast majority of Police calls are dispatched via the 911 Center. Some calls are received directly at the police station and an Officer in Charge receives the information and passes it on to the responding officer. The 911 Center is governed by Pa Code Title 35 Chapter 53.

Centre County 911 Dispatch Staffing

Positions	Number of Staff
Full-time Dispatcher Positions	18
On-call Dispatcher Positions	5
Shift Supervisors	4
QA Supervisor	1
Training Supervisor	1

In 2019 the Centre County 911 Dispatch Center received:

911 Phone Calls	41,460
Non-emergency Phone Calls	101,068
Total Calls	142,528
Incidents Dispatched (Police, Fire, EMS)	79,755

Training includes classroom time, Act 120C Training, Active listening skills, Learning a basic script, APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials) – 40 hours, Emergency Medical, Dispatch – 32 hours, 4-6 months shadowing, Continuing education classes. In addition to training, there is always a supervisor to provide guidance and teaching. There is a 24-hour supervisor available.

The 911 Call process with mental health emergencies involves having the dispatcher ask for the callers call back number and address in case they are cut off. Then they request a short description of the issue to send to the Police. They also try to get the following information:

- What’s happening right now to make you call
- Prior or current violent behavior
- Weapons or access to weapons
- Animals in the home
- Name of your family member in crisis
- Age of family member in crisis
- Height and weight of family member in crises
- Clothing description of family member in crises
- Current location of family member in crises
- Diagnosis (Mental Health and/or Medical)

- Current medications (On or Off?)
- Drug use (current or past)
- Triggers (what upsets them?)
- Describe what has helped in previous police contacts
- Identify other persons in the residence or at the location
- Does consumer know the Police are on the way?
- Past relationship with Police
- Have you called the crisis intervention service?

The Dispatchers pass as much of this information on to the Police as they can, but they are not always able to get good information. This can be frustrating to the callers in that they have to answer the same questions repeatedly to 911, Police, Crisis, ED staff. (911 recommends that families that know they may be calling 911 have this information written down before hand to help in the midst of a crisis. The 911 dispatcher would stay on the line until the Police arrived and provide support during the wait time.

Police

Centre County Police Departments range in size from 6 officers to 62 officers. They include the Pennsylvania State Police (Rockview), Penn State University Police, State College Borough Police, Ferguson Township Police, Patton Township Police, Bellefonte Borough Police, Spring Township Police and the Centre County Sheriffs' Office. All Police Departments are made up of sworn Peace Officers and can sign 302 warrants without going through the Delegate System.

Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) certifies training and certifies a cadet as a Police Officer. Training and certification are mandated by the PA Act 120.

Requirements to become a Police Officer include a background check, psychological evaluation, physical fitness examination, polygraph, Police Academy Training ~ 20 – 25 weeks for municipal departments and Pennsylvania State Police Academy – 27-28 weeks. PSP and many departments require an additional 60 college credit hours.

The Academy's include courses in Law, Vehicle Code, Criminal Procedures, Firearms and Weapons, Human Relations, Driving, Use of Force, Handling Prisoners, Dealing with Special Needs. There is a minimal amount of instruction specific to Mental Illness but dealing with people in crisis is a topic spread throughout other courses. 14 hours of continued education certifications are required. (mix of required curriculum and electives) every year. In Centre County this includes yearly Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training refresher and/or new topic material.

97% of Centre County Municipal Police are trained in CIT (which is the highest County percentage in the State). CIT training is a 40-hour training and includes mental illness, suicide assessment and intervention, dual diagnosis (co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness), autism, local resources, de-escalation, veterans' issues, family and peer perspectives, suicide by cop, juveniles in crisis, and self-care. The rate of CIT training for the Pennsylvania State Police is lower than the Centre County Municipal Police Departments, but they have additional training yearly.

CIT also includes a workgroup that deals with specific issues related to mental health and police. It is a problem-solving group that works through both systemic issues and issues specific to certain individuals served by both Police and Mental Health.

In addition, Police complete a CIT report for each call that is considered a crisis call. That form is sent to the CIT coordinator for either further system follow up and/or data collection. Some calls may be missed as they may not initially be considered a crisis call or may turn in to a criminal call.

Data from the CIT reports for the past three years show approximately 650 CIT calls per year with approximately 250 calls resulting in hospital evaluations.

Police Officers in Centre County report an average of 3-4 Crisis calls a week and 2 to 3 calls involving a 302 warrant a month. This number changes between the smaller departments and larger departments.

Police are notified of a crisis call by the Centre County 911 Dispatcher. Police report that they typically receive basic information regarding the call including address, name of the person calling and sometimes the name of the individual, and the nature of the call (usually in 1 to 2 sentences). Police rarely get a call from Mobile Crisis or Delegates directly as the call typically comes through the 911 dispatcher. Police response time is usually less than Mobile due to location of local Police Departments and their knowledge of the area.

When the situation is a crisis call and the involuntary commitment process is not needed, the Police will provide de-escalation and support and refer the family to Crisis Intervention. Their first priority is for safety and stabilizing the person in crisis.

There were mixed responses from families as to how helpful the Police were. Some indicated that the Police were supportive and knew their family member from frequent visits and some felt that the Police were not helpful and would send too many officers to deal with the situation. This would be intimidating and agitate the consumer. Police protocol dictates that when responding to a situation that was described as being violent or dangerous they will respond with high numbers of officers to inhibit violence from an agitated person and provide for officer and others' safety.

Police typically do not stay on the scene for long, especially if the situation becomes settled quickly and is deemed safe. Another factor is whether there is a need in the community for Police. There is generally not much interaction between Crisis and the Police. However, if the situation is tense or there is the possibility of the need for a 302, the Police will wait for either the Mobile Team or the Delegate to arrive.

Serving 302's – When the Police are on scene they wait for the Delegate to complete the 302 unless they see the behaviors and can petition themselves. Sometimes verbal authorization is given by the Delegate which allows the Police two (2) hours to transport without the 302 paperwork in hand. Police have mixed feelings about this since they are taking the Delegate's word that they are approved to transport the person against their will with no legal backup. Police have requested that the Delegate complete page 4 and fax it to the Department would suffice to give them the legal backup they need to transport without the 302 in hand.

If the person was calm and/or willing to go voluntarily the Police will arrange for the person to be transported by ambulance to the Emergency Department. If necessary, for safety reasons, the Police will do the transfer.

Depending on the individual situation, handcuffs may be used when transporting, especially if the person was agitated, Police will exercise caution and use cuffs.

Police are often asked to implement an approved 302 petition for involuntary evaluation, unless the individual was already at the ED. Police will receive a call from Dispatch that a 302 was faxed to their Department. Typically, the information on the 302 is the only information provided to the Police. Police have stated that they need critical information to properly respond to and serve the 302. They recommend that the Delegate or Crisis call them directly with the following information:

- Prior or current violent behavior
- Weapons or access to weapons
- Animals in the home
- Name of consumer
- Age of consumer
- Height and weight of consumer
- Clothing description of consumer
- Current location of consumer
- Diagnosis (Mental Health and/or Medical)
- Current medications (On or Off?)
- Drug use (current or past)
- Triggers (what upsets them?)
- What has helped in previous police contacts?
- Identify other persons in the residence or at the location
- Past relationship with Police
- Does consumer know the Police are on the way?

There were mixed reports on whether Crisis was present or if Crisis should be present when Police are implementing a 302 petition. Some officers stated that Crisis was present only if the 302 was not done yet. If they were just serving the 302, Crisis rarely goes. Some officers were worried that having inexperienced crisis workers or delegates present would put an extra burden on the Police to keep them safe. However, there are many models in Pennsylvania where Crisis co-responds with Police and waits till the Police certify that it is safe and appropriate for the Crisis staff to become involved. If a decision is made to have Crisis co respond, training with Police and Crisis would have to be completed.

There was some inconsistency as to whether the Police had to accompany consumer to wait in ED Waiting Room for triage. Some officers reported that their responsibility was simply to call the Nurse in the ED to have the person taken back to the Psychiatric Emergency Department Quiet Rooms.

Police typically give a verbal report to Mount Nittany Health Security and nursing staff in the ED with what (limited) information they had acquired. It was reported that the usual wait in ED is approximately ½ hour unless there is a need to triage first.

See Appendix 7. Flow Chart – Mount Nittany Medical Center Emergency Department through Decision to Uphold/Deny 302 or Convert to Voluntary

Mount Nittany Medical Center Emergency Department

In 2013 MNMCED completed renovations to its Emergency Department (ED) which includes a 4-bed private room unit specially designed for patients with behavioral health needs. This unit features safety rooms equipped with metal retractable garage doors that can close over equipment and windows. The rooms are all video monitored specially trained nursing staff.

Staffing at the ED includes support personnel, Licensed Physicians, Registered Nurses, and Emergency Behavioral Health Case Managers. The BHEDU also has access to all hospital staff and equipment as part of the Emergency Department. The staff completes medical, psycho-social and psychiatric evaluations, 302 evaluations and inpatient admission assessments based on level of care needed. Crisis intervention, medication management, referral services and needed lab work is also provided.

Staffing – Staffing is available 24 hours/365days a year. Physicians are licensed in the State of Pennsylvania. They have specialized training in Emergency Medicine. Their initial psychiatry training was through a psychiatric rotation during residency. The doctors are trained in Emergency Medicine but have little on-going training in psychiatry. They receive additional on the job training in the MHPA and 302 evaluations. All staff receive Crisis Prevention Intervention Training, and all have Required Continuing Education Training, some of which is in psychiatry.

Registered Nurses – Licensed as a registered nurse in PA, Crisis Prevention Intervention Training, Specialty Mental Health Training, on-the-job training, and Continuing Education requirements.

Emergency Behavioral Health Case Manager – Meets the requirements for crisis worker under the proposed 55 PA Code, Section 5240 (proposed in 1993, never approved) and MHPA (Act of Jul. 9, 1976, P.L. 817, No. 143). Additional training includes crisis intervention training, delegate training, crisis assessment and intervention. The case manager also has knowledge of local resources and hospital inpatient admission criteria. Ongoing training is generally on the job with various available external trainings.

Upon admission to ED the consumer is placed in Behavioral Health rooms, their belongings are secured, and they change into a paper gown. If they have not been triaged they will then be triaged by an RN. Voluntary and less agitated patients are usually triaged outside the unit first unless prior arrangements are made, even if accompanied by Police Officers. Agitated patients are immediately brought into the BHED Unit. Hospital Security is available if needed.

Patients are then Medically Cleared -Medical clearance has the aim of identifying potential medical issues causing the symptoms (such as infection, encephalopathy, and substance abuse intoxication or withdrawal) and medical comorbidities requiring care but not directly related to the current psychiatric complaint (such as diabetes or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). If they are medically cleared the 302 evaluation can begin.

If they are not medically cleared (the most common reason for not being medically cleared is intoxication) they will receive treatment for the medical condition and the 302 evaluation will wait until the person is medically cleared.

The case manager will check the 302 grounds, 302 paperwork or need for delegate to complete a 302. Case Manager will then begin with collecting information on the patient including history and history of current crisis. They will speak with the petitioner and crisis worker/delegate/police if available for background. This information is passed on to the doctor.

The doctor will perform the 302 evaluation, starting with an evaluation of the organic nature of crisis (i.e., is there evidence of a mental illness?) Then they will go on to assessing the level of dangerousness and whether a “furtherance of the threat” is present. If the patient is at the level of need that they need hospitalization they will be offered a voluntary admission instead of being committed against their will. If they do not meet the level of care that requires inpatient hospitalization the Case Manager will explore outpatient resources with the patient and family.

When signing a voluntary admission (a 201) the patient agrees that they consent to inpatient hospitalization and sign that they will give 72 hours’ notice before discharging from the hospital.

If hospitalization is agreed upon a bed search is completed. If the 302 was signed in Block A and is upheld by the Doctor the Delegate will complete the Insurance Pre-certification and Bed Search. If the 302 was converted into a 201 or the 302 was signed in Block B the ED Behavioral Health Case manager will complete the bed search and pre-certification. The average length of time it takes to complete a bed search varies as to bed availability, medical clearance and disposition plan. It typically takes between 4 – 5 hours.

Centre County Correctional Facility (CCCF)

Many people with mental health issues end up going into jail rather than into treatment. Whether due to the social consequences of having a mental illness or there being no treatment facilities available, the rates of people with mental illness in jail is much higher than the rates in the general public. The average number of inmates with mental illness is 4 to 8 times the amount of people in the general population with a mental illness. With that in mind, we consider the Centre County Correctional Facility a part of the Crisis Intervention System.

The Centre County Correctional Facility was completed in 2005. It has a capacity of approximately 350 with 2/3 of inmates from Centre County and additional inmates from other counties making up the rest. These other inmates are here due to overcrowding in other county jails that contract with Centre County.

Once an inmate is booked through Central Booking they undergo several medical, physical and psychiatric screenings. There are 3 different Gender Specific Mental Health and Suicide Screening Assessments completed at Booking and at Intake. All new admissions are also reassessed by mental health staff within 24 hours of admission. There is also a psychiatrist on call 24 hours via telepsych for consultation and medication management. Hospitalization upon intake is an option if an emergency arises. It is very difficult to arrange so most emergencies are handled at the jail. If an inmate goes to the hospital, a Corrections Officer will accompany the patient.

If the inmate is assessed as having suicidal thoughts they are placed within a 4-level suicide watch system. The highest level gets a suicide smock (rigid cloth that does not give flexibility for use in choking oneself) and they are placed in a padded suicide cell which is video monitored with 15-minute checks. Once placed on a suicide watch the inmate must stay on that level of watch at least 24 hours before being brought to the next lower level.

If the inmate shows signs of, has stated that they have, or it is known that they have a history of mental illness or they are in detox from a substance, they see psychiatrist via telepsych immediately.

If an inmate is on a medication upon admission it must be verified. Once verified they are started within 4 hours of verification. All inmates reassessed at least every 90 days. The medication formulary is compatible with common medication usage and available unless it is a medication commonly abused.

If it is determined that an inmate is in need of medication for their own or others safety a Medications over Objection hearing can be done with a court order.

If the person is already on Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Abuse Issues they will follow through with Medication Assisted Treatment if coming from Department Of Corrections (not often, usually only for court) or if community treatment already in place. Pregnant inmates will be transported to Methadone Clinic for treatment. Additional Substance Abuse Treatment is contracted through Crossroads.

In House Treatment Programming includes:

Substance Abuse Treatment including 12 Step, Talk Therapies and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Mental Health including: Medication Management, Individual and Group Therapies

GED, Work and Job Skills

Building Hope Mentoring Program

Various additional programs run by volunteers including advocacy and parenting

Spiritual Programs

Torrance Regional Forensic Psychiatric Center is used for Competency Assessments and Restoration as well as long term forensic hospitalization.

Reentry services are provided by a Centre County Mental Health Forensic Case Manager. The Case Manager is ½ time at CCCF and ½ time in Community through MH/ID/EI. Upon discharge community services are set up to get benefits, housing and treatment resources. CCCF is taking part in a pilot program that ties in State Department of Human Services to jail OMS to have Medical Assistance benefits started immediately upon release

Typically, there are 3 days' worth of medications given upon release with services set up to get new prescriptions in the community. For those with Serious Mental Illnesses up to 2 weeks can be given (in script form).

Barriers

There were 2 final questions given to all interviewees.

1. What were the barriers in (for recipients of services) you receiving the best services or (providers) providing the best services possible?
2. What recommendations would you give to the Mental Health Task Force to improve the Crisis Intervention Services of Centre County.

The following is a compilation of those barriers and those recommendations. The barriers were grouped into 5 categories:

1. Lack of Resources – Inpatient, Outpatient and Diversionary.

There was a general consensus among all parties that there was a lack of resources.

- A. Several families discussed the difficulties they had to deal with when their family member was placed in an inpatient facility that was hours away. This made for fewer family visits and less effective discharge and aftercare planning. The lack of local hospital access is a cost issue with increased time that the Delegate or Behavioral Health Case Manager has to take in procuring a bed and arranging transportation. ED doctors also indicate that several hospitals require unneeded lab work which also increases the time spent in the ED.. The issue of a lack of inpatient psychiatric beds is an issue throughout the Commonwealth.
- B. There are insufficient diversionary resources that can be used instead of inpatient hospitalization or jail. The new Center for Community Resources CAC is an example of an innovative approach, but it is new, and has already experienced challenges related to access for consumers who lack transportation. Mount Nittany Health ED, Crisis and Police all indicate that limited diversionary options lead to more people being 302'd and hospitalized.
- C. Outpatient services are an essential part of preventing crises, diverting from more restrictive placement, and generally helping consumers in their recovery goals. The consensus of all those interviewed was that there are not enough outpatient treatment and support services. Independent supported living to assist those with mental illness to live independently in the community may be at the top of the list. Needed housing options include Community Residential Rehabilitation (CRR) type of placements and some section 8 vouchers with little housing supports? Long waiting lists for Children's BHRS were also discussed by many family members. Although the Mental Health Manual lists many outpatient services available there was a belief between most interviewees that the waiting list to see a psychiatrist was much longer than stated by Mental Health officials. One common theme is that reimbursement rates for outpatient services and supports are so low that services need to be limited in order for provider agencies to survive.

2. Lack of Information/Training

- A. Interviewees gave many different descriptions of the same service suggesting that the knowledge of available services is not widespread. Understanding the available services is essential in referral services, crisis intervention and diversion from more restrictive resources. More outreach to providers and family members is needed to "get the word out" about available services.
- B. There were several concerns that the level of priority given to crisis stabilization needed to increase. Some believe that this is a training issue, and some believe that this may be an issue of shifting philosophies of crisis services. Several Police Officers indicated that they had better training in CIT than crisis personnel. 911 dispatchers also believe that family members and providers need to learn additional skills in crisis stabilization and "not lean on the Police for services." This may be changing with the CCR Crisis Service change in philosophy.

- C. Providers representatives indicated that they do not have sufficient knowledge to adequately manage the involuntary commitment process. Although most agreed that they had enough training in suicide assessment and intervention, they want more training in crisis stabilization and de-escalation.
- D. Family members who used the crisis services indicated that they had few resources to stabilize their family member and were often in a state of crisis themselves which made for communication with 911, Police and Crisis difficult. Many requested training in dealing with a crisis and getting the proper information to Police.

3. Police Response

- A. Many consumers and family members were afraid of Police intervention. Fears ranged from too many Police showing up, Police presence upsetting the person in crisis, fear of being arrested, and previous Police interventions turned bad, and general mistrust of Police. Although Police are trained in de-escalation techniques it is difficult to de-escalate when a trusting relationship cannot be developed. There is a belief among family members and Police themselves that Mental Health is not the primary job of the Police. However, there are Commonwealth mandates that the Police serve 302's in the community and Police are dispatched to any call that is seen as being potentially dangerous.
- B. Another problem with Police intervention is the use of handcuffs. Interviewees expressed concern with the inconsistent practice with the use of handcuffs when transporting a person to the ED.
- C. Police Officers consistently indicated that they did not get enough information from 911 or from Crisis when directed to serve a 302 or to respond to a crisis situation. Unless they are at the scene prior to a 302 being completed they are usually only sent the copy of the 302. Additional information regarding weapons, safety issues, etc. is typically not relayed to them.
- D. Other Police related issues relate to the inconsistent use of Verbal Authorizations by the Delegates to transport individuals without the 302 paperwork in hand. While the use of Verbal Authorization can expedite the process to the benefit of the individual in crisis, Police are in need documentation of the legal reason to take someone to the hospital against their will.
- E. An additional barrier is that Police protocols for dealing with crisis situations varies between departments and especially between municipal departments and the State Police.

4. ED Response

- A. There were several issues raised as barriers, primarily by Police. Although most Police felt they had a good relationship with the ED staff there was a sense of not understanding the criteria used to reject a 302. There was a sense that the decisions were inconsistent, and they do not receive a good explanation of why a person was released.
- B. Police also indicated that they are not notified if a person was being released from the ED. Officers signed 302's believing that dangerous behavior was potentially committed due to a mental illness. If the person was released stating that they were not mentally disabled then the Police need to know the person was being released to the community to determine whether to investigate the issue as a potential crime.

- C. There is inconsistency in the expectation of Police staying in the ED Waiting Room with patients brought for evaluations. Some officers always brought the person back to the BHEDU and some were told to wait in the waiting room. Interviewees pointed out that being in the waiting room with a police officer can be embarrassing and upsetting to the patient as well as to others waiting in the Waiting Room.
5. Crisis/Delegate Response
- A. There is concern that the response times from the Mobile Crisis Team and the delegates can take up to several hours. Although people understood the nature of a large rural county and the possibility of the teams being busy elsewhere in the county, they were concerned about the wait.
 - B. Often the wait would be with a slightly agitated or very depressed person with little or no support. The Police would be called which sometimes can be agitating to the person in crisis. It could also be an unnecessary use of the resources of smaller community with limited Police coverage.
 - C. Interviewees indicated that the telephone crisis response was sometimes supportive and sometimes not. There is a universal belief that the telephone crisis workers held completing paperwork a higher priority than crisis stabilization and giving support to family members.
 - D. Interviewees also indicated that Delegates are not considered helpful in completing the 302 petition. Some petitioners felt they were being judged on how they completed the 302 rather than given assistance in completing the form.

Recommendations:

These recommendations have been listed for your review and will be discussed at a later date in a separate report after discussion with the Mental Health Task Force. Recommendations come in 3 forms.

1. **Corrections** to the current system. Changes that need to be made in order to repair faulty protocols or policies or changes that bring the system in compliance with the law or mission of the agency.
 - a. For Crisis Services - Staff training and supervision should be more clinically based.
 - b. For Crisis Services - Supervisors should be trained to do more clinical supervision.
 - c. For Crisis Services - More time should be spent on stabilizing crisis (various respondents suggested this).
 - d. For Crisis Services - More focus on gathering safety issues rather than a hospital analysis.

2. **Improvements** to the system. Improvements make the system better without adding new resources. Improvements can include changes to the current system such as increasing access to services, furthering training, skill building or information sharing, etc.
 - a. For Providers - More training should be given to providers on crisis intervention and MHPA.
 - b. For Emergency Department - There is a need for more consistent psychiatric evaluations in the ED.
 - c. For Emergency Department - ED Doctors should receive additional training in recovery principles, communication skills, and MHPA (various respondents suggested this).
 - d. For Police = Training for all police should include MHPA and verbal authorizations..

- e. For Family Members and Consumers - Callers to 911, Police or Crisis should be prepared with needed information.
- f. For Police and Delegates – there should be more consistent and liberal use of verbal authorizations with legal backup.
- g. For Emergency Department - Disposition notice should be given to Police if the person is leaving the ED.
- h. For Police - List of psychiatric medications and uses would be helpful
- i. For Emergency Department – Consistent policies should be developed for working with Police.
- j. For Crisis Services - Consistent policies should be developed for working with Police.
- k. For 911, Crisis and Delegates - More information on the consumer and the situation should be provided to Police prior to going to serve 302
- l. For Crisis Services - Provide officers with more justifiable reasons when requested to check the welfare of a person.
- m. For Emergency Department - Do not have Police and accompanied patients wait in waiting area.
- n. For Crisis Services – Provide more phone support rather than sending Mobile or while awaiting Mobile
- o. For all Services – There should be more direct communication with families and significant others.
- p. For All Involved– Set up Meet and Greets between Police, Providers, Consumers and Family Members, especially when folks are healthy and working their recovery.
- q. For Crisis and Emergency Department - Keep records of previous contacts or share current documentation between services and just inquire as to changes.
- r. For Delegates and Emergency Department – There should be more offers of and allowances for voluntary admissions.
- s. For Providers and Emergency Department - Lower the cost for services and inpatient treatment..

3. **System Enhancements** are additions to the system including new services or expanding current services.

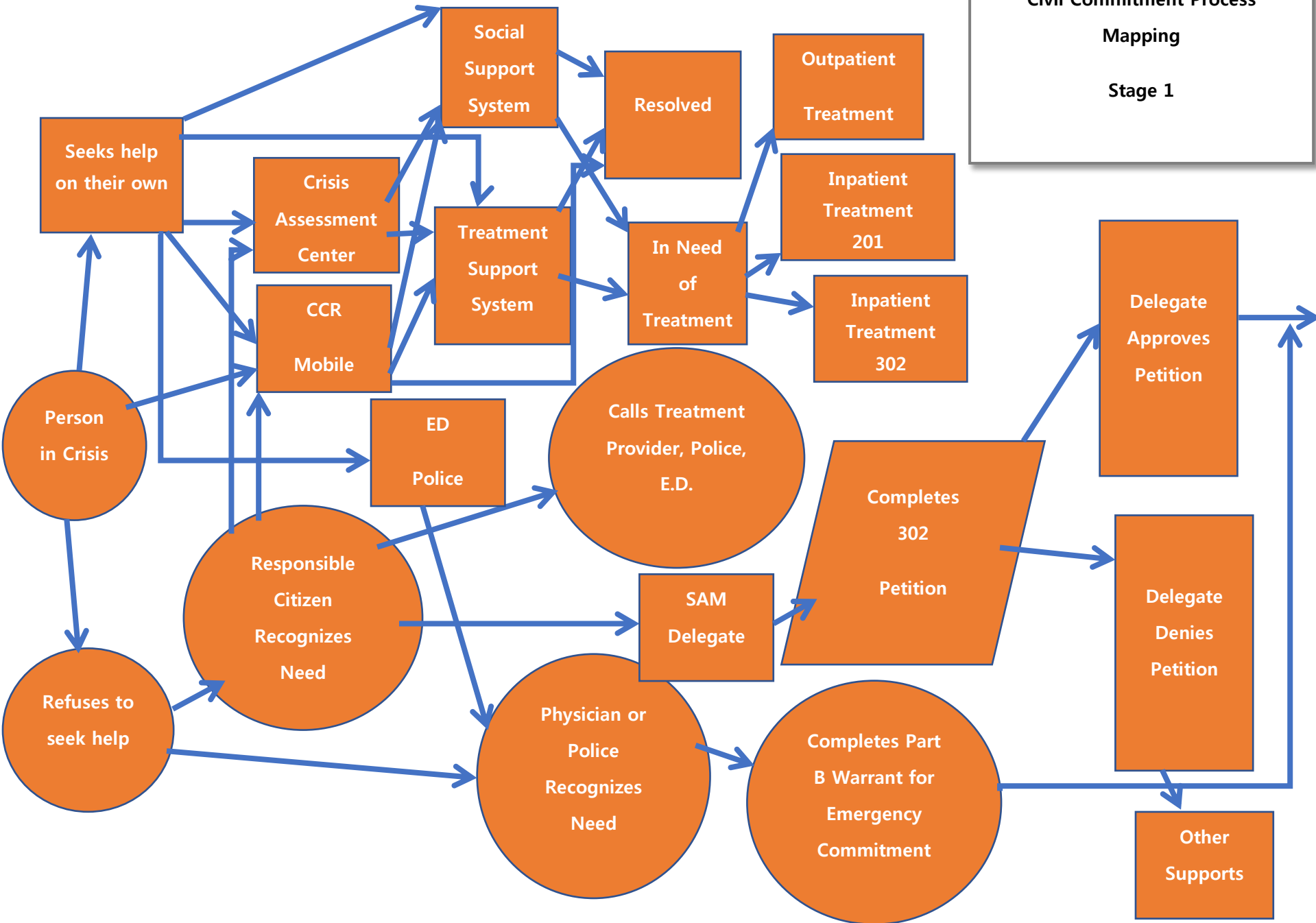
- a. For CC MH/ID.EI and D&A – Create additional forensic reentry service coordination, especially housing and quicker entry into ongoing services.
- b. For CC MH/ID.EI and D&A – Create a forensic peer specialist program.
- c. For all Providers - Improve salaries.
- d. For CC MH/ID.EI and D&A – Create more follow up services, especially independent living supports.
- e. For County Commissioners - Increase veterans’ services and jail diversion services.
- f. For CC MH/ID.EI and D&A, NAMI or Peer Specialists – Create a Warmline.
- g. For the Commonwealth - Increase State Hospital bed availability.
- h. For Crisis Services and Police - Train Crisis to respond with Police.
- i. For Crisis Services and Police – Create a Police Co-Responder position.
- j. For CCR and CC MH/ID/EI and D&A – Create additional hospital diversion programs (Crisis Residence, ACT team, Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Acute Case management Programs)..
- k. For Emergency Department – Provide psychiatrist consults in ED for difficult cases.
- l. For all Involved – Create a Database Switchboard that provides access to treatment history CCBH and CC MH/ID.EI and D&A.
- m. For Emergency Department – Make bed search availability 24 hours
- n. For CC MH/ID.EI and D&A - Create more local outpatient support resources.
- o. For CC MH/ID.EI and D&A - Create more local outpatient treatment resources.

- p. For CC MH/ID.EI and D&A – Create more Proactive and Preventative services.
- q. For CC MH/ID.EI and D&A – Provide more children’s services, more training in children’s issues.
- r. For CC MH/ID.EI and D&A – Create additional supportive housing and independent living support services.
- s. For Mount Nittany Health Center – Increase the beds in the inpatient hospital unit.
- t. For Crisis Services – There should be a Quicker response from Crisis.

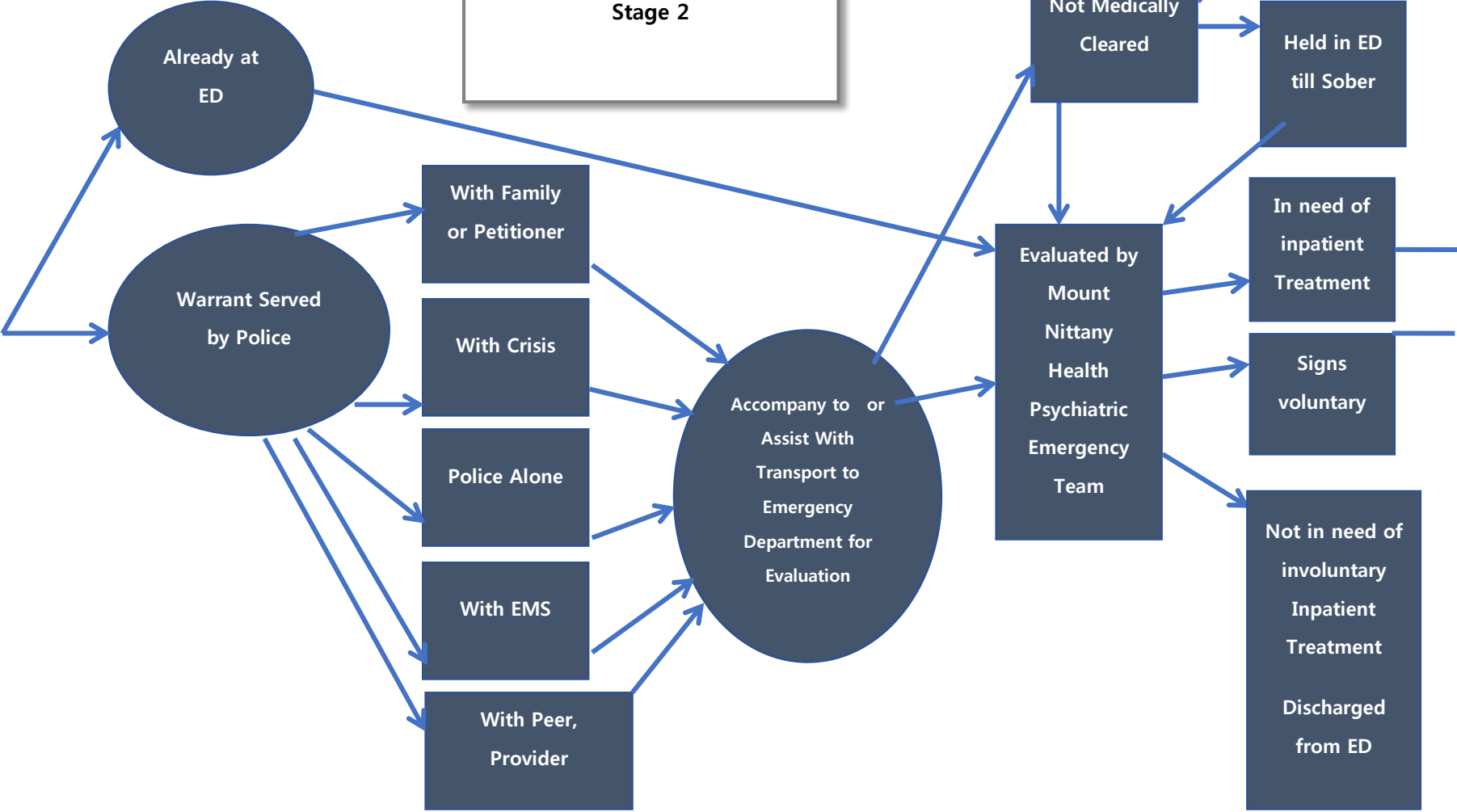
Additional recommendations will be discussed at the next Task Force Meeting.

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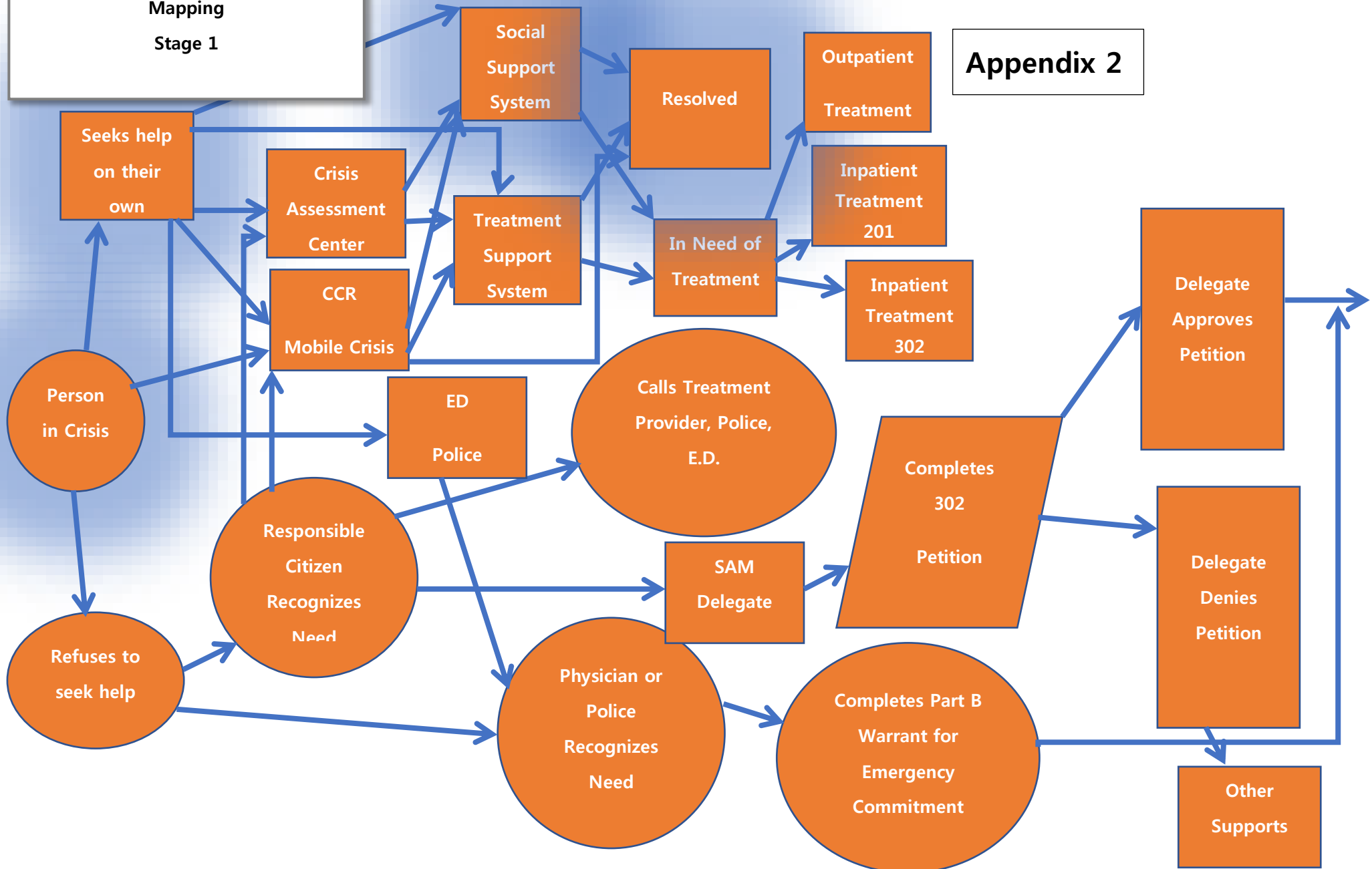


