

**PRESENT:** Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; John P. McBlain, Council Member; David J. White, Council Member; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Edward O'Lone, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of May 10, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Mary Sandone, of the Delaware County Transportation Management Association. Gayle Oddi, Administrative Officer, Department of Human Services, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to start today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agenda Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2017, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2016 and 2017 County Real Estate Taxes for 55 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Items 6 and 7.

Mrs. Hill asked for Council's approval for the HOME Investment Partnership Program in the amount of \$109,500.00 to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County. These funds will be used to acquire rehab and resale of one housing unit to an eligible homebuyer. This allocation will fulfill the County's prior obligation to set aside 15% of the grant funds for a community housing development organization.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agenda Item 6, Resolution HOME 17-01 approving \$109,500.00 in HOME funds to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. for acquisition, rehabilitation and resale of a one homeownership unit and execution of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Agreement. The motion is subject to the Solicitors approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hill asked for Council's approval of the final 2017 Funding Plan for the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Home Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solution Grant Program. This year they will have available \$4.5 million to meet our Housing and Community Development goals and anticipate another \$1 million to become available through the County's Affordable Housing Fund this year.

Motion made by Mr. White approving Agenda Item 7 to adopt the County's 2017 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan, Resolution CP 17-01.

The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. McBlain.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to accept a Grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Delaware County District Attorney's Office Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) Policing Grant for the term 2/28/2017 to 6/30/2017 in the amount of \$165,403.00. This funding will provide support to implement several strategies to combat crime including enforcement technology, Nasal Narcan and County law enforcement data-sharing initiatives. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving the First Amendment to the Non-Exclusive License Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("Licensee") for the site located at 340 N. Middletown Road, Lima for a monthly rental *increase* of \$300.00 per month for the installation of three (3) remote radio heads, and a one-time payment of \$18,228.00. (Commencement date is upon full execution of the Amendment.) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 10.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of a Residential Services Contract with Children and Youth Services. This is a provider who provides residential services to children under the care of Children and Youth Services.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Item 10, Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities Advisory Board to a term ending May 2020:

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| George Avetian      | Radnor Township      |
| Sean Kenny          | Upper Darby Township |
| Theresa Agostinelli | Concord Township     |

The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Women's Commission to a term ending June 2020:

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| Kelly D. Colvin | Upper Darby Township |
| Emily Harris    | Edgmont Township     |

Caitlin Ganley  
Anne Marie Murphy

Springfield Township  
Chadds Ford Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 13, a Resolution recognizing National Bike to Work Day.

Throughout the year, Mr. Culp said the Delaware County Transportation Management Association (DCTMA) encourages residents to commute via bicycle. It's an environmentally friendly form of travel and a great way to fit in some exercise.

Each year DCTMA participates in National Bike to Work Day, held at the Delaware County Courthouse, in Media. Bike to Work Day is a chance for cycling enthusiasts to meet up, network and talk about different equipment, trails and everything bike-related. It's also a time to recognize the benefits of bike riding instead of driving to work.

This year's Bike to Work Day is being held on Friday, May 19 on the grounds of the Delaware County Government Center and Courthouse complex at Front and Olive Streets starting at 8:30 A.M. For one day, Delaware County employees and commuters will leave their cars at home for the day and join other cyclists riding to work. A ceremony and celebration for commuters who participate in Bike to Work Day is planned, with breakfast and raffle prizes donated by local businesses.

Mr. Culp introduced Lauren Avellino Turton, Deputy Director of Communications for DCTMA, who accepted the Resolution recognizing the work they do to help Delaware County be more environmentally friendly and healthier.

Ms. Turton thanked County Council for the Resolution and thanked the District Attorney's Office for their participation. She also recognized the following sponsors of this year's Bike to Work Day event: Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, AAA, Traffic Planning and Design and the support of SEPTA and DVRPC.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 14, a Resolution recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Delaware County's HealthChoices Program.

Mr. White said, in 1997, in response to the statewide adoption of a managed care model of service, Delaware County's Department of Human Services established a unique publically funded partnership with Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania to operate the behavioral health managed care HealthChoices Program with a vision of increasing access to services, improving quality of care and containing costs.

Since its inception, the Delaware County HealthChoices Program has evolved in response to the needs and priorities of our residents. Through a partnership with Magellan of PA, the program has made considerable progress over the years in improving access to services, the quality of those services and the fiscal management of the program. In 2016, more than \$130 million in behavioral health services were provided to residents through the program. Today, more than 18,000 residents receive behavioral health services managed by Magellan.