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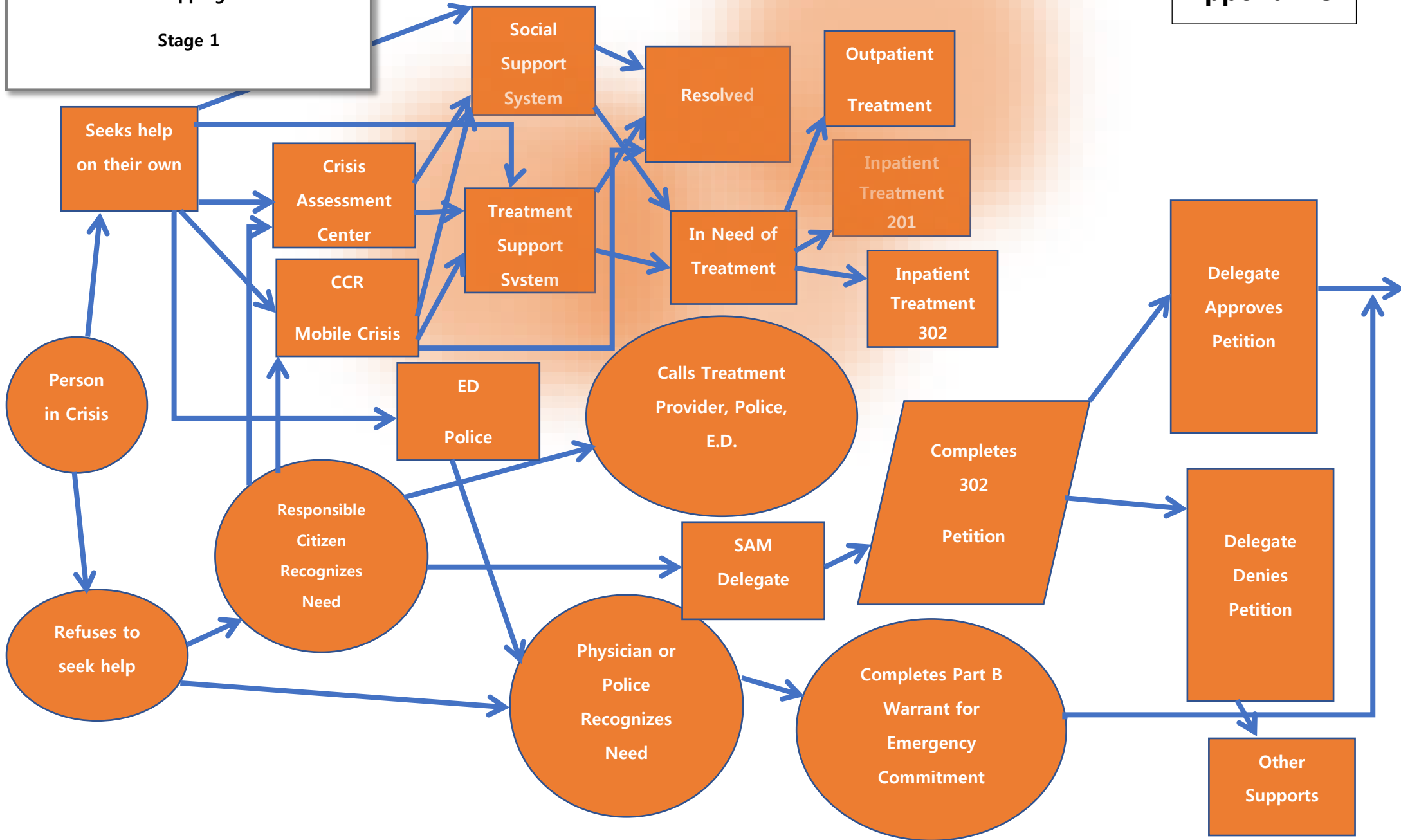
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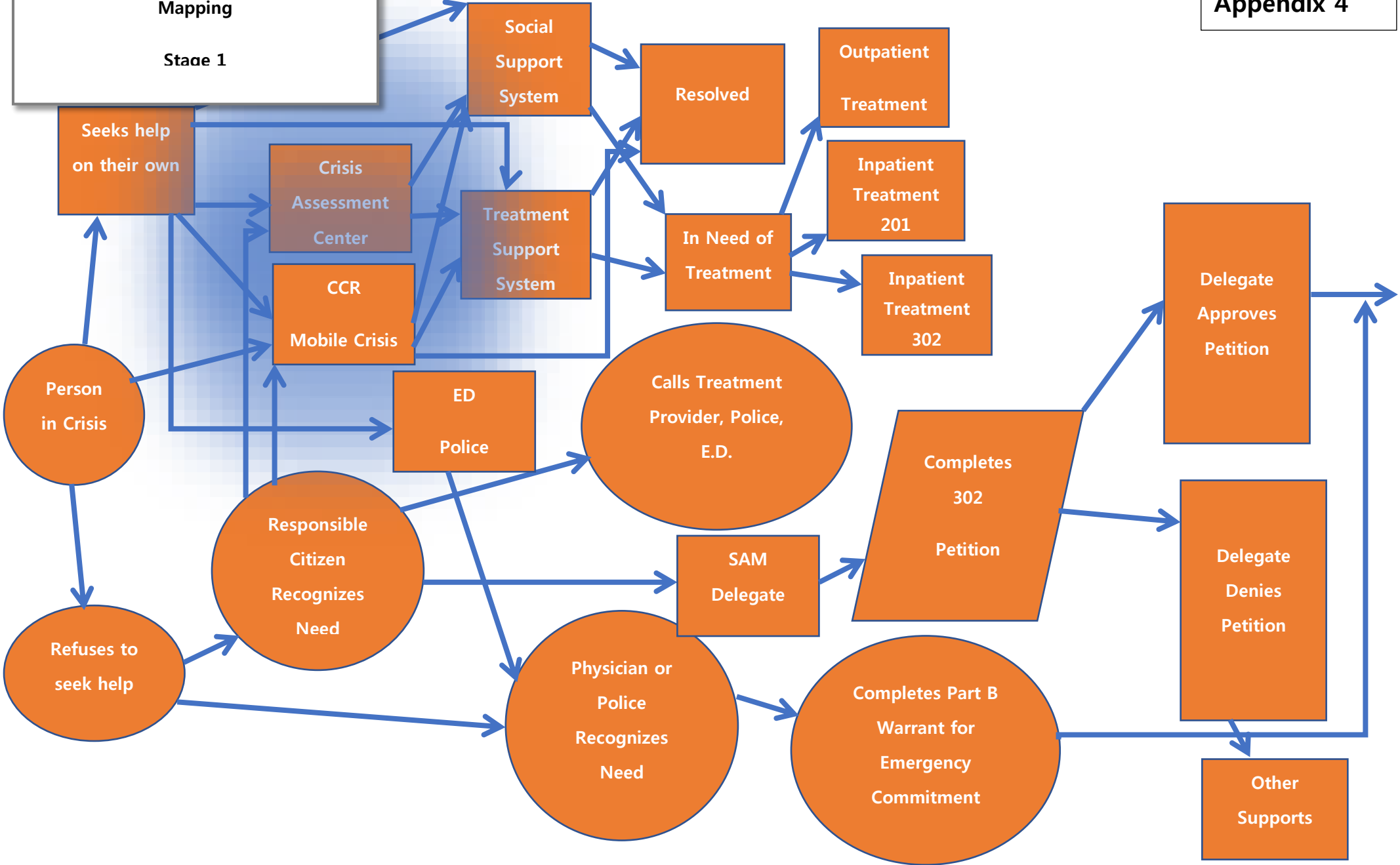


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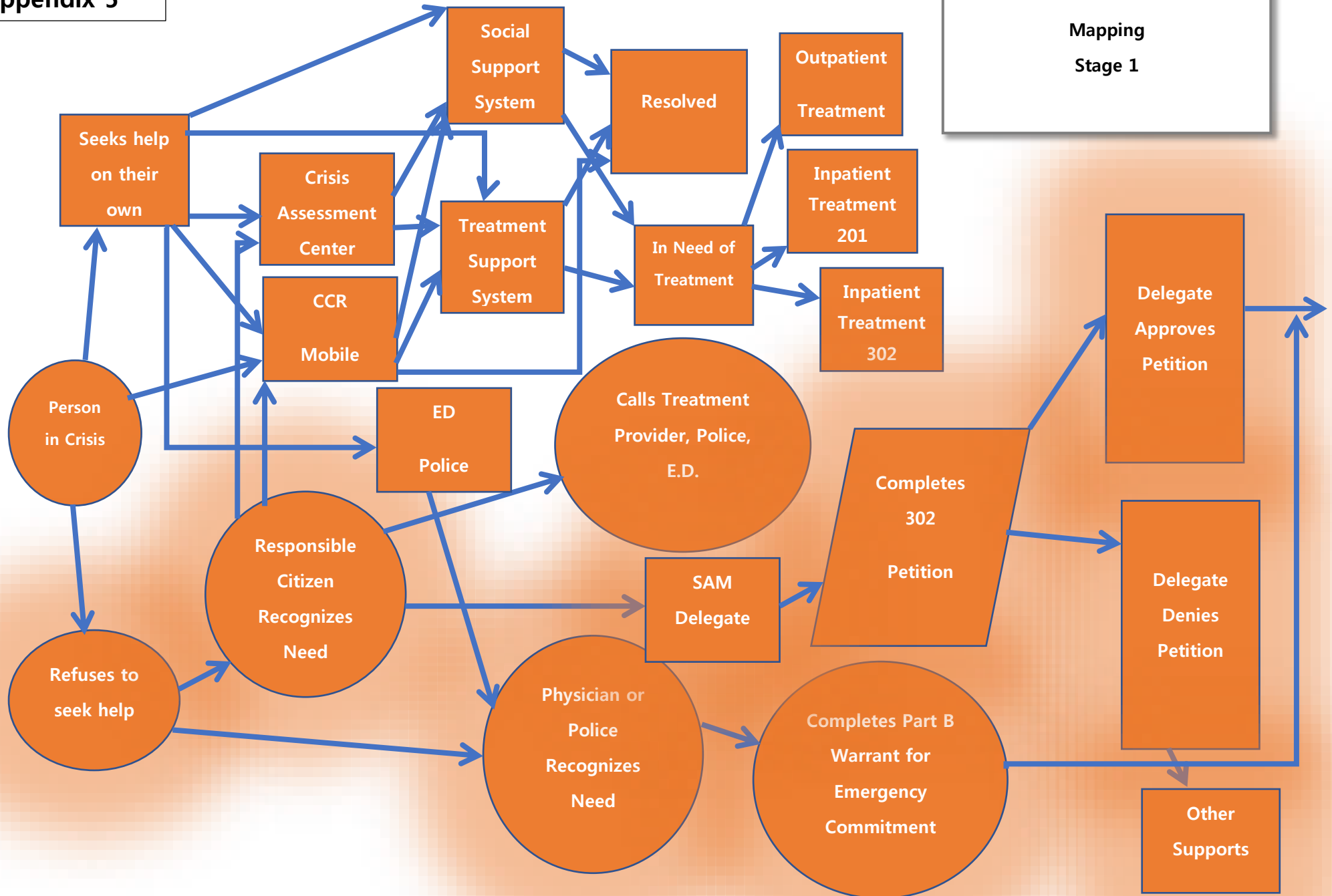


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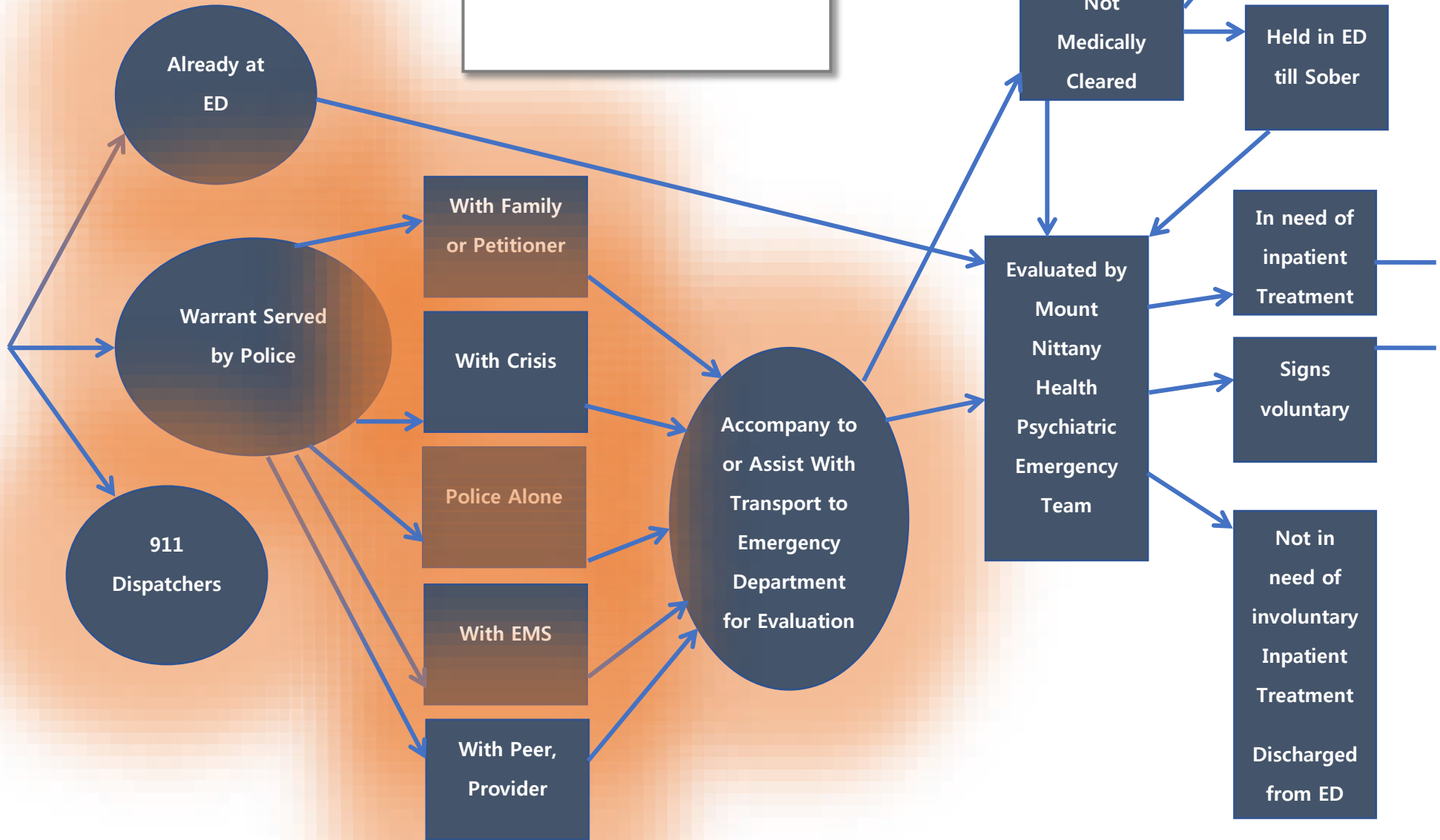
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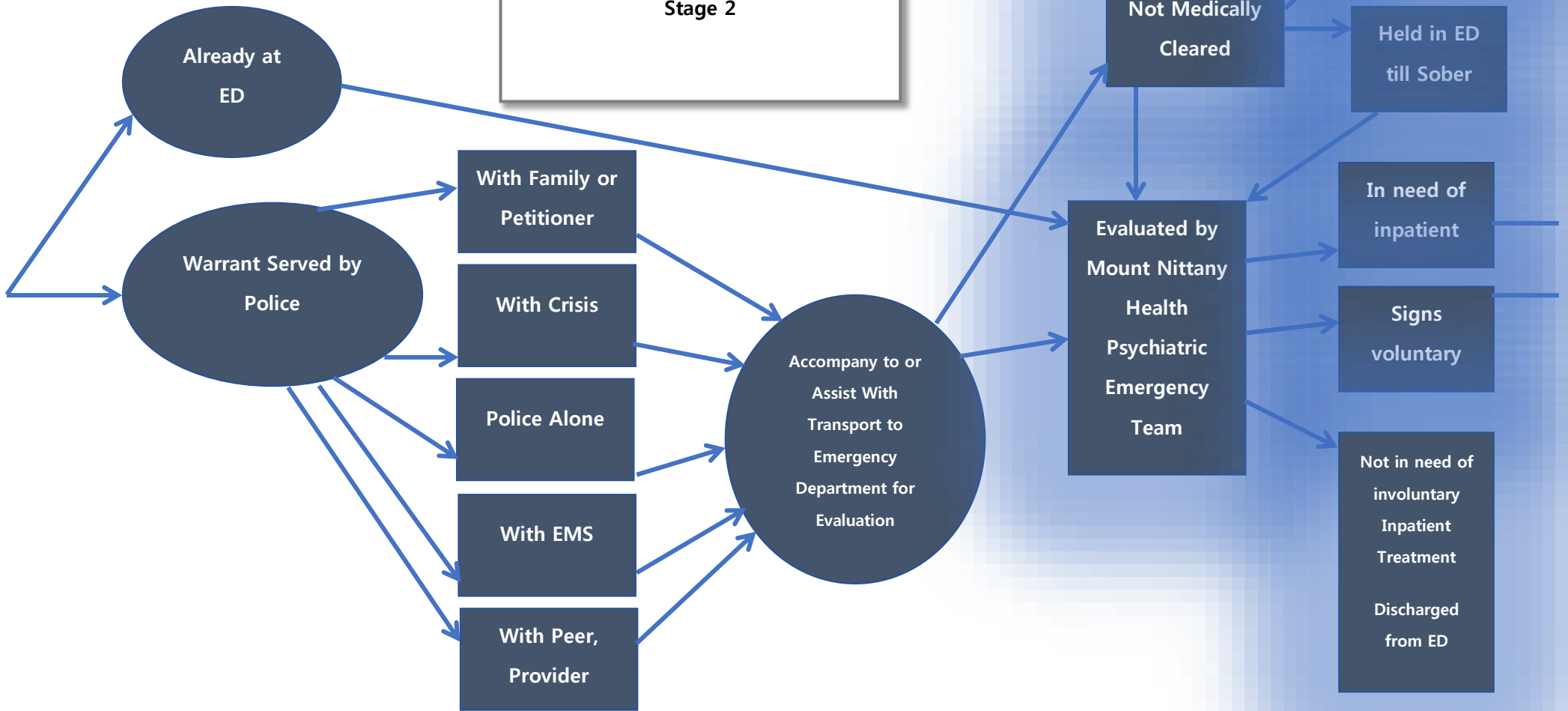
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Appendix 7

Civil Commitment Process Mapping Stage 2



APPENDIX B: Considerations for Future Reference

Here is a list of items from the Task Force discussions that were not included in the Key Recommendations; they are listed here as points of information from the work of the Task Force. Some of these may emerge from the work carried out in the various Key Recommendations. We kept them as part of the record of discussions for possible future reference.

1. Build a network of mental health professionals.
2. Create a warmline (early intervention hotline or drop-in service with emotional support free, confidential peer-support services).
3. Identify a list of local forensic peer specialists and their programs.
4. Promote community trainings to increase understanding of issues and existing resources.
5. Additional funding for mental health crisis services that could allow for improved salaries for staff.
6. Expect delegates to meet personally with each client, not rely on second-hand report.
7. Create additional hospital diversion programs (Crisis Residence, ACT team, Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Acute Case Management Programs), and create more follow up outpatient services, especially independent living supports.
8. Find alternatives to reliance on Emergency Department sites for evaluations.
9. More training should be given to CI and Delegate providers on crisis intervention and MHPA.
10. Provide more structured supervision and support, preparation, and training for delegates beyond initial group training; more clinical staff supervision for CI staff.
11. Develop an interactive, user-friendly map of services for consumers.

APPENDIX C: Public Meeting Summary (Not listed in any specific order)

- Consistent positive comments about the draft Task Force recommendations being a very good first step to enhancing the mental health crisis system in Centre County
- Executive Director of American Mental Wellness Association offered any assistance the MHWAA can provide to the work of the Task Force
- Interest in divesting guns from the service of involuntary commitment (302) warrants
- Advocacy should be broadened to include housing, food insecurity, medical care, and employment
- Cultural bias exists about persons suffering from serious mental illness
- Support for a co-responder or civilian crisis response team with CAHOOTS and STAR being two examples mentioned
- Need for more beds locally
- Importance of de-escalation as a focus in mental health crisis responses
- Additional training is necessary including in the following areas: Treating physician and psychiatrist, de-escalation, implicit bias, power and control dynamics, intersectionality, critical race theory, cultural capacity training,
- Need to address the outdated Pennsylvania law, including HIPAA restrictions
- Lack of access or inability for family members to be involved if the consumer does not approve
- Need for more persons of color as part of the mental health services provided
- Importance of securing funding to implement the Task Force recommendations
- Concern that jails have become mass incarceration housing units for those suffering from mental illness
- Pleased the Task Force included a focus on the impact of race in the mental health crisis system
- Importance of investing in psychiatric rehabilitation programs, transitional and permanent housing programs, a general "housing-first" approach in our community, and intensive assisted outpatient programs
- Other ideas suggested included: different types of peer support for consumers, mental health consumers weighing in on all new programs, accountability for providers, educating community and caseworkers on history of ableism in general but especially within mental health communities

APPENDIX D: Work Sheets for Gaps and Opportunities

	Gaps	Opportunities
<p>Crisis Interventions (CCR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of evidence-based modeling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MCO's (Managed Care Organizations) have minimal standards for crisis intervention that do not require evidence-based services. • Tracking Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCR reports it limits track first visit/contact and subsequent visits/contacts (No limitations in the numbers of times a person can utilize crisis intervention services) • Reduced walk-ins after COVID Waiver for telehealth allowed for service at walk in center to become limited. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to COVID concerns, it created shorter encounters. Probably less than 1 hour (from 1-1.5 hours) • Longer waiting time as service is expanded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting longer to receive care because of the increased number of people accessing crisis intervention. • Treating children under age 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adolescents who visit the center for a telehealth appointment require adult guidance and supervision to assure that they are using the session effectively • Inpatient Assistance Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During assessment, if in-patient is considered for individual, transferred to ED but occur as CCR does not do pre-certs or bed searches out of area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Peer Specialists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate peer services during a crisis service to allow for support and education. • Role of Follow Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to assume the role of a case manager for individuals who are released from the ER and who have been found to fail to meet the criteria for involuntary admission, and/or who refuse voluntary treatment. Connecting with those individuals with follow up services from crisis provider. • Data Tracking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCR has the capacity for development of a digital data management and tracking system, including a repository for client records and tracking contact information, that can store and provide information for the Delegate to access and later share with the ER staff and others.
<p>Delegate (SAM Inc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing on the client <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While SAM describes a handoff of information from CCR to SAM when a case is opened it is unclear what kind of information is shared and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing training and supervision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training and ongoing supervision in their role through support by SAM leadership

<p>whether that information makes it to the ER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAPS to using the 302 criteria - Personal care/medical care: the ongoing harm of active psychosis to the brain may be permanent. - Shelter: the inability to maintain housing due to the threat to others in the home. - Risk of harm related to involuntary hospitalization and treatment? • Staff Retention - High stress level that may lead to a quick turnover or burnout • Additional training and supervision needs - Individuals they are hiring as delegates don't have a lot of background/academic training - Defined ongoing support and oversight - Implicit Bias Training: Both at the beginning and ongoing to assist with decision making - Defined supervision for the preparation and ongoing clinical support for individuals who serve as delegates • Outdated MHPA from 1976 - Still requires only a licensed MD to do emergency exam part of it. - Psychiatrists don't do these evaluations rather than just ED doctors. • No assessment tool to determine 302 criteria for physicians and delegates • Delegates are not required to meet with individual perceives that they are relying on reports/hearsay from other people. • Transportation issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educating on the appropriate use of 302 criteria - Making recommendations for physician on the ED on the application of an involuntary commitment. • Communication - Explore procedures for CCR or other agencies (such as CAPS) to obtain client permission and share clinically relevant information about the person during involuntary commitment process. • Licensing - What opportunities are available that can bring us beyond minimum requirements for staffing and service of delegate? • Continued for expansions – alternatives - Example peer components to EDs - Alternatives to ED sites for evaluations - Allow for physician extenders because retention and recruitment are challenging.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law enforcement provides transport, not a mental health provider. - Limited Ambulance services for people with mental health crisis • Standardization issues - Prior provider had limited intake forms and electronic records. Current provider working for further documentation and electronic records. - Interview format: While delegates are introduced to the interview process to follow with consumers during their training, there is no evidence that they are provided with a structured interview format or other tool to apply and follow during their field work. • When the person does not meet “criteria”; - Follow up care for individual - Follow up supports for family and friends 	
Law Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited CIT training for Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) troopers • Unless trained in CIT, PSP troopers not recognizing the value of and completing the CIT Referral form. • Limited available transportation services • Limited services and resources for police when the person in crisis does not meet the 302 criteria. • Limitations or barriers to law enforcement serving as the 302 petitioner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of the new programs coming from District Attorney’s office • Resources for the Mental health well-being of the first responders • Additional collaboration on the overall mental health guidelines and protocols with all stakeholders • Mental health workers accompanying police for warrant process? • Emphasis or focus on mental health for crisis calls • Use of plainclothes and soft uniform attired police officers • Increased training for law enforcement and all stakeholders, including community trainings • Expanding documentation including expanded data collection • Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) • Build support from outside groups to work with/assist law enforcement
Emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variation in the process of patient admission accompanied by LE • Inpatient access to beds can be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing communication with within the system, i.e. MH/ID/EI/D&A, mobile and delegate services, LE and

Department	<p>delayed due to availability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for physicians and ED staff beyond minimum training, e.g. add best practices, in-depth mental health, implicit bias, 302 regulations decisions • Follow up for discharged patients if not a 302 for them, family, police if involved • Transportation locally, within county, distance in state • Systematic standardized process of communication with other agencies in crisis services • Standardizing 302 process for consistency across all involved in 302 decisions 	<p>ED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing education for all staff as it relates to mental health crisis diagnosis and response, intervention, de-escalation, cultural sensitivity • Establish a community agency collaborative forum connecting crisis, inpatient, outpatient, social service, and non-profit support organizations • Create and communicate a standard process for patients arriving by LE to ED • Enhance data gathering of patients served • Review recommendations in the State Government Joint Commission Report 2020 • Increase use of evidence-based assessments for risk of harm and of psychiatric consultations in ED
Issues within the System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disconnect/lack of coordination and sharing between police, 911 operator, mobile, and delegate personnel • Need for additional cultural competency/implicit bias training and understanding • Cultural considerations and understanding of implicit bias, racial equity • Adequate efficient sharing of pertinent patient information among involved responders within the system • Bridging the gap between mental health treatment inpatient/outpatient and incarceration as an outcome when police are involved • Uneven existence of electronic records for efficient sharing of data • Cut-off and no recovery of available funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2012 took a 10% cut and haven't recovered. Need to advocate funding for mental health just as much as for updates to MHPA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing a Crisis Team • Standardizing the process for the 302 • Need for greater Data-Collection and creation of a Data-Sharing system • Evidence-based assessment approach or tools (e.g., CAHOOTS, Co-responder Model) • Promote and enhance accessibility of mental health resources to the community • Organize a total team approach related to domestic, wellness checks, and mental health warrants • Increase training for cultural considerations • Explore standardizing the application of the 302 decision making process applying the MHPA regulations • Create a data-sharing system to track the system's effectiveness across populations and services using electronic records • Evidence-based assessments for risk of harm analysis/decisions

APPENDIX E: Definitions

302 Warrant – Legal means by which an individual may be involuntarily committed to a psychiatric institution for evaluation and treatment. Issued by designated mental health professionals upon submission of a petition attesting to the behavior or crisis that the individual is undergoing.

302(b) – provision allowing law enforcement officers or physicians to take an individual into custody for transportation to a psychiatric facility for evaluation and treatment. Must be based upon personal observations by the officer or physician of the individual's behavior and mental health crisis.

Center for Community Resources (CCR) – organization offering crisis assessment services and diversion from emergency rooms for individual experiencing a crisis yet not requiring medical treatment or security. Provides counseling, referrals, and specialists for mental health and behavioral health needs.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) – qualified first responders, law enforcement officers, and mental health professionals who have been trained in crisis resolution, de-escalation training, and knowledge of community-based resources.

Emergency Department (ED) – department of medical facility to which an individual experiencing mental health crisis may be taken for evaluation and services. In Centre County, the Mount Nittany Medical Center (MNMC) Emergency Department is most frequently utilized.

Delegate Services – responds to calls for mental health emergency or crises and has the ability to coordinate an individual's mental health needs. Used for petitions regarding involuntary hospitalization (302 warrants); contracted through SAM Inc. in Centre County

Mental Health Professionals/Mental Health Workers – licensed and/or certified providers of mental health and behavioral health services, such as Centre County MH/ID/EI, Center for Community Resources, hospitals and staff.

Mental Health Care Providers – include those persons designated as an individual's mental health decision maker or caretaker, such as family, nursing staff, support persons.

Serious Mental Illness – SMI is a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder than an adult has experienced in the past year that causes serious functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits at least one major life activity. Examples include schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depression, as well as the disorders that cause serious functional impairment.

Mental Health Procedures Act (MHPA) – Pennsylvania statute providing for mental health procedures and provisions within the Commonwealth (codified at 50 P. S. § 7101 - 7503). Most recently amended (updated) in October 2018 through Act 106.

MH/ID/EA Base Services Unit – Centre County Mental Health’s early intervention program/unit responsible for coordinating mental health crises and services for law enforcement and mental health professionals dealing with early intervention or emergency crisis situation.

Mobile Crisis Worker – provides crisis intervention, assessments, and support for emergency mental health screenings.

Service Access & Management, Inc. (SAM) – service provider offering case management and human services. Provides coordination services for veterans and those experiencing a mental health crisis, also provides emergency services.

Intersectionality – Exposing [one’s] multiple identities can help clarify the ways in which a person can simultaneously experience privilege and oppression.

Implicit Bias – Also known as unconscious or hidden bias, implicit biases are negative associations that people unknowingly hold.

Marginalized Groups – also known as vulnerable populations, oppressed populations, underrepresented populations, or undercounted populations in community indicators and recommendations.



Township of

FERGUSON

Pennsylvania

Proclamation

2021 ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Whereas, Ferguson Township celebrates the cultural and ethnic diversity that makes up the rich fabric of our community; and

Whereas, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors stands in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the Township and around the world against the systemic racism, xenophobia, and misogyny that has afflicted our fellow citizens for centuries in this country and around the world; and

Whereas, according to United States Census Bureau estimates, the AAPI population in Ferguson Township exceeds fifteen percent of our citizenry; and

Whereas, Ferguson Township, by adopting this proclamation, commits to making our community a welcoming and inviting place for AAPI residents, business owners, visitors, and students.

Now, therefore, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors does hereby designate May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and encourages all residents of Ferguson Township to celebrate the immeasurable value that our friends, families, and neighbors of AAPI heritage add to our quality of life.

Proclaimed this 19th day of April 2021.

Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors,

Laura Dininni, Chair

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER 10 HEALTH AND SAFETY, ADDING PART VII SECTION 10-701 APPLICATION; 10-702 DEFINITIONS; 10-703 RECREATIONAL FIRES; 10-704 BURNING LEAVES AND LEAF WASTE; 10-705 BURNING REFUSE AND TRADE WASTE PROHIBITED; 10-706 OPEN BURN PERMITS; 10-707 SAFETY ZONES FOR OPEN BURNS, SMOKERS AND RECREATIONAL FIRES; 10-708 SPECIAL PROHIBITIONS.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ferguson hereby ordains:

Chapter 10 Health and Safety - Part VII

10-701 Application.

In addition to the Centre Region Building Safety and Property Maintenance Code adopted by the Centre Region Council of Governments and Ferguson Township, the Township has adopted the following amendments and alterations.

10- 702 Definitions.

Leaf Waste - Leaves, garden residues, shrubbery, tree trimmings and similar material including grass clippings.

Open Burn – The burning of materials wherein the products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames, recreational fires or use of a portable outdoor fireplace. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

Refuse - All perishable animal and vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, and consumption of food; any solid or liquid material which, when ignited, creates toxic or noxious fumes, including but not limited to plastics, rubber, petrochemicals, furniture, carpets, rags, and old clothing; any waste not herein defined as leaf waste or trade waste.

Trade Waste - All solid or liquid waste material resulting from construction, building operations, or the performance of any business, trade, or industry including, but not limited to, asphalt shingles, electric wiring, plastic products, cartons, paint, grease, oil and other petroleum products, chemicals, cinders, processed wood, shrubs, plants, and vegetation as part of a commercial landscape business, and other forms of solid or liquid waste materials; provided, however, that trade waste shall not include any coal refuse associated with the mining or preparation of coal.

Recreational Fire – An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish, leaf or leaf waste where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area 3 feet (914mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

Red Flag Warning – A warning issued by the National Weather Service indicating critical fire weather conditions are expected due to a combination of warm temperatures, low humidity, and strong wind conditions.

10-703 Recreational Fires.

Recreational fires shall only use dried wood not painted, stained or treated lumber.

10-704 Burning of leaves and leaf waste.

No person shall burn leaves or leaf waste for any reason within Ferguson Township.

10-705 Burning refuse and trade waste prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to burn refuse or trade waste.

10-706 Open Burn Permits.

Open burning shall be prohibited in all zoning districts within the regional growth boundary and in all residential districts (R1, R2, R3 and R4) across the Township.

10-707 Safety zone for open burns, smokers and recreational fires.

All open burns and smokers shall be at least 50 feet from adjacent property lines and recreational fires shall have a minimum of 20 feet from adjacent property lines. Additionally, open burn permits shall require the applicant to maintain a 30-foot clearing around the fire.

Additionally, recreational fires must be more than 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material or conditions which could cause the fire to spread.

10-708 Special Prohibitions.

Open Burning and recreational fires and (fireworks) shall be prohibited for the duration of any Red Flag Warning, or any drought watch, drought warning or emergency declaration.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 19th day of April 2021.

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

By: _____
Laura Dininni, Chair
Board of Supervisors

[S E A L]

ATTEST:

By: _____
David G. Pribulka, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CONDEMNING ACTS OF HATRED, BIAS, AND EXCLUSIONARY BEHAVIOR TOWARDS PEOPLE OF COLOR, ESPECIALLY ASIANS, ASIAN-AMERICANS, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS “AAPI”, AND JOINS OTHER COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD IN PURSUIT OF RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUITY.

WHEREAS, recent attacks and acts of hate against people of color and members of the AAPI community have escalated across the United States with the rise of nativistic attitudes exhibited on social media and broadcast journalism and AAPI groups are being scapegoated; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a history of systemic racism in our institutions and the misconception persists that AAPI are non-American or even foreigners in their own country; and

WHEREAS, the United States has engaged in more than a century of racial targeting of AAPI including the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the detention of 120,000 innocent Japanese Americans during WWII and more recently the last administration’s attempt to add a citizenship question to the United States census; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021, the Office of the President issued an executive order recognizing the federal government’s role in furthering harmful acts against members of the AAPI community across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation recognizes the gap in data collection and public reporting of hate incidents, and the Office of the President has called for expanding data collection and public reporting of hate incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the President has called for partnership with state and local governments to prevent discrimination against Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has issued a statement condemning racial violence against AAPI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Ferguson Township remains committed to ensuring that everyone in our community has equitable access to resources and equal protection under the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Ferguson Township recognizes that if a member of our community is the victim of racially motivated bias of violence, or has the potential to be, it is incumbent on the governing body to implement measures to address that violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Ferguson Township calls on our neighbors in our community and around the nation and globe to respect human dignity and stop bias, prejudice, and hate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Ferguson Township urges all businesses, educational institutions, and community organizations to stop discrimination against patrons and students, and to stand up against acts of hate or bias.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Ferguson Township recognizes that true change requires participation and acceptance of the entire community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Ferguson Township stands united with our fellow municipalities and the Centre Region Council of Governments in making the Centre Region a welcoming, safe, livable, and vibrant community for all.

RESOLVED, this 19th day of April 2021.

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

By: _____
Laura Dininni, Chair
Board of Supervisors

[S E A L]

ATTEST:

By: _____
David G. Pribulka, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM PLAN AND PROCESS FOR INTEGRATING GREEN
INFRASTRUCTURE INTO TOWNSHIP PARKS.**

WHEREAS, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance and the potential for environmental benefits with an increased number of green infrastructure features within Ferguson Township parks; and

WHEREAS, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors recognizes the value in having a standard approach to converting a designated area into an interconnected network of open space within Township parks by approving a green infrastructure policy; and

WHEREAS, the policy will establish a program plan with park classifications, definitions, and examples of green infrastructure spaces as well as formalizes a process for integrating green infrastructure into appropriate park areas with written maintenance plans and procedures provided for each approved green infrastructure within Township parks.

NOW THEREFORE, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors adopts the Ferguson Township Green Infrastructure Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

RESOLVED this 19th day of April 2021.

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

By: _____
Laura Dininni, Chair
Board of Supervisors

[S E A L]

ATTEST:

David G. Pribulka, Secretary

Ferguson Township Park Green Infrastructure Policy

I. Purpose

- a. Ferguson Township recognizes the importance of maintaining the condition, accessibility, and safety of its naturalized environments to serve as a green feature or green infrastructure in developed and undeveloped parks. The focus of this policy is to establish a program plan with definitions and a process for integrating green infrastructure into appropriate park areas and formalize how and when maintenance plans and procedures are created for approved green infrastructures within Township Parks.

II. Definitions

a. Park Classifications

- i. **Mini Parks** – Smallest park type, addresses limited recreation need. Provides close to home recreation. Requires high level of maintenance associated with well-developed park and playground and high visitation.
 - ii. **Neighborhood Parks** – Focus of neighborhood; in walking/biking distance of visitors. Provides access to basic recreation opportunities. Contributes to neighborhood identity. Establishes sense of community. Requires high level of maintenance associated with well-developed park and reasonably high visitation.
 - iii. **Regional/Community Parks** – Large park for active and passive recreation; serves residents municipality-wide. Accommodates large groups. Variety of recreation opportunities for all ages and interests. Space for organized, large scale, high participation events, family destination with fitness and wellness opportunities. Requires mixed level of maintenance associated with moderate level of development, budget restrictions, inability to perform higher levels of maintenance. Potential for park “friends” or adopt a-park-partner.
 - iv. **Natural Preserve** – An area of land within a municipal park that is managed to conserve wildlife or plant habitat or other natural features. Protects resources. Provides opportunities for environmental education. Requires lower level of maintenance.
- b. Natural Areas** – Also referred to as “Natural Resource Areas” that are designated areas within municipal parks for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering. Designed with minimal recreational use and vary in size depending on the existing resource.
- c. Green Infrastructure** refers to an interconnected network of open space within municipal parks consisting of natural areas and other green features that protects ecosystem functions and contribute to clean air and water. Examples include the following:
- i. **planted meadow(s)** – designated area purposefully planted with native grass, forbe, and wildflower seed to provide food sources and habitat for wildlife and pollinators. Low-mow and planted meadows are examples.
 - ii. **meadow(s)** - designated area where existing site vegetation is evaluated to identify and remove invasive species with a continued maintenance plan to

prevent the spread of invasive species from park to park. Low-mow and no-mow meadows are examples.

iii. **Grow Zone** – refers to all types of meadows, with native seed mix plantings or natural vegetation growth,

iv. **Pollinator gardens and plots** - designated area that is planted with specific plant types beneficial to pollinators in a designed garden. Used for demonstration and educational purposes. Typically requires ongoing maintenance including weeding, mulching, trimming, plant care.

d. **Undeveloped area** – an area within the park that is not for active use.

e. **Future phase of development** – a designated area within the park planned to be develop in a future phase of development.

III. Pre-Planning and Assessment for Green Infrastructure

a. Ferguson Township parks may be evaluated to determine whether naturalizing a park area would benefit the park setting, expand or enhance habitat areas, and/or provide a sustainable landscape.

b. Various site conditions have an impact on determining the most appropriate natural area practices available, or how a specific practice must be adapted to meet the physical constraints of the site. Examples include, but are not limited to location, soil conditions, space availability or size and shape of existing parkland or land slated for park redevelopment, the need to integrate green infrastructure practices into existing landscapes, stormwater infrastructure or existing site features such as structures, mature trees, or other existing natural resources and rights-of-way within local municipal parks.

c. **Funding Prepare** a cost estimate and identify for consideration a diverse support of funding streams including municipal designated dollars, grants, volunteer hours or in-kind donations in the form of donated goods and services.

d. **Community Involvement** Prepare a design for naturalizing park areas shall include an invitation to community members such as residents, nearby businesses, community organizations to engage early and often in the planning, design, and implementation process. Involving stakeholders at the beginning shall support equity and inclusivity through listening and empowering community involvement.

IV. Process for Integrating Green Infrastructure into Appropriate Park Areas

a. To identify and/or determine facilities, improvements, and appropriate park areas that shall be considered suitable for conversion to a natural environment, an established multidisciplinary team approach is required as part of the park planning process. Integrating naturalized areas for sustainable green infrastructure into existing parks, expanded parks and new park sites is accomplished through a park assessment and planning process or through the development of a Park Master Plan.

b. The park assessment and planning process may be initiated following a citizen request, staff recommendation, Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation or is directed by the Township Manager or Board of Supervisors. The park assessment and planning

process reviews Township Parks and considers the needs and interests of visitors, appropriateness of facilities, potential need for green stormwater facilities, and opportunities to integrate naturalized areas and functional improvements and consideration is given to any issues that need addressed.

- c. All requests and recommendations shall be submitted for review by completing the online Ferguson Township Parks and Recreation (FTPR) Request Form for Green Infrastructure. The form is received by the Township Manager and Assistant to the Manager and will initiate the formal park assessment and planning process review. Commitment to construct green infrastructure when approved will be contingent on available resources, budget, site constraints, and other variables.
 - i. Requests or recommendations for a naturalized area to be integrated into an existing park or part of new park shall be reviewed first by the Township Manager to evaluate the nature of the request or recommendation to confirm or deny that the scope of work is within the purview of the Township.
 - 1. If the scope of the work being requested is not permitted for the park property owner, the Manager will dismiss the request or recommendation.
 - 2. If the scope of work is within the purview of the Township, the Manager will require the formal process as outlined in this policy for integrating the naturalized area(s) into appropriate park settings and initiate the process for review.
 - ii. Ferguson Township Manager or Assistant to the Manager, Arborist, Geographic Information System (GIS) Technician will coordinate with CRPR Parks Maintenance Supervisor to attend a field view to observe, discuss and list options for naturalizing the park areas based on request or recommendation.
 - iii. Parks and Recreation Committee reviews and discusses the options for naturalizing the park areas as proposed by Township and CRPR staff to generate conceptual idea(s) to be mapped in a site development drawing.
 - iv. At the direction of the Township Manager, staff will prepare a site development map illustrating the natural area within the park for review and acceptance.
 - v. In collaboration with the Township Arborist and CRPR, the Parks and Recreation Committee will recommend a maintenance plan, site development plan, and brief narrative to describe the design of the naturalized area.
 - vi. Parks and Recreation Committee provides a recommendation for the Board of Supervisors to accept and approve for staff to implement the natural area for an initial observational period of 6 months.
 - 1. Signage posted at the site as part of implementation is required.
 - 2. The public is encouraged to provide input in the form of an opinion survey available in print form in the office or online;
 - 3. Five months after the site feature has been developed in the park setting, the Board of Supervisors will opinion survey results and staff input to take

action at a regular meeting to conclude the six months observational period.

vii. At a Regular Meeting, the Board of Supervisors will take action to:

1) authorize advertisement of a resolution to approve a map with the natural area as a new site feature on the park plan; or 2) propose an amendment, direct staff to update the map and advertise a resolution at a future meeting after repeating steps 4(c)iii to 4(c)vi.; or 3) deny the request.

V. Operations and maintenance

- a. Maintenance plans and procedures to ensure long-term maintenance for each green infrastructure feature shall be collaboratively prepared with Centre Region Parks and Recreation Agency in written form within 60 days of the Board of Supervisors accepting and approving the implementation of the naturalized area.
- b. The maintenance plan for each green infrastructure shall include the following:
 - i. Identification of staff resources for routine inspections and maintenance. Consideration on which municipal departments have the equipment and skill to inspect and maintain the green infrastructure and determine what, if any, training is required.
 - ii. Identify the common problems that require non-routine maintenance to aid staff in the field inspecting naturalized areas. Common problems that trigger non-routine maintenance include excess sediment accumulation, trash, debris, overgrown vegetation, dead or diseased vegetation, signs of erosion or standing water present more than 72 hours of a rainstorm.
 - iii. Establish and continuously update to incorporate green infrastructure maintenance triggers and remedial actions. Maintenance schedules will be updated and set for each type of practice based on the approved naturalized area, and a tracking system shall be in place to ensure that maintenance is performed as prescribed.
 - iv. Secure funding for annual maintenance in the Operation Budget. Staff will prepare and provide a cost estimate budget for each naturalized area to the Township Manager or Assistant to the Manager.
 - v. Enlist the help of volunteers for routine maintenance, such as removing trash and weeds, can be accomplished and permitted with record of a volunteer waiver signed and on file.
 - vi. Evaluate equipment needed to maintain green infrastructure and determine if additional equipment is needed to note in maintenance plan. Or establish procedures for cleaning equipment in effort to prevent the spread of invasive species and include in the maintenance plan for the naturalized area being approved.

PAY APP#4 FINAL

APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT

AIA Form

TO OWNER: Ferguson Township
3147 Research Drive
State College, PA 16801

PROJECT: Contract 2020-C3
CIPP Lining

APPLICATION NO: 004
PERIOD TO: '1/15/2021 - 4/5/2021
CONTRACT FOR: 2020-C3
CONTRACT DATE: 9/25/2020

FROM National Water Main Cleaning
CONTRACTOR: 1806 Newark Turnpike
Kearny, NJ 07032

CONTRACTOR'S APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

Application is made for payment, as shown below, in connection with the Contract. Continuation Sheet is attached.

1. ORIGINAL CONTRACT SUM.....	\$386,262.00
2. Net change by Change Orders.....	\$7,605.00
3. CONTRACT SUM TO DATE (Line 1+2).....	\$393,867.00
4. TOTAL COMPLETED AND STORED TO DATE.....	\$ 393,869.68 ✓
5. RETAINAGE (5% of completed work)	\$ -
6. TOTAL EARNED LESS RETAINAGE (Line 4 Less Line 5)	\$ 393,869.68 ✓
7. LESS PREVIOUS CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT	\$ 374,176.20 ✓
(Line 6 from prior Certificate)	
8 CURRENT PAYMENT DUE	\$ 19,693.48 ✓
9 BALANCE TO FINISH, INCLUDING RETAINAGE	-\$2.68
(Line 3 less Line 6)	

CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Contractor certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information and belief the Work covered

by this Application for Payment has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents. That all amounts have

been paid by

CONTRACTOR:

National Water Main Cleaning
1806 Newark Turnpike
Kearny, NJ 07032

BY: Javiel E. Rivera Jr Date 4/5/2021

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT

In accordance with the Contract Documents, Based on on-site observations and the data comprising this application, the Engineer certifies to the Owner that to the best of the Engineer's knowledge, information and belief the Work has progressed as indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with Contract Documents, and the Contractor is entitled to payment of the AMOUNT CERTIFIED.

AMOUNT CERTIFIED

\$19,693.48 PAY PTS

(Attach an explanation if amount certified differs from the amount applied. Initial all figures on this Application and on the Continuation Sheet that are changed to conform with the amount certified.)

Engineer:

BY:

Ryan Seal

Date: 4/6/21

This certificate is not negotiable. The AMOUNT CERTIFIED is payable only to the Contractor named herein. Issuance, payment & acceptance of payment are without prejudice to any rights of the Owner or Contractor under this Contract.

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS
Total changes approved in previous months by Owner	\$0.00	-\$8,634.00
Total approved this Month	\$16,239.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00
NET CHANGES by Change Order		\$7,605.00

2020-C3
PAY APP#4 (FINAL)
ACCT #: 32.439.610
PAY \$19,693.48

Ryan Seal

Ferguson Township
National Water Main Cleaning Company
Lining Project
Contract 2020-C3: CIPP Lining
Payment Request No. 4

National Water Main Cleaning Company
1806 Newark Turnpike
Kearny, NJ 07032

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	BID				PREVIOUS APPLICATION		THIS PERIOD		TOTAL COMPLETED AND STORED TO DATE	TOTAL QUANTITY TO DATE	%	BALANCE TO FINISH	RETAINAGE
		QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	CONTRACT AMOUNT	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	AMOUNT					
6080001	Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	0.88	\$10,560.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$10,560.00	0.88	88.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ -
9010001	Maintenance & Protection of Traffic During Construction	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	0.88	\$13,200.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$13,200.00	0.88	88.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -
90000001	UVCIPP 12" Dia. Liner	119	LF	\$ 132.00	\$ 15,708.00	26.90	\$3,550.80	0.00	\$0.00	\$3,550.80	26.90	22.61	\$ 12,157.20	\$ -
90000002	UVCIPP 15" Dia. Liner	1,843	LF	\$ 67.00	\$ 123,481.00	1,586.74	\$106,311.58	0.00	\$0.00	\$106,311.58	1,586.74	86.10	\$ 17,169.42	\$ -
90000003	UVCIPP 18" Dia. Liner	1,166	LF	\$ 108.00	\$ 125,928.00	1,145.80	\$123,746.40	0.00	\$0.00	\$123,746.40	1,145.80	98.27	\$ 2,181.60	\$ -
	UVCIPP 20" Dia. Liner	268	LF	\$ 117.50		315.00	\$37,012.50	0.00	\$0.00	\$37,012.50	315.00	#DIV/0!	\$ (37,012.50)	\$ -
9000004	UVCIPP 24" Dia. Liner	320	LF	\$ 121.50	\$ 38,880.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 38,880.00	\$ -
90000005	UVCIPP 30" Dia. Liner	330	LF	\$ 142.50	\$ 47,025.00	343.10	\$48,891.75	0.00	\$0.00	\$48,891.75	343.10	103.97	\$ (1,866.75)	\$ -
9000006	UVCIPP 36" Dia. Liner	238	LF	\$ 201.50	\$ 47,957.00	251.10	\$50,596.65	0.00	\$0.00	\$50,596.65	251.10	105.50	\$ (2,639.65)	\$ -
					\$ 425,979.00		\$393,869.68		\$0.00	\$393,869.68			\$ 32,109.32	\$ -

2020-C3 Pay App

Quantities
4/6/2021

"Bid" length is based on GIS end of pipe to end of pipe
Liner length should be length from middle of inlet to middle of inlet to account for additional length of liner for safety cap and seal to cure liner. This is reflected in "Ferg." qty.
Liner completed to date and verified by Ryan for Pay App 2
Liner completed to date and verified by Ryan for Pay App 3

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP QTYS.

Catch Basin Start	Catch Basin End	Pipe Material	12" Dia. CIPP Length (FT)						15" Dia. CIPP Length (FT)						18" Dia. CIPP Length (FT)						20" Dia. CIPP Length (FT)													
			Bid	NWMCC	Ferg.	Pay App 1	Pay App 2	Pay App 3	Bid	NWMCC	Ferg.	Pay App 1	Pay App 2	Pay App 3	Bid	NWMCC	Ferg.	Pay App 1	Pay App 2	Pay App 3	Bid	NWMCC	Ferg.	Pay App 1	Pay App 2	Pay App 3								
BA8	SA2	CMP							40.3	43.8	46.8			46.8																				
SA1	SA2	CMP	21.9	24.9	26.9			26.9																										
SA2	SA3	CMP							88	91.7	94.7			94.7																				
SA3	SA4	CMP								107	110				110	103.4	SHOULD BE 15"																	
SA4	CON7	CMP													43						44.42	47.42				47.42								
SA7	SA8	CMP													SHOULD BE 15"	22.1	24.6	26.6		26.6														
SA8	SA10	CMP																			263.6	267.6				267.6								
SA9	SA10	CMP														24	24.5	26.5		26.5														
SA9	SA11	CMP							326	331.2	335.17			335.17																				
BCD5	BCD4	CMP														243	243.1	247		247														
BCD4	BCD3	CMP							104	105	109			109																				
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BCD3	SHE13	CMP							241	242.1	245			245																				
SHE13	SHE14	CMP							24	24.4	26.4			26.4																				
BCD2	WT2	CMP							46	48.8	50.8			50.8																				
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Applicant Information:

Name of Applicant/Authorized Agent: Joy Killian Date: 4-5-21
Address of Sponsor or Organization: 1319 Harris Phone: 237-2836
State College, PA 16803 Cell: 883-8511
Email Address: joyvincentkillian@gmail.com Fax: _____
Primary Contact: _____ Phone: _____
Secondary Contact: Richard Killian Phone: 883-0010
Date and time of Activity: Sun. May 30 From: 4:00 PM To: 6:00 PM
Rain Date (if applicable): Mon. May 31 From: 4:00 PM To: 6:00 PM

Activity Detail:

Describe your event in detail using additional sheets, if necessary:

Overlook Heights Neighborhood Block Party on N. Hills PI from Allen St to Curtin

One side of N. Hills PI used for neighbors to bring chairs and 10x10 shade pop-ups. Children can ride bikes.

No food given away or sold. We would BYOB. Face painting, chalk drawing and social distancing in masks.

Will this event be held solely on sidewalks and/or bikeways? No Yes

Does your event require a street closure? No Yes

If yes, select the type of road that will be closed: (For more information, see attached map and list)

- State Road(s) Only (Additional Form Required: PennDOT TE-300 Form)
- Local Road(s) Only

State Road(s) and Local Road(s) (Additional Form Required: PennDOT TE-300 Form)

Listed in order of route, what street(s) would you like closed for this event? (Use additional sheets, if necessary)

T 794 N. Hills Place

How long will the street closure be in effect? From: 3:30PM To: 6:30PM

Will the event cross any municipal or state roads? Yes No

If yes, please indicate which roads the procession will cross:

Linn Street and Harris Street at N. Hills Place. Because our neighborhood has 4 blocks by 3 blocks it would be easy for anyone to use either Allen or Curtain to drive around.

Will the event procession cross any state roads? Yes No
(If yes, submit PennDOT TE-300 Form)

Municipal/Regional Park Usage:

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Name: (Print) _____ Title of Official: _____

Signature: _____ Date of Approval: _____

Charitable Cause:

Is the Sponsor an organization with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status? Yes No

If this event is to benefit a charitable organization, please identify that organization:

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Health Considerations:

Will there be food and drink provided to the public at this event? Yes No

If yes, have you made arrangements for approval/inspections with the Department of Ordinance Enforcement and Public Health? Yes No

If no, please complete the form that is attached to this application and obtain approval prior to submission of this application.

The Applicant recognizes and AGREES that Ferguson Township requires the proposed event to be conducted in such a manner that minimizes disruption to township residents and be within the limits established by existing ordinances. By signing below, the Applicant AGREES to protect, defend, indemnify and hold Ferguson Township and its officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising directly or indirectly from this event. The Applicant further AGREES to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend any such claims, etc., at the Applicant's sole expense and AGREES to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if such claims are groundless, false or fraudulent.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: ROUTING FOR APPROVAL

Police Dept. _____ _____ Public Works Dept. _____ _____

Health Dept. _____ _____ Township Manager _____ _____

THIS SERVES AS YOUR PERMIT

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors **approved** your application on:

Conditions (if any) are as follows: _____

Signature of Chairperson or authorized representative: _____

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 Primary Contact: _____ Phone: _____
 Secondary Contact: Richard Killian Phone: 883-0010
 Date and time of Activity: Sat. June 19 From: 4:00 PM To: 6:00 PM
 Rain Date (if applicable): Sun. June 20 From: 4:00 PM To: 6:00 PM

Activity Detail:

Describe your event in detail using additional sheets, if necessary:

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 Primary Contact: _____ Phone: _____
 Secondary Contact: Richard Killian Phone: 883-0010
 Date and time of Activity: Sat. July 17 From: 4:00 PM To: 6:00 PM
 Rain Date (if applicable): Sun. July 18 From: 4:00 PM To: 6:00 PM

Activity Detail:

Describe your event in detail using additional sheets, if necessary:

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Name: (Print) _____ Title of Official: _____

Signature: _____ Date of Approval: _____

Charitable Cause:

Is the Sponsor an organization with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status? Yes No

If this event is to benefit a charitable organization, please identify that organization:

Health Considerations:

Will there be food and drink provided to the public at this event? Yes No

If yes, have you made arrangements for approval/inspections with the Department of Ordinance Enforcement and Public Health? Yes No

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The Applicant recognizes and AGREES that Ferguson Township requires the proposed event to be conducted in such a manner that minimizes disruption to township residents and be within the limits established by existing ordinances. By signing below, the Applicant AGREES to protect, defend, indemnify and hold Ferguson Township and its officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising directly or indirectly from this event. The Applicant further AGREES to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend any such claims, etc., at the Applicant's sole expense and AGREES to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if such claims are groundless, false or fraudulent.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: ROUTING FOR APPROVAL

Police Dept.	_____	_____	Public Works Dept.	_____	_____
Health Dept.	_____	_____	Township Manager	_____	_____

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State Road – A highway or bridge on the system of highways and bridges over which the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has assumed or has been legislatively given jurisdiction.

Any change in this application, regardless of progress in the approval process, must be resubmitted and routed through the same channels as if it were a new application.

Applicant Information:

Name of Applicant/Authorized Agent: Joy Killian Date: 4-5-21
Address of Sponsor or Organization: 1319 Harris Phone: 237-2836
State College, PA 16803 Cell: 883-8511
Email Address: joyvincentkillian@gmail.com Fax: _____
Primary Contact: _____ Phone: _____
Secondary Contact: Richard Killian Phone: 883-0010
Date and time of Activity: Sat. Aug. 14 From: 4:00 PM To: 6:00 PM
Rain Date (if applicable): Sun. Aug. 15 From: 4:00 PM To: 6:00 PM

Activity Detail:

Describe your event in detail using additional sheets, if necessary:
Overlook Heights Neighborhood Block Party on N. Hills Pl from Allen St to Curtin

One side of N. Hills Pl used for neighbors to bring chairs and 10x10 shade pop-ups. Children can ride bikes.

No food given away or sold. We would BYOB. Face painting, chalk drawing and social distancing in masks.

Will this event be held solely on sidewalks and/or bikeways? No Yes

Does your event require a street closure? No Yes

If yes, select the type of road that will be closed: (For more information, see attached map and list)

- State Road(s) Only (Additional Form Required: PennDOT TE-300 Form)
- Local Road(s) Only

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State Road(s) and Local Road(s) (Additional Form Required: PennDOT TE-300 Form)

Listed in order of route, what street(s) would you like closed for this event? (Use additional sheets, if necessary)

T 794 N. Hills Place

How long will the street closure be in effect? From: 3:30PM To: 6:30PM

Will the event cross any municipal or state roads? Yes No

If yes, please indicate which roads the procession will cross:

Linn Street and Harris Street at N. Hills Place. Because our neighborhood has 4 blocks by 3 blocks it would be easy for anyone to use either Allen or Curtain to drive around.

Will the event procession cross any state roads? Yes No
(If yes, submit PennDOT TE-300 Form)

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Police Dept. _____ _____ Public Works Dept. _____ _____

Health Dept. _____ _____ Township Manager _____ _____

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 Primary Contact: _____ Phone: _____
 Secondary Contact: Richard Killian Phone: 883-0010
 Date and time of Activity: Sat. Sept 4 From: 4:00 PM To: 6:00 PM
 Rain Date (if applicable): Sun. Sept 5 From: 4:00 PM To: 6:00 PM

Activity Detail:

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No food given away or sold. We would BYOB. Face painting, chalk drawing and social distancing in masks.

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Signs / Fee:

Public Works Director Dave Modricker recommended specific signs and proper placement of those signs to safely close the roadway.

Fee to be determined by the Township Manager.

COVID-19 Considerations

See attached temporary emergency ordinance (1064) specifically section 2, Face Coverings Required and section 5, Limitations on Gathering Sizes. The regulations expire upon Pennsylvania Department of Health and Centre Region Council of Governments Declarations or June 30, 2021, whichever date is earlier.

ORDINANCE NO. 1064

AN EXTENSION OF A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS AND IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

WHEREAS, Ferguson Township is currently in the midst of a pandemic resulting from the aggressive spread of the COVID-19 virus across the globe. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has issued a Disaster Declaration directing behavioral modifications and limitations as expressed herein. Until such time as an effective cure or vaccine is developed, the only effective method to combat the spread of COVID-19 is through limiting exposure to the virus; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the obligation of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors to promulgate regulations in the interest of the general health, safety, and welfare of the Township and its residents, the restrictions enacted are intended to minimize risk to the public health, and reduce pressure on healthcare providers and pharmaceutical companies by lowering the rate and risk of infection; and

WHEREAS, the governments of the United States of America, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Centre County, and the Centre Region Council of Governments have each declared states of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the primary purpose of this Ordinance is to clarify the requirements of public behavior throughout the recovery process; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance #1060 establishing limitations on gathering sizes and requiring the wearing of face coverings in certain settings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in an effort to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Board of Supervisors hereby extends the temporary emergency ordinance (Ordinance #1060) as amended and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" through the expiration of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Centre Region Council of Governments Emergency Declarations or June 30, 2021, whichever date is earlier.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 18th day of January, 2021.

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

By: _____

Laura Dininni, Chair
Board of Supervisors

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

David G. Pribulka, Secretary

Exhibit "A"

ORDINANCE NO. 1060

A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS AND IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

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WHEREAS, the governments of the United States of America, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Centre County, and the Centre Region Council of Governments have each declared states of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the primary purpose of this Ordinance is to clarify the requirements of public behavior throughout the recovery process; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is intended to expire with the lifting of the states of emergency declarations by the political subdivisions described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in an effort to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the following regulations and restrictions are in effect:

SECTION 1. Definitions

Business. All commercial, retail, wholesale, professional, and service establishments, whether for profit or not for profit, if members of the public, guests, clients, customers, and/or persons who are not family or household members may enter or otherwise come into contact with owners, operators, or employees.

Face Covering. A clean cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers both the mouth and nose, including, but not limited to surgical masks, respirators, face shields, handmade or homemade masks, bandanas, neck gaiters, scarves, or wraps made up on tightly woven fabric such as denim or cotton.

Household. All persons living in the same dwelling unit. It does not include the residents of separate dwelling units at the same location, such as may be the case at a residence hall, apartment complex, or other multi-unit residence.

In Contact. The act of an individual or group of individuals coming within proximity of six (6) feet or less to another individual or group of individuals.

Person(s). All persons typically not exempted from wearing face coverings or masks in this ordinance. The terms include business employees, as well as customers, visitors, guests, clients and invitees.

Public Places. All publicly-owned property, but also includes business properties to which members of the public and/or customers, clients or guests are allowed or invited.

SECTION 2. Face Coverings Required

All persons in the Township of Ferguson shall be required to wear a face mask when in contact another person or persons as set forth herein in Section 2, Paragraphs A through G:

- A. Inside any building open to the public, such as, but not limited to, grocery stores, pharmacies, business locations, home improvement stores, retail stores, service establishments, and medical and dental treatment facilities;
- B. Inside all municipal and other governmental buildings;
- C. On all transport and transit vehicles, including, but not limited to Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) buses, rideshare vehicles (such as Uber or Lyft) and shuttle vehicles;
- D. While waiting to enter any building open to the public, any municipal and other governmental building, or waiting to board any transport or transit vehicle, unless a distance of at least six feet is maintained from any person who is not that person's family or household member;
- E. When in contact with any person who is not that person's family or household member, whether indoors or outdoors, including, but not limited to contact during gatherings, curbside pickup, drive-thru and food truck purchases, deliveries, and service calls;
- F. While working in all jobs that entail coming in contact with any member of the public, including, but not limited to, all work, involving the preparation or packaging of food and/or beverage unless separated by a physical barrier between the employee and the public; and
- G. Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring that minor children wear face coverings, unless such children are exempt as set forth herein.

SECTION 3. Location Exemptions

The wearing of face coverings may be advisable, but shall not be required:

- A. In personal private vehicles and resident private dwellings;
- B. In private business locations, or in individual private offices, at times when members of the public, clients, customers, guests, or other invitees are not present, as long as there is a distance of at least six (6) feet between individual(s) maintained;
- C. Individuals who are under two years of age;

- D. While participating in recreational physical activities, whether outdoor or indoor as long as there is a distance of at least six (6) feet between individual(s) maintained; and
- E. When amongst family members and/or members of the same household.

SECTION 4. Wearing of Face Coverings Not Required

Wearing of face coverings shall not be required under the following circumstances:

- A. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering; as described in Section 3 of the Order of the Secretary of Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings dated July 1, 2020;
- B. Persons who are hearing impaired, or who are communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
- C. Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines;
- D. Persons who are obtaining a service or treatment involving the nose or face or a medical procedure for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service; and
- E. Persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, and all requirements as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Health are followed.

SECTION 5. Limitations on Gathering Sizes

Gatherings of persons that are not from the same household shall be limited as follows:

- A. Outdoor gatherings of more than fifty (50) persons shall be prohibited. Any exception to this limitation requires prior approval from the Township;
- B. Residential gatherings of more than twenty-five (25) persons shall be prohibited.
- C. Gatherings at or in Ferguson Township public parks and other municipal property of more than fifty (50) persons shall be prohibited;
- D. Gatherings in other private commercial property shall be restricted by the limitations established by the Pennsylvania Department of Health;
- E. The gathering size restrictions set forth in this Ordinance shall apply for the property, regardless of indoors and/or outdoors;
- F. Any restrictions on indoor and outdoor gathering sizes promulgated by the governments of the United States of America or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which are more restrictive than the provisions described in this Section shall supersede this Ordinance.
- G. The provisions of this section limiting sizes of gatherings only applies to residential properties and municipal parks. The provisions of this section limiting sizes of gatherings shall not apply to non-residential properties or functions or events including private business locations; private offices; public and private schools; Centre Region Parks and

Recreation (CRPR) programming; outdoor religious and faith-based functions; private outdoor sports and recreation activities; and events such as weddings, funerals, or protest demonstrations. Any pavilion rental or group use that exceeds the fifty (50) person restriction that was approved prior to September 14, 2020 is exempt.

SECTION 6. Enforcement

Law enforcement and other public safety, health officers, ordinance enforcement officers, and emergency management personnel shall be charged with the enforcement of this ordinance.

- A. Any person found to have violated any mandatory provisions of this Ordinance shall be found guilty of a civil infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100);
- B. Any business found not requiring their employees to comply with this Ordinance shall be found guilty of a civil infraction, punishable by a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300). Each day of a continuing violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a separate and distinct offense;
- C. In addition to these enforcement measures, repeated violations by a person or business are hereby declared to be a public nuisance, which may be abated by the Township through all other legal means.

SECTION 7. Severability

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance or any application of it to any person, structure or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect within five (5) days of adoption and shall remain in effect until the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Centre Region Council of Governments rescinds their Emergency Declarations or on January 31, 2021, whichever date is earlier.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 21st day of September, 2020.

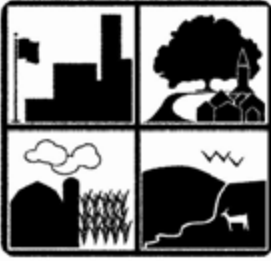
TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

By: _____
Steve Miller, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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ATTEST:

David G. Pribulka, Secretary



FERGUSON TOWNSHIP APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

Use of this Form:

Complete this application if the proposed assemblage, procession, or other special event will require the closure of Township roads, sidewalks, and/or bikeways. Each application must be completed by an authorized agent of the sponsoring organization. Please complete this form in its entirety and submit it to Ferguson Township staff in accordance with the conditions enumerated in this application. For your convenience, this application also includes instructions and timelines for securing Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR) Department approval should the event require closure of state roads and/or municipal/regional parks. Nothing in this application or associated policy shall supersede or override PennDOT or CRPR permit requirements.

Definitions:

Assemblage – An organized group of people without vehicles, or with vehicles that are stationary, which encroaches onto a street or highway and interferes with the movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic. The term includes, but is not limited to, street fairs, block parties, organized demonstrations, and other recreational activities. An assemblage is a special event.

Authorized Agent – An individual or legal entity that has obtained authorization to act on behalf of the organization responsible for conducting the assemblage, procession, or special event for the purposes of completing all required parts of this application.

Procession – An organized group of people, or people with vehicles (including bicycles), animals, or objects, moving along a roadway, or the berm or shoulder of a roadway or bikeway in a manner that interferes with the normal movement of traffic. The term includes, but is not limited to walks, foot races, parades, and marches. A procession shall not include a funeral caravan, military convoy or emergency service convoy. Other processions shall be considered a special event.

Special Event – A procession, assemblage, or special activity held within the public right-of-way.

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Name of Applicant/Authorized Agent: _____ Date: _____

Address of Sponsor or Organization: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____ Fax: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Secondary Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Date and time of Activity: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Rain Date (if applicable): _____ From: _____ To: _____

Activity Detail:

Describe your event in detail using additional sheets, if necessary:

Will this event be held solely on sidewalks and/or bikeways? No Yes

Does your event require a street closure? No Yes

If yes, select the type of road that will be closed: (For more information, see attached map and list)

State Road(s) Only (Additional Form Required: PennDOT TE-300 Form)

Local Road(s) Only

- State Road(s) and Local Road(s) (Additional Form Required: PennDOT TE-300 Form)

Listed in order of route, what street(s) would you like closed for this event? (Use additional sheets, if necessary)

How long will the street closure be in effect? From: _____ To: _____

Will the event cross any municipal or state roads? Yes No

If yes, please indicate which roads the procession will cross:

Will the event procession cross any state roads? Yes No
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Is the Sponsor an organization with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status? Yes No

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THIS SERVES AS YOUR PERMIT

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors **approved** your application on:

Conditions (if any) are as follows: _____

Signature of Chairperson or
authorized representative: _____

Timeline and Checklist:

- Contact the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department (CRPR) at 814-231-3071 *if* the event will include the use of a municipal/regional park.
- If food will be served on public property, contact the Department of Ordinance Enforcement and Public Health (DOEPH) at the Borough of State College by phone at 814-234-7191 or by email at healthdept@statecollegepa.us.
- Notify the Ferguson Township Police Department of your intent to host a special event regardless of whether or not the event will require the use of Township roads, bikeways, or sidewalks.
- Complete the Ferguson Township Special Events Application.
- Pay required application and escrow fees.
- Submit Certificate of Insurance and any other necessary documents.
- If denied a permit at any point in the process and you wish to appeal the decision, notify the Township Manager in writing of your request to do so.

<u>Step</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Preliminary event planning with the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department, if necessary	At least 45 days prior to the event*
If food will be served, notify the DOEPH at the Borough of State College	10 – 12 weeks prior to hosting an event
Notify Ferguson Township Police Department of the intent to host an event and provide a general description of the event	10 - 12 weeks prior to hosting an event <i>IF</i> the event will require the closure of township roads, bikeways, or sidewalks OR 3 weeks prior <i>IF</i> no closures required
Complete Ferguson Township Special Events Application	10 – 12 weeks prior to hosting an event*
Remit application permit fee and escrow payments to township	Due when application is submitted
Submit Certificate of Insurance, proposed map of procession, a signed copy of the “Registration for a Food Event on Public Property Form” signed by the DOEPH, and a completed application checklist	6 – 8 weeks prior to hosting an event
If denied a permit, notify Township Manager in writing of intent to appeal	Within 7 days of receiving a denial

*Note: Plan to apply for a permit from CRPR **at least** 10 – 12 weeks prior to events that will also require a Ferguson Township Special Events Permit

Checklist for Hosting a Special Event on State Roads (to be completed after securing authorization from the township):

- Complete PennDOT's [TE-300: Special Event Permit Application](#).
(must be done after approval is secured from Ferguson Township)
- Review PennDOT [Title 67, Chapter 212.701 Subchapter H, Special Events](#).
- Event Insurance Certificate
(must meet Ferguson Township requirements above, **and** list the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an additional insured)
- Notify Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) of special event
(please contact Station Commander at [Local PSP Barracks](#)).
- PennDOT requirements for notification and/or approval letter(s) for special events. If the Special Event occurs on:
 - State Road(s) Only
 - Sponsor is required to send notification letter(s) to each municipality for special event involvement on state road.
 - Sponsor is required to submit a copy of the municipality notification letter(s) to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation along with the TE-300: Special Events Permit Application.
 - State Road(s) and Local Road(s)
 - Sponsor is required to send notification letter to each municipality for special event involvement on state road.
 - Sponsor is required to obtain approval letter from each municipality for special event involvement on a local road.
 - Sponsor is required to submit a copy of each municipality notification and approval letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation along with the TE-300: Special Events Permit Application
- Submit completed and signed permit application and the required documents to the appropriate Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District Engineering Office **eight (8) weeks prior to the date of the special event.**

REGISTRATION OF A FOOD EVENT FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Department of Ordinance Enforcement and Public Health
243 South Allen Street, State College, PA 16801
(814) 234-7191 (phone) (814) 234-7197 (fax)
healthdept@statecollegepa.us

This registration is intended for use by charitable organizations planning to give away food or drink items to the general public or sell food or drink items as a fundraiser. Groups planning to sell any food or drink must contact the State College Department of Ordinance Enforcement and Public Health and return the completed application along with proof of non-profit status to the above address prior to the activity.

If giving away or selling baked goods, please attach a list of the items to be given away or sold along with the preparer's name, address, and phone number. This information must be submitted with the application. Baked goods must be individually wrapped.

The Department discourages the sale of potentially hazardous foods or drinks (meats, fish, dairy, etc.). If potentially hazardous foods or drinks are to be given away or sold more than three times per calendar year then the charitable organization must contact the Department of Ordinance Enforcement and Public Health to obtain the appropriate license and pay any fees that may apply.

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Name of Group

Name of Representative

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Address of Representative

Phone Number

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Email

Date(s) of Event

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Where will the event be held?

Municipality

What types of food(s) or drink(s) will be provided? _____

Where will the food(s) or drink(s) be prepared? _____

If the food was not prepared in a licensed facility, a sign must be posted in public view to that effect.

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Signature

Date

All applications must be submitted to the Department of Ordinance Enforcement and Public Health at least five (5) business days prior to the event.

Serving the Borough of State College, College Township, Ferguson Township and Patton Township

Guidelines for Charitable Organizations Serving Potentially Hazardous Foods

- An approved sanitizer such as a quaternary sanitizer or chlorine mix must be used to clean food prep areas and equipment. (1 tablespoon to 1 gallon of water)
- A method of hand washing must be available.
- Gloves must be worn when handling any ready to eat foods such as buns, chips, lettuce, etc.
- Thermometers must be used to check temperatures of potentially hazardous foods.
- Foods must be cooked to the proper internal temperatures. Hamburger – 155°F for 15 sec.; Chicken – 165°F for 15 sec.
- Hot foods/drinks being prepared and held more than four (4) hours must be held at 135°F and stored in an approved container.
- Cold foods/drinks being prepared and held more than four (4) hours must be held at 41°F and stored in an approved container.
- When cooking with any type of grill or potentially hot surface there must be a barricade between the cooking area and the public as a safeguard against injury.
- A fire extinguisher must be kept within, but not closer than, 6 feet from the cooking area.
- Any grease produced during the preparation of foods must be stored in a container and disposed of properly.
- When selling or giving away food/drink, a sign indicating that foods/drinks prepared at the event were not prepared in a licensed kitchen must be displayed and visible to the public during the event.
- There should be a specific person designated to handle money and that person should not handle any food items.
- Food/drink must be shielded from the elements.

Organizations holding more than three events per calendar year and serving potentially hazardous foods/drinks must obtain an appropriate license from the Department of Ordinance Enforcement and Public Health, must certify a Person In Charge through an approved safe food handling program and are subject to inspection.

For any additional information, please contact the Department of Ordinance Enforcement and Public Health at (814) 234-7191 or at healthdept@statecollegepa.us.

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON TOWNSHIP, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO SUBMIT A TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE HAPPY VALLEY ADVENTURE BUREAU WITH MILLHEIM BOROUGH FOR AN AGRITOURISM EVENT.

WHEREAS, the Ferguson Township Strategic Plan identifies goals of Economic Development; Promotion of Municipal Identity; and Partnerships and Regional Thinking; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of agricultural tourism, locally sourced food, and the preservation of agricultural heritage are cornerstones of the Township's economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Millheim and Ferguson Township desire to partner on a special event that would connect the two municipalities together through the celebration and promotion of local food, music, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors, through adoption of this resolution, expresses its support for the event and authorizes the use of local matching dollars in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00 to supplement a grant application to the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau Tourism Grant program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Township Manager to submit a Tourism Grant application to the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau with Millheim Borough for an Agritourism Event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors hereby appropriates an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00 from the Township's Economic Development account to be offered as local match for the grant.

RESOLVED this 19th day of April 2021.

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

By: _____
Laura Dininni, Chair
Board of Supervisors

[S E A L]

ATTEST:

By: _____
David G. Pribulka, Secretary

Pribulka,David

From: Strickland,Lisa
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 10:34 AM
To: Pribulka,David
Cc: Dininni,Laura
Subject: Consent Agenda Item

Hi Dave,

I'd like to request the following item be added to the next consent agenda: A Board discussion and review of the TSD with the goal of informing the associated work plan item of the Planning Commission. This discussion and work item will lay the foundation for the expected engagement of a consultant in 2022 to revise the ordinance.

The agenda item may include: A brief overview of the ordinance including the intention/vision, design standards, and district boundaries; identifying areas of particular concern in the district and the ordinance (parking, building heights, alleys, district boundaries, and incentives); a directive to the Planning Commission to, in accordance with their work plan, examine the Terraced Streetscape District, deliberate on the vision of the district, obstacles to development and needed changes to the ordinance. Framing of the goals for the revision of the ordinance could then be further developed through a joint work session with the Board. Taking the time to thoughtfully establish preferences and a direction for the district throughout this year will lay the foundation for a successful RFP and rewrite process in 2022.

Thanks,
Lisa

§ 27-304. Terraced Streetscape (TS) District. [Ord. No. 1049, 11/18/2019]

1. Specific Intent. It is the intent of this district to encourage innovation and to promote flexibility, economy, and ingenuity in development within the TS District for the purpose of allowing for an increase in the permissible density or intensity of a particular use, based upon the standards, criteria and incentives set forth herein and in Chapter 22. The application of design standards and any permissible increases in density or mix of uses shall be dependent on the extent to which a project is consistent with and achieves the following design objectives and goals:
 - A. Establishes a pedestrian-oriented district that accommodates and encourages pedestrian and other multimodal travel alternatives by including sidewalks, greenways, and/or bike path linkages and does not promote vehicular travel.
 - B. Promotes development that creates shared parking facilities through the use of either surface parking lots or structured parking and decreases curb cuts by encouraging a "park once" approach to servicing retail and residential development.
 - C. Promotes viable public transit by developing at an appropriate density with attention to transit routes and by providing transit stops or hubs within the proposed district.
 - D. Provides opportunities to integrate age and income groups through the provision of a wide range of housing alternatives that are suitably mixed throughout the zoning district.
 - E. Promotes development that, through the use of distinctive architectural elements and siting criteria, creates community character.
 - F. Utilizes increased building height and mixed uses to achieve a more compact development footprint and efficient pattern of development while utilizing existing infrastructure.
 - G. Promotes development that creates and retains a human-scaled context.
 - H. Encourages energy efficiency, sustainable development, and green construction.

- I. Allows for small scale retail and entertainment uses that contribute to and enhance evening and weekend activity in the corridor.
2. Use Regulations. A building may be erected, altered, or used and a lot may be used, or occupied, for any of the following purposes and no other:
 - A. Permitted principal uses, subject to the lot sizes as set forth below, as well as the maximum square footage criteria as specified.
 - (1) Conversion of an existing single-family detached dwelling unit to include accommodation of a nonresidential use such as art studio, gallery, handicraft or photography studio, or professional office(s).
 - (2) Conversion of an existing dwelling from apartment units back to a single-family dwelling.
 - (3) Reconstruction of a single-family dwelling unit that exists at the time of adoption of this section and is subsequently destroyed or partially destroyed by any means to an extent of 75% or more of the market valuation of all structures and other improvements on the lot as per the provisions of § 27-803, Subsection 1C, herein, only as long as such unit is designed to incorporate the nonresidential uses identified in § 27-304, Subsection 2A(1) above. All such properties shall be designed to comply with all provisions of the district when reconstructed.
 - (4) Playground, greenway, trail, square, commons, plaza, transit area, courtyard or public area, community gardens.
 - (5) Bed-and-breakfast with no accessory services.
 - (6) Farm market (seasonal).
 - (7) Retail sale, service or rental of basic convenience commercial goods and services such as, but not limited to, books, flowers, antiques, gifts, jewelry, or music.
 - (8) Business or professional office.
 - (9) Vertical mixed use building involving a combination of uses authorized uses.

- (10) Hotel.
 - (11) Eating establishment.
 - (12) Brewery, cideries and craft distilleries (beverage production facilities).
 - (13) Community theater or playhouse.
 - (14) Nonprofit or civic service agency.
 - (15) Pharmacy with no drive-through.
 - (16) Health club.
 - (17) Bank or financial office with no drive-through.
 - (18) Eating and licensed drinking establishments with no drive-through.
 - (19) Salon or spa.
 - (20) Medical/dental office.
 - (21) Structured parking when provided as part of or accessory to a proposed vertical mixed-use structure.
 - (22) Multifamily dwelling units (other than university housing) only if part of a vertical mixed-use structure; no more than three unrelated individuals may reside in each dwelling unit.
 - (23) Gallery, handicraft, art, or photography studio, professional office for accountant, architect, attorney or similar profession.
 - (24) Uses associated with private or public institutes of higher education; in this zoning district, these shall be limited to the following principal uses: classrooms, research facilities and labs; administrative and faculty offices, and residence halls for graduate and undergraduate student housing only when staffed, owned and operated by the university which the students attend.
- B. Lots up to and Including .39 Acres. The permitted principal uses as set forth in § 27-304, Subsection 2A(1) through (6) only.
- C. Lots from .40 Acres, Up to and Including Lots of .99 Acres. The permitted principal uses as set forth in the chapter, subject to the following:

- (1) Any structure that will be located on the corner of a lot that is at least 0.40 acres in size and that involves an intersection with West College Avenue must address both frontages (no blank walls) and be a minimum of 55 feet in height. The structure shall be designed in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 22. The facade of buildings on corner lots may be accentuated by towers, corner building entrances or other distinctive elements; however, all structures on such lots shall be designed to architecturally enhance the corner location and all effort shall be made to ensure that such structure is a signature building within the district.
 - (2) The entire first floor of all structures located on lots that have frontage on West College Avenue must be devoted to retail or commercial uses permitted in the district.
 - (a) To allow pedestrian access to office, hotel, or residential uses located above street level, lobbies may be allowed within the required retail storefront space, provided that street frontage of the lobby is limited relative to the property's overall retail frontage and that the storefront design of the lobby provides continuity to the retail character of the site and the overall street.
 - (3) Any vertical mixed-use building not fronting on West College Avenue must dedicate a minimum of 50% of the first floor square footage of the building to nonresidential uses as specified.
- D. Lots or Combined Lots Totaling 1 Acre or Larger. All permitted principal uses as set forth above subject to the same criteria as identified in § 27-304, Subsection 2C(1) through (3) above.
- E. Conditional Uses. All of the following conditional uses shall be permitted only upon a lot, or combined lots, that total one acre or larger upon approval by the Board of Supervisors:
- (1) Any use not specifically permitted within the TS District that is deemed to be an acceptable use due to its consistency with the stated intent of the district, and the application of appropriate design criteria as determined by the Board of Supervisors through the conditional use approval process.

- (2) Any use not specifically excluded in § 27-304, Subsection 2F, that would be deemed to be an acceptable use within the TS District and is consistent with the stated intent of the district and the application of appropriate design criteria as determined by the Board of Supervisors through the conditional use approval process.
- (3) Conference center subject to the following criteria:
 - (a) Maximum building footprint of 30,000 square feet.
 - (b) All parking must be provided in an on- or off-site parking structure.
 - (c) The building must adhere to the design requirements in Chapter 22 and must have lot frontage on West College Avenue.
 - (d) The center may include eating and sleeping accommodations if incorporated in a manner that is consistent with the intent of the district.
- (4) Uses accessory to permitted principal uses, subject to the following criteria:
 - (a) The proposed accessory use is associated with a use specifically permitted in the district.
 - 1) The proposed accessory use is complementary to the specific intent of the TS Zoning District and the West College Avenue streetscape.
 - 2) Sufficient parking exists or can be established to support the proposed accessory use under the parking standards specified in this district.
 - 3) Conformance with the criteria found in § 27-204.
- (5) Structured parking as a stand-alone structure subject to the following criteria:
 - (a) Conformance to the design requirements as stipulated in Chapter 22 as they pertain to architectural scaling elements; building materials and other design considerations that minimize the monotony of repetitive structural elements by varying the facade treatments from bay to bay, integrating planter walls, and/or incorporating landscaping along long undifferentiated expanses of wall.

- (b) Must be wrapped at ground level with retail or other activity-generating use(s) permitted in the district. Any portion of the ground floor that does not incorporate retail or service-oriented uses must provide additional landscaping to create a separation from pedestrian activity.
 - (c) Minimize the dominance of the vehicular entrance and provide a human scale and pedestrian orientation along any street frontage.
 - (d) Must be established through a public-private partnership with the Township and/or developer of a separate site in the district.
 - (e) No access to the structure is permitted from the West College Avenue corridor. Access must be provided from a cartway that parallels the corridor. Vehicles may exit onto West College Avenue; however, depending on the location, may be prohibited from making a left turning movement.
 - (f) Maximum height 60 feet. Fifteen feet may be added through the use of incentives as specified in § 27-304, Subsection 3A(2)(c) below.
- (6) Structures (other than parking structures) above 55 feet subject to the following criteria:
- (a) The structure does not exceed 75 feet in height, including all rooftop appurtenances other than solar panels or rooftop wind energy conversion systems.
 - (b) The appearance of any portion of the facade between 55 feet and 75 feet is distinguished from the facade treatment/material of the portion of the structure between 35 feet and 55 feet per the design requirements in Chapter 22.
 - (c) Any vertical mixed-use structure that contains more than two floors devoted to residential units must provide full-time, on-site management.
 - (d) The application of sufficient incentives from § 27-304, Subsection 3B, below, to reach a height above the permitted 55 feet.

- F. Prohibited Uses. Only those uses specifically identified above or found to be consistent with the intent of the district are permitted in the TS District. The following represent some, but not all, of the uses that are specifically prohibited in the TS District:
- (1) Convenience stores with fuel pumps.
 - (2) Vehicle garages and repair shops.
 - (3) Adult entertainment.
 - (4) Equipment rental.
 - (5) Motor vehicle display, repair, and sales.
 - (6) Child day care/preschool.
 - (7) Private and public K-12 schools.
 - (8) Private recreation areas, arenas, and stadiums.
 - (9) Car wash.
 - (10) Motels.
 - (11) Drive-through.
 - (12) Surface parking lots that are not an accessory use to and required by a permitted principal use or approved conditional use on the same lot.
- G. All development in the TS District is subject to the design standards found in Chapter 22.
3. Height, Area and Bulk Regulations. The following regulations shall be observed for all permitted principal uses:
- A. Maximum Height.
- (1) Lots up to and including .39 acres and any lot that does not have lot frontage on West College Avenue (an arterial): 35 feet; incentives may not be applied to increase this height.
 - (2) Lots of .40 acres and up with frontage on an arterial street:
 - (a) By right maximum of 55 feet; 55 feet required on corner lots of this size.

- (b) Additional height up to 75 feet for lots of at least one acre may be obtained through the use of incentives set forth in § 27-304, Subsection 3B below; use of any incentive(s) other than Subsection 3B retains the requirement to obtain conditional use approval.
- (c) Maximum height of parking structures is 60 feet, not including any underground parking levels. Additional height of up to 15 feet may be added specifically to this use if a minimum of 50% of the roof is planted as a green roof or roof garden, or if a wind energy conversion system and/or solar panels are placed on the roof and provide energy for the parking structure and/or adjacent structures.
- (d) Minimum height of all structures on lots of this size other than corner lots which are subject to Subsection 2C(1) above: A street wall at least two stories or 30 feet in height (whichever is greater) shall be maintained for a minimum of 65% of the length of the lot frontage through placement of the principal structure or extension of its facade with an appropriate architectural element.

B. Building Height Incentives.

- (1) If a shared parking facility is provided or used to accommodate the use(s) on the lot, an additional 10 feet may be added to the permitted maximum.
- (2) If structured parking is provided to accommodate the use(s) on the lot and provides space for use by others, an additional 20 feet may be added to the permitted maximum without the need to obtain conditional use approval.
- (3) If 10% of the total residential units in a vertical mixed-use building are established and maintained as owner-occupied workforce units, an additional 20 feet may be added to the permitted maximum.
- (4) If 15% of the total residential units in a vertical mixed-use building are established and maintained as age-restricted units, an additional 20 feet may be added to the permitted maximum.

C. Building Occupancy. The maximum square footage per individual nonresidential use is 10,000 square feet/floor. The

maximum achievable through use of the incentives set forth below in Subsection 3C(1) through (4) is a maximum of 15,000 square feet/use/floor.

- (1) Incorporation of day lighting through clerestories, roof monitors, light shelves, or other technologies throughout 30% of the building allows the maximum square footage/individual use to expand 2,500 square feet/floor.
- (2) If structured parking to meet the parking requirement of the site is provided on- or off-site, the maximum square footage per individual use may expand by 5,000 square feet/use/floor.
- (3) Incorporation of on-site drainage retention, such as bioswales or rain gardens. Into the landscaping design and the use of gray water for site irrigation allows the maximum square footage/individual use to expand 2,500 square feet/floor.
- (4) Use of on-site, nonpolluting, renewable technologies (solar, geothermal, wind or biomass) for self-supply energy for a minimum of 5% of the total projected energy use allows the maximum square footage/individual use to expand 2,500 square feet/floor.

D. Yard Regulations.

(1) Front Yard.

- (a) Buildings shall be located on the sidewalk line of the primary street. Sidewalks shall be 12 feet deep from the back edge of the curb on West College Avenue, and a minimum of five feet deep from the back edge of the curb on all side streets and cross streets off of West College Avenue. This area is subject to all sidewalk and streetscape requirements as specified in the design regulations of Chapter 22 or officially adopted streetscape plan for the Township. A standard five-foot sidewalk shall be installed for the length of any portion of a lot that abuts an existing alley.
- (b) Building frontages along streets shall break any flat, monolithic facade by including architectural elements such as bay windows, recessed entrances, or other articulation so as to provide pedestrian scale to the first floor.

- 1) The building facade may recede from the street wall by as much as 18 inches to allow for columns or other architectural elements as parts of the street wall.
 - 2) A setback not to exceed 15 feet measured from the back of the sidewalk is permitted, provided that no less than 65% of the street wall is maintained. Recesses on the ground floor to accommodate entryways, display windows, planters, or similar features shall not be considered as setbacks provided that the directly adjacent upper stories (to a minimum of 30 feet) have been built to the street wall.
- (c) All structures on a lot must maintain a minimum of 65% of their facade along the sidewalk line and 50% of the length and 50% of the ground level wall height or 15 feet above finished grade, whichever is less, of any building facade facing and/or adjacent to a public street, or facing into a park, plaza or other public outdoor space shall be transparent.
- 1) Darkly tinted windows and mirrored windows which block two-way visibility are prohibited as ground floor windows required under this subsection. Storefront windows may not be completely obscured with display cases or signage that prevents customers and pedestrians from seeing inside.
 - 2) Continuous window walls shall be avoided by providing architectural building treatments, mullions, building modulation, entry doors, and/or columns at appropriate intervals.
- (2) Side Yard.
- (a) A side yard of 10 feet will be applicable except in the circumstances set forth below.
 - 1) In the event that the side of a building would have frontage on a cross street, this shall be considered as a front yard and will be subject to the setback and design requirements as set forth above. However, the depth of sidewalk from back

of curb may be maintained at five feet along the cross street.

- 2) In the event that the side yard is adjacent to another lot that fronts on West College Avenue, there will be no required side yard setback and new buildings may be constructed with a zero lot line.
- 3) In the event that the side yard is adjacent to a structured parking facility, there will be no side yard setback required and new buildings may be constructed with a zero lot line.
- 4) In the event that the side yard abuts an alley which coincides with the district boundary, this side yard shall be established as a rear yard consistent with the provisions for a rear yard as indicated below.

(b) Pavement to accommodate surface parking may not encroach within the required setbacks.

(3) Rear Yard.

(a) On each lot there shall be a rear yard, the depth of which shall be five feet. However, if the rear yard is adjacent to a property with a single-family residential dwelling unit, or a property outside of the TS District, a twelve-foot landscaped buffer shall be provided at the property line and shall constitute the required setback. Surface parking may not encroach within the required setback.

- 1) The required buffer shall be composed of one canopy tree or evergreen tree and 15 shrubs per 35 linear feet of the lot line.

(b) If the rear yard of a lot abuts an alley, whether in or out of the district, a five-foot concrete sidewalk shall be provided along the entire length of the property adjacent to the alley. Buildings may directly abut this sidewalk. If the alley coincides with the district boundary, the twelve-foot landscaped buffer required above shall be provided in addition to the five-foot sidewalk, establishing a total seventeen-foot setback.

(4) Building Separation.

- (a) All buildings built on a zero lot line shall be independent and no structural wall may be shared by buildings on adjacent lots. Buildings on the same lot may be connected by enclosed walkways or covered walks.

E. Impervious Lot Coverage.

- (1) Lots up to and including .39 acres: 50%, up to a maximum of 60% permitted for each lot by way of the incentives set forth at Subsection 3F below.
- (2) Lots from .40 acres up to and including lots of .99 acres: 60%, up to a maximum of 75% for each lot by way of the incentives set forth at Subsection 3F below.
- (3) Lots one acre or larger: 75%, up to a maximum of 95% for each lot by way of the incentives set forth at Subsection 3F below.

F. Impervious Coverage Incentives. In no event shall the maximum total impervious coverage, with any of the incentives provided for within this section, exceed 95% of the site as measured within all existing or proposed lot lines.

- (1) If a green roof or roof garden(s) covering a minimum of 60% of the roof is provided on the structure(s) on the lot, an additional 10% coverage is permitted.
- (2) If an approved pervious parking surface is provided for a least 50% of the required on-site parking, an additional 10% coverage is permitted.
- (3) If the proposal is for vertical expansion of an existing use, an additional 10% coverage is permitted.
- (4) If the proposal is to add upper floor office or residential units to create a mixed-use structure out of an existing single-use building, an additional 10% coverage is permitted.
- (5) If the entire roof is a cool roof that reduces cooling loads, an additional 5% coverage is permitted.
- (6) If the proposal is to undo a previous conversion of a single-family dwelling from apartments back into a single-family dwelling an additional 10% coverage is permitted.

- G. **Parking Requirements.** The regulations set forth herein are intended to apply within the TS District and may differ from the provisions of Chapter 22.
- (1) The required parking may be met through the use of on-site, off-site, and remote or structured parking, or any combination thereof.
 - (2) When an on-site surface parking area is proposed, it shall be located underneath or to the side or rear of the structure(s) it is intended to serve and shall have vehicular access from the side or rear of the lot. On-site parking in the front yard is specifically prohibited.
 - (3) When surface parking is located to the side of a structure, it must be set back from the sidewalk edges a minimum of 10 feet. This additional setback shall be used to accommodate screening composed of a low architectural wall, masonry piers, fencing, or a combination thereof, and a continuous four-foot high (at time of planting) shrub hedge that screens the parking and defines the sidewalk edge. Additional deciduous and evergreen trees may be used to supplement the required plantings.
 - (4) Surface parking located to the side of a structure may not extend to a side street. The corner lots are subject to the use and yard requirements as stipulated above.
 - (5) The maximum number of permitted spaces in an on-site surface parking lot is 30. However, if acceptable pervious paving is used for the entire parking area, this number may be increased to 45.
 - (6) Parking areas shall be designed so as to optimize the potential to serve more than one building or more than one use on a site or adjoining sites as long as the location and design remain consistent with the other criteria of this section.
 - (7) To be counted toward the minimum number of required spaces, off-site parking must be located within two blocks or 1/4 mile of the main entrance to the use that requires the spaces. If the off-site spaces are not in a publicly owned and operated parking structure, documentation of the reservation of such spaces for each use must be provided in the form of a shared parking agreement.

- (8) Residential parking within the TS District shall be provided at the rate of 1.0 space for each studio or one-bedroom unit and 1.5 spaces for each unit that is two bedrooms or larger, subject to the following criteria:
 - (a) To utilize this parking standard, all surface parking on the site shall be priced separately from the cost of the unit. Such fee structure would not be applicable to the use of driveways, attached garages, or underground and understructure parking spaces on-site but would be applicable to the use of off-site parking spaces in a structured parking facility.
 - (b) The use of incentives cannot reduce this required parking ratio.
- (9) Parking for nonresidential uses within the TS District shall be provided at the rate of 1/500 square feet, subject to the following criteria:
 - (a) Where shared parking can be arranged, the amount of required parking shall be dictated in accordance with the provisions of the ULI Shared Parking Handbook, Second Edition (2005).
 - (b) Where either on- or off-site shared parking is utilized, an agreement establishing the rights to use of the spaces shall be prepared, submitted and, upon approval by the Township, recorded.
 - (c) Additional reductions may be considered through the use of incentives as listed elsewhere in this section.
- (10) Every nonresidential use with a floor area of 10,000 square feet or more must provide a loading/unloading area. Curbside deliveries are permitted so long as they do not block travel lanes.
- (11) All uses shall provide bicycle parking accommodations on site. See § 22-502, Subsection 3.
- (12) All egress from a parking area shall be designed so that motor vehicles leaving the parking area will enter the public street traveling in a forward direction.
- (13) All surface parking lots must be suitably landscaped to minimize noise, glare, and other nuisance characteristics as well as enhance the environment and ecology of the

site and surrounding area. At a minimum, all surface parking areas shall be landscaped in accordance with the provisions of § 27-707, Subsection 14B and C and shall demonstrate that a minimum of 5% of the internal surface parking area has been devoted to landscaping area.

(14) Surface parking space dimensions shall be in accordance with the provisions of § 27-601.

4. Plan Processing and Procedure. The following general requirements shall apply to any proposal for development within the TS District:

A. Eligibility. The site proposed for development shall be under single ownership and shall be developed according to a single master plan that depicts full build-out of the site with common authority and responsibility.

(1) The site shall be served by both public sewer and public water and notice of capacity and intent to serve shall be provided prior to approval of any final plan.

(2) Any subdivision or land development proposal within the TS District that involves multiple phases of development shall follow the procedures outlined below, including each of the following steps:

(a) Initial conference.

(b) General master plan.

(c) Final plan.

B. Initial Conference. An initial conference shall be scheduled to discuss the proposed development. The conference shall include appropriate representative(s) of the developer and the Township. The goal of the conference is to review the development proposal and to establish its consistency with the intent and purpose of the TS District as established by this section and associated design manual (Chapter 22, Part 5A). The applicant may submit any information they deem necessary to substantiate conformance with the objectives of the TS District. This step shall be required regardless of whether the development will be phased.

C. General Master Plan. A master plan shall be required whenever a development is proposed to be phased or where the developer wishes to obtain a preliminary level of approval

prior to preparation of a final plan. Where such circumstances do not exist, the project may be submitted as a final plan. Review of the general master plan shall proceed as outlined in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, Chapter 22, § 22-303, Subsections 3 and 6, including review by the Township Planning Commission, review by the Centre County Planning Commission or its designee, and review by the Board of Supervisors.

- (1) The general master plan shall cover the entire tract, regardless of any intended phasing of the proposed development. The plan shall show the size and location of all access locations, parking facilities, public space, and service areas. Accompanying the master plan shall be rendered architectural elevation and perspective drawings providing a clear representation of the relationship of the proposed development to the site and its visual impact on adjacent properties and a narrative clarifying and illustrating the significance of the applicant's proposed design. In addition, the plan submission must include:
 - (a) A completed application for subdivision or land development approval and payment of all application and escrow fees.
 - (b) Written notice of acceptance of the design proposal by staff as a result of the required initial conference.
 - (c) Five black- or blue-on-white prints of the general master plan and 10 reduced 11-inch-by-17-inch copies of all plan sheets prepared in conformance with all provisions of this Part 3 and the associated design guidelines.
 - (d) Such plans shall be drawn at a legible scale and shall include a key map showing the location of the site in relation to adjacent properties and the larger neighborhood, adjacent zoning, and road system connections identifying existing and proposed roads within 500 feet.
 - (e) All dimensions of the site shall be in feet and decimals; bearings shall be in degrees, minutes, and seconds. Lot line descriptions shall read in a clockwise direction. The survey of the site shall not

have an error of closure greater than one inch in 10,000 feet.

- (f) This plan shall be legible in every detail and shall identify the proposed project name, the name and address of the owner of the tract, the developer/subdivider and the firm that prepared the plan, as well as the plan date and the date of all plan revisions.
- (g) The plan shall show the existing tract boundary with bearings and distances and identify the total acreage of the entire existing tract, the zoning district, lot size, and/or density requirements of the applicable zoning regulations, and the location of existing lot line markers along the perimeter of the entire existing tract as well as the general location of all existing man-made features including any historic structures, utilities, adjacent land uses, adjacent roadways, and other existing public infrastructure such as sewer and water mains, fire hydrants and stormwater management facilities.
- (h) The presence of existing natural features including, but not limited to, soil types, unique vegetation, tree masses, closed depressions, sinkholes, watercourses, floodplains, steep slopes, archaeological sites, burial sites, wetlands, solid waste disposal areas and topography of the site shall be identified on the plan and any necessary approvals for encroachment in these areas shall be obtained.
- (i) The proposed general lot layout shall be shown on the plan including the location of the various types of land uses and approximate location of lot lines; building setback measurements; the approximate location, use, height, and bulk of buildings; the proposed units of occupancy and resultant density calculation; the approximate location and size of park space or public plazas; the approximate floor space and general configuration of all nonresidential uses and the provisions for access and parking.
- (j) The general layout of any proposed streets, alleys, and sidewalks, including cartway and right-of-way widths, shall be identified by the plan. A typical street

cross-section and street center line profile shall be provided for any proposed street or alleyway.

D. Final Plan.

- (1) Review and approval of the final plan shall proceed as outlined in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, Chapter 22, § 22-304, Subsections 1 and 7, including review by the Township Planning Commission, review by the Centre County Planning Commission or its designee, and review by the Board of Supervisors. Rendered architectural elevation and perspective drawings providing a clear representation of the relationship of the proposed development to the site and its visual impact on adjacent properties and a narrative clarifying and illustrating the significance of the applicant's proposed design must also be submitted with the final plan. Written notice of acceptance of the design proposal by staff as a result of the required initial conference will also be required. For projects that are not phased, this step will follow the initial conference.
- (2) In addition to addressing all of the requirements of Chapter 22, § 22-401 through § 22-403, the final plan submission shall address the following criteria. In the event of a conflict between these standards and criteria and those contained in Chapter 22, the standards and criteria set forth in this subsection shall control.
 - (a) TS District development plans shall address all design requirements set forth in the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 22). This shall include but not be limited to information on the following, whether or not specific requirements are established in Chapter 22:
 - 1) Exterior building materials.
 - 2) Special building features and design elements.
 - 3) Signage and graphics.
 - 4) Lighting.
 - 5) Open space areas, including commons, plazas and pedestrian spaces.

- 6) Circulation systems for vehicles and pedestrians, including linkages with adjoining properties and transit stops as well as between parking areas and building entrance(s).
 - 7) Landscape and hardscape design, including paving materials and plant materials to be used for buffering, screening, in parking areas and detention basins and any building related planting.
 - 8) Refuse facilities providing the appropriate containers in accordance with the standards of the Centre Region refuse and recycling program.
5. Stormwater Management Site Plan. The control of erosion and sediment during construction is subject to approvals of Centre County Conservation District, and the ongoing management of stormwater on the tract, shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 26, Part 1, provided that the proposed plan for the control of erosion and sedimentation may be submitted as a component of the final land development plan for the associated phase or stage of construction. Efforts must be made to improve the current systems on the site and to ensure no harm or damage is caused to the existing storm system and adjoining properties.
 - A. The final plan shall reflect and be accompanied by supporting documentation identifying the ownership and method of administering and maintaining all permanent stormwater management facilities in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 26, § 26-703 and § 26-704.
 - B. The agreement, declaration of easement(s) or other legally binding documentation shall be submitted to the Township for review. Upon review, the Township may require the agreement to contain provisions for requiring the posting and/or periodic payment of escrow funds by the private entity to guarantee proper maintenance of the facilities.

Part 5A
DESIGN STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE
TERRACED STREETSCAPE DISTRICT

§ 22-5A01. Intent. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. The standards included in this Part 5A are intended to establish guidelines for development activity in the area designated as the "Terraced Streetscape Zoning District" on the Township's Official Zoning Map. The district generally extends from the Township boundary on the east to Blue Course Drive on the west and from West Campus Drive on the north to Beaver Avenue on the south.
2. These guidelines are intended to aid the Township and property owners in making sensitive and appropriate decisions with regard to the built environment and quality of space within the district. Adherence to these design standards will ensure that the built environment is attractive and harmonious, with both other parts of the built environment and the natural environment. It will also promote vitality and a pedestrian focused area that is distinguishable in character from the surrounding area.

§ 22-5A02. Purpose. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. Design guidelines provide a common basis for making decisions about design elements that affect individual properties as well as the overall character of the district. The guidelines are not intended to dictate solutions but rather provide general information to guide the Township and property owners in making decisions by providing appropriate choices for a variety of specific design issues. The guidelines are intended to inform the community and property owners of the policies and standards expected by the Township within the established district and to ensure quality development that enhances the character of the district.
2. The provisions of this Part 5A also identify several design approaches that will enhance both the appearance and potential value of existing properties within the district and help to ensure that the desired character is established uniformly.
3. This Part 5A will serve as a guide to the Township but will not necessarily dictate the final outcome. Each project has unique circumstances that will be considered and result in the Township applying the standards on a project-by-project basis; ensuring

that the character of individual structures observes the fundamental standards of quality anticipated within the district.

§ 22-5A03. Statutory Authority. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. Pursuant to § 708-A of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code,¹ the written and graphic design guidelines included herein are established to assist applicants in the preparation of land development plans for projects within the Terraced Streetscape Zoning District. The design guidelines take effect only when a project is initiated by a property owner or tenant to alter an existing structure or to construct a new one. The guidelines do not require existing properties to initiate changes nor is there any deadline that forces existing properties into compliance or otherwise alters the nonconforming rights established in Chapter 27, § 27-803.
2. Property owners, tenants, developers and architects are encouraged to use these guidelines as a starting point for all projects within the Terraced Streetscape District. These standards will assist them by providing a basic framework for planning of a project and serve as a reference as well as regulatory manual. The Township will apply these provisions in the review and approval of development proposals and in the issuance of permits as a measure of the observance of the goals and intent of the district.

§ 22-5A04. Goals. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. The goal of the application of the design standards set forth herein is to shape and protect the character and appeal of the Terraced Streetscape District within the Township. These provisions are designed to ensure that all proposed new construction and renovation or expansion activity is consistent with the standards of quality as well as respect for the built environment within the district as it relates to appearance, scale and density.
2. Specific goals include:
 - A. To promote and improve the perception of the district.
 - B. To protect the desired appearance of the district.
 - C. To promote a sense of identity and place.

1. Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 10708-A.

- D. To prioritize and encourage pedestrian activity.
- E. To convey a sense of human/pedestrian scale in common areas, streetscaped areas and public outdoor spaces.
- F. To ensure development practices within the district meet the expected standards.
- G. To attract a dynamic and diverse concentration of uses and to foster economic interaction among the mix of uses in the district.
- H. To ensure sustainability of the development.

§ 22-5A05. Context. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

Development projects within an urban or suburban setting are part of a larger context that requires that architects, developers, and approval authorities make decisions within the parameters of an established and diverse physical setting. Each project within the Terraced Streetscape District will ultimately become part of the larger neighborhood fabric and environmental context: a sensitivity to the natural features of land, water and vegetation in the development project. Buildings within the district should therefore be planned with the utmost consideration for adjacent structures and properties while exhibiting compliance with the principal goals of the district and thoughtfulness for the overall quality of place and adherence to a sensitivity of natural resources.

§ 22-5A06. Design Principles. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. Successful urban environments accommodate and foster multiple uses and activities while simultaneously addressing human scale and safety. These environments result from the cumulative effect of well-designed individual sites that are mindful of their context. Enjoyable and pleasant streetscapes, as well as walkable destinations, combine to give a neighborhood its recognizable character. To accomplish this, proper zoning and architectural standards need to be applied.
2. Basic principles of project planning and site design within the Terraced Streetscape District include:
 - A. Promote a diversity of uses/occupancies.
 - B. Create functional pedestrian bikeway and public transit linkages.

- C. Foster a distinctive identity that prioritizes high quality design and development.
- D. Incorporate the landscape and green spaces into civic assets.
- E. Foster intensity of development and compactness.
- F. Use landscaping, green space and existing vegetation to address traffic calming, issues of identity, territoriality and privacy.
- G. Ensure the perception of safety by way of proper lighting/sightline strategies.

§ 22-5A07. Synergy. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. The district is designed to encourage as much density and mix of occupancies as is practical. It is the synergy of diverse and complimentary uses that make a mixed-use neighborhood experientially rich and attractive. In such mixed-use settings, the issues of identity, territoriality and privacy need to be addressed as do connectivity to public common areas, gathering spaces, public transit, and retail and service operations. Awareness of these issues and a balanced approach to the definition of space and the associated access is required.
2. Single-development projects that integrate both commercial and residential components shall locate the commercial uses on the ground floor level, so as to encourage direct interface with pedestrians. Office functions may occupy upper stories above the first floor. Residential uses in a vertical mixed-use structures, however, may only occupy upper floors above the ground floor, and above any commercial uses.

§ 22-5A08. Density. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

The issue of proper density and compactness can be measured in several ways. Standards of density derived from national guidelines established by the Congress for New Urbanism will be used as a basis for proposed projects in the Terraced Streetscape District. Nonresidential development should achieve a density whereby the floor area ratio (FAR) for the site is 1.0 or greater. Any residential development within a vertical mixed-use structure should achieve a minimum density of 10 units/acre or higher. These recommended densities, when enhanced by proper attention to articulation and detail and integrated with the planned streetscape design, will lend

themselves to a more urban and vibrant neighborhood along the West College Avenue corridor.

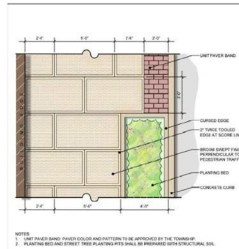
§ 22-5A09. Streetscape Design Standards. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. The West College Avenue Corridor is intended to be the center and focal point of the district. The corridor is conducive to density and mixed-use development and is intended to be accompanied by streetscape treatment that is pedestrian friendly and consistent with the following design requirements or any officially adopted streetscape plan:
 - A. Sidewalks shall be a minimum of 12 feet in depth from back of curb to building face along West College Avenue.
 - (1) Sidewalks shall be scored in patterns that modulate the scale of the sidewalk and may include a variety of dimensional sizes including square, rectangular or diagonal patterns at the applicant's discretion and in keeping with the intent of the design standards.
 - (2) All score lines shall utilize a twice-tooled troweled edge on all pattern joints, including construction and expansion joints. In the case of stamped or colored concrete, this requirement may be modified at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.
 - (3) All curbs, sidewalks, handicapped ramps and crosswalks shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the latest official version of the Americans with Disabilities Act.²
 - (4) All proposed sidewalks, curbs, crosswalks shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the provisions and specifications established by the Township and specified herein or in an officially adopted streetscape plan.
 - B. A two-foot-wide minimum paver accent band shall be installed along the back of the curbline along all sidewalks on West College Avenue. The pavers shall be standard four inches by eight inches brick size, red color. Pavers may be traditional clay brick or pressed concrete. Color and pattern of the paver field may include various size pavers and colors

2. Editor's Note: See 42 U.S.C.A. § 12101.

at the discretion of the applicant, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

- (1) Decorative brick, concrete pavers or pavement treatments shall be considered as an integrated feature to properties on gateway corners in the Township, the main entrance of buildings, public plazas, pedestrian access areas and public roads as noted.
- (2) Street signs, regulatory signs, wayfinding signs, utility poles, streetlighting, utility appurtenances and traffic signal poles are to be placed within the paver accent band unless otherwise required by ordinance or upon review by the Township Engineer.



C. Four-foot-wide by twenty-foot-long minimum, planter beds shall be incorporated parallel to the curblines adjacent to West College Avenue. Construction of these beds to function as rain gardens, in accordance with Township construction standards, is encouraged. Measurement shall be from outside edge to outside edge of planting area.

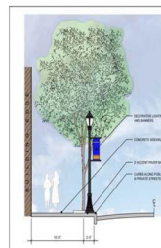
- (1) Planters shall be spaced a minimum of 40 feet on center for the width of the proposed lot or length of the unit block where the site is located. The spacing and location may be adjusted dependent on site conditions, clear sight triangles and at the discretion of the Township Engineer and Board of Supervisors.
- (2) Planters may intersect the two-foot side accent paver bands as noted above.



- (3) Planters shall be curbed with brick or pavers to match adjacent paver accent band or other materials consistent with the architecture of the proposed project. In no case shall the width and height of the raised curb exceed six inches in either direction. Planter edge may include a decorative metal fencing garden edge to accent and highlight the planting area. The fencing may be part of the raised curb or independent thereof. In no case shall the fencing exceed 24 inches in height.
- (4) Planters shall be backfilled with CU-Structural Soil[®] or approved equal for the full length and width of the planter to a depth of three feet where feasible or otherwise directed by the Township Engineer.
- (5) Planter areas shall be planted with a perennial, semi- or evergreen ground cover as a year-round base planting. Planters shall also incorporate seasonal plantings to provide four season visual interest. The applicant shall provide a list of proposed seasonal plantings to be provided and maintained by the property owner and/or tenant. These may include but are not limited to tulips, impatiens, petunias, mums and ornamental kale. The use of ornamental grasses, perennials, and ornamental shrubs is also encouraged.
- (6) The planting plan for the accent planting beds shall be prepared and sealed by a Pennsylvania registered landscape architect.
- (7) Where feasible, applicants are encouraged to utilize and incorporate planter areas into the project's overall stormwater management strategy as bioretention/water quality filter areas. The use of planter areas as a stormwater best management practice (BMP) will be subject to review and approval by the Township Engineer and must be consistent with the Township's overall

stormwater management plan and objectives for improving water quality and reducing runoff volumes.

- D. Pedestrian scale, period-style lighting standards shall be used along the West College Avenue street edge, immediately adjacent to the proposed project site. The horizontal spacing of the light fixtures shall be consistent with meeting required light levels established by Township ordinance.
 - (1) Streetlights shall utilize decorative, fluted or tapered poles with decorative base covers to match the style of pole.
 - (2) Poles shall be cast iron, steel or aluminum, painted black.
 - (3) Poles shall be located within the proposed paver accent band.
 - (4) Streetlight lamps shall incorporate night sky friendly, energy efficient, full cut-off optics. The use of LED technology is encouraged.
 - (5) Poles along West College Avenue shall incorporate banner brackets for upper and lower banner arms, to hang one banner, perpendicular to the street edge.
 - (6) Poles along West College Avenue shall include provisions for two planter arms, one on each side of the pole, parallel to the street edge.
 - (7) Poles along West College Avenue shall include provisions for one exterior rated duplex electrical outlet located immediately below the point of attachment between luminaire and pole.



- E. To mitigate the negative impacts of heat island effects, a minimum of one street tree shall be planted in the center of each four-foot-by-twenty-foot accent planting bed. The selected species and sizing of tree shall be in accordance with Chapter 25, Trees. Shrub varieties shall be included in a

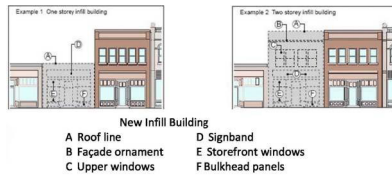
landscaping and planting plan prepared and sealed by a Pennsylvania registered landscape architect and approved by the Township Tree Commission.

- F. Each project with frontage on West College Avenue shall include the provision of site furnishings consistent with the intended creation of an inviting, safe and enjoyable pedestrian experience. These furnishings may include benches, trash and recycling receptacles, bike racks, bus shelters, and individual freestanding planters.
- (1) Site furnishings shall be constructed of nonbiodegradable, vandal resistant materials such as cast iron, steel, aluminum, or recycled plastic components.
 - (2) Site furnishings shall be period style consistent with the overall character of the area or any officially adopted Streetscape Plan.
 - (3) Site furnishings shall be from a coordinated family of furnishings by the same manufacturer unless otherwise approved by the Township.
 - (4) Benches shall be a minimum of six feet in length and shall incorporate a center armrest.
 - (5) Trash receptacles shall be a minimum of thirty-two-gallon capacity and shall utilize the smallest possible semicovered top opening to prevent the deposition of large trash bags or household debris.
 - (6) Recycling receptacles shall be provided and incorporated consistent with Centre Region refuse and recycling requirements.
 - (7) Benches and receptacles shall be grouped together along the street edge but not within the required accent paver band. Where feasible, these groupings may occur between accent planting beds when two or more beds are included along the frontage of a project.
 - (8) Bus shelters may be incorporated subject to the review and approval of CATA. The style of shelter shall be consistent with the overall site furnishings palette.
2. Streets perpendicular to the West College Avenue Corridor will also provide for a variety of uses, but at a slightly reduced scale. The sidewalks and streetscape treatment along these streets will

be correspondingly reduced in scale, with fixtures and landscape features more conducive to a side street location.

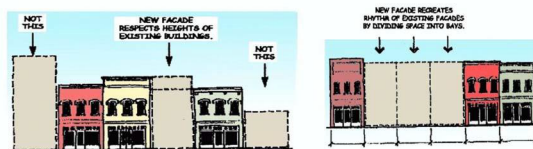
§ 22-5A10. Building Design and Facade Considerations. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

Issues of character, aesthetic contribution, scale, proportion and material quality shall all be evenly considered along with the traditional measures of zoning and code compliance when evaluating building design. To minimize subjectivity in the consideration of these elements, the following guidelines shall be considered.

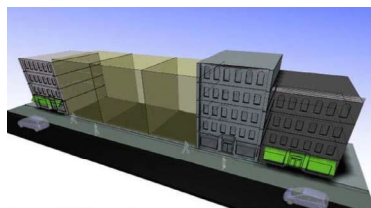


§ 22-5A11. Building Massing and Composition. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. Consideration toward scale and the transition of building height from one site to the next must be taken into account. While abrupt changes in scale between two adjacent properties are generally discouraged, articulation of the building to address relevant issues of scale combined with appropriate setbacks and landscaping can help soften these transitions. Graduated massing of building heights is preferred and should be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of the district as specified herein as well as in Chapter 27, Zoning.



2. Larger infill development that respects massing and articulation becomes a harmonious part of the block.



3. Structures on West College Avenue are to be located on or near the street line as to engender a physical presence on the main thoroughfare and support a more pedestrian-centered focus. Parking areas in front of buildings are prohibited, as are any other features that detract from pedestrian access to the front of the building. Building entrances shall be designed in such a manner as to be immediately recognizable, accessible and safe.
 - A. It is the intent of the district to create the greatest practical commercial density along the West College Avenue corridor. Commercial occupancies perform best when they are visible and easily accessible. Storefronts are to be designed to be as open and transparent as practical in accordance with the district regulations.

§ 22-5A12. Articulation of Facades. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. Development projects within the Terraced Streetscape District shall be mindful of the fact that well-articulated building facades provide visual interest and enhance the experience of the neighborhood. Whereas large unarticulated building masses can negate any sense of human scale within the block, large buildings that are sensible in their composition and reverent to the scale of pedestrians are generally more successful and appealing.
 - A. New buildings in the district shall observe some of the basic parameters of scale and proportion (see examples below). It is the intent of these regulations to ensure that no single building appear too diminutive as to defy the basic tenets of the district which requires that landowners maximize the volume and development potential of their site.
 - (1) Single-story building facades are required to convey a greater sense of height, consistent with the scale of adjacent or surrounding multistory structures, through use of a parapet. All structures fronting on West College Avenue shall conform to the building height regulations of the district.
 - (2) All structures shall convey the greatest practical density and vibrancy by way of articulating multiple occupancy/tenancy through appropriate ground floor storefront design. This will enhance the pedestrian experience as well as improve the massing of larger commercial structures.



- B. Streetscapes and building facade design in the district are required to execute the rhythm created by many individual facades and storefronts that relate to the scale of the pedestrian. A building's massing shall contribute positively to a pedestrian-friendly public realm. Long, unbroken walls are overwhelming and must be divided into rhythmic blocks bringing the design of the facade closer to a human scale.



- C. Larger buildings are required to subdivide the appearance of their facades and storefronts, as to make them seem to be smaller, individual buildings. Articulation by means of material difference, color difference, and vertical/horizontal variation in alignment, recesses or projections are required to accomplish the appearance of individual facades.
- (1) The upper floors of multistory buildings are required to provide a differentiation of color or material to break up the facade massing of the building exterior.
 - (2) Storefronts and facade treatment at ground level must be differentiated every 40 feet or less, to provide proper articulation at street level.



- D. The ground floor of any multistory building is required to be articulated from the stories above it. The appearance of a specialized and welcoming storefront, building entrance or any other pedestrian appropriate treatment is required to enhance the pedestrian street life generated in the district.



- E. Where buildings of 55 feet or higher are proposed, in addition to articulating their ground floor, articulation of their uppermost floor(s) must occur as well.



- F. Facade treatment of multistory buildings should also include appropriate consideration in the design of the top of the building. Rooflines for pitched roof structures should be articulated to subdivide the mass and appearance of the roof area toward the predominant facade. Strategies include the introduction of dormers, roofed vents, chimney stacks, or variation in finished rooflines.



- G. Facade treatment for flat roofed buildings shall include parapets, built-up cornices or both, as appropriate to the architectural style of the proposed building. Building tops shall be visually interesting, and compliment the character of the building, as well as contributing positively to the character of the district.



H. Multistory buildings, due to their size and presence, are encouraged to be creative in their use of massing, articulation and design. Developers of multistory buildings shall consider their appearance from multiple vantage points.

§ 22-5A13. Storefront Design. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. Commercial occupancies at ground floor level, especially spaces intended for retail or restaurant uses, are required to incorporate standards for successful storefront design. Good storefront design integrates means of maximizing transparency and openness with durability and energy efficiency.
 - A. Storefronts need to be differentiated (every 40 feet, maximum) from one another to create an attractive and visual interest for pedestrians. The surface area of storefronts in the district is required to be 50% (minimum) transparent (glass), to optimize public viewing. This will enhance the pedestrian experience.
 - B. Storefronts shall be constructed with durable finishes consistent with the expected high traffic/pedestrian environment. Consideration must also be given to lighting strategies so that both the storefront and the interior space behind it are well lit, and easily seen.
 - C. Avoid excessive visual clutter; especially that produced by too much interior signage.
 - D. Outdoor signage shall fit the character and proportion of the building and enhance the architecture. Signage shall be clearly visible without dominating the building facade or obscuring architectural details.

- E. Benches and other moveable objects, such as bike racks or trash containers, shall be coordinated with the building entrance so as not to obstruct sidewalk traffic or diminish the appearance of the facade.
- F. Awnings and/or vegetation may be utilized to add interest and aesthetic quality to the building and the streetscape. Awnings and canopies must be compatible with the building and windows in scale, proportion and color.



§ 22-5A14. Corner Building Sites. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

- 1. Corner buildings serve as landmarks within the district and, as a result, special consideration must be given to their design so that they address the intersection as well as complimenting other, adjacent buildings in the district.
 - A. Proposed corner buildings need to address the intersection they front through the inclusion of accentuating features, such as towers, turrets, chamfers, canopies or recessed areaways to highlight their cornermost facades.
 - (1) Building corners can be accentuated in a variety of ways. Employing novel geometries while utilizing the same color palette is a subtle approach while the introduction of more elaborate elements and accent materials and/or color results in a more predominant/more recognizable structure.
 - (2) A common approach is to differentiate the bay of the building that is closest to the corner through the use of offsets, additional height, and differences in roofline, color or material. This will help to delineate and symbolically mark the intersection and physically note its importance.

- (3) The creation of additional public space on the corner can be achieved through the use of a recessed or chamfered entrance that broadens the common area and makes the space more usable. Porticos, colonnades, stoops, vegetation, and similar features fronting the corner further enhance the presence of the building and improve the visual character.

§ 22-5A15. Parking Structures and Incentives. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

1. Parking structures and elevated parking decks within the district need to exhibit sensitivity to scale and massing. These structures also need to relate to pedestrian scale and attempt to integrate with other structures in the broader environment by way of articulation and material usage. A key objective shall be to disguise the structure's function as car storage through the use of screening elements, spandrel panels or glazing systems in conjunction with good facade design strategies.
 - A. Design strategies that include locating stairwells and/or elevator towers on a corner or public accessway improves the overall pedestrian interface with these structures while also improving their massing. These strategies also open the possibility of improved articulation, fenestration, and use of materials for facade enhancement. Lighting can also be employed to further enhance and accent the structure, providing a visual focal point at night.
 - (1) Material and/or color usage shall differentiate the ground and upper floors of the structure to improve the relationship with pedestrian scale and the streetscape.
 - (2) Facades shall avoid the appearance of support columns unless combined with a screening system. Use of masonry, composite panels or EIFS systems will lend a sense of permanence and evoke the image of a conventional building rather than an open deck.
 - (3) Metal or mesh screening systems can be used to obscure stored cars. These systems should also employ masonry or other suitable material so that the resulting facade does not appear out of character.



- (4) Glazing or curtain wall systems can also be used to screen cars and achieve the look of a more conventional building. Window walls or windows set in a backup wall can be detailed to create a more uniform and interesting appearance to the overall structure while concealing its use for parking.
- (5) Installation of green roofs can be used to:
 - (a) Retain rainwater and, together with plants, return a portion of this water to the atmosphere through evaporation and transpiration (evapotranspiration).
 - (b) Reduce and clean stormwater volume.
 - (c) Retain and delay runoff to ease stress on stormwater infrastructure and sewers.



B. Storefronts and leasable commercial space shall be incorporated into the ground floor plan of parking structures. The storefronts shall enhance the streetscape and conform to the design requirements of the Terraced Streetscape zoning.



C. Parking Incentives.

- (1) The parking requirements for nonresidential development, or nonresidential uses within vertical mixed-use structures as set forth herein, may be reduced by use of the following:

- (a) Provide additional landscaping and/or open space that is 20% greater than that required by this chapter. Reduce total required parking spaces by 10%.
 - (b) Provide and maintain at least 10% of the housing units as age-restricted units. Reduce total required parking spaces by 15%.
 - (c) Provide and maintain at least 10% of the housing units as owner-occupied workforce housing units. Reduce total required parking spaces by 15%.
- (2) The incentives may be mixed or matched, but no incentive may be used to obtain multiple bonuses. For example, a green roof may count toward additional impervious on a lot, or an extra story of structured parking, but not both.

§ 22-5A16. Exterior Materials. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

- 1. Buildings designed with authentic materials in a manner that evidences craftsmanship and detail lend a sense of authenticity and permanence to the buildings themselves. Authentic and permanent materials on building exteriors will provide visual continuity and discernible character to the zoning district.
 - A. Authentic materials, such as brick, cast stone, limestone, concrete block and other conventional masonry products, should be used. Exterior finish systems and proprietary panel systems can be employed to the extent that they complement the material quality of the building and surrounding structures and are used in combination with more permanent/natural materials (a synthetic or EIFS clad building with a masonry base detail, for example).



§ 22-5A17. Color Selection. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

- 1. In general, it is recommended that the color palette selected for the building exterior not include exceptionally bright or overly colorful schemes. Subtle and complimentary color choices, such

as more naturalistic or muted tones, are suggested. However, vibrant colors can be used for accent and trim.

- A. Painted strips or pronounced patterns on wall surfaces or large surface areas of brilliant color are distracting and shall be avoided.



§ 22-5A18. Signage. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

- 1. It is important that the nature of the signage employed by a business does not conflict with the character or goals of the district. Good sign design can both enhance the business and add a dimension of vibrancy and visual interest.

A. The following recommendations shall be considered:

- (1) Signs hung parallel to the business shall not overwhelm the storefront or architectural detail of the building.
- (2) Lighting shall not produce glare and automated signage shall not be permitted.
- (3) Signs should be designed to draw the attention of the pedestrian rather than motorists within the district. Projecting signage, hung perpendicular to the building, is recommended.
- (4) Graphics should be clear and legible. Limited text or company colors/logos should be considered over a heavily stylized or cluttered and confusing sign face.



§ 22-5A19. Lighting. [Ord. No. 1050, 11/18/2019]

- 1. The lighting of buildings, entryways, building surfaces or landscape within the district is desirable. Exterior lighting will

enliven the district and add a sense of vibrancy as well as enhancing the safety of the area. The use of energy efficient luminaires or LED lighting is encouraged.

- A. Commercial facades in the district should utilize lighting in a creative and innovative manner to highlight their business. However, visually distracting and automated signage or moving lighting shall not be permitted.
- B. Lighting that produces glare or impedes the vision of motorists or pedestrian traffic is prohibited. Surface mounted lighting must have fixtures that are aimed directly at the targeted facade or surface area and away from traffic.
- C. The surface up-lighting of a building is allowed; however, light spillage or glare onto adjacent buildings or properties is not permitted.





TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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TO: Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors
FROM: Ryan Scanlan, E.I.T., Assistant Township Engineer
THRU: David J. Modricker, P.E., Public Works Director
DATE: April 6, 2021
SUBJECT: **AWARD OF 2021-C9 MICROSURFACING**

Bids were opened publicly via Zoom at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 and read aloud for Contract 2021-C9 'Microsurfacing' for select streets in Ferguson and Harris Townships. This is a co-operative contract that is administered by Ferguson Township.

The bid opening was attended by Tyler Karsteatter of Ameron Construction, Summer Krape, Ron Seybert and Ryan Scanlan of Ferguson Township. The bid was advertised in the Centre Daily Times on Tuesday February 23, 2021.

One bid was received on the contract, as follows:

	Total Project	Ferguson Township's Share
Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc.	\$435,839.52	\$419,346.72

In an effort to solicit additional bidders, the advertisement was sent to ten (10) contractors who are qualified to perform this work. The bid that was received is consistent with prior year costs as well as costs tabulated on PennDOT's system for the same work.

The engineer's estimate for this contract is \$434,830.63 (intown and west end roads). Ferguson Township's share of the contract amount is \$419,346.72. The current 2021 Budget includes \$434,000 for microsurfacing. Attached is the bid tabulation with unit prices for each pay item and the breakdown of municipal shares.

I recommend the Board of Supervisors award Contract 2021-C9, 'Microsurfacing'; in the amount of \$435,839.52 to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc.

Attachments: 2021-C9 Bid Tabulation and Municipal Cost Shares

Copy: D. Pribulka (via email)
D. Modricker (via email)
R. Seybert (via email)
2021-C9 Contract

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Project: 2021-C9 Microsurfacing
Bid Tabulation

			Municipal Share Distribution							
			Engineers Estimate		Asphalt Paving Systems		Ferguson Twp		Harris Twp	
QTY	ITEM No. UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	QTY	TOTAL	QTY	TOTAL
33,727	4483 3214 SY	POLYMER-MODIFIED EMULSIFIED ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEM (MICRO SURFACING), DOUBLE APPLICATION, TYPE A, SRL M (MODIFIED)	\$ 4.31	\$ 145,362.41	\$ 4.32	\$ 145,699.68	29,909	\$ 129,206.88	3,818	\$ 16,492.80
67,162	4483 3215 SY	POLYMER-MODIFIED EMULSIFIED ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEM (MICRO SURFACING), DOUBLE APPLICATION, TYPE A, SRL L (MODIFIED)	\$ 4.31	\$ 289,468.22	\$ 4.32	\$ 290,139.84	67,162	\$ 290,139.84	0	\$ -
TOTAL			\$	434,830.63	\$	435,839.52	\$	419,346.72	\$	16,492.80



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TO: David Pribulka, Township Manager
Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Modricker P.E., Public Works Director

DATE: April 13, 2021

SUBJECT: **AWARD OF FUEL BID FOR 2021**

Bids were opened publicly via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83202414245?pwd=bnZtZkJKTXorTUpXcGhEdjFWVVIFZz09> for the fuel contract at 1:30pm on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 and read aloud. David Modricker and Summer Brown of Ferguson Township were present. The fuel bid was advertised in the Centre Daily Times and sent out to potential bidders.

Two fuel bids were received and are summarized as follows:

Nittany Oil Co.	\$59,239.50
JJ Powell, Inc.	\$59,587.50

Bids are within the current budget amount of \$91,330.00 (FTPW gasoline \$16,170 + FTPW diesel \$31,450 + FTPD gasoline \$43,710). The actual cost will depend on our consumption and the escalating wholesale price index. I recommend that the Board of Supervisors award Contract 2021-C7a, Fuel Bid, to Nittany Oil Co. in the amount of \$59,239.50.

File: Contract 2021-C7a Fuel



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TO: David Pribulka, Township Manager
Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors
FROM: David Modricker P.E., Public Works Director

DATE: April 13, 2021
SUBJECT: **AWARD OF MATERIALS BID FOR 2021 – “Aggregate and Asphalt”**

Bids were opened publicly for the aggregate and asphalt contract at 1:00pm on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89314064821?pwd=MHVUeUtvVmZ3UGdYbVErTHB0cVYrQT09>
and read aloud. David Modricker and Summer Brown of Ferguson Township were present. The contract was advertised in the Centre Daily Times and notice was provided to potential bidders.

One bid was received for aggregate as summarized on the attached bid tabulation. Aggregate is bid delivered to the Township at 3147 Research Drive. The sole bidder was Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.

Two bids were received for asphalt materials as summarized on the attached bid tabulation. Asphalt material is bid FOB (freight on board), meaning our trucks drive to the asphalt plant and pick it up. Bidders were Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. and HRI, Inc.

Based on my review, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors award items 1, 2, 3, and 4 (aggregate) to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. in the amount of \$17,800.00 and items 5, 6, 7, and 8 (asphalt) to HRI in the amount of \$64,800.00 all under Contract 2021-C7c, Aggregate and Asphalt.

The budget for this year's road materials from fund 35.438.245 is \$25,000. At the time of bidding, it was expected that FTPW would pave the laydown yard, a section of Harold Drive, and base repair a section of Gatesburg Road, and the stone and pavement materials would be charged to fund 32 TIF. While it is not expected that the latter work will be performed this year, the bids are within budget.

File: Contract 2021-C7c aggregate and asphalt

MS-963

Contract 2021-C7c Attachment 1

Bid Results for Asphalt and Aggregate Contract 2019-C7c

SCHEDULE OF PRICES - MATERIALS

1 ITEM NO.	2 APPROX. QUANTITY	3* UNIT	4** DESCRIPTION	GOH aggregate		HRI bituminous, miles to plant = 18, 24 min drive		GOH bituminous, miles to plant = 16, 24 min drive	
				UNIT PRICE DELIVERED TO TWP.	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE FOB PLANT	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE FOB PLANT	TOTAL
1	100	TON	2B Stone	\$15.00	\$1,500.00				
2	100	TON	Type AS2, Anti - Skid	\$17.00	\$1,700.00				
3	1000	TON	2A Stone	\$13.00	\$13,000.00				
4	100	TON	R-4 Rock	\$16.00	\$1,600.00				
5	100	TON	25mm Base Course PG64-22, <0.3 mESALS			\$49.35	\$4,935.00	\$48.75	\$4,875.00
6	800	TON	25mm Base Course PG64-22, 0.3 -3 mESALS			\$47.35	\$37,880.00	\$48.75	\$39,000.00
7	100	TON	25mm Base Course PG64-22, 10-30 mESALS			\$51.85	\$5,185.00	\$48.75	\$4,875.00
8	300	TON	9.5mm Wearing, SRL L PG64-22, <0.3 mESALS			\$56.00	\$16,800.00	\$59.00	\$17,700.00
				\$17,800.00		\$64,800.00		\$66,450.00	

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April 7, 2021

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Meeting Contact: Rebecca Petitt (rpetitt@crcog.net, 814-272-1447)

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Strouse will convene the meeting. Ms. Petitt will review the meeting procedures.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are invited to comment on any items not already on the agenda (five minutes per person time limit please). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting. Submitted comments will be read into the record by the Recording Secretary at the appropriate time in the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A copy of the minutes from the March 3, 2021 Human Resources Committee meeting is **enclosed** for approval.

4. JOB DESCRIPTION - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER - Presented by Becca Petitt

As discussed at the March 3, 2021, HR Committee meeting, the Centre Region Code Administration (CRCA) has a vacancy for the position of *Administrative Services Manager* (previously *Code Services Manager*). The position was newly created in 2019 and only one

person has filled the role. Staff took the opportunity to review the position's job description, title, and salary range for accuracy. The salary range remained the same, however, in order to help attract qualified applicants to the position, the title was changed to *Administrative Services Manager*. Aside from the title change, other changes to the job description include:

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Personnel management experience with the ability to mentor, lead, and inspire staff
- Ability to facilitate conflict resolution
- Coordinate the operations and functions of the regional code software and act as the IT support liaison for the agency
- Assist the Agency Director to develop the annual program plan, detailed and summary budget documents; assist in proactively monitoring the budget status throughout the year
- Building Code Official (BCO) Certification

Mr. Eric Norenberg verbally reviewed the proposed changes with the HR Committee at its March meeting. Following the March meeting, the revised draft job description was shared with the HR Committee via email for comment prior to advertising. This helped COG move forward with the advertisement of the position as quickly as possible. As agreed, *enclosed* is the revised job description for the HR Committee's official review and approval. Also *enclosed* is the 2021 COG Salary Schedule which reflects the change in title to *Administrative Services Manager*. A suggested motion for the Committee is as follows:

“That the COG Human Resources Committee approve the job description for the Administrative Services Manager, dated March 9, 2021, and that the change in title be also be reflected accordingly on the 2021 COG Salary Schedule, dated April 7, 2021.”

All municipalities should vote on this motion.

5. 2022 COG WAGE SURVEY – Presented by Becca Petitt and Eric Norenberg

This is a discussion agenda item.

In January of 2020, a COG-wide wage survey was proposed as a potential HR work task for 2021. Understandably, when the pandemic hit in March of 2020, there was not an appetite for the expense of the study in the 2021 budget. Further, a COG-wide strategic plan was proposed for 2021 and it was determined that a wage survey may be better suited to follow the results of the strategic plan. Again, in January of 2021, a potential HR work task was for the Committee to review the need and develop a scope of work for a COG wage study. As we look to budget for 2022, staff strongly recommend moving forward with a wage study in 2022 for multiple reasons, including:

- The last COG-wide wage study was completed over 15 years ago in 2005, with a partial conducted in 2014, and CRCA only in 2017.

- A living wage
 - Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) salaried exemption increase
 - Effective January 1, 2020, employees who do not earn at least \$35,568 a year (\$684 a week) have to be paid overtime, even if they're classified as a manager or professional
 - Continued discussions of minimum wage increase(s)
- Develop methods for staff recruitment, retention, and succession planning
 - At times it has been very difficult for COG to attract new talent
 - Many long-time employees are nearing retirement, including Agency Directors
- Standardize a part-time pay schedule
 - Currently the part-time pay schedules are independently set by each agency
- Staff morale
 - Over time new positions have been placed in the schedule, creating room for perceived or unintentional inequities
 - Many employees find it hard to meet mid-point or grow within the scale
 - Other employees reached the top of their scale and are stagnant

The HR Committee is asked to discuss building support for a wage study to be considered throughout the 2022 budget process. The Committee is also asked to help in developing a scope of work for the project. For example:

- Should we hire a consultant to perform the work?
- What communities should we survey?
 - We live in Central PA, however, we should consider the cost of living in our area, as well as the top-notch services provided and the talent we wish to attract that may require drawing candidate pools from a wider area
 - Are there classifications that should be benchmarked against private, education or non-profit sector positions?
- Should we review all of COG's job descriptions
 - Many haven't been officially reviewed since wage study in 2005
 - Current format is very lengthy
 - We may wish to consider creating *job families* to ease wage benchmarking in the future
 - Suggestions have been made to consider classifications for remote work, as well as to add language about sustainability, values, etc.
- Should the wage study incorporate all part-time positions?
 - Currently the part-time pay schedules are independently set by each agency
- Should the study include research about staff recruitment, retention, and succession planning?
 - At times it has been very difficult for COG to attract new talent

If for some reason, the wage study does not stay on track through the 2022 budget development, at a minimum, the Committee should consider review of the COG Agency Directors positions (job descriptions and salaries) following the substantial increase in the salary range for the Executive Director position and to prepare as COG has several Agency Directors nearing retirement.

The Committee's overall discussion and input will be valuable to COG staff as they prepare for the upcoming 2022 budget season.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Matter of Record - On March 18th and 23rd in lieu of the annual supervisory training, Ms. Pettit coordinated an all staff virtual workshop. The workshops were led by Ms. Jennifer Handke from Consulting With A Purpose. The three-hour workshops titled *Communication That Connects* focused on team building, understanding the different styles of communication, and successfully navigating change. During polls conducted at the end of each workshop, COG staff expressed an interest in additional professional development opportunities in the form of lunch and learn sessions. Ms. Handke will join the COG Executive Director, HR Officer, and Agency Directors on April 7th for a virtual debrief session and to discuss potential lunch and learn topics and next steps.
- B. Matter of Record - The Executive Committee authorized another extension of the COVID-19 Emergency Leave through April 30, 2021. Staff continue to unravel federal regulations associated with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). If a further update is available, it will be presented at the meeting.
- C. Matter of Record - The standardization of the COG employment application remains a work in progress. Currently, we are working with Schlow IT staff to help us develop the application in an on-line format.
- D. Matter of Record - The Work From Home policy was presented to the General Forum on Monday, March 22, 2021. The policy was adopted by the General Forum contingent upon further guidance from COG's labor attorney regarding potential OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration) liabilities.

It is important to note that the entire home is not considered the workspace; only the *designated* workspace within the home. We also learned that while OSHA does have good standards to follow, they do not have jurisdiction over municipal entities/local governments. Therefore, injuries that occur during work from home scenarios are a Workers Compensation matter for us, more than an OSHA concern. COG's labor attorney feels the Work From Home policy, agreement, and safety checklist are best business practice and sufficient with regards to safety and reporting any injuries that may occur while working from home.

- E. Matter of Record - The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Agency Staffing Study grant of \$10,000 has been awarded by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This grant requires a \$1,000 match which was in place within the 2021 budget. Once we have the grant contract in place, we will be able to move forward with contracting with Ms. Sue Landes, Recreation Parks Solutions, request grant funds, and begin the study.

- F. Matter of Record - The following represents a list of vacancies of COG full-time and part-time, year-round positions:
- a. **Code** – Code Division Manager – The position is currently being advertised publicly as open until filled. First round interviews expected to be held in the first week of April.
 - b. **Code** – Administrative Services Manager – The position is currently being advertised publicly as open until filled. First round of applications will be reviewed in April and top applicants will be invited to participate in an interview.
 - c. **Parks** – Parks Caretaker I (2 positions) – Seasonal employee, Mr. Storm Smith has accepted offer of full-time employment and started on March 1, 2021. Mr. Mason Bock has accepted an offer of full-time employment, with a May 2021 start date.
 - d. **Schlow** – Head of Patron Services – The position was advertised internally only, with interviews being held the last week in March. Candidates will also be giving a presentation to Schlow’s management team during the first week of April as a second step in the interview process.

7. CALENDAR

A calendar with upcoming COG committee, General Forum, and municipal meetings can be found by clicking the following link: [COG and Municipal Meeting Overlay Calendar](#)

8. ADJOURNMENT

ENCLOSURES

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>
03	Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes ~ March 3, 2021
04	Job Description Administrative Services Manager
04	2021 COG Salary Schedule

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Myers will convene the meeting. Mr. Asendorf perform a roll call of members.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public are invited to comment on any items not already on the agenda (five minute per person time limit, please). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action)**

A copy of the minutes from the March 11, 2021 Finance Committee meetings are **enclosed** for approval.

4. **UPDATE REGARDING CONCORD PUBLIC FINANCIAL ADVISORS (DISCUSSION)** (time estimate – 5-10 minutes)

The Committee should receive a report on the requests for proposal (RFP) for bank loans and a timeline for the borrowing to occur.

At the March General Forum meeting the General Forum authorized the retention of Mr. Chris Gibbons of Concord Public Financial Advisors to complete a borrowing that includes multiple options including Option 1A, Option 1B, and Option 4.

The **enclosed** document outlines the three options and the RFP will be shared with the Committee at the meeting. Also, a timeline is **enclosed** to outline of the future steps associated with the borrowing.

The Committee should receive this update and ask any questions they may have about the RFP, next steps, and the timeline.

5. **REVISION TO THE COG DETAILED BUDGET DOCUMENT (Discussion)** (time estimate 15-20 minutes)

The Committee should review the enclosed summary section of the detailed budget and begin discussing how the summary information in the detailed budget is desired to be presented. This will be on ongoing discussion covering multiple meetings.

Enclosed is the summary section of the 2021 detailed budget and an initial draft section of the proposed revised summary section of the detailed budget developed and reviewed by Staff. The Committee received this at its March meeting as well and deferred the discussion on the updated draft, which has taken into account comments received in previous budget meetings, until its April meeting.

The previously identified changes to the document include:

- Clarification around the utilization of “Schedule B”s
- Elimination of pages containing redundant information
- Introduction of COG-wide Revenue Summary Information by Category
- Introduction of COG-wide Expenditure Summary Information by Category

The goal of this information is to provide more focused summary information to the elected officials for both revenues and expenditures based on the information contained in the individual detailed budget sections.

The Finance Committee should review the proposed change to the summary section of the detailed budget document and provide comments on the appropriateness, transparency, and functionality of the summary information, and, if they deem the changes to be worthy of consideration, also provide suggestions to staff as to how to improve it beyond the proposed format.

6. **COG FORMULA CALCULATIONS (Discussion)** (time estimate 15 minutes)

*The Committee should review the **enclosed** summary of COG formulas, their calculation methodology, and decide if there are any specific formulas that need to be brought back for further discussion and analysis at its May meeting.*

At the request of the Finance Committee (Work Task #16) COG staff has compiled a listing of the various COG Formulas and their calculation methodology. The Finance Committee should review these calculations and determine if they wish to discuss any of

the calculations in greater detail. The discussion at this meeting should encompass a request to bring back more information at the May meeting, suggestions for alternate formulas to investigate for the May meeting, and a compilation of the pros/cons of the current/alternate formulas.

If there is a desire to investigate the transition between formulas prior practice dictates this should be a recommendation to and subsequently approved by the General Forum. At this point in time Staff feels it to be premature to make such a recommendation and believes that discussion should occur at the May Finance Committee meeting to allow the Committee members additional time to assess the suggested/desired changes and allow staff time to perform additional analysis and historical research associated with how the currently used formula(s) were agreed upon and calculate the impacts of any proposed changes.

7. **FINANCIAL UPDATE (Informational)** (time estimate 10 minutes)

This is an informational agenda item. The Committee should receive an update from COG staff and ask questions they deem appropriate.

Since the May 2020 meeting COG staff has continued to monitor its financial condition on a monthly basis. In addition to the feared decreases in municipal income, some of the programmatic functions at COG have been impacted as well. Since the onset of the pandemic staff has taken selected actions related to hiring freezes, furloughs, and postponement of capital expenses.

To track these variations and their impact on the 2021 operating budgets, COG staff analyzed the January through March monthly reports noting any significant differences. In addition, COG staff will begin tracking the changes in the monthly analyses and assessed the continuing impact of COVID-19 shut down on the assumptions in the 2021 COG operating budgets as the year progresses.

The Committee should review the analysis presented by Mr. Asendorf and ask questions they deem pertinent. COG staff intends to continue rolling this analysis forward on a monthly basis to identify variations from the budget and trend them appropriately.

8. **FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Informational)** (time estimate 5 minutes)

This is an informational agenda item. The Committee should receive the update from Ms. Hartle and ask questions they deem appropriate.

Ms. Patti Hartle will provide an update the Facilities Committee's April meeting.

9. **MONTHLY REPORTS (Action)**

This is an action agenda item. The Committee should review and approve the voucher report.

Copies of the March 2021 voucher report are enclosed with this agenda. To proceed, the Committee should consider the following motion:

“That the Finance Committee approves the March 2021 voucher report for the Centre Region COG.”

Copies of the March 2021 COG financial report (electronically, only) will be distributed with the meeting reminder next Wednesday.

If the Committee has any questions about the items in the voucher report, please let Finance Director Joe Viglione (jviglione@crcog.net or 231-3062) know as soon as possible so that the information can be researched prior to the next Committee meeting.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Matter of Record - The 2020 audit on site fieldwork for the Centre Region COG, Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority, Schlow Library, and the Library Federation has completed.
- B. Matter of Record - The following is an update of the status of planning and evaluation studies currently underway at the COG.

	Planning Activity	Status
1	IT Study	The RFP was released in mid-March. Responses are due by April 23. The RFP was advertised on the COG website and twice in the Centre Daily Times. Notices were also sent to area IT consulting firms identified by our intern last fall and to COSTARS IT consulting vendors on the PA Department of General Services approved list.
2	COG Strategic Plan	Last month, elected officials were asked for their input on the COG Mission and Vision statements. Following refinement, the statements and surveying of COG staff, the next step will be to engage elected officials during the April General Forum meeting for feedback, which will help us move towards final mission and vision statements as well as final values for the COG strategic plan. Professional assistance is being provide by Penn State University’s Office of Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research.
3	Code Software Study	The committee has met with TRAIRS for a virtual site visit and is in the process of scheduling virtual site visits for OpenGov. We anticipate completing these in the next two weeks and rendering a decision by the end of the month.
4	COG Facilities Evaluation	No significant update beyond the Facilities Committee report.

5	Solar Power Purchase Agreement (SPPA) Working Group	The April and May meetings were combined and moved to May 12 th . Currently the intention is for the Working Group to approve the release of the draft RFP for energy consulting services at that meeting.
6	Fleet Management Plan/COG Building Parking Lot Study	There is agreement among COG staff and the elected officials that this should be a priority work objective for 2021 and has been included on the Finance Committee's Priority Work Task List. Staff is soliciting examples of fleet management plans. If any Committee members have such plans in your municipality or workplace that would be good examples, we would appreciate a copy.
7	Evaluation of Boardwalk at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center	The Feasibility Study Working Group participated in additional Q & A at the March 10 meeting to ensure that all edits and comments will be considered for the final draft of the Feasibility Study (Part I). LAN Associates will spend the second half of March making final edits and adjustments to the report; it is hoped that a final draft report will be ready for distribution to DCNR, the Facilities Committee, the CRPR Authority, and possibly other groups during the month of April/May. Based on feedback from all reviews, LAN will make final edits and formally submit the 70% Boardwalk Feasibility Study in June/July. The Working Group also asked LAN Associates for a proposal for the Part II Feasibility Study which would include any additional site testing necessary to complete the report, additional work on the permitting related to the project, grant funding opportunities, and of course, finish the design drawings, once an option is chosen. The Agency staff met with DCNR in late February to discuss grant opportunities for the Part II Study. Unfortunately, because we are not ready to move into development, DCNR cannot provide any additional funding for completing the study/design documents. The Agency staff will be reviewing funds available through MMNC's Capital Budget to see what is available for supplementing the \$50,000 in place at this time; there were several cost-savings projects where saved funds could be applied toward this study.
8	Whitehall Road Regional Park	The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority held a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 25 to make decisions on bids for Whitehall Road Regional Park. All bids were rejected except Bid No. 04 - Fencing and Bid No. 05 - Playground Equipment Installation. Planning work is underway to sequence the development of Phase

		I in order to try to meet the current budget and to include restrooms. To facilitate easy access to documents, resources and current information about the WRRP project, staff is developing a special website. The link and other details will be shared when the site goes live.
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11. ADJOURNMENT

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CLIMATE ACTION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Centre Region Council of Governments Office Building
2643 Gateway Drive

Monday, April 12, 2021
12:15 p.m.

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CLIMATE ACTION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Zoom Platform

Monday, April 12, 2021

12:15 p.m.

During the COVID-19 health emergency, to continue business operations of the COG and ensure the safety of municipal officials and staff, and to adhere to health emergency recommendations while remaining in compliance with Pennsylvania's guidelines for public meetings, this Climate Action and Sustainability Committee meeting will be held via video conference. Written public comment or requests to speak to the Climate Action and Sustainability Committee for items not on the agenda, and requests to comment to specific agenda items listed below, may be submitted in advance by emailing mlaird@crcog.net.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Ms. Whitman will convene the meeting.
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Members of the public are invited to comment on any items not already on the agenda (**five minutes per person time limit, please**). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A copy of the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Climate Action and Sustainability Committee meetings are **enclosed**.
4. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION
At the March 8, 2021 meeting, the Climate Action and Sustainability (CAS) Committee reviewed the PSU and SCASD representation, but the SCASD liaison was incorrectly identified by COG. The SCASD school board appointed Gretchen Brant to the CAS Committee on March 22, 2021.

The 2021 membership of the committee is as follows:

Carla Stilson	College Township
Prasenjit Mitra	Ferguson Township
Danelle DelCorso	Halfmoon Township
Bud Graham	Harris Township
Betsy Whitman	Patton Township
Jesse Barlow	State College Borough
Rob Cooper	Penn State University
Gretchen Brandt	State College Area School District

5. COMMUNITY FORUM ON CLIMATE PLANNING – presented by Pam Adams and Lara Fowler

This agenda item provides the Climate Action & Sustainability Committee with an update on the upcoming April 13, 2021 community forum on understanding and preparing for climate impacts in the Centre Region to increase resiliency.

The forum's purpose is to bring people together to identify shared values, think about what the future might look like for the Central Region, and explore common ground solutions. The forum will help set the stage for additional work in 2021 and beyond on the regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) for State College Borough and the Townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris, and Patton.

Professor Lara Fowler's students in EXPR 972: Mediation of Environmental and Public Conflicts course will facilitate the forum. Professor Fowler will be at the meeting to provide an update on the forum, including registration and agenda.

Below are updates on items that were discussed at the March 8, 2021 meeting.

- a. Zoom was deemed to be the best platform for this forum. Two other alternatives were investigated but they did not provide all the features and functions reliably needed. We plan to layer the protections to prevent against Zoom bombing.
- b. The event will be recorded by C-Net which allows for live streaming on YouTube, future airing on C-Net, and the ability to share the recording.
- c. **Enclosed** is the climate impact forum handout and flyer that has been distributed through social media, emails, e-newsletters, and more.
- d. Students in the environmental mediation course have been conducting interviews with identified stakeholders from local government (staff and elected), Penn State, utilities, local businesses, and related non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

- e. Registration is required to attend the forum on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 6:30- 8:30 p.m.: <https://centresustains.com/forum-details>
To date, 87 participants are registered.

The committee should consider any questions they have regarding the community forum planned for April 13, 2021.

6. UPDATE BY THE SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WORKING GROUP -
presented by Peter Buck, Chair, and Gretchen Brandt, Vice-Chair

This agenda item provides the Climate Action & Sustainability Committee with an update on the Solar Power Purchase Agreement Working Group's (SPPA WG) activities, which includes the planned release for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Energy Services Consultant in May. Mr. Buck and Ms. Brandt will review how this project aligns with the regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

The following 15 entities are part of the SPPA WG that are exploring the viability of aggregating their electricity to invest in a joint solar power purchase agreement.

Centre Area Transportation Authority	Centre County Government
Centre County Housing Authority	College Township
Centre Region Council of Governments	Ferguson Township
College Township Water Authority	Halfmoon Township
State College Borough Water Authority	Harris Township
State College Area School District	Patton Township
Centre Hall Potter Sewer Authority	State College Borough
Centre County Refuse and Recycling Authority	

There are many benefits of aggregation including, (1) aggregated purchases have a bigger impact, (2) aggregated deals have better economics and prices, (3) aggregation lowers risk, and (4) aggregation creates positive network effects and compelling communications. Partnering with others on an aggregated procurement will enable the Centre Region to cost-effectively pursue renewable energy sources and help meet our climate action goals.

During September 2020 - February 2021, the SPPA Working Group participated in a World Resources Institute (WRI) and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) Large-Scale Renewables Aggregation Cohort with five other groups from Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, Virginia, and the Delaware Valley Region of PA. The WRI-RMI team hosted workshops that provided the cohort with education, best practices, and model documents on aggregated large-scale renewable procurement. Additional information can be found at https://www.crcog.net/aggregation_cohort.

7. TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP FOR CAAP IMPLEMENTATION - presented by Pam Adams

This agenda item asks the Climate Action & Sustainability Committee to begin considering the need for a technical advisory group to assist the Sustainability Planner and CAS Committee with the implementation of the CAAP.

The current Climate Action and Adaptation Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is scheduled to complete its mandate of creating a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) in the summer of 2021. **Enclosed** is the outline for the current TAG that shows the group's framework and an updated timeline. The TAG has met monthly since September 2019 and has been an invaluable resource to CRPA staff while developing the CAAP. At its March 15, 2021 meeting, the TAG recommended that the CAS Committee form a new technical advisory group to assist in the implementation of the CAAP.

The purpose of the new technical advisory group would be to convene individuals who can assist the Sustainability Planner and CAS Committee by providing additional expertise and analysis of technical issues that may be required to inform the implementation of the Centre Region Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The TAG suggested the CAS Committee consider experts in the following areas:

- Energy
- Financial
- State political liaison
- Policy mechanisms to incentivize
- Communications

The CRPA recommends forming a CAAP Implementation Technical Advisory Group (I-TAG) of 7 - 9 members that can start meeting regularly later this summer to advise and assist the CAS Committee on the implementation of the CAAP. The I-TAG will be needed for multiple years so it will be in our interest to set a defined term and process for its membership. A potential timeline could be:

- May: CRPA brings back an outline of new I-TAG
- June: CAS Committee forwards recommendation to General Forum for I-TAG approval
- July: Appointment recruiting begins
- Aug: CAS Committee endorses I-TAG recommended members
- Sept: I-TAG holds its first meeting

The committee should provide input on the membership expertise, terms and process, and consider what questions they have in regard to the formation of a new technical advisory group for the implementation of the CAAP.

8. DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE COG CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – *presented by Jim May*

At the March 8, 2021 meeting, committee members reviewed six different sustainability committee mission statements from areas around the country and decided to provide individual draft mission statements to consider at this meeting. To date, one draft mission statement has been submitted for consideration. This mission statement is:

“To develop in the Centre Region a proactive culture of environmental sustainability as it intersects with infrastructure resiliency, and social, ecological, and fiscal responsibilities. It is our duty to engage all residents, governments, and businesses toward this effort through the use of research, education, communication, and comprehensive and strategic planning”.

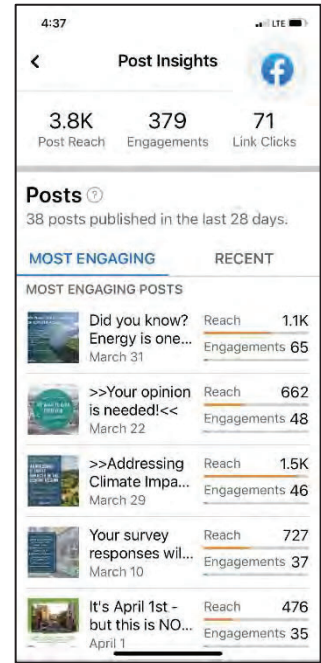
The previously provided example mission statements and COG resolution 2020-8 that includes the draft committee responsibilities are **enclosed**.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Matter of Record – At the May 6, 2021 joint PSE-TLU Committee meeting, CRPA plans to provide an overview on various options for solar installations including, utility scale, net metering scale, community scale, solar cooperatives, and individual residential scale installations. The intent is to then offer an on-site UAJA Solar Tour for interested elected officials later in May.
- B. Matter of Record – The second Centre Region Sustainability Survey postcard mailer was sent to 3,000 random residential addresses on March 29, 2021. The online survey launched March 3, 2021 at centresustains.com/survey. The survey will help local government gauge community knowledge of, and interest in sustainable practices for developing a regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.
- C. Matter of Record – **Enclosed** is an article regarding the survey and forum that was in the April edition of the State College Magazine.
- D. Matter of Record – **Enclosed** are two Op-Ed articles by the TAG chair and vice chair that appeared in the Centre Daily Times. Three more Op-Eds by the remaining members are planned to appear in future Wednesday editions.
- E. Matter of Record – **Enclosed** is the March 15, 2021 meeting summary of the Climate Action and Adaptation Technical Advisory Group (TAG). The TAG’s next meeting is April 19 at 8:30 a.m. virtually through Zoom.

- F. Matter of Record - Images to the right and below reflect the social media activity for the last month. CRPA kicked off its Instagram page early March and currently has 94 followers. PSU Communication class COMM 473 created a social media toolkit for CRPA to promote the forum and survey for the month of April. Follow us on @centreregionalplanning.

10. ADJOURNMENT



**CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)
CLIMATE ACTION & SUSTAINABILITY (CAS) COMMITTEE**

**Minutes
March 8, 2021**

(please refer to the COG audio/video meeting files website when referencing the timestamps)

Ms. Whitman called the March 8, 2021, remote Zoom meeting of the Climate Action & Sustainability (CAS) Committee to order at 12:15 p.m.

Members Present: Carla Stilson, College Township; Betsy Whitman, Patton Township; Danelle DelCorso, Halfmoon Township; Jesse Barlow, State College Borough; Bud Graham, Harris Township; Rob Cooper, Penn State University; and Jason Little, State College Area School District

Others Present: Jim May, Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) Director; Pam Adams, CRPA Sustainability Planner; Tom Zilla, CRPA Principal Transportation Planner; Mark Boeckel, CRPA Principal Planner; Nicole Pollock, CRPA Senior Planner; Corey Rilk, CRPA Senior Planner; Marcella Laird, CRPA Office Manager; Shelly Mato, COG Refuse & Recycling Administrator; Eric Norenberg, COG Executive Director; Lara Fowler, PSU Law Professor; Jasmine Fields, State College Borough Sustainability Assistant; Pam Robb, Patton Township Supervisor; Sylvia Neely, Citizens' Climate Lobby; Ross Adams, Centre County resident

PUBLIC COMMENTS (00:09:00)

There were no public comments.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 MEETING (00:09:05)

Motion was made by Mr. Barlow and seconded by Ms. DelCorso to approve the February 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 5-0 (Mr. Mitra was not in attendance).

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION (00:09:34)

The Committee briefly reviewed the liaison representatives from Penn State University and the State College Area School District and did not offer any comments or discussion. The Committee accepted the liaison representatives.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON CLIMATE PLANNING (00:10:40)

Ms. Adams stated that the April 13, 2021 forum on climate planning is intended to bring people together to identify shared values, think about what the future might look like for the Centre Region, and explore common-ground solutions. The forum will help set the stage for additional work in 2021 and beyond on the regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). Professor Lara Fowler's students in EXPR 972: Mediation of Environmental and Public Conflicts course will facilitate the forum. To prepare for the forum, Professor Fowler and CRPA staff need guidance from Committee members on the best platform to host the forum, whether to have C-NET record the forum, and feedback on the enclosed Guidance Document to provide the environmental mediation students with background information to help facilitate the forum and prepare a forum flyer.

Professor Fowler explained that Penn State University has the capability to host the forum via Zoom or a platform called GatherTown. The upside to Zoom is that most people have used Zoom at this point, and it would be a more familiar platform; however, GatherTown has more capabilities in terms of breakout discussions and giving participants freedom to "explore the room." In addition, staff will need to work with C-NET to ensure that they have the capability to record on GatherTown, as well as figure out any

other technical specifications. Some of the Committee members expressed concern about a possible “Zoom bombing,” especially if the forum garners a lot of interest; however, the security measures in Zoom have improved over the past year and staff would have a lot more control in managing the participants during the forum. The Committee members felt that staff should work with Professor Fowler and C-NET to determine the best virtual meeting platform to use for the open public forum.

The Committee discussed the guidance document and recommended that staff consider further explaining how a resident’s opinions will help shape policies on climate action. In addition, the flyer should be more eye-catching and include a call to action so that the people receiving the flyer know what is expected of them. Lastly, Committee members supported that staff remove any mention of the Centre Region Council of Governments because a resident may not know what the COG is and mentioning it serves no purpose for the forum.

The Committee then discussed the questions that would be posed to residents and stakeholders during the forum. The Committee members suggested that the questions be more general, not use climate-related technical terms, and not use the phrase “climate change,” as that phrase has become politicized. The Committee members felt that it was important to discuss “big picture” items at the April public form; however, in the future, it might be possible to break out the conversation into sectors like transportation, energy, water, etc. for community members to participate in.

DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE COG CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (00:53:28)

Mr. May communicated that as part of the formation of the Climate Action & Sustainability Committee, the Committee should discuss and finalize its mission statement by mid-2021. Within the agenda, Mr. May provided six sample sustainability committee mission statements from a variety of areas around the country. Mr. May briefly reviewed the mission statements and stated that Committee members should either review the example mission statements and draft a consensus mission statement together at the April 12 meeting, or Committee members could develop individual mission statements and return a draft to Ms. Adams no later than March 22. Staff will then review the individual mission statements and find areas of agreement and potential conflicts prior to the April 12 meeting. At the April meeting, staff will facilitate a discussion with the intent of forging a consensus mission statement.

The Committee members briefly discussed the sample mission statements. There was general consensus that the mission statement should be no more than one sentence and should be neutral and not mention any specific climate actions. The Committee members agreed to submit individual mission statements to staff by March 22 to review for the April 12 discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS (01:02:54)

The next CAS Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 12:15 p.m. via the Zoom meeting platform.

ADJOURNMENT (01:07:38)

There being no further business, the March 8, 2021 meeting of the COG Climate Action & Sustainability (CAS) Committee was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcella Laird
Recording Secretary



JOIN US!

Open Public Forum: Addressing Climate Impacts in the Centre Region

All welcome; forum free and open to the public

- **Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 6:30-8:30 PM** (virtual meeting, recorded by C-Net)
- Registration required: <https://centresustains.com/forum-details>
- Hosted on behalf of the Centre Region Council of Governments.

Overview:

You are invited to participate in a public forum focused on understanding and managing climate-related impacts facing the Centre Region. The purpose of this forum is to bring people together to identify shared values, think about what the future might look like for the Central Region, and explore potential solutions. The forum will help set the stage for additional work in 2021 and beyond on a regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) for State College Borough and the Townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris and Patton.

This forum will be facilitated by Professor Lara Fowler and students enrolled in her environmental mediation course at Penn State Law. They will be conducting a series of interviews in addition to the forum; if you would like to talk with them, please contact Lara Fowler at lbf10@psu.edu.

We want your input - Take the Centre Region Sustainability Survey:

In addition, there is a community survey open through April 30, 2021 to provide input to help local government gauge community knowledge and interest in sustainable practices for developing a regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. In return for completing the survey, respondents can be entered to win a \$100 gift card, a free energy audit or a \$1,000 solar electric voucher. To take the survey, visit: <https://centresustains.com/survey>.





OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

ADDRESSING CLIMATE IMPACTS IN THE CENTRE REGION

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APRIL 13, 2021 / 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
(VIRTUAL MEETING, RECORDED BY C-NET)

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Climate Action and Adaptation Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Mandate: Provide technical assistance to the Sustainability Planner and the corresponding COG Committees during preparation of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). Using best available science and knowledge, make recommendations on best practices for CRPA staff to compile the CAAP.

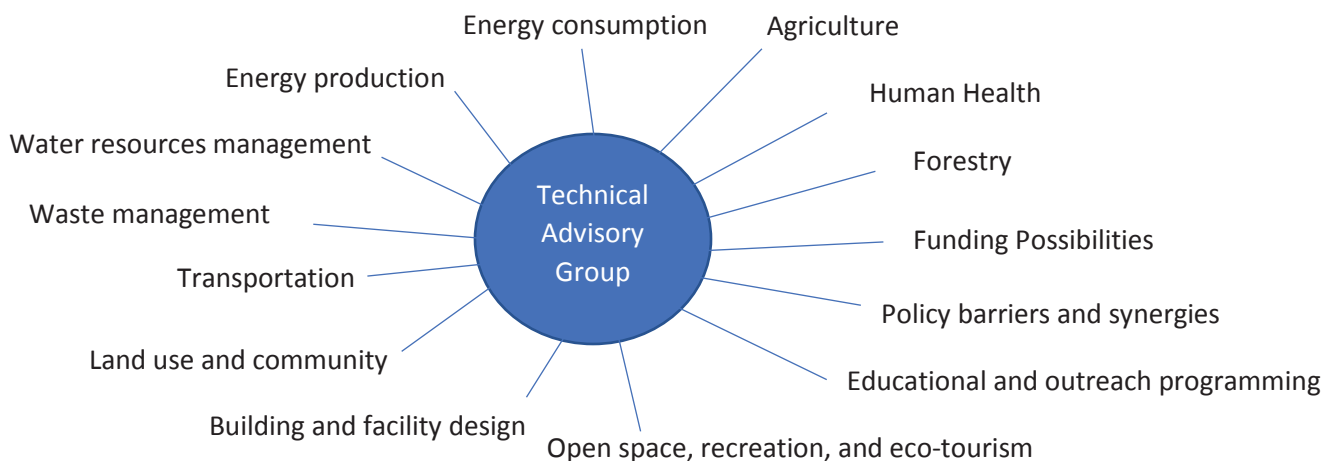
Oversight: The PSE Committee will have oversight, while other COG Committees will be involved as needed and will review the recommendations in order to make policy decisions regarding the regional CAAP. The General Forum will receive quarterly updates.

Timeline: Kick off meeting 9/16/19. Meet on a monthly basis through 2020.

Process: CRPA staff will reach out to potential recruits and form a core group of overall climate change / sustainability experts. The core members will meet regularly to organize the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) process and create the CAAP. During research into the identified sectors shown below the core members will reach out to subject matter experts to learn about best practices. The advisor, Adam Brumbaugh, will serve as a sounding board to ensure municipal integration, both operationally and fiscally. TAG was endorsed by the PSE Committee at its 9/5/19 meeting.

Public Input: The meetings of the TAG will be open to the public and noticed on the COG web page and through social media. Once a sector has several best management practices identified, focus groups will be held with the public to garner interest, assure applicability and define the best actions for our community.

Deliverable from CRPA: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)



TAG: Brandi Robinson, PSU Energy and Sustainability Policy instructor, Geography
 Peter Buckland, PSU Sustainability Institute Academic Program Manager
 Alan Sam, SCB Environmental Coordinator/Arborist
 Franklin Eagan, PASA Director of Education
 Jason Wert, Rettew Energy and Environmental Project Engineer
 Pam Adams, CRPA Sustainability Planner

Advisor: Adam Brumbaugh, College Township Manager

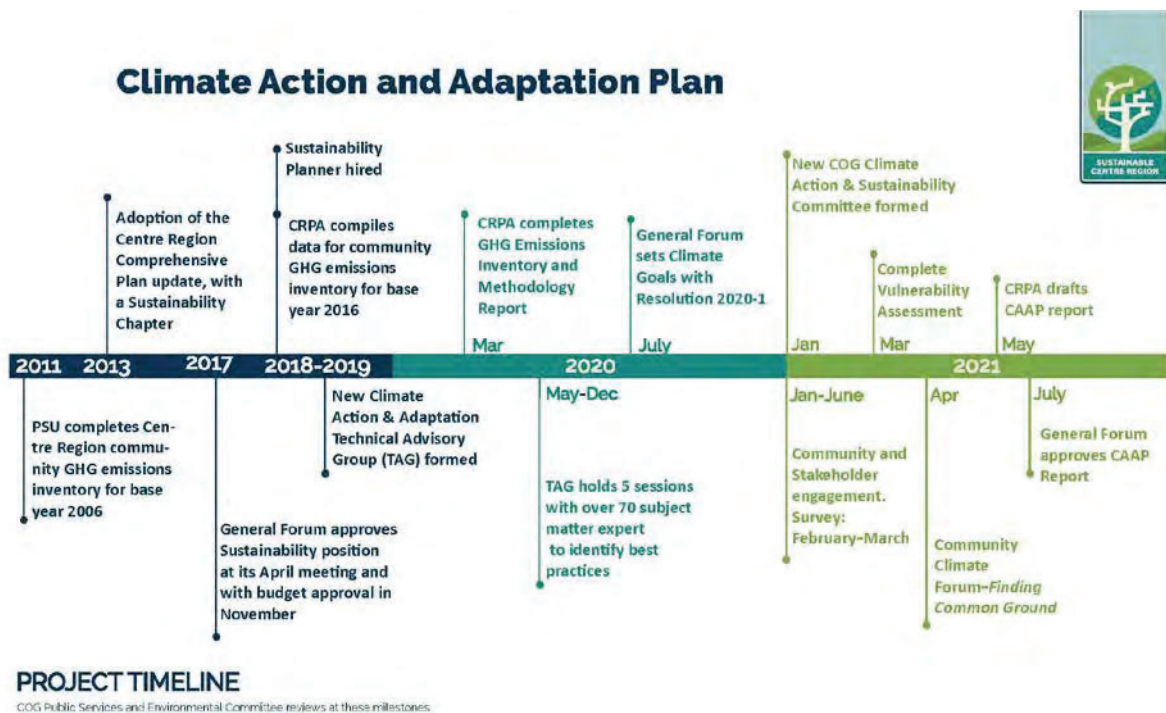
Climate Action and Adaptation Technical Advisory Group TAG

Members:

- attend a monthly 1-1.5 hr meeting
- provide guidance on the overall structure of CAAP, best management practices and public outreach program
- assist with connecting CRPA staff with subject matter experts
- offer additional expertise on sector(s) of interest
- review and provide feedback on CAAP document
- attend some stake holder meeting to elicit public interest

CRPA staff:

1. complete primary work load - documenting best practices and providing additional research
2. collaborate with municipal staff, regional organizations and elected officials
3. update municipal elected officials and staff through respective attending COG Committees, quarterly updates to the General Forum and attending municipal meetings
4. create the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)
5. develop a public outreach program
6. coordinate stakeholder meetings to elicit public interest



(6) Examples of Sustainability Committee Mission Statements

MONOMA, WISCONSIN - *located in the Madison metropolitan area (metro population of 654,000, population of Monoma is 8,000)*

The Sustainability Committee is dedicated to guiding and assisting Monoma's residents, businesses, and government in becoming a community that meets the needs of the present without compromising the resources available for future generations. Its vision is that Monoma will share a culture that is vested in and embraces best use practices for sustainable living, business, and development.

DUNWOODY, GEORGIA – *located about 20 minutes north of downtown Atlanta (metro population 6,000,000, Dunwoody population is about 50,000)*

Enable smart choices for our community and its residents by promoting, through education, outreach, and awareness efforts, the conservation of energy, water, and fuel; investment in renewable energy; reduction of waste; and protecting and restoring the community's natural resources. To advise and assist the City of Dunwoody to develop sustainable measures, practices, buildings, and fleets that are environmentally, economically, and socially responsible.

RAPID CITY, NORTH DAKOTA – *population of about 149,000*

The purpose of the Sustainability Committee is to encourage education, stewardship, and policy leadership that will make our community a leader in economic, social, and environmental sustainability.

LITTLETON, MASSACHUSETTS – *rural community located about 45 minutes west of Boston, population of about 10,000*

To help develop a culture of sustainability in our community through a partnership with all residents, government and businesses utilizing innovation, education, communication, and comprehensive and strategic planning.

BENICIA, CALIFORNIA – *small coastal town located about 45 minutes northeast of San Francisco, near the Vallejo metro area, with a metro population of 451,000, population of Benicia is about 28,000*

The purpose of the Community Sustainability Commission is to educate, advocate and provide oversight for integrated solutions that seek a sustainable equilibrium for economic, ecological, and social health and well-being, both now and in the future.”

EUGENE, OREGON – *population of about 168,000*

The Sustainability Commission works to create a healthy community now and in the future by proposing measurable solutions to pressing environmental, social, and economic concerns to the City of Eugene, its partners, and its people.

The commission acts as a policy advisory body to the council and city manager in the initiation or development of programs that will create or enhance sustainable practices within the community. The commission advises on policy matters related to:

- Sustainable practices
- Businesses that produce sustainable products and services
- City building design and infrastructure
- Related issues that directly affect sustainability efforts considered by the city council



**CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION 2020-8**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO
ESTABLISH THE CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AS A
STANDING COG COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the members of the Centre Region Council of Governments General Forum appreciate and value a balanced approach in planning and actions to continue to achieve social, environmental, and financial stability for the future of the Centre Region; and

WHEREAS, all six Centre Region municipalities are certified as “Sustainable Pennsylvania” municipalities, which is recognition for the policy and practice of using sustainability to advance community prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Centre Region Council of Governments General Forum passed Resolution 2020-1 on July 27, 2020, to develop and implement a pragmatic, fiscally responsible strategy to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to changing climate conditions; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Centre Region Council of Governments General Forum wish to create a Climate Action and Sustainability Committee to provide oversight of strategic and coordinated actions among the COG municipalities to successfully implement the Centre Region Climate Action and Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft responsibilities of the Climate Action and Sustainability Committee are:

- i. To review state and federal policy, provide guidance, and recommend programs and COG policies, and project initiatives relating to climate adaptation and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- ii. To provide oversight of how to measure, monitor, and assess reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and to meet reduction targets over time.
- iii. To promote local climate preparedness and collective risk management efforts that improve resiliency and adapt to climate change in the Centre Region.
- iv. To advance the Centre Region as a leader in diverse sustainable practices that contribute to environmental and human health, economic prosperity, environmental justice and social equity.
- v. To recommend bidding specifications for the Refuse and Recycling Program to the General Forum and to recommend actions on major policy issues affecting that program.

- vi. To coordinate studies, plans, and proposals with other COG Committees as they relate to major land use policy, transportation projects, and other infrastructure projects.
- vii. To study and prepare recommendations on sustainability policy, issues or projects in the Centre Region as requested by the Executive Committee; an

WHEREAS, the Centre Region Council of Governments General Forum has the authority, as outlined in the Articles of Agreement, to "establish such standing, special or ad hoc committees as deemed appropriate to conduct its business";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERE RESOLVED: That the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments hereby authorizes that the Climate Action and Sustainability Committee be established as a COG standing committee, with representatives from each Centre Region municipality and a liaison representative from the State College Area School District and from Penn State University, and further, final representation should be reviewed by the new CAS Committee in the first quarter of 2021 to determine if other stakeholder groups should also be represented, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Climate Action and Sustainability Committee shall deliberate and ratify its mission, responsibilities, and member representation by mid-2021.

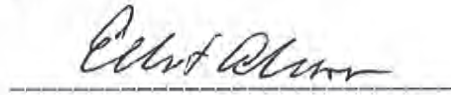
RESOLVED, this *twenty-third day of November 2020*, meeting in regular session.

Attest:



Eric Norenberg
Executive Director, Centre Region COG

By:



Elliot Abrams
Chair, Centre Region COG



Centre Sustains

Elected officials in the Centre Region want to put together a plan to prepare for climate change and are seeking input from residents. To do that, they have created a survey and scheduled a virtual forum for April 13 to discuss the results.

“We are looking for pragmatic and fiscally responsible actions so we can reduce our emissions and adapt to a changing climate,” says Pamela Adams, the sustainability planner for the Centre Regional Planning Agency. “We are trying to understand our shared values so we know what the future will look like.”

Greenhouse gas emissions in the Centre Region are more than twice the world average, and nearly 50 percent of the region is forest, which is vulnerable to climate change. Increased rainstorms have affected roads and created drainage ditch problems, Adams says. Public health, the economy and the quality of life have also been affected, she says.

You can take the survey and find information about the forum at centresustains.com. ■

How Harris can move ahead with reforming the filibuster

BY ERWIN CHERMERINSKY
AND BURT NEUBORNE
Los Angeles Times

There is a clear next step in changing the Senate filibuster: Vice President Kamala Harris, as presiding officer of the Senate, can — and should — declare the current Senate filibuster rule unconstitutional. This would open the door for discussions on a new rule that would respect the minority without giving it an unconstitutional veto.

In 1957, Vice President Richard Nixon, sitting as presiding officer of the Senate, issued two advisory opinions holding that a crucial provision of the Senate's filibuster rule — requiring two-thirds vote to amend it — was

unconstitutional. Nixon's constitutional determination was reaffirmed by subsequent vice presidents Hubert Humphrey and Nelson Rockefeller. It was this ruling that allowed the Democratic-controlled Senate in 1957 to pass the Republican-controlled Senate in 2017 by a simple majority vote to eliminate filibusters for all executive and judicial nominees.

Harris possesses the same power to rule that the current version of the Senate filibuster, which essentially establishes a 60-vote supermajority rule to enact legislation in the Senate, is unconstitutional because it denies states "equal suffrage in the Senate" in violation of Article V of the Constitution.

Wyoming with 580,000

inhabitants, elects the same number of senators as California, with its 40 million residents. A person in Wyoming thus has 65 times more voting power in the Senate than a person living in California. The current 60-vote filibuster rule makes this imbalance even worse.

Under the 60-vote rule, 41 senators representing about a third of the population can outweigh 59 senators representing two-thirds. This situation surely violates the principle of equal representation in voting — for example, the "one person, one vote" rule that the Supreme Court long ago applied to state legislative and congressional districts.

Everyone agrees that the text of the Constitu-

tion does not allow for simply giving California more senators than Wyoming. Nor can the Senate's lack of representative fairness be cured by adopting internal Senate voting rules. But that does not mean the Senate has authority to create even more unfairness than already exists.

In fact, Article I of the Constitution does not appear to permit a broad 60-vote supermajority rule. That article sets forth supermajority votes in the Senate only in narrowly defined cases like ratifying treaties, overturning presidential vetoes and convicting impeached officials. The strong implication is that, unless the action falls into these narrow exceptions, the Senate should

operate by majority rule. Article I says nothing about a general supermajority requirement for the enactment of all legislation in the Senate.

And while the 17th Amendment revolutionized the Senate by shifting the election of senators from state legislatures to the voters, it preserved the founders' decision to give each state two senators with equal voting rights. But a 60-vote supermajority rule destroys the mathematical equality of each senator's vote.

We believe that the best way forward is for Harris to rule that the current version of the Senate filibuster operates in violation of Article V, the 17th Amendment and the constitutional presumption of majority rule. Such a ruling would trigger two events.

The Senate could seek to overturn Harris by majority vote. In that case, the senators would no longer be debating the filibuster as mere political policy, but about a profound constitu-

tional question. At the same time, discussions could begin about what a constitutional rule protecting the Senate minority might look like. Perhaps the Senate would choose to abandon the filibuster. Or it might adopt a rule requiring strenuous effort — like demanding that a senator get on the floor and actually talk to prevent a bill from proceeding to a vote. Or it might require successively lower votes to end the filibuster, initially 60, then 55, and then just a majority.

Eliminating the filibuster now would benefit the Democrats, but it would help the Republicans the next time they control the Senate. Harris can move this forward by ruling that the current filibuster rule needs to be changed.

Erwin Chemerinsky is dean of the UC Berkeley School of Law. Burt Neuborne is the Norman Dorsen Professor of Civil Liberties at NYU School of Law.

Local solutions sought for issue of climate change

BY BRANDI ROBINSON

I've lived in Happy Valley since 2003 when I came for graduate school and just never left. As a graduate student in Penn State's department of geography, I became interested in local scale solutions to global scale climate problems and spent my time working on a precursor of a climate action plan for the University Park campus.

In the intervening 18 years, I've watched as we've not made much progress in addressing the global scale problem of climate change at bigger scales and I understand the value of addressing it right here at home. Here is where we feel the impacts of a changing climate. Here is where we can create meaningful work to support a transition to a lower carbon economy. Here is where we have the chance to think about how we can make the Centre Region an even better place to call home for all of us.

In 2017, Ferguson Township (where I live) passed a resolution to become carbon neutral by 2050. This is an ambitious and almost daunting goal, however it's exactly what the world's climate scientists tell us is necessary to avert the more catastrophic impacts of a warmer world. In that resolution came the opportunity to participate in a Climate Action Committee of other concerned Ferguson Township residents as we tried to understand what our current emissions are and how we can start to bring that number closer to zero — all while continually asking ourselves the question, "What actions can we take that not only reduce our climate impact but also enhance opportunities for our neighbors, save us money, and make Ferguson Township a more resilient and thriving community?"

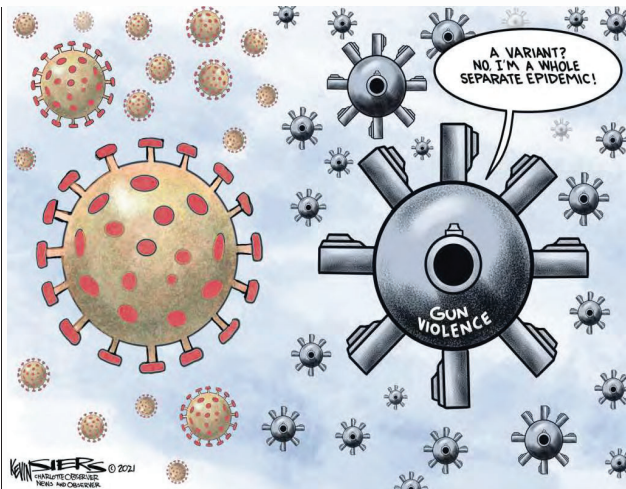
Not soon after we began having these conversations in Ferguson Township and thinking about

our opportunities for reducing emissions, the Centre Region Planning Agency invested in similar efforts at the regional scale, efforts that will lead to a regional climate action and adaptation plan. This gives us the opportunity to partner with our neighboring municipalities and build on our shared identity as residents of the greater State College area community to think about how we can not only reduce our contribution to the global problem, but more importantly how we can respond to the local impacts of that problem with proactive, inclusive and holistic measures to improve this place we're lucky enough to call home.

It's been almost 20 years that I've been studying and working on the local solutions to these global problems and it's exciting to see where these efforts have taken us and to think about the potential and responsibility we have at this moment to do even more. But we can't do this alone. This community belongs to all of us, and we need to work together to understand how to prioritize our efforts to ensure that it functions well for each of us.

The Centre Region COG wants your input to help gauge community knowledge of, and interest in sustainable practices for developing a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Two community-wide initiatives are planned — a survey and forum. Complete the Sustainability Survey at centrussains.com/survey and have a chance to win a free energy audit, \$1,000 solar electric voucher or a \$100 gift card. Plan to attend the virtual Forum on Understanding and Preparing for Climate Impacts in the Centre Region on April 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Brandi Robinson is the chair of the technical advisory group supporting the development of the Centre Region's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CVIM'S VACCINATION EFFORTS DESERVE PRAISE, SUPPORT

As a volunteer for Centre Volunteers in Medicine, I observe firsthand the critical work this organization is doing to provide health care to the under-served that live and work in Centre County. Especially during these pandemic times, the frontline workers, the behind-the-scenes staff, and countless volunteers are to be commended for their exceptional dedication to our community.

We are all hoping that vaccination is the magic bullet that will allow us to return to a normal life. As I write this in the middle of March, 12,000 individuals in Centre County are partially vaccinated in a population of over 160,000. So, we have a long way to go before we reach "herd immunity."

CVIM is one of the local agencies that is making this happen. By organizing and funding weekly clinics (CVIM is not eligible for government assistance), CVIM is vaccinating thousands of us each week. While medical services at

CVIM are only free to those that can show financial need, all Centre County residents are eligible for COVID vaccination at no cost, made possible by local donations.

We can all do our part by getting vaccinated and by supporting CVIM!

James Ultrman,
State College

REPUBLICANS' TRUE INTENTIONS ARE CLEAR

I am amazed at the lengths the Republicans will go to follow the lead of Trump and to appeal to his base. They are now willing to take Pennsylvania back into the Jim Crow era with the legislation they are supporting.

Their efforts are nothing more than pure voter suppression. They will say their efforts are to ensure voter security. However, I have not heard any of our local representatives utter one word about Putin's efforts to support Trump in the recent election. If they really cared about voter security the GOP would make a strong and leading position against

such efforts.

We know the Republicans are unable to expand their voter base with the exception of adding the Oath Keepers, the Proud Boys, white supremacists' and QAnon conspiracy theorists. The GOP positions are simply those of opposition and are aimed at appealing to their white rural voter base. They make no efforts to develop a set of beliefs that would appeal to the more diverse population that now exists in the U.S. Therefore, their efforts are only aimed at suppressing the voting rights of this more diverse population. Shame on them!

John Casey, State College

SCIENCE DOESN'T SUPPORT ARTS FEST CANCELLATION

Cancelling Arts Fest 2021, and any other festival or event this summer, is a mistake. Last summer the number of cases and deaths in Pennsylvania bottomed out at significantly low numbers. This year, because of its spread and the vaccine, those numbers will be even less. Even so, as of March 18, 99.98% of Pennsylvanians

who have been diagnosed with COVID have survived. Also as of March 18, 77% of Centre County's deaths have been in the long-term care facility population. For an event that is largely outside, cancellation of the festival is unreasonable. Furthermore, a more significant public event in Pennsylvania, the Carlisle Auto Show, will once again be held this year. It was not canceled last year. This event lasts much longer and draws more people than our summer events here in Centre County. In their case, the state tried to enforce the 250-person limit, but was denied by the court. So, they schemed a confidential agreement with the auto show to allow the event to be held. The science just doesn't support the cancellation of the Arts Fest 2021 outdoors event. Bring our economy back.

Jeremy Krider,
State College



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DAILY PRAYER

God, we pray for the students and teachers who are back in the classrooms, that each day from now through May will bring breakthroughs of discovery and mastery. Amen.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Taking action together will make a difference on climate change

BY PETER BUCK

I work on climate action in central Pennsylvania because I believe that hope lives in action. And the more action we take together, the more we will accomplish.

Many people are confused. Some worry that they don't know enough about climate change. It's complicated. Others wonder if doing anything will matter. "I'm just one person." And many — too many — are afraid to talk with family or neighbors for fear that they'll lash out, dump a bucket of disinformation on us, or — worst of all — accuse us of being part of an anti-

American political conspiracy.

Those three reactions — confusion, helplessness and fear — make some sense in a rational world. But the degree of confusion, the learned helplessness, and the ugly nature of the politics around this have been manufactured. Fossil-fueled "inactivists," special interests, merchants of doubt, dishonest media outlets, and corrupted politicians have polluted the political environment as much as they have polluted our air and water.

We can't solve any of this by ignoring it. We have to talk about it honestly, from a place of common values, and focused

on what we can do together.

For over 200 years, people have been burning fossil fuels. We've developed incredible industrial technologies and expanded across most of the planet, deforesting and transforming the landscape. By doing all of that, we've wrapped the Earth in a thicker blanket of greenhouse gases and heated the planet about 2 degrees Fahrenheit.

According to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, every year that I've been alive the global land and ocean temperature has been above the 20th century average. I was born in 1976.

But I don't experience global average temperature. I live day-to-day right here in central Pennsylvania. My home is changing. In my lifetime alone, record high temperatures have come to outnumber record lows. Fewer colds snaps mean more ticks and Lyme Disease and more deaths of my favorite tree, the Eastern Hemlock, from the tiny woolly adelgid. Peak thunderstorms increase flood damage, cause more power outages and property damage, and threatens some of our exceptional fishing. And mold — always an issue — nearly shut down the Cori Street Elementary School in 2018, a record wet year

made more likely because a hot atmosphere can hold more water vapor. There is plenty to worry about. But don't get stuck there.

I am cautiously optimistic that we — emphasis on WE — can and will rise to the occasion. The technical and behavioral solutions are already here. They exist in renewable energy production, efficiency, smarter grids, and battery storage, in an electrified, hydrogen-powered, and people-pedaling transit system, in regenerative and sustainable agriculture, forests, and land management right in our neighborhoods. It is up to us to take action — together — that will make the difference.

At the end of the day, I think about the world my son and his friends are inheriting. I hear his and their calls for action. I want him to see that his father hears him, has stood up for his future, and worked to get other people to come together to

do what's right.

I can't wait to learn from you.

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Peter Buck is the vice chair of the Climate Action and Adaptation Planning Technical Advisory Group and Chair of the intergovernmental Solar Power Purchase Agreement Working Group.

Have we lost the battle on climate change?

BY JOHN M. CRISP

Tribune News Service

I pay moderate attention to my carbon footprint. You probably do, too. It just seems like the right thing to do.

I recycle. I drive a Prius. My house has solar panels. My yard is xeriscaped. I support green energy. I never vote for politicians who, head in the sand, contend that climate change is a hoax.

And I never bothered to have children, avoiding the projection of my carbon footprint into the future in an exponentially increasing size.

You may be doing all of this or even more. Good for both of us. But have you noticed that whatever we're doing doesn't seem to be working?

The failure can be described in a number of ways: The persistent increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The disappearing glaciers. The increasing global temperature. The extreme weather. The drowning polar bears. And so on.

In fact, the proposition that all of us working together can save the environment by making small changes in our lifestyles has probably always been doubtful. The forces that mudge the globe's weather in one direction or another are massive. They're unlikely to be much affected by a minority of eco-friendly individuals, no matter how well-intentioned.

Unfortunately, national and international attempts at climate remediation have been halting and half-hearted, and at present they appear to be less effective than individual efforts.

The Biden administration is rejoining the Paris Agreement on climate, but at best that accord is modest and nonbinding. And our nation's commitment to the agreement is so weak that only a few thousand voters separate us from an administration — former President Donald Trump's — that essentially rejected the idea that climate change is real.

Does this mean that the climate change battle is lost? I suspect that it does.

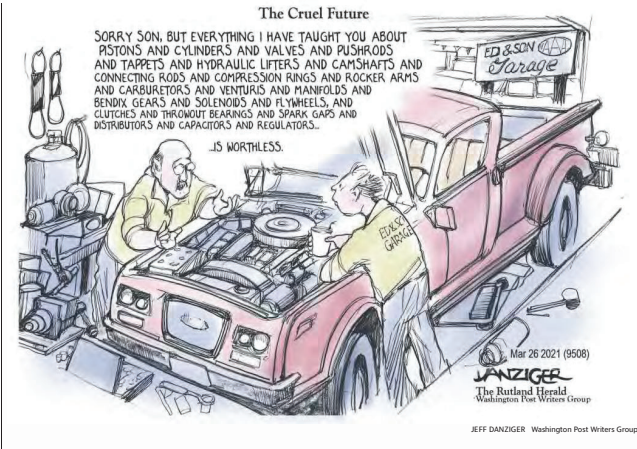
Our capacity to address climate change effectively is undermined by humankind's essential myth: the notion that the earth's resources are unlimited and that, therefore, any amount of growth and consumption can be sustained.

Until recently this misconception has worked reasonably well. The elemental story of human civilization is the depletion of local resources and then migration to new ones. This was fine when mankind consisted of a few nomads roaming the planet. When Europe was full we crossed the Atlantic to a New World. As our east coast began to overflow and wear out, we kept moving west. Eventually, we dabbled in colonialism, absorbing Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Philippines. Now we're fantasizing about colonizing Mars.

As we push up against the world's geographical limits, we've extended our ability to extract Earth's resources more efficiently, which has allowed us to maintain a corollary myth, the idea that all of our energy problems can be solved by better technology.

But one dangerous result of all this myth-making is complacency, and there's not much middle ground between complacency and resignation. Eventually we will have to accept the reality that growth cannot be unlimited as long as our resources are finite. This would require a sea change in human psychology. Are we willing to accept a life with less of the comfort, pleasure and self-indulgence that are provided by burning fossil fuels?

The break-even point between our ever-growing consumption and the earth's capacity to support it is closer than we think because, for the most part, we avoid thinking about it, at all. And, paraphrasing Albert Einstein, because we can't change the way we think "we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BUDGET PRIORITIES ADDRESS URGENT NEEDS

Tony Romm's story in Monday's CDT about the budget priorities of the new administration in Washington is exactly the kind of partisan blather veiled as "news" that perpetuates the divide in this country. Nationwide infrastructure overhaul and addressing climate change have been needed for decades. Past presidents and congresses have not delivered on these urgent needs for America because they were tied up in knots by their own snake oil fantasy that we can cut taxes again and again and spend trillions on war and — cross our fingers — it will all magically work out. Likewise, decisively helping small businesses to survive and the unemployed to get back on their feet rather than being thrown into the street due to the pandemic are key actions to build a robust economy and working nation for everyone, not just the privileged. Reasoning people know all of this. The CDT should choose its stories more carefully to reflect reality. These are positive and courageous and vital actions and should be recognized as such.

Michael Casper, State College

CREVECOEUR WILL WORK FOR STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS

In the primary election on May 18, I strongly encourage you to vote for Carline Crevecoeur, MD, for the State College Area School Board of Directors. Carline cares deeply about education. As a Haitian-American growing up in New York, she knew education was critical, and she dedicated herself to her studies in order to become a physician. She had a successful career as an OB/GYN before sacrificing that career to raise and help educate her children.

Now, Carline is running for a seat on the school board to help all SCASD kids receive a high-quality, supportive and inclusive education. If you have had the pleasure of meeting her, you know that Carline has a passion for diversity and education, a formidable ability to "get things done," and a desire to give back to this community. Her ability to collaborate with others would serve her well, and her empathy for students, parents, teachers, and staff would drive her to work tirelessly on their behalf. As a school board member, Carline would help build schools that work for everyone while exercising respon-

sible stewardship of community resources.

How do I know this? Well, I am one of five proud State High graduates lucky enough to be Carline's kids. My siblings and I enjoyed a fantastic education thanks to my mom's hard work and the support of SCASD schools. I know she would be a wonderful addition to the State College Area School Board.

I hope you vote for Dr. Carline Crevecoeur this May.

Anielle Feffer, Philadelphia

LEOUS CAN BRING STATE COLLEGE TOGETHER

Although often called largely symbolic, the State College mayor's powers allow him to bring the scenes effective leadership, and Jim Leous is the best candidate. Originally elected to a highly polarized SCASD board, he has brought diverse folks together to make genuine progress. Moderate Republicans in the mold of Steve Dershem should prefer his good government approach, but more importantly, he has brought diverse folks together to make genuine progress. Moderate Democrats voters, Leous is THE choice to actually achieve progressive results: achieving greater inclusion of stu-

dents and renters in a diverse city. For years, the Borough Council has been dominated by officials who are nationally liberal but, at home, govern for the primary benefit of various neighborhood homeowners' associations, dominated of course by affluent white owners. Jim is a long-time homeowner in the Holmes-Foster neighborhood, but he understands how to develop practical solutions to promote greater affordability and accommodate the needs of students as renters while still allowing homeowners to raise their families and enjoy retirement in peace and security.

I supported Leous opponent, Ezra Nanes, in his State Senate campaign and would back him again for posts in Harrisburg or Washington to which he aspires. He is an articulate progressive. If you are satisfied with allowing the council and professional managers to run the borough, and want a mayor who will make you feel good by articulating your own views on major national issues, perhaps he is your choice. For real progressive results at home, vote Leous.

Steve Ross, State College



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DAILY PRAYER
God, thank you for the blessing of medicine, and for physicians' skill in diagnosing and treating the body's ills. Help them be humble and caring as well as wise. Amen.

CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

March 15, 2021 - 8:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting - Summary

1. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Brandi Robinson – Chair, Pam Adams, Franklin Egan, Alan Sam, Jason Wert

Others present: Jasmine Fields, SCB Sustainability Assistant; Lara Fowler, PSU Law Professor

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

The TAG accepted the January 25, 2021 meeting summary and reviewed the highlights of the UAJA solar tour on February 26, 2021.

4. TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP FOR CAAP IMPLEMENTATION

TAG is scheduled to complete its mandate of creating a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) in the summer of 2021 and discussed the need for technical expertise to aid with implementation. TAG recommended that the CAS Committee form a new technical advisory group to assist in the implementation of the CAAP.

TAG suggested the CAS Committee look beyond traditional climate experts and consider experts also in the following areas:

- Energy
- Financial
- State political liaison, e.g PSATS
- Policy mechanisms to incentivize
- Communications

5. DISCUSSION ON THE CAAP PREPARATION

Ms. Adams reviewed her plan to create datasheets for each strategy that will end up in the CAAP that will include information on GHG emissions reduction potential, estimated costs, co-benefits and community will. TAG was asked to share any resources that may help support the calculations.

Consensus of the group was that top strategies in the CAAP will be focused on making new construction as efficient as possible. Based on the discussion, it was decided to revise the first 2 Energy and Building objectives to be:

1. Encourage and incentivize energy efficiency in construction and renovations of buildings.
2. Encourage energy efficiency best practices in existing buildings.

The TAG also discussed land use and agreed that it could be one of the top 3 priorities. It was noted that land use is very relevant in multiple sectors, such as transportation, land management, and buildings (density). As a result, the group recognized the complexity of creating one sector for land use since it is an integral part of many other sectors. Continued discussion is needed on this topic as the specific strategies are brought forth.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Adams provided updates on the Sustainability Survey which is available March 3 - April 30. She also encouraged everyone to save the date for the April 13, 2021 community forum on addressing the climate impacts in the Centre Region.

Mr. Wert provided an example of where a natural gas power plant operator in New Jersey will benefit by PA joining RGGI because it will reduce leakages for NJ and enhance the price of carbon.

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Video Conference

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

12:15 pm

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During the COVID-19 health emergency, to continue business operations of the COG and ensure the safety of municipal officials and staff, and to adhere to health emergency recommendations while remaining in compliance with Pennsylvania's guidelines for public meetings, the Public Safety Committee meeting will be held via video conference. Written public comment or requests to speak to the Public Safety Committee for items not on the agenda and requests to comment to specific agenda items below, may be submitted in advance by emailing tes@crcog.net

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laura Dininni will convene the meeting. Ms. Strouse takes roll call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are invited to comment on any items not already on the agenda (minutes per person time limit, please). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred to that point in the meeting. Submitted comments will be read into the record by the Recording Secretary at the appropriate time in the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A copy of the minutes of the February 9, 2021, Public Safety Committee meeting is **attached**.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION – *presented by Steve Bair*

Director Bair will give an update on proposed changes to the organizational structure of the Regional Fire Protection Program. These changes result from ongoing strategic planning and set the stage for hiring decisions for fiscal 2022.

There is strong consensus among the fire department leadership to add additional support and command staff as recommended by the ESCI Study of 2020. Hiring in the short term supports a "top-down" approach, with proposed positions continuing the current focus on volunteer support and sustainment. [**Proposed organization chart attached**.] While ESCI recommended FTE additions, they did not recommend a particular preference concerning

building the organization from the top-down, bottom-up, or a combination thereof. To support the immediate and long-term needs of the department, leadership is recommending the following organizational changes:

1. Establish the position of Deputy Chief. This position will NOT be filled in 2022; it will be delayed to 2023 for appointment by the new Director. In addition to providing direct organizational support, this action supports ESCI recommendations on succession planning. A proposed job description for this position has been developed and is **attached**.
2. Establish the position of Assistant Chief, Special Operations. This position will be filled in 2022. Funding for temporary part-time hours in 2021 was primarily driven by the need to sustain the department's technical rescue capabilities. The Special Operations Chief will assume responsibility for technical rescue, Rescue Task Force (Active Shooter), Field Force Extrication, and HazMat. Leadership believes this will enhance training and equipment efficiencies. A proposed job description for this position has been developed and is **attached**.

By adding this position, additional hours are created to invest in volunteer training, and there is a reduction in required weekend duty among the career and volunteer staff.

3. Add the title of "Assistant Chief" to the existing EMC position. Since its inception as a dedicated program with a full-time coordinator, the COG's Emergency Management Program has resided within the fire department. This is a common organizational practice, as most municipal EM programs are a component of the municipal fire department or a municipal police department. Adding this title formally affirms our current practice and organizational structure. Over the near- and long-term, it supports broader fire department involvement in EM planning, training, and preparedness activities. Fire department leadership believes that as Emergency Management matures, there will likely be more opportunities for volunteer and career personnel participation.

The Public Safety Committee is asked to support the organizational structure being proposed. This structure will be presented to the HR Committee in May since the 2022 budget request will include one or more new hires.

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING– *presented by Steve Bair*

Fire department leadership continues to refine the Regional Fire Protection Program's strategic plan. Director Bair will share updates on the following items of interest:

1. In preparation for the Fire Director's replacement, the Fire Director's job description (**attached**) has been updated to reflect current practices. This will be presented to the HR Committee in May for approval.
2. The ESCI Study recommended one additional FTE for administrative support. At this time, a part-time position for fire only or a full-time position shared between fire and EM is being considered. This will be a 2022 budget item.

3. At their March meeting, the Emergency Management Council was asked to consider the EM Program's future and its scope. This reflection is important as it may have an impact on the selection of a new Fire Director.

Completion of the updated strategic plan for the Regional Fire Protection Program is slated for June. It will form the basis of the annual Program Plan for fire.

6. STAFF UPDATES

COG Staff will provide updates on the following topics:

- **Code Administration** (*Walt Schneider*) – The Codes Director will report on current items.
- **Fire Protection** (*Steven Bair*) – The Fire Director will report on current items, including reviewing the April 1, 2021, Regional Fire Protection program dashboard (*attached*).
- **Emergency Management Program** (*Shawn Kauffman*) – The Emergency Management Coordinator will report on current items.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Matter of Record - The February and March 2021 monthly comparison of code statistics, permits issued/permits closed reports, and the January and February 2021 Existing Structures statistic reports are *attached*.
- B. Matter of Record - Mr. Scott Good has resigned from the Centre Region Building & Housing Code Board of Appeals. His resignation letter is *attached*.
- C. Matter of Record – On behalf of the fire department, Mr. Bair will be nominating the police and public works people involved at the 801 Crabapple Court fire for award consideration by the Central District Volunteer Firemen's Association.
- D. Matter of Record – Centre Region HazMat made its first full-team response to a gasoline tanker incident in Harris Township on the evening of March 23. The six-hour operation was very successful.
- E. Matter of Record – The March 23 HazMat incident in Harris Township involved significant Centre Region assets, including Boalsburg Fire Company (Tanker, Rescue, Fire Police), Alpha Fire (HazMat Team, Foam Trailer, Tanker, Fire Police). Alpha also provided transportation to evacuate the truck driver from the scene. All assets performed admirably.

8. UPCOMING MEETING

The Public Safety Committee's next meeting, via Zoom, will be Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 12:15 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

ENCLOSURES

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>
03	Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2021
04a	Proposed Organization Chart
04b	Fire – Deputy Chief 2021 job description
04c	Fire – Special Operations Chief 2021 job description
05	Fire – Fire Director 2021 job description
06	4.1.21 Regional Fire Protection dashboard
07A a-d	February/March code statistics, permits issued/closed reports
07A e-f	January/February Exist. Structures statical reports
07B	Good BOA letter



**Manager's Report
April 15, 2021**

1. Provided with my report is a letter from Wayne Laubscher of the Centre County Office of Planning & Community Development providing information on the upcoming 2021 Centre County West Nile Virus Surveillance and Control Program. No action is required by the Township, but we typically assist in disseminating information to Township residents through print and electronic media on how to control the mosquito population and reduce the transmission of the virus.
2. Provided with my report is a letter from Matthew Cox, President of Centre Bike, thanking the Board for your assistance in helping the Centre Region achieve a Silver Bicycle Friendly Community designation by the League of American Bicyclists. Staff has received two street signs with the designation and will install them along bike corridors in the Township.
3. Staff has received communication from PennDOT that the Department *will not* be installing pedestrian accommodations at the traffic signal on PA Route 26 and 45. This is contrary to the feedback from the Board of Supervisors and the public through the PennDOT Connects process that strongly supported crosswalks and pedestrian "push-buttons" at the intersection. Staff will be reaching out to the District Executive to encourage the Department to reconsider. If that is not successful, the Board will be asked to consider alternatives.
4. The Ferguson Township Parks and Recreation Committee met on Thursday, April 15th. The primary topic for discussion was a review of the draft Request for Proposals for consulting services to update to the Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan, which has been budgeted for 2021. The Board can expect to see an award recommendation in July. Other topics discussed included 2021 Ferguson Township Bike Month and a review of the 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee goals.



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April 13, 2021

Dear Municipal Official:

On April 12th the 2021 Centre County West Nile Virus Surveillance and Control season began. West Nile Virus (WNV) is a mosquito borne disease that produces severe neurological symptoms in about 1% of humans that become infected. The bite of a mosquito infected with WNV is the way in which humans acquire the disease. There are about 50 species of mosquitoes in Pennsylvania, and of these, 12 are capable of infecting humans with WNV.

The Surveillance and Control Program is managed by the County Planning & Community Development Office utilizing County employees, and is funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The program consists of trapping larval and adult mosquitoes in populated areas of the County and shipping them to PADEP in Harrisburg, where they are identified as to species, and the adults of species capable of transmitting WNV and tested for the virus. If a WNV positive mosquito is found, or large numbers of a species capable of infecting humans are found, County personnel are licensed to treat breeding areas with pesticides.

Additionally, we are responsible for collecting and submitting dead birds for WNV testing. If you receive inquiries from residents concerning dead birds and West Nile Virus, please refer them to our office. PADEP this year is limiting testing to crows, blue jays, hawks and owls. PADEP will begin accepting dead birds for testing on May 1st, 2021

The state funding of the County WNV program requires us to focus on finding and treating WNV infected mosquito populations, and not function as a general nuisance mosquito spray program. However, if your municipality receives resident complaints, please direct them to our attention, so that we can trap mosquitoes in the affected area to test for WNV, and to evaluate the mosquito population level. If mosquito numbers are found to be unacceptably high, even of a non-WNV species, we are prepared to provide adult mosquito spraying at no cost.

In Centre County in 2020 there were 4 positive tests for WNV, 0 were from birds, 4 were from mosquitoes, and 0 were from horses. Across Pennsylvania, there were 2638 positive tests on mosquitoes, birds, and horses. Across Pennsylvania, there were 623 positive tests on mosquitoes, birds and horses. There were 8 human cases reported statewide, so reasonable precautions to safeguard human health should be observed.

Your municipality can assist the 2021 County program by urging resident to eliminate sources of standing water such as unused swimming pools, stagnant ornamental ponds, poorly functioning roof gutters, and especially used tires. Where it is feasible, poorly functioning storm water systems should be cleaned out to eliminate standing water. Please contact the County Planning & Community Development Office if you are aware of wet areas that are breeding large amounts of mosquitoes, so that samples can be trapped for identification and testing. If treating with pesticides is indicated, permission from landowners or responsible authorities will be obtained first.

Between May and the end of September, adult mosquito trapping will be periodically conducted in your municipality. All surveillance equipment will be labeled as to its purpose and will contain contact information for our office.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact the County Planning & Community Development Office. The Pennsylvania Department of Health Web Site www.westnile.state.pa.us contains more information, as well as up to date local and statewide surveillance results during the mosquito season.

Sincerely,



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April 1, 2021

Laura Dininni, Chair
Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors
3147 Research Drive
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Re: Silver Bicycle Friendly Community Designation

Dear Ms. Dininni:

Since 2000, our organization, CentreBike has been the voice of cyclists in the Centre Region and has worked to educate cyclists and drivers; and to promote biking as an eco-friendly means of safe transportation, recreation, fitness, and health.

In 2012, the Centre Region was designated a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) by the League of American Bicyclists. Bicycling in the Centre Region has increased over time, and during the COVID-19 pandemic there has been a significant spike in the number residents who bike for transportation, fitness, leisure, and overall well-being.

We want to thank Ferguson Township for making investments that elevated the Centre Region from Bronze to Silver BFC status in 2020. The Silver BFC designation is held only by three entities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Ferguson Township's commitment to the installation of public bike repair stations, Shared Use Path winter maintenance, construction of bike facilities like the Valley Vista Drive Shared Use Path, and educational events such as the Ferguson Township Bike Rodeo and Virtual Bike Chat has helped the Centre Region achieve Silver BFC status.

The success the Centre Region has achieved would not be possible without these and other actions taken by Ferguson Township. To thank you, CentreBike would like to present Ferguson Township with two Bicycle Friendly Community signs.

The Centre Region Silver BFC designation expires in 2024 and CentreBike is looking forward to working with Ferguson Township to achieve Gold status in the future. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Matthew Cox
CentreBike, President
<https://centrebike.org>

Copy: David Pribulka



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Public Works Director's Report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for the regular meeting on April 19, 2021

- 1. Public Works Road Crew Activities –** Work activities the week of April 19th include brush collection, street sweeping, and construction of a walking path as shown on the land development plan for the new public works garage. Work for the week of April 26th includes crack sealing, street sweeping, and topsoil and seed repairs and backup for contracted ADA curb repairs. Vehicle maintenance and miscellaneous work orders are ongoing.
- 2. Arborist and Tree Commission Activities-** The FTTC meets next on April 19th. Topics of discussion include the tree canopy survey, outreach and education, consideration of pussy willow on the official plant list, and setting the agenda for the May meeting with invited guests to speak on greening the community initiatives. 55 bare root trees are being planted starting April 14th in Haymarket Park, Stonebridge, Hillside Farms and other locations. Landscaping around the Township buildings is planned for the week of 26th.
- 3. New Public Works Facility:** Punchlist items were reviewed on April 13th. Efforts are still needed to make the Gasboy fuel system and Westmatic wash bay system functional. Site restoration including landscaping is planned for April.
- 4. Stormwater Fee –** Staff meets bi-weekly to review progress on efforts needed to ensure a smooth and effective implementation of a stormwater fee. Activities include quality control and updates/revisions to the GIS impervious layer assignment, finalizing the master account file, coordination with our third party billing agency, public communication and continued education outreach, creating fillable application forms using Laserfish that can be accessed on line by property owners to apply for credits, partial agriculture exemption, financial/economic hardship exemption, and non-profit exemption.
- 5. Contract 2016-C11 Traffic Signal Performance Metrics –** Design work on this project continues.
- 6. Contract 2018-C20 Park Hills Drainageway –**Design work continues. Completion of design, permitting, easement acquisition, utility relocation this year are needed to progress the project toward construction in 2022.
- 7. Contract 2019-C21 Pine Grove Mills Street Light Conversion:** Design work continues. Entered into a phase 2 design agreement with Barton Associates for electrical design.

8. **Contract 2020-C18 Science Park and Sandy Drive Signal Design** – Design of the traffic signal will be completed in-house for bidding and construction in 2021. Signal design is progressing with the next step being utility coordination and subsurface utility engineering.
9. **Contract 2020-C20 Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study** – A contract for this study has been awarded to McCormick Taylor, but a notice to proceed has not been issued due to the coronavirus pandemic which has affected traffic volumes. Staff and consultant are monitoring traffic volumes and activities to determine an appropriate time to begin the project. This project is currently on hold.
10. **Contract 2020-C21 Pine Grove Road & Water Street/Nixon Road Signal Warrant Study** – A contract for this study has been awarded to McCormick Taylor, but a notice to proceed has not been issued due to coronavirus pandemic which has affected traffic volumes. This project is on hold.
11. **Contract 2021-C1 Harold Drive and Gatesburg Road** – The scope of work has been reduced due to staffing shortfalls. The work planned to be done in house is postponed. No capital improvement work will be done on Harold Drive. No roadside drainage improvements nor significant base repair will be done in house on Gatesburg Road. Engineering staff is evaluating the scope of work to be done by contract.
12. **Contract 2021-C2 Devonshire Drive Inlet Box** – This work was awarded.
13. **Contract 2021-C3 Cured in Place Pipe Lining** – This project includes lining old corrugated metal storm pipes predominately in the Brackenridge neighborhood based on a completed video assessment of the pipes.
14. **Contract 2021-C5 Storm Sewer Cleaning and Video Assessment** – This project includes cleaning existing storm pipes and televising the system to document the condition of pipes.
15. **Contract 2021-C7 a Fuel** – Annually the Township bids gasoline and diesel fuel. [Bids were opened on April 13th. See separate award recommendation memo.](#)
16. **Contract 2021-C7b Street signs and supplies** – Annually the Township receives quotes for street signs and supplies.
17. **Contract 2021-C7c Asphalt and Aggregate** – Annually the Township bids asphalt and aggregate. [Bids were opened on April 13th. See separate award recommendation memo.](#)
18. **Contract 2021-C 8 Pavement Markings** – This work was awarded.
19. **Contract 2021-C9 Microsurfacing** – This work is bid each year and typically performed in late July when school is out of session and temperatures are favorable for this type of work. Work includes the placement of two layers of a slurry of fine aggregate, minerals, asphalt emulsion and water on the pavement surface as a preventative maintenance measure to cost effectively extend the life of the pavement. [Bids were opened March 9th. See separate award recommendation memo.](#)
20. **Contract 2021-C10 Sealcoat bikepaths** – Certain bikepaths and multi-use paths are sealcoated to extend the life of the asphalt path. In advance of work, FTPW will edge and

sweep the paths, seal any cracks, and repair the asphalt as needed. Work is performed in the summer months. [This project is out to bid for an opening on May 11th.](#)

21. **Contract 2021-C11 Sidewalk Repairs** – FTPW Engineering Section will inspect a portion of the public sidewalks, typically in May of each year. Property owners are sent notices to fix deficient sidewalk sections and given an opportunity to fix it themselves or have the Township perform the work by contract and bill the property owner.
22. **Contract 2021-C12 Traffic Signal Cabinet Installation** – Work includes upgrading the cabinet at the intersection of Science Park Road and West College Avenue
23. **Contract 2021-C13 Traffic Signal LED Replacements** – Signal LEDs are replaced approximately every 7 years.
24. **Contract 2021-C14 Traffic Signal UPS Batteries** – Batteries are needed in the event of power outages and are replaced at the end of their useful life.
25. **Contract 2021-C15 Street Tree Pruning** – Each year a certain number of street trees are pruned to include shaping, clearance, deadwood removal, and hazard mitigation.
26. **Contract 2021-C16 Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan (CBPRP) Design and Permitting** – In compliance with our MS4 permit and CBPRP, certain projects will be advanced through the design and permitting phase.
27. **Contract 2021-C17 Guide Rail Replacement** – Quotes are obtained to replace certain sections of guiderail as needed.
28. **Contract 2021-C18 Homestead Park Play Equipment Installation** – Once equipment is selected, FTPW Engineering Section with assistance as needed from the Road Crew will procure, prepare the playground pit, and oversee installation of playground equipment.
29. **Contract 2021-C19 Louise E. Silvi Baseball Field Fence Installation** – Work includes replacement of a section of ball field fence.
30. **Contract 2021-C20 Songbird Sanctuary Plan Implementation** – A yet to be formalized scope of work including a perimeter walking path and tree planting will be moved forward by FTPW.
31. **Contract 2021-C21 Signal Luminaire Conversion to LED** – This project includes converting select overhead lighting at traffic signal intersections from high pressure sodium to LED.
32. **Contract 2021-C22 Playground Safety and Update Program** – Each year funding is provided to update playground equipment found to be deficient based on playground inspections. No project has yet been assigned to FTPW for this year.
33. **Contract 2021-C23 Traffic Signal Pole Replacement** – Work includes replacement of a traffic signal pole at the intersection of West College Avenue and Science Park Road. The pole was damaged in a vehicle accident. [The contract was awarded.](#)
34. **Asset Management and Work Order Software** – [Staff continues to evaluate Dude Solutions and is evaluating TRAISR software.](#)



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PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Monday, April 19, 2021

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission met April 12th to discuss COVID Observations and potential solutions to aid in a post-COVID world. Discussions included the idea of extending the COVID-19 Flexible Business Support Resolution, internet connectivity, additional business surveys, as well as the Township taking on a proactive role in economic development in the Township.

LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND OTHER PROJECTS

1. Active Plans are listed below for the Board of Supervisors (04/14/2021).
 - o **Orchard View Subdivision** (24-004-,067)
 - o **State College Borough Water Authority** (24-006-055E)
 - o **West College Student Housing Lot Consolidation and Land Development Plan** (24-002A-015; 24-002A-016; 24-002A-017; 24-002A-018; and 36-010-006)
 - o **Wasson/Ash Ave. Subdivision Plan** (24-002A-132; 24-002A-134; 24-002A-135)
 - o **Sycamore Drive Subdivision** (24-009A-254)
2. Community Planner is working on updating website forms for the department to make them interactive.
3. Zoning Administrator is working with applicants on building a new home on their lot, SCBWA Improvements for Scott Road Pump Station and researching property easements.
4. PZ Staff met with resident to discuss a potential minor subdivision.
5. PZ Staff met with COG Representatives to discuss phases of their approved Whitehall Road Regional Park land development plan.
6. Community Planner and PZ Director attended the CRPA/Municipal Staff Meeting.
7. PZ Director attended the Leadership Team Meeting, Centre County Housing and Land Trust Meeting, and the Homeowner's Association Open Forum Meeting.



FERGUSON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 2021 Calls for Service

Part I Crimes Summary	Previous Month Mrch. 2020	Current Month Mrch. 2021	Previous YTD Mrch. 2020	Current YTD Mrch. 2021
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	0	4	0
Robbery	0	0	0	1
Assault	4	4	9	9
Burglary	0	1	0	2
Theft	5	8	9	14
Auto Theft	2	0	2	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Total	13	13	24	26

Part II Crimes Summary	Previous Month Mrch. 2020	Current Month Mrch. 2021	Previous YTD Mrch. 2020	Current YTD Mrch. 2021
Forgery	0	1	1	3
Fraud	2	9	11	13
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Receiving Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	1	5	4	8
Weapons Violation	0	0	0	0
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense	2	1	4	1
Drug Violation	0	3	2	6
Offenses Against Family	2	0	2	1
DUI	7	1	11	9
Liquor Laws (minors law, furnishing, false ID)	1	1	2	2
Public Intoxication	0	2	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	18	21	49	51
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
All Other Criminal	1	1	8	5
Total	34	45	95	101

Total Crimes	Previous Month Mrch. 2020	Current Month Mrch. 2021	Previous YTD Mrch. 2020	Current YTD Mrch. 2021
Part I Crimes	13	13	24	26
Part II Crimes	34	45	95	101
Total	47	58	119	127



FERGUSON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 2021 Calls for Service

Other Calls for Service	Previous Month Mrch. 2020	Current Month Mrch. 2021	Previous YTD Mrch. 2020	Current YTD Mrch. 2021
Vehicle Code - Crashes	7	17	41	49
Vehicle Code - Other Traffic Incidents	15	39	106	99
Health and Safety – EMS Assist	52	51	156	185
Health and Safety – Fire Assist	7	9	19	25
Other Health and Safety Incidents	12	19	40	40
Alarms	19	15	49	48
Suspicious Activity	28	33	85	87
Unsecure Property	1	1	3	1
Found Property	1	3	3	8
Lost Property	1	4	10	8
Community Relations/ Crime Prevention	2	1	10	7
Car Seat Check	1	1	5	2
School Check	6	20	60	64
Township Ordinances	11	10	24	29
Request for Assistance – Attempt to locate	0	1	6	10
Request for Assistance – Can-Help	0	0	0	1
Request for Assistance – Civil Matter	11	4	26	16
Request for Assistance - Other	52	47	147	130
Missing Persons/ Runaways	1	0	1	0
Animal Complaints	10	17	31	33
Department Information	1	4	7	18
Assist Other Agencies	9	11	41	28
Total	247	307	870	888

Total Calls for Service	Previous Month Mrch. 2020	Current Month Mrch. 2021	Previous YTD Mrch. 2020	Current YTD Mrch. 2021
Part I Crimes	13	13	24	26
Part II Crimes	34	45	95	101
Other Calls for Service	247	307	870	888
Total	294	365	989	1015



FERGUSON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

MARCH 2021

	2020	2021	Previous YTD	Current YTD	Notes:
Traffic Citations	25	39	116	66	
Parking Tickets	61	72	234	113	
Traffic Stops	110	137	473	369	
Criminal Arrests	9	11	29	33	
Supplements	187	134	405	347	
Hearings	6	17	44	37	
Med Return	0	27.69	40.74	43.57	0 for 2020 lobby closed COVID19

Note:

- Traffic Stops may not include pre scheduled selective enforcement details where two or more police vehicles are assigned for specific enforcement purposes (such as Aggressive Driving Grant details).
- Criminal Arrests are the number of people arrested, not the number of charges, counts or cases cleared. These include arrests made at the time of the incident as well as those filed after an extended investigation.

Department Notes:

- On March 22, 2021, officers responded to a three-vehicle crash on West College Ave at Science Park Rd. A 47-year-old Pennsylvania Furnace woman was stopped for a steady red traffic signal on West College Ave. A SUV driven by a 50-year-old Pennsylvania Furnace man failed to notice the stopped traffic and ran into the vehicle stopped at the traffic light. The force of the impact pushed the stopped vehicle into the intersection striking a vehicle attempting to turn from Science Park Rd. One driver was flown to the hospital, the driver and passenger of the second vehicle were taken to the hospital by Centre Life Link. The third driver declined treatment. All parties have been released from the hospital. The investigation continues.

- A 20-year-old State College man was charged with driving under the influence (drug impaired) following a single vehicle crash. On January 14, 2021, officers investigated a crash on Blue Course Dr at Wells Terrace. The driver lost control of his vehicle, went off the road, struck a tree and almost struck two pedestrians. The driver displayed signs of impairment.
- A 39-year-old Lock Haven man was arrested after he was seen entering parked cars and attempting to break into a closed business. The man was under the influence of meth. He was transported to the hospital for evaluation. He was charged with possessing methamphetamine, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.
- A 22-year-old Penn State student was knocking on doors in the Good Hope II Development at 4:48 A.M. He was located and determined to be lost and intoxicated. He was evaluated by EMS.
- In separate incidents, four Penn State students were cited for alcohol offenses. The charges included underage drinking, public drunkenness and presenting fake identification cards to procure alcohol.
- An 87-year-old State College man was the victim of an elaborate gift card scam. The suspect called the victim purporting to be a representative from Amazon. The victim was informed that his computer was used to fraudulently purchase a cell phone. With the victim's permission, the suspect remotely accessed the victim's computer. While in the computer, the suspect made it look like he reimbursed the victim too much money. The suspect directed the victim to purchase gift cards. The victim purchased \$2000 worth of gift cards and provided the codes on the cards to the suspect. At this point, we have no suspects.

Investigations:

- A 31-year-old State College woman was charged with Simple Assault following a child abuse investigation.
- Detectives are investigating a residential burglary in the Teaberry Ridge Development. Unknown actor(s) broke into the residence and stole approximately \$4600 worth of property. The case is under investigation.
- Detectives received two new child abuse allegations. The cases are active.

- Detectives are investigating the theft of a Taser from a parked vehicle. The case is active.
- The department received tips regarding concerning gambling and drug activity. The gambling tip was referred to the PA State Police. The drug tip is being investigated.

Community Relations

- Officers conducted 20 school checks. During the checks, officers interacted with kids, parents and teachers.
- Officers conducted a run hide fight drill.

Record List - Total:364

Contact or caller	Nature	Area	Reported	Incident
<u>800PHNMESS (1)</u>				
	800PHNMESS		14:45:15 03/18/21	21FT01145
<u>911DUP (1)</u>				
MISTAKENLY DISPATCHED CALL	911DUP	FT1A1	11:27:27 03/23/21	21FT01213
<u>911NOVOICE (1)</u>				
911 NO VOICE	911NOVOICE	FT2F1	12:29:57 03/16/21	21FT01112
<u>ABANDVEHICL (9)</u>				
ABANDONED VEHICLE	ABANDVEHICL	FT2G1	13:23:29 03/30/21	21FT01355
ABANDONED VEHICLE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY	ABANDVEHICL	FT1B1	09:08:51 03/26/21	21FT01258
ABANDONED VEHICLE	ABANDVEHICL	FT2G1	11:07:40 03/18/21	21FT01141
ABANDONED VEHICLE	ABANDVEHICL	FT2G1	15:23:33 03/09/21	21FT01020
ABANDONED VEHICLES X2	ABANDVEHICL	FT2H1	08:01:04 03/09/21	21FT01014
ABANDONED VEHICLES X3	ABANDVEHICL	FT2H1	10:17:28 03/08/21	21FT00993
ABANDONED VEHICLE	ABANDVEHICL	FT2G1	10:05:12 03/06/21	21FT00968
ABANDONED VEHICLES	ABANDVEHICL	FT1F1	09:06:01 03/02/21	21FT00897
ABANDONED VEHICLE	ABANDVEHICL	FT1B2	10:54:31 03/01/21	21FT00886
<u>ALARM BURGLAR (13)</u>				
ALARM / CANCELLED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL	ALARM BURGLAR	FT1B1	21:33:04 03/31/21	21FT01381
RESIDENTIAL BURGLAR ALARM, CANCELED	ALARM BURGLAR	FT3J2	19:46:16 03/28/21	21FT01322
COMMERCIAL ALARM	ALARM BURGLAR	FT2H1	07:05:36 03/26/21	21FT01256
BURGLAR ALARM - UNKNOWN	ALARM BURGLAR	FT2H1	05:02:53 03/18/21	21FT01139
RESIDENTIAL ALARM	ALARM BURGLAR	FT1C1	02:34:48 03/15/21	21FT01098
COMMERCIAL BURGLAR ALARM	ALARM BURGLAR	FT1A1	17:59:43 03/11/21	21FT01056
INTERIOR DOOR ALARM	ALARM BURGLAR	FT1D1	09:48:03 03/11/21	21FT01050
ALARM UNKNOWN CAUSE	ALARM BURGLAR	FT2H1	05:49:07 03/07/21	21FT00978
BURGLAR ALARM	ALARM BURGLAR	FT3K1	13:51:16 03/06/21	21FT00970
BURGLAR ALARM	ALARM BURGLAR	FT1F1	08:38:00 03/05/21	21FT00949
BURGLAR ALARM - UNKNOWN	ALARM BURGLAR	FT1B1	23:15:37 03/02/21	21FT00915
BURGLAR ALARM	ALARM BURGLAR	FT1B1	18:24:35 03/02/21	21FT00913
BURGLAR ALARM - UNKNOWN	ALARM BURGLAR	FT1B1	02:06:01 03/01/21	21FT00884
<u>ALARMUNKTYPE (2)</u>				
ALARM AT POOL	ALARMUNKTYPE	FT2I2	23:10:52 03/31/21	21FT01383
ALARM SOUNDING	ALARMUNKTYPE	FT1E1	19:06:51 03/21/21	21FT01188
<u>ALCOHOL (3)</u>				
THREE CAR ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES; POSSIBLE DUI	ALCOHOL	FT2H1	10:28:19 03/22/21	21FT01198
22 YOM PUBLIC DRUNK	ALCOHOL	FT2H1	04:48:21 03/21/21	21FT01179
18 YOM, PUBLIC INTOX ROADWAY	ALCOHOL	FT1E1	01:19:57 03/21/21	21FT01174
<u>ALCOHOLMINORSLW (1)</u>				
INTOXICATED 18 YOF	ALCOHOLMINORSLW	FT2G1	01:03:47 03/27/21	21FT01280
<u>ANIMAL (17)</u>				
INJURED DEER ON ROAD	ANIMAL	FT3J2	20:48:24 03/30/21	21FT01365
FOUND DOG	ANIMAL	FT2G1	18:43:52 03/29/21	21FT01340
DOGS OFF LEASHES	ANIMAL	FT1B1	10:12:22 03/26/21	21FT01259
RACCOON ACTING STRANGELY	ANIMAL	FT1B1	09:32:10 03/23/21	21FT01210
RABID GRAY FOX IN YARD	ANIMAL	FT2G2	16:04:45 03/18/21	21FT01146
DOG OFF LEASH	ANIMAL	FT1B2	08:43:26 03/17/21	21FT01126
DOG BARKING IN THE BACKYARD	ANIMAL	FT1C1	15:27:24 03/16/21	21FT01116
LOOSE HORSES	ANIMAL	FT3N1	14:07:46 03/12/21	21FT01066
SICK RACCOON ON PORCH	ANIMAL	FT1A1	17:33:56 03/11/21	21FT01054
REPORT OF A RACCOON ACTING ODDLY	ANIMAL	FT1A1	18:12:54 03/10/21	21FT01041
DISPATCHED RACCOON	ANIMAL	FT3S1	04:31:05 03/09/21	21FT01011
MOTORIST HIT AND KILLED A CAT	ANIMAL	FT1C1	13:43:00 03/08/21	21FT00997
BARKING DOG	ANIMAL	FT1C1	11:17:05 03/08/21	21FT00991
DOG AT LARGE	ANIMAL	FT1E1	19:00:03 03/05/21	21FT00958

POSSIBLE SICK SKUNK	ANIMAL	FT3J2	17:38:51 03/05/21	21FT00956
DOG AT LARGE	ANIMAL	FT2H1	10:33:21 03/05/21	21FT00950
FOUND DOG, OWNER ON SCENE	ANIMAL	FT1F2	09:19:21 03/02/21	21FT00899
ASSAULTEARLIER (2)				
EMPLOYEE GRABBED CUSTOMERS HAND	ASSAULTEARLIER	FT1B1	18:35:36 03/28/21	21FT01319
MUTUAL FIGHT EARLIER	ASSAULTEARLIER	FT3N1	17:50:05 03/07/21	21FT00984
BURGLARY (1)				
HOME ENTERD BY FORCE AND ITEMS TAKEN	BURGLARY	FT1F1	18:08:36 03/28/21	21FT01318
CHILDPORNLAWS (1)				
CYBERTIP FROM PSP HOLLIDAYSBURG	CHILDPORNLAWS	FT2H1	17:54:58 03/11/21	21FT01055
COMMRELATIONS (2)				
CAR SEAT INSPECTION	COMMRELATIONS	FT2H1	17:27:24 03/29/21	21FT01339
RUN/HIDE/FIGHT DRILL	COMMRELATIONS	FT2H1	13:19:07 03/02/21	21FT00907
CRIMMISCHIEF (5)				
KEYED VEHICLE	CRIMMISCHIEF	FT2I2	23:35:31 03/31/21	21FT01384
DAMAGE TO BOARD OVER WINDOW	CRIMMISCHIEF	FT2G1	12:28:37 03/29/21	21FT01332
SOLAR PANEL CRACKED BY ROCKS	CRIMMISCHIEF	FT3J2	10:39:10 03/26/21	21FT01263
HOUSE/CAR EGGED	CRIMMISCHIEF	FT2G1	14:15:34 03/24/21	21FT01238
ROOMMATE BROKE COOKIE JAR	CRIMMISCHIEF	FT1B1	17:37:00 03/22/21	21FT01203
DEPTINFO (4)				
DV REPORT FROM 2012/INFO. ON OPEN CASE	DEPTINFO	FT1B1	21:39:47 03/31/21	21FT01382
DRUG TIP	DEPTINFO	FT1F2	15:04:25 03/28/21	21FT01315
TIP ON REPORTED GAMBLING	DEPTINFO	FT1F2	08:28:24 03/24/21	21FT01227
MEGANS LAW NOTIFICATION	DEPTINFO	FT2H1	00:00:00 03/16/21	21FT01114
DISORDERLYCOND (17)				
LOUD MUSIC	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1B1	00:29:49 03/31/21	21FT01369
LOUD VOICES-GOA	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1F2	00:34:01 03/28/21	21FT01305
LOUD PARTY	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1B4	19:17:55 03/27/21	21FT01299
LOUD PEOPLE ON A PORCH	DISORDERLYCOND	FT2G1	23:19:49 03/25/21	21FT01250
LOUD PARTY	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1F2	00:41:03 03/24/21	21FT01223
LOUD PARTY	DISORDERLYCOND	FT2I2	18:40:54 03/20/21	21FT01167
UPSET CLIENT ALARMED STAFF	DISORDERLYCOND	FT2G1	11:46:37 03/19/21	21FT01152
LOUD PARTY, GOA	DISORDERLYCOND	FT2I2	00:50:46 03/16/21	21FT01106
LOUD MUSIC	DISORDERLYCOND	FT2G1	04:51:50 03/14/21	21FT01088
LOUD NOISE, GOA	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1B2	01:01:29 03/14/21	21FT01086
PEOPLE SINGING OUTSIDE	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1B2	03:45:34 03/13/21	21FT01077
LOUD PARTY/PEOPLE LONG BOARDING	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1F2	03:49:55 03/12/21	21FT01062
LOUD MUSIC	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1B2	03:51:57 03/07/21	21FT00977
LOUD PARTY	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1B1	02:30:48 03/07/21	21FT00976
LOUD PARTY	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1B2	22:26:25 03/06/21	21FT00975
LOUD MUSIC	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1F2	01:15:16 03/06/21	21FT00963
LOUD MUSIC	DISORDERLYCOND	FT1F2	02:02:59 03/03/21	21FT00917
DOMESTICDISPUTE (2)				
VERBAL DOMESTIC	DOMESTICDISPUTE	FT1A1	19:21:29 03/21/21	21FT01189
HUSBAND AND WIFE VERBAL DISAGREEMENT	DOMESTICDISPUTE	FT3T1	16:49:52 03/02/21	21FT00911
DRUGLAW (3)				
DISORDERLY MALE, CONSCIOUS DRUG OVERDOSE	DRUGLAW	FT1A1	09:08:46 03/23/21	21FT01209
TRAFFIC STOP - CONFISCATED DRUG	DRUGLAW	FT1A1	00:16:32 03/23/21	21FT01207
PARAPHERNALIA				
TRAFFIC STOP WITH MARIJUANA IN PLAIN SIGHT	DRUGLAW	FT1B1	00:03:10 03/12/21	21FT01058
FORGERY (1)				
MALES USING FAKE IDS AND INHALING SMELLING SALTS	FORGERY	FT1B5	23:09:08 03/22/21	21FT01206
FRAUD (7)				
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF DUMPSTER	FRAUD	FT3J1	21:40:01 03/30/21	21FT01367
UNPAID BAR TAB	FRAUD	FT1B5	16:22:20 03/26/21	21FT01274
GIFT CARD SCAM - LOSS OF \$2,000	FRAUD	FT2G1	22:26:02 03/16/21	21FT01125
THEFT OF SERVICES	FRAUD	FT1B5	16:18:38 03/13/21	21FT01082
SCAM/THEFT	FRAUD	FT1B2	18:41:52 03/09/21	21FT01023
UNAUTHORIZED CHARGES ON AMAZON AND PAYPAL	FRAUD	FT2I2	13:20:50 03/08/21	21FT00996

CALLER WAS THE VICTIM OF A PHONE SCAM. HARASSMENT (4)	FRAUD	FT2E1	17:03:32 03/01/21	21FT00890
M/F DOMESTIC	HARASSMENT	FT1B1	10:35:32 03/30/21	21FT01352
UNWANTED CALLS	HARASSMENT	FT1F2	16:22:00 03/18/21	21FT01147
RESIDENT SLAPPED ANOTHER RESIDENT	HARASSMENT	FT1C1	21:23:38 03/14/21	21FT01096
VERBAL DISPUTE	HARASSMENT	FT1B1	15:24:28 03/13/21	21FT01079
HLTHSFTY (18)				
WELFARE CHECK ON 84 YOM	HLTHSFTY	FT1C1	15:41:20 03/30/21	21FT01359
37 YOM HEARING/SEEING THINGS; MHID	HLTHSFTY	FT2M1	03:01:05 03/30/21	21FT01343
SCHOOL REQUESTED A WELFARE CHECK ON A STUDENT.	HLTHSFTY	FT2H1	15:44:44 03/29/21	21FT01338
35 YOF ANXIOUS AND TOOK A WALK	HLTHSFTY	FT1B1	07:12:41 03/29/21	21FT01330
51 YOM FOUND DECEASED IN TRACTOR	HLTHSFTY	FT3P1	09:41:30 03/27/21	21FT01286
POWER LINES DOWN ACROSS BIKE PATH	HLTHSFTY	FT1C1	12:23:11 03/26/21	21FT01268
FEMALE WALKING THROUGH FIELD SEEMED DISORIEITED	HLTHSFTY	FT3Q1	11:21:53 03/26/21	21FT01264
OUTLET POSSIBLY SPARKED	HLTHSFTY	FT2H1	21:47:50 03/24/21	21FT01243
SUBJECT SLEEPING IN VEHICLE	HLTHSFTY	FT2H1	12:35:13 03/24/21	21FT01234
DEPRESSED MALE; MHID	HLTHSFTY	FT1B1	02:55:08 03/21/21	21FT01178
30 YOM PASSED OUT AND FEELING ODD.	HLTHSFTY	FT1E1	21:24:27 03/20/21	21FT01171
SUBJECT MAKING THREATS; MHID	HLTHSFTY	FT1B1	11:17:25 03/16/21	21FT01111
CHECK THE WELFARE OF INDIVIDUAL	HLTHSFTY	FT2G1	16:19:48 03/13/21	21FT01081
EMERGENCY HELP SWITCH TRIPPED IN #206	HLTHSFTY	FT2H1	16:11:37 03/13/21	21FT01080
COMMERCIAL FAX CALLING 911	HLTHSFTY	FT1B1	12:10:17 03/04/21	21FT00935
CALLER CONCERNED FOR BOYFRIEND; MHID	HLTHSFTY	FT3P1	20:23:29 03/02/21	21FT00914
302 WARRANT	HLTHSFTY	FT2G1	17:23:23 03/02/21	21FT00912
MAIL PILING UP	HLTHSFTY	FT2H1	14:50:30 03/02/21	21FT00909
HLTHSFTYEMSASST (51)				
86 YOM BLOOD WHILE URINATING	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H1	18:29:02 03/31/21	21FT01380
47 YOF, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1B1	03:53:08 03/29/21	21FT01327
85 YOF HAD CATHETER COME OUT OF CHEST.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1E1	07:20:23 03/28/21	21FT01310
73 YOF DIZZINESS.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1B1	17:41:10 03/27/21	21FT01297
87 YOM WITH STOMACH ISSUES.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1E1	14:42:20 03/27/21	21FT01292
76 YOM, LEG WEAKNESS	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H1	10:55:17 03/27/21	21FT01287
90 YOF POSSIBLE STROKE	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3T1	15:07:12 03/26/21	21FT01271
91 YOM - GROUND LEVEL FALL, NO INJURY	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2L1	01:18:38 03/26/21	21FT01253
68 YOM BREATHING DIFFICULTY	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1F2	21:10:26 03/25/21	21FT01249
20 YOM ACTIVE SEIZURE.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1B1	15:52:39 03/25/21	21FT01247
91 YOM, EMS ALARM ACTIVATION	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H1	06:13:52 03/25/21	21FT01244
20 YOM PANIC ATTACK	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1F2	17:11:15 03/24/21	21FT01241
62 YOM VOMITTING	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1A1	10:13:38 03/24/21	21FT01228
20 YOM PANIC ATTACK	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1F2	03:11:15 03/24/21	21FT01224
54 YOM, HEAD INJURY.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3O1	21:35:08 03/23/21	21FT01221
68 YOF FALL VICTIM	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H1	10:45:23 03/23/21	21FT01212
44 YOM CHEST PAIN, HEAD PAIN, ALCOHOLISM	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3N1	20:11:44 03/22/21	21FT01205
90 YOM UNABLE TO STAND	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1C1	19:23:14 03/22/21	21FT01204
71 YOM, UNCONSCIOUS	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3P1	21:46:04 03/21/21	21FT01193
70 YOF SYNCOPAL EPISODE	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3J2	19:59:04 03/21/21	21FT01191
53 YOM WITH STOMACH PAIN	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3K1	17:21:10 03/21/21	21FT01186
84 YOF LOSS OF APPETITE.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2G1	12:07:49 03/21/21	21FT01183
82 YOF- FAINTING	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1F2	09:49:31 03/21/21	21FT01182
74 YO FEMALE FELL AND HAVING TROUBLE BREATHING.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1D1	12:45:03 03/20/21	21FT01165
34 YOM NOT FEELING WELL.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1C1	17:16:51 03/18/21	21FT01148
78 YOF - CHEST PAIN	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3T1	03:02:22 03/18/21	21FT01138
88 YOM BACK PAIN	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1C1	09:20:17 03/16/21	21FT01109
74 YOF - BODY PAIN/ SOB	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1D1	22:29:59 03/15/21	21FT01105
65 YOF, FALL VICTIM	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1B1	19:20:04 03/15/21	21FT01103
64 YOM, BREATHING ISSUES COVID +	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1C1	12:22:25 03/15/21	21FT01101
37 YOM HEART PALPITATIONS	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H1	21:40:03 03/14/21	21FT01097
10 YOM SHORT OF BREATH	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2G1	17:25:35 03/14/21	21FT01094

64 YOF HIP PAIN	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3O1	13:41:56 03/14/21	21FT01093
32 YOM FEVER FROM COVID SHOT.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H3	07:28:00 03/14/21	21FT01090
92 YOM BREATHING AND WAKE BUT NOT RESPONDING	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1F2	05:59:23 03/14/21	21FT01089
81 YOF ACTIVATED MEDICAL ALARM FOR HELP OFF THE TOILET	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H1	13:01:44 03/12/21	21FT01065
64 YOF COVID POSITIVE	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H1	18:49:55 03/10/21	21FT01042
38 YOM - LOC - GROUND LEVEL FALL	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1F1	00:05:09 03/10/21	21FT01029
56 YOF, PANIC ATTACK	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1A1	23:01:43 03/09/21	21FT01028
69 YOM 102 DEGREE FEVER	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1F1	19:14:13 03/09/21	21FT01026
96 YOF, POSSIBLE UTI	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3J2	16:49:54 03/09/21	21FT01022
68 YOF, LIFT ASSIST	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H1	16:07:11 03/09/21	21FT01021
50 YOM HAD A SEIZURE.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1C1	16:28:28 03/08/21	21FT01006
90 YOF FALL	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3J1	02:14:43 03/08/21	21FT00986
75 YOM CHEST PAINS	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H1	14:48:10 03/06/21	21FT00972
96 YOF DIZZY	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3J2	01:57:38 03/05/21	21FT00945
60 YOF FELL AND CUT EYE.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2H1	15:09:59 03/04/21	21FT00937
21 YOF, SHORTNESS OF BREATH	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1F2	02:39:25 03/04/21	21FT00929
57 YOM COUGHING.	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT1A1	17:50:16 03/03/21	21FT00925
81 YOF, WEAKNESS NO RESPONSE	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT2G1	08:29:00 03/03/21	21FT00921
56 YOM CARDIAC ISSUE	HLTHSFTYEMSASST	FT3J1	19:55:56 03/01/21	21FT00892
<u>HLTHSFTYFIREAST (9)</u>				
TREE FELL DOWN ON POWERLINES, TRANSFORMER CAUGHT FIRE	HLTHSFTYFIREAST	FT3T1	21:42:54 03/28/21	21FT01325
POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL FIRE.	HLTHSFTYFIREAST	FT1B1	15:29:53 03/26/21	21FT01272
ASSIST FD WITH FIRE ALARM	HLTHSFTYFIREAST	FT2H1	07:57:54 03/26/21	21FT01257
FIRE ASSIST, RECREATIONAL. NO PD ASSISTANCE NEEDED	HLTHSFTYFIREAST	FT2M1	20:50:35 03/20/21	21FT01170
FIRE ASSIST FOR GAS ODOR	HLTHSFTYFIREAST	FT1B4	18:29:13 03/17/21	21FT01130
FLU FIRE	HLTHSFTYFIREAST	FT3J1	08:40:53 03/15/21	21FT01099
CO ALARM WAS GOING OFF	HLTHSFTYFIREAST	FT1A1	01:05:11 03/12/21	21FT01061
ASSIST FDP WITH OVEN FIRE.	HLTHSFTYFIREAST	FT2G2	14:43:38 03/11/21	21FT01053
TRUCK ENGULFED IN FLAMES	HLTHSFTYFIREAST	FT3J1	03:46:04 03/05/21	21FT00946
<u>HLTHSFTYPRSNAST (1)</u>				
86 YOM FELL - NO INJURED	HLTHSFTYPRSNAST	FT2G1	12:25:17 03/02/21	21FT00904
<u>IDENTITYTHEFT (2)</u>				
IDENTITY STOLEN	IDENTITYTHEFT	FT1C1	15:11:55 03/22/21	21FT01200
UNAUTHORIZED FEDERAL BUSINESS LOAN OPENED	IDENTITYTHEFT	FT2H1	09:17:54 03/02/21	21FT00898
<u>ORDVIOL (6)</u>				
CONSTRUCTION NOISE	ORDVIOL	FT1A1	21:12:55 03/30/21	21FT01366
LARGE PARTY AT THE YARDS CLUBHOUSE; COVID	ORDVIOL	FT2I2	19:00:59 03/27/21	21FT01298
PARKING COMPLAINT; ABANDONED VEHICLE	ORDVIOL	FT1F2	10:12:36 03/08/21	21FT00990
PARKING COMPLAINT; ABANDONED VEHICLE	ORDVIOL	FT1F2	10:04:00 03/08/21	21FT00989
CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ON SITE TOO EARLY	ORDVIOL	FT2I2	04:16:30 03/03/21	21FT00918
DOG FECES ON CALLER'S YARD	ORDVIOL	FT1D1	11:33:12 03/02/21	21FT00902
<u>OUTAGNCYASST (11)</u>				
ASSIST SCPD WITH MISSING 10 YEAR OLD CHILD- CHILD LOCATED DOWNTOWN	OUTAGNCYASST	SC3AA	10:52:34 03/31/21	21FT01375
RETRIEVE GLASS PIPE FOM CAR FOR SCPD	OUTAGNCYASST	FT2H1	08:47:44 03/30/21	21FT01348
ASSIST PTPD WITH DV ARREST	OUTAGNCYASST	PTPD	12:01:11 03/27/21	21FT01288
ASSIST PTPD WITH INTOXICATED MALE FLEEING	OUTAGNCYASST	PTPD	04:52:38 03/23/21	21FT01208
SUSPICIOUS MALE AT SCHOOL	OUTAGNCYASST	SB2A1	15:53:41 03/22/21	21FT01201
ORFA - SCPD HOUSE ALARM OPEN DOOR	OUTAGNCYASST	SC3GA	14:19:21 03/18/21	21FT01144
ASSIST SCPD WITH HOUSE FIRE WITH ENTRAPMENT	OUTAGNCYASST	SB2G1	13:58:32 03/18/21	21FT01143
ASSISTED SCPD ON A DUI	OUTAGNCYASST	PTPD	02:10:13 03/13/21	21FT01075
ASSIST PTPD WITH LARGE PARTY	OUTAGNCYASST	PTPD	00:12:02 03/12/21	21FT01060
REPORT OF VEHICLE OPERATING RECKLESSLY HEADED TOWARDS OUR JURISDICTION.	OUTAGNCYASST	FT3R1	19:20:04 03/09/21	21FT01027
ASSIST PTPD WITH REPORTED BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	OUTAGNCYASST	PTPD	09:39:58 03/06/21	21FT00967

PARKING (4)

VEHICLE PARKED WITHOUT A PERMIT.	PARKING	FT2G1	18:30:45 03/26/21	21FT01276
CALLER SAID A BLACK CAR WAS SITTING ALONG TADPOLE.	PARKING	FT3S1	13:42:41 03/19/21	21FT01153
UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLE IN PARKING LOT	PARKING	FT1B1	08:40:21 03/19/21	21FT01150
VEHICLE PARKED ON ROADWAY.	PARKING	FT1C1	10:59:08 03/11/21	21FT01051

PFAVIOLATION (1)

POSSIBLE PFA VIOLATIONS	PFAVIOLATION	FT2H1	11:15:41 03/26/21	21FT01266
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PROPFOUND (3)

FOUND FAKE NJ/DL	PROPFOUND	FT3R1	11:43:24 03/10/21	21FT01034
WHITE MEMORIAL BIKE REMOVED BY PW	PROPFOUND	FT1F1	08:10:00 03/10/21	21FT01033
FOUND WALLET AND HAT	PROPFOUND	FT2G1	08:03:53 03/07/21	21FT00979

PROPLOST (4)

LOST PISTOL	PROPLOST	FT3P1	15:02:50 03/27/21	21FT01293
PACKAGE MISSING	PROPLOST	FT2G2	08:25:51 03/08/21	21FT00987
LOST REGISTRATION PLATE	PROPLOST	FT2H1	12:29:20 03/04/21	21FT00936
MISSING SHEET OF INSPECTION STICKERS	PROPLOST	FT1A1	10:08:52 03/01/21	21FT00885

RETAILTHEFT (2)

RETAIL THEFT	RETAILTHEFT	FT1A1	18:51:57 03/17/21	21FT01131
MULTIPLE THEFTS/RETAIL THEFTS BY THE SAME ACTOR	RETAILTHEFT	FT1B1	18:45:15 03/01/21	21FT00891

RFACIVILDISP (4)

CALLER UNHAPPY WITH SERVICE AT CAR DEALER DISPUTE OVER A HORSE	RFACIVILDISP	FT2H1	16:25:51 03/30/21	21FT01361
DISPUTE OVER FORM OF PAYMENT FOR WORK COMPLETED	RFACIVILDISP	FT3I1	11:03:35 03/24/21	21FT01232
VET BILL NOT PAID	RFACIVILDISP	FT1A1	12:49:01 03/16/21	21FT01113
	RFACIVILDISP	FT1B1	18:23:49 03/05/21	21FT00957

RFALOCATECONT (1)

21 YOF DID NOT RETURN TO APARTMENT	RFALOCATECONT	FT1F2	03:43:07 03/28/21	21FT01309
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RFAOTHER (37)

MISSING CHEWY PACKAGE	RFAOTHER	FT3I1	14:32:22 03/31/21	21FT01376
LICENSE PLATE VERIFICATION FOR PENNDOT	RFAOTHER	FT2H1	08:24:35 03/31/21	21FT01371
REPORT OF A 5TH WHEEL TRAILER THEFT/TRAILER LOCATED ON PROPERTY	RFAOTHER	FT3I1	18:28:52 03/30/21	21FT01363
CALLER WANTED TO MAKE PD AWARE OF SCAM CALLS.	RFAOTHER	FT1B1	17:20:06 03/30/21	21FT01362
REQUEST TO TALK TO EX-HUSBAND ABOUT EMAILS	RFAOTHER	FT2G1	08:30:53 03/30/21	21FT01347
ASSIST CYS WITH A CHILDLINE REPORT INVESTIGATION	RFAOTHER	FT1A1	14:18:01 03/29/21	21FT01336
ASSIST CYS WITH CHILDLINE REPORT, NO CRIME	RFAOTHER	FT1F1	14:17:45 03/29/21	21FT01334
REPORT OF AN ABANDONED VEHICLE	RFAOTHER	FT1B5	13:54:48 03/29/21	21FT01333
DEBRIS BLOWING ACROSS FIELD	RFAOTHER	FT2H1	11:50:00 03/29/21	21FT01335
POWER ISSUE AT RESIDENCE	RFAOTHER	FT1A1	18:21:36 03/28/21	21FT01320
QUESTIONS ABOUT RETAIL THEFT RING	RFAOTHER	FT1B1	13:09:22 03/28/21	21FT01314
82 YOM CALLING AGAIN ABOUT NOT LEAVING HOUSE	RFAOTHER	FT3J2	11:26:30 03/28/21	21FT01312
MALE WANTED TO TURN IN HIS HANDGUN AND AMMO DUE TO PFA	RFAOTHER	FT2H1	08:50:08 03/28/21	21FT01311
SCOOTERS DRIVING IN CIRCLES BEING LOUD	RFAOTHER	FT1F2	20:16:39 03/27/21	21FT01301
CHECK FOR A VEHICLE	RFAOTHER	FT1B1	19:50:14 03/27/21	21FT01300
82 YOM UPSET BECAUSE HE COULDN'T GO OUTSIDE	RFAOTHER	FT3J2	11:41:59 03/26/21	21FT01265
ASSIST HSPO OFFICER FOR REPORTED ANIMAL NEGLECT	RFAOTHER	FT3I1	10:27:37 03/26/21	21FT01262
DC VEHICLE / SCATTERING RUBBISH	RFAOTHER	FT2G1	16:49:24 03/25/21	21FT01248
QUESTIONS REGARDING PFA	RFAOTHER	FT3K1	14:00:00 03/25/21	21FT01246
GREASE IN A PARKING LOT	RFAOTHER	FT2H1	10:35:15 03/24/21	21FT01230
VERBAL ALTERCATION	RFAOTHER	FT3I1	12:13:23 03/23/21	21FT01216
CHILDLINE REPORT RECEIVED, ASSIST CYS	RFAOTHER	FT1B1	07:30:00 03/23/21	21FT01214
EMPTY STROLLER IN FIELD. FAMILY PLAYING	RFAOTHER	FT2G1	19:04:05 03/20/21	21FT01168
CHILDREN LOCKED IN VEHICLE HANDLED BY PTPD	RFAOTHER	FT1A1	08:30:35 03/20/21	21FT01164
16 YOF RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME	RFAOTHER	FT3J1	21:00:18 03/19/21	21FT01160

CALLER WANTED TIPS ON STOPPING SPAM CALLS. DISABLED PICKUP	RFAOTHER	FT1C1	19:39:53 03/19/21	21FT01159
QUESTIONS ABOUT CRASH REPORT	RFAOTHER	PTPD	15:06:37 03/17/21	21FT01127
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT A POSSIBLE SCAM.	RFAOTHER	FT2H1	19:46:32 03/16/21	21FT01123
COMP. HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT A POSSIBLE MEDICARE SCAM	RFAOTHER	FT1E1	14:56:46 03/16/21	21FT01115
DIESEL VEHICLE'S RUNNING IN THE MORNING	RFAOTHER	FT1D1	21:52:43 03/13/21	21FT01083
QUESTIONS REGARDING DC LAWS AND THEIR APPLICATION	RFAOTHER	FT1E1	18:32:21 03/12/21	21FT01070
PFA FIREARM RELINQUISHMENT INVESTIGATION	RFAOTHER	FT1B1	08:52:55 03/10/21	21FT01032
CALLER CANT LOCATE CUSTOMER TO FINALIZE BILLING	RFAOTHER	FT2H1	18:49:42 03/09/21	21FT01024
VIN VERIFICATION	RFAOTHER	FT1F2	11:23:49 03/09/21	21FT01017
QUESTIONS ABOUT SHOOTING BOW	RFAOTHER	FT1B1	15:30:33 03/07/21	21FT00982
PERSON ADVISED ME OF A BACKPACK IN RAVINE	RFAOTHER	FT2H1	14:38:24 03/05/21	21FT00954
	RFAOTHER	FT1A1	08:45:24 03/03/21	21FT00920

RFAVERIFYID (1)

RFA - VARIFY ID	RFAVERIFYID	FT1B5	22:05:15 03/03/21	21FT00926
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SCHOOLCHECK (20)

SCHOOLCHECK	09:50:28 03/31/21	21FT01374
SCHOOLCHECK	09:35:08 03/31/21	21FT01373
SCHOOLCHECK	10:06:51 03/30/21	21FT01350
SCHOOLCHECK	09:46:51 03/30/21	21FT01349
SCHOOLCHECK	14:17:35 03/24/21	21FT01237
SCHOOLCHECK	14:02:06 03/24/21	21FT01236
SCHOOLCHECK	13:28:24 03/24/21	21FT01235
SCHOOLCHECK	08:10:59 03/22/21	21FT01196
SCHOOLCHECK	12:47:14 03/18/21	21FT01142
SCHOOLCHECK	09:34:43 03/18/21	21FT01140
SCHOOLCHECK	09:41:09 03/16/21	21FT01110
SCHOOLCHECK	08:08:22 03/16/21	21FT01108
SCHOOLCHECK	13:29:12 03/10/21	21FT01038
SCHOOLCHECK	10:37:14 03/04/21	21FT00933
SCHOOLCHECK	10:28:02 03/04/21	21FT00932
SCHOOLCHECK	08:12:31 03/04/21	21FT00931
SCHOOLCHECK	13:42:46 03/02/21	21FT00908
SCHOOLCHECK	12:32:06 03/02/21	21FT00903
SCHOOLCHECK	11:01:11 03/02/21	21FT00900
SCHOOLCHECK	11:42:58 03/01/21	21FT00887

SUPPLEMENT (1)

SUPPLEMENT	20:07:57 03/21/21	21FT01192
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SUSPACTY (32)

CALLER CONCERNED SHE MAY HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF AN IDENTITY THEFT.	SUSPACTY	FT2G1	15:50:21 03/31/21	21FT01377
SUSPICIOUS CALL	SUSPACTY	FT3N1	08:27:00 03/31/21	21FT01372
MALE ACTING ERRATICALLY	SUSPACTY	FT2H1	15:50:25 03/29/21	21FT01337
UNKNOWN PERSON RANG DOORBELL	SUSPACTY	FT2G2	02:53:02 03/28/21	21FT01308
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SUSPACTY	FT1A1	11:50:40 03/24/21	21FT01233
PERSONS KNOCKING AT A HOUSE-WRONG HOUSE	SUSPACTY	FT2H1	11:15:09 03/24/21	21FT01231
UNKNOWN PERSONS APPROACHED COMP. IN PARKING LOT	SUSPACTY	FT1A1	05:10:25 03/24/21	21FT01226
COMPUTER SCAM	SUSPACTY	FT1C1	09:57:01 03/23/21	21FT01211
GARAGE DOOR TAMPERED WITH	SUSPACTY	FT3J1	16:54:57 03/22/21	21FT01202
LETTER RECEIVED IN THE MAIL	SUSPACTY	FT2H1	14:10:03 03/22/21	21FT01199
UNKNOWN PEOPLE KNOCKING ON DOOR	SUSPACTY	FT1A1	22:58:09 03/20/21	21FT01172
SUSPICIOUS VAN WITH MALE OCCUPANT PARKED	SUSPACTY	FT1F2	07:23:17 03/20/21	21FT01163
DISTURBING TEXT MESSAGE	SUSPACTY	FT2H1	17:41:35 03/16/21	21FT01119
SCAM PHONE CALL	SUSPACTY	FT3H1	17:22:25 03/16/21	21FT01118
CALLER HEARING NOISES IN RESIDENCE	SUSPACTY	FT1A1	20:34:23 03/14/21	21FT01095
QUESTIONS REGARDING GYM MEMBER BEHAVIOR	SUSPACTY	FT1B1	09:24:17 03/14/21	21FT01091
MALE ON SOMEONE'S PORCH	SUSPACTY	FT2G1	02:37:02 03/13/21	21FT01076
SOMEONE WAS KNOCKING ON DOOR AND RINGING	SUSPACTY	FT3J2	03:37:05 03/11/21	21FT01048

DOORBELL					
PREPAID GIFTCARD SCAM / NO MONETARY LOSS	SUSPACTY	FT2G1	17:56:28 03/10/21	21FT01040	
VEHICLE WITH DOORS OPEN IN PARKING LOT	SUSPACTY	FT2G1	18:57:20 03/09/21	21FT01025	
FEDERAL TAX RETURN FILED FRAUDENTLY	SUSPACTY	FT3J1	09:11:19 03/09/21	21FT01016	
CALLER FOUND HER TRUNK OPEN	SUSPACTY	FT3J1	07:52:03 03/09/21	21FT01013	
SUBJECTS ASKING CALLER'S FAMILY FOR MONEY	SUSPACTY	FT3O1	12:34:02 03/08/21	21FT00994	
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE POSSIBLY FOLLOWING A CHILD	SUSPACTY	FT3J1	16:21:35 03/06/21	21FT00973	
CALLER GAVE ROUTING NUMBER TO UNKOWN CALLER	SUSPACTY	FT2G1	06:49:14 03/06/21	21FT00966	
POTENTIAL SCAM	SUSPACTY	FT3K1	19:44:59 03/05/21	21FT00959	
VEHICLE DRIVING SLOWLY GO PAST CALLERS HOUSE	SUSPACTY	FT2G1	15:43:25 03/05/21	21FT00955	
MALE WAS UPSET HIS TRUCK BROKE DOWN	SUSPACTY	FT1A1	12:19:37 03/05/21	21FT00952	
REPORT OF POSSIBLE TRESPASS - UNABLE TO DETERMINE OR LOCATE	SUSPACTY	FT2I2	20:14:40 03/04/21	21FT00942	
UNEMPLOYMENT SCAM	SUSPACTY	FT1D1	15:45:39 03/02/21	21FT00910	
MALE WANTED CALLER TO GET IN HIS VAN	SUSPACTY	FT1B1	13:13:33 03/02/21	21FT00906	
BANK ACCOUNT OPENED IN CALLERS NAME	SUSPACTY	FT1C1	11:05:44 03/02/21	21FT00901	

TERRSTCTHREATS (1)

82 YOM BREAKING ITEMS AND THREATENING TO HURT FAMILY	TERRSTCTHREATS	FT3J2	12:19:17 03/28/21	21FT01313
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THEFT (6)

LAUNDRY REMOVED FROM WASHER	THEFT	FT1B1	13:21:22 03/30/21	21FT01356
FRONT NY PLATE STOLEN	THEFT	FT1F2	17:19:07 03/19/21	21FT01157
UNKNOWN PERSON(S) REMOVED SIGN/POST	THEFT	FT3Q1	10:31:45 03/12/21	21FT01064
CELL PHONE NOT IN PACKAGE WHEN DELIVERED	THEFT	FT2G1	09:16:05 03/11/21	21FT01049
COPPER ELECTRIC WIRE STOLEN	THEFT	FT3K1	14:05:46 03/06/21	21FT00971
TASER MISSING FROM CAR	THEFT	FT2H1	08:22:09 03/02/21	21FT00896

TRAFFIC (30)

REPORT OF A DISABLED VEHICLE	TRAFFIC	FT2G1	15:59:46 03/31/21	21FT01378
SUSPENDED LICENSE	TRAFFIC	FT1A1	23:42:43 03/30/21	21FT01368
REMOVED BRUSH FROM THE ROADWAY	TRAFFIC	FT3P1	22:23:05 03/28/21	21FT01326
TREE FELL DOWN BLOCKING MUNCY RD	TRAFFIC	FT2H1	21:02:23 03/28/21	21FT01324
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	TRAFFIC	FT1A1	19:57:32 03/28/21	21FT01323
TRAFFIC LIGHT AT AN ANGLE	TRAFFIC	FT2E1	19:02:55 03/28/21	21FT01321
DISABLED VEHICLE	TRAFFIC	FT2F1	12:42:42 03/27/21	21FT01291
SUSPENDED REGISTRATION	TRAFFIC	FT1B1	02:52:47 03/27/21	21FT01284
TRAFFIC SIGNAL BLOWN BY WIND	TRAFFIC	FT2E1	20:10:29 03/26/21	21FT01277
TREE BLOCKING ROADWAY.	TRAFFIC	FT3T1	17:04:25 03/26/21	21FT01275
REPORT OF LOW HANGING CABLE WIRE.	TRAFFIC	FT1A1	14:15:19 03/26/21	21FT01270
REPORT OF HUBCAP IN ROAD	TRAFFIC	FT1B1	12:54:09 03/26/21	21FT01269
TREE ACROSS ROADWAY ON LINES	TRAFFIC	FT2H1	12:16:04 03/26/21	21FT01267
TREE BLOCKING ROADWAY	TRAFFIC	FT3N1	10:58:22 03/26/21	21FT01261
TREE IN ROADWAY ON POWER LINES	TRAFFIC	FT3S1	10:32:10 03/26/21	21FT01260
VEHICLE HAD A FLAT TIRE	TRAFFIC	FT3L1	01:12:01 03/22/21	21FT01194
TIRE IN ROADWAY	TRAFFIC	FT1B1	19:23:22 03/20/21	21FT01169
DRIVER NOTIFIED OF SUSPENSION	TRAFFIC	FT2G1	17:38:07 03/20/21	21FT01166
SUSPENDED REGISTRATION	TRAFFIC	FT1F2	02:32:44 03/20/21	21FT01162
REPORTED SCHOOL BUS LIGHT VIOLATION	TRAFFIC	FT1B1	16:39:56 03/19/21	21FT01155
NAILS IN THE ROADWAY	TRAFFIC	FT2H1	16:34:12 03/15/21	21FT01102
LARGE TREE ACROSS ROAD	TRAFFIC	FT3T1	13:21:26 03/14/21	21FT01092
CALLER GOT CAR STUCK ON KEPLER RD.	TRAFFIC	FT3R1	20:14:15 03/12/21	21FT01071
FERTILIZER SPILLED ON THE ROAD.	TRAFFIC	FT3Q1	17:37:29 03/12/21	21FT01068
VEHICLE DRIFTING OUT OF TRAVEL LANES	TRAFFIC	FT2H1	13:07:56 03/11/21	21FT01052
VEHICLE DRIVING SLOW	TRAFFIC	FT2H1	17:58:06 03/07/21	21FT00985
3RD PARTY REPORT OF DEER STRUCK BY VEHICLE.	TRAFFIC	FT3J2	17:14:51 03/07/21	21FT00983
MCSAP DETAIL	TRAFFIC	FT2G1	06:10:06 03/05/21	21FT00947
VEHICLE PASSED A FLASHING RED SCHOOL BUS	TRAFFIC	FT2H1	10:45:31 03/04/21	21FT00934
DISABLED VEHICLE - OUT OF GAS	TRAFFIC	FT1B2	23:50:50 03/02/21	21FT00916

UNSECPROP (1)

OPEN DOOR TO A BUSINESS	UNSECPROP	FT1A1	23:23:30 03/12/21	21FT01072
<i>VACHOMECHK (2)</i>				
VACATION HOME CHECK REQUESTED	VACHOMECHK	FT1A1	00:00:00 03/23/21	21FT01215
VACATION HOME CHECK REQUESTED	VACHOMECHK	FT1D1	00:00:00 03/12/21	21FT01063
<i>VHCLCRSHHITRUN (1)</i>				
MAILBOX WAS STRUCK BY CAR	VHCLCRSHHITRUN	FT2H1	07:28:09 03/10/21	21FT01030
<i>VHCLCRSHNOINJ (14)</i>				
REAR END ACCIDENT	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	PTPD	12:20:09 03/27/21	21FT01289
MINOR SIDE SWIPE ACCIDENT	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT1A1	12:13:38 03/27/21	21FT01290
TWO VEHICLE REAR END CRASH	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT2H1	10:25:37 03/24/21	21FT01229
2 CAR CRASH / MINOR DAMAGE	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT2H1	13:56:04 03/23/21	21FT01217
2 VEHICLE REAR END ACCIDENT	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT1B1	18:46:56 03/19/21	21FT01158
2 VEHICLE REPORTABLE CRASH	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT1A1	16:25:55 03/19/21	21FT01154
2 CAR CRASH / NON-REPORTABLE	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT2I2	17:11:18 03/17/21	21FT01129
TWO VEHICLE REPORTABLE ACCIDENT	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT1B1	23:15:27 03/11/21	21FT01057
MINOR CRASH	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT1B1	12:38:53 03/08/21	21FT00995
NON REPORTABLE PARKING LOT 10-45A	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT1B1	13:05:39 03/07/21	21FT00980
2 VEHICLE NON-REPORTABLE CRASH	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT1B1	17:35:59 03/06/21	21FT00974
TWO CAR REPORTABLE CRASH - NO INJURIES	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT2G1	12:34:34 03/06/21	21FT00969
VEHICLE V DEER NON REPORTABLE	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT3T1	18:37:49 03/04/21	21FT00941
VEHICLE CRASH NO INJURY	VHCLCRSHNOINJ	FT1B1	13:41:27 03/03/21	21FT00922
<i>VHCLCRSHUNKN (1)</i>				
HIT & RUN CRASH	VHCLCRSHUNKN	FT3T1	19:16:57 03/24/21	21FT01242
<i>VHCLCRSHWINJ (1)</i>				
2 VEHICLE REPORTABLE WITH REPORTED ENTRAPMENT	VHCLCRSHWINJ	FT2G1	14:16:25 03/25/21	21FT01245
<i>WARRANTSERVICE (2)</i>				
RESIDENT STAYING AT HOTEL W/ MULTIPLE WARRANTS	WARRANTSERVICE	FT1B1	20:11:07 03/30/21	21FT01364
302 WARRANT SERVED	WARRANTSERVICE	FT1B1	17:10:58 03/19/21	21FT01156



USE OF FORCE SUMMARY REPORT

Reported 3/1/2021 12:00:01AM to 3/31/2021 11:59:59PM

4/5/2021

4-FHC	UOF - Handcuffing	2
4-FLD	UOF - Less Lethal Display	1
4-FOH	UOF - Open hand/hands on	3
4-FSI	UOF - Suspect injury	1
4-UOF	UOF - Use of force	4

FTPD USE OF FORCE DETAILS REPORT

For incidents Reported 3/1/2021 12:00:01AM to 3/31/2021 11:59:59PM

4/5/2021

21FT00912	3/2/2021	5:23:23PM		CLO	4-FHC 4-FLD	UOF - Handcuffing UOF - Less Lethal Display
OTHER	559524	W	M	30	<i>THREAT of Violence / Mental Health WARRANT (303)</i>	
21FT01156	3/19/2021	5:10:58PM		CLO	4-FOH	UOF - Open hand/hands on
<i>Other</i>	785942	W	M	24	<i>THREAT of Violence / Mental Health WARRANT (303)</i>	
21FT01209	3/23/2021	9:08:46AM		ARA	4-FHC 4-FOH 4-FSI	UOF - Handcuffing UOF - Open hand/hands on UOF - Suspect injury
DEFENDANT	21FTA0028	W	M	39	<i>High on Meth</i>	
	CC5505					
	35PS 780-113(a)(16) SY					
	CC5503(a)(1)					
21FT01288	3/27/2021	12:01:11PM		CLO	4-FOH	UOF - Open hand/hands on
OTHER	715264	B	M	26	<i>Assist Another Twp Polu Domestic Violence Arrest</i>	



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Arrestee Race

Agency: All

Offense: All

Offense	White	Black Or African American	American Indian Or AlaskaNa	Asian	Native Hawaiian Or Other	Total
Other Assaults	1	-	-	-	-	1
Forgery and Counterfeiting	2	-	-	-	-	2
Drug Abuse Violations	1	-	-	-	-	1
Driving Under The Influence	3	-	-	-	-	3
Liquor Laws	1	-	-	-	-	1
Drunkenness	2	-	-	-	-	2
Disorderly Conduct	-	1	-	-	-	1
Total	10	1	-	-	-	11



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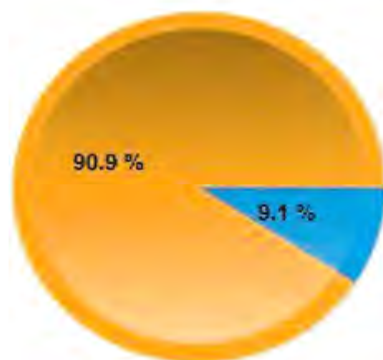
Arrestee Ethnicity

Agency: All

Offense: All

Offense	Hispanic Or Latino	Not Hispanic Or Latino	Total
Other Assaults	-	1	1
Forgery and Counterfeiting	-	2	2
Drug Abuse Violations	-	1	1
Driving Under The Influence	-	3	3
Liquor Laws	-	1	1
Drunkenness	1	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	-	1	1
Total	1	10	11

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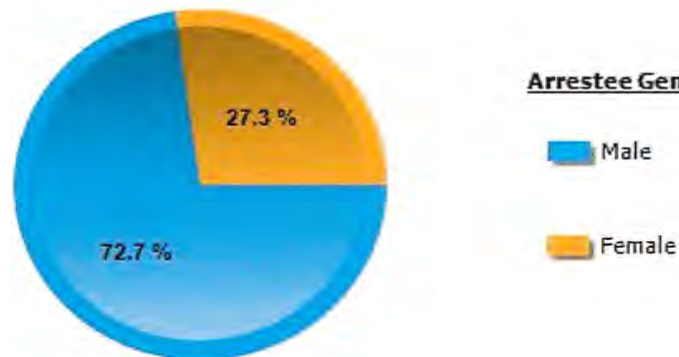
Arrestee Gender

Agency: All

Offense: All

Offense	Male	Female	Total
Other Assaults	-	1	1
Arson	-	-	-
Forgery and Counterfeiting	2	-	2
Drug Abuse Violations	1	-	1
Driving Under The Influence	3	-	3
Liquor Laws	-	1	1
Drunkenness	2	-	2
Disorderly Conduct	-	1	1
Total	8	3	11

Arrestee Gender



Officer Plunkett & Ferguson Police -

Thank you for your service and professionalism on March 1st. As a small business owner serving the community - we appreciate your quick response and call to action.

Helping protect people and property is vital to our success as citizens and productive members of society.

Again thank you for what you do and helping us. If we can ever return, know you have fans and support here.

Best,
Tom Juma

EXAMPLE OF SCAM EMAILS

- Attached are three examples of scam emails. The scammers are attempting to get the email recipients to provide personal information (name, address, date of birth, bank and bank account numbers, etc...). Also, in email #1, notice the \$98 refundable fee associated with the restitution order.

#1

From: Rapid Response Center <service@bbktextiles.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 9:54 AM
Subject: COURT ORDER ON RESTITUTION FOR SCAM VICTIMS

National Rapid Response
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535 USA

Dear Sir/Ma,

After proper and several investigations and research at the Western Union and Money Gram database, You are in receipt of this notification because we have fully confirmed that you have been a victim of this circumstance .

In this regard a meeting was held between the Board of Directors of WESTERN UNION, MONEYGRAM, the FBI alongside with the Ministry of Finance, As a consequence of our investigations, it was agreed that the sum of Five Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (\$500,000.00USD) should be transferred to you out from the funds that The United States Department of the Treasury system has set aside as compensation payment for scam victims during this tough times of our life .

This case would be handled by the western union administrative head of internet relations and operations while supervised by the FBI. I would be waiting to guide you on how your funds can be transferred to you, Please take note that a refundable fee of \$98 would be required to purchase a (Payment dispatch availability tag) , As this tag is essential to be returned back to us for proper documentation against any negative attempt to ruin the image of our reputable success .

Yours sincerely,
Henry Waters
Internet Relations officer

#2

From: John Chamber <bigdai@yellow.megaegg.ne.jp>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 6:29 PM
Subject: CITI BANK OF Texas Corporate Office.

CITI BANK OF Texas Corporate Office
Headquarters 134, 198 Citibank Dr, San Antonio, TX 78245 Our Ref: CBD/IRU/SFE/15.5/WD/011 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-9 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time(EDT) Saturday and Sunday
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time(EDT)
Email:(citibankgrouptexas@gmail.com)
Phone : +1 409 698 0009 Text only

Dear Customer,

My name is John Chamber of Citi Bank Texas, How are you doing today? I wish to inform you that your total fund of \$4.5 Million was deposited here by the United Nation compensation board and we have made all the good arrangement on how to ensure that your fund hits your account. You are advised to provide the information below to us to enable us enhance the transfer.

Your BANK NAME:
Your bank address:
Your account number/ routing number
Your Full name and address.
Your Cell Phone number.

We shall proceed and get your fund transferred into your account once we receive the above information .

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CHAMBER)
CITI BANK OF TEXAS
Email (citibankgrouptexas@gmail.com)

From: Global Vision. <amxerwe@ >
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 5:10 AM
Subject: Quest Recognition.

Congratulations! Your email address has won US\$1,000,000.00 in the Canadian Lottery Online Lucky Program held on Fri, Jan 1, 2021 to encourage/promote globalization of internet and online draw worldwide. Your email address drew to the winning numbers 18-21-28-29-31-32-49 Bonus 38, which subsequently won you the lottery in the 2nd category. An overview of how OLG is modernizing its games and products at Charitable Gaming Centers across the whole world. OLG is an agency responsible for province-wide lottery games and gaming facilities. Since 1975, OLG has provided nearly \$40 billion to the Province and the people of Ontario and beyond. OLG's annual payments to the Province have helped support health care; education, online gaming, research, prevention and treatment of problem gambling and in all enhancing community and individual through online gaming.

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Tele: + 27-792-197-689.
Tele/Fax No: + 27 11-3361-974.
Emails: dmccabeconsultans@aim.com

You are advised to send the following below information's to our agent in South Africa (Mr. Don McCabe) to facilitate the release of your winning fund to you.

More details enclosed.

- (1) Ticket No: 6460DGH.
- (2) Serial No: 0909AOB09.
- (3) Batch No: 2GH267XZZ1-5-42.
- (4) Reference No: 9527BCV-J6-0-0-8.
- (5) Winning No: 18-21-28-29-31-32-49 Bonus 38.

1. Full Names.....
2. Country/Address.....
3. Telephone/Fax Number.....
4. Marital Status.....
5. Occupation.....
6. Date of Birth.....
7. Amount Won.....
8. Winning Email.....

Sincerely,
Mrs. Frances Lefebvre,
Toronto Prize Centre
20 Dundas Street West
Toronto, ONM5G 2C2 Canada.
Tele: (613) 482- & Fax: (250) 828-