Over the years, Delaware County has remained committed to improving and expanding the HealthChoices Program by collaborating with other agencies and service systems to provide a comprehensive array of programs and funding focused on prevention and early intervention support networks that are unique to each individual and family in Delaware County.

Mr. White further said, in recognition of the twenty years of Behavioral Health leadership and great partnership demonstrated by the Delaware County HealthChoices Program, a luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 7 at the Drexelbrook.

Today, County Council would like to recognize Magellan Behavioral Health and the other system partners for their leadership in providing behavioral health services to our residents.

He asked the representatives from Magellan and the Office of Behavioral Health to come forward to accept the Resolution.

Jonna DiStefano, Administrator of the Office of Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities, thanked County Council for this recognition. The HealthChoices Program began in 1997, just about the same time they heard that Haverford State Hospital was closing. With the HealthChoices Program and the advantage of having reinvestment funds, they were able to reinvest back into the community for services for individuals in Delaware County.

Delaware County is the only county, with the exception of Philadelphia County, that has been with the same managed care organization since the onset of the program. So, the partnership with Magellan of twenty years has really been extraordinary.

Ms. DiStefano introduced the following individuals who attended today's meeting on behalf of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Delaware County's HealthChoices Program: Magellan Health Representatives - James Leonard, Vice President and General Manager; Julie Brown, Delaware County Senior Account Executive; Tara Karbner, Children's Clinical Systems Transformation Manager; Aubrey Proud, Director of Community Relations; Maria Brachelli-Pigeon, Manager of Clinical Care Services; Shawn Carroll, Delaware County Peer Specialist; and Staff Members - Gayle Oddi, Administrative Officer, Department of Human Services; David Perri, Drug and Alcohol Prevention Specialist; Shannon Thomas, Coordinator of Children's Mental Health; Pete Hladish, Fiscal Consultant; and Jeff Powers, Fiscal Accountant.

James Leonard, V.P. and General Manager of Magellan Behavioral Health of PA, said it has truly been a fantastic partnership with Delaware County. Together, they have worked to give individuals and families the opportunity to lead healthy vibrant lives, lives that are not just about treatment and services but rather about what makes all our lives meaningful – finding good, employment opportunities, community connections and opportunities for education. He would like to believe that they have been successful in meeting some of the missions and goals they have set out to achieve when they started working together twenty years ago.

Through responsible management of funds through the program, they have been able to generate reinvestment funding, which has helped to bring new innovative treatment services to the residents of Delaware County.

Chairman Civera spoke on Agenda Item 15, the Resolution recognizing “Walk for the Wounded” event for Operation First Response.

In Delaware County, Chairman Civera said we are dedicated to supporting our men and women in the Armed Services and the 39,000 veterans now living in our county. A remarkable program that helps wounded veterans and their families is *Operation First Response*, a national organization that serves all branches of our nation’s wounded heroes, assisting them and their families with personal and financial needs.

In Delaware County, we are honored that Rose Tree Park is the setting for a major event, “Walk for the Wounded,” which raises funds for Operation First Response. This year’s Walk for the Wounded takes place on Saturday, May 20. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that the walk has been organized by Nick Constantino, Senior Advisor to Operation First Response, in partnership with Marc Manfre, Director of Delaware County Parks and Recreation, and Tore Fiore, Director of Destination Delco Visitors Center. This is truly a remarkable event. Each year, thousands of people come out to walk, including veterans of all ages. To date, the Walk for the Wounded has raised nearly \$2 million. They will also hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Warriors 5K Run at Rose Tree Park to raise money to help wounded warriors and their families.

This year’s speaker, Lt. General Ronald S. Coleman, is a Delaware County hero. He is a graduate of Darby-Colwyn Senior High School and a retired United States Marine who advanced in rank to Lt. General in 2005, becoming the second African American in the Marine Corps to reach the 3-Star rank. We are excited to have him as the guest speaker; we know his remarks will be both moving and interesting.

It is hard to comprehend what our servicemen and women face in a combat situation, or serving in a hostile country. It’s also hard to comprehend what it must be like to return to civilian life after suffering life-changing injuries, often followed by mounting bills.

The work of people like Nick Constantino and Operation First Response is truly commendable. The financial aid they offer is based on individual needs and can range from rent and utilities, to home alterations to add accessibility, to clothing and travel expenses. The mission is to help these wounded heroes get through their recovery period and transition from military life to the civilian world.

Chairman Civera said we are pleased to once again honor Operation First Response with a Resolution. Attending today's meeting to accept the Resolution were the following individuals: Nick Constantino, Senior Advisor for Operation First Response; Marc Manfre, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tore Fiore, Director of Destination Delco Visitors Center and committee members Marty Milligan and Jean Koroly.

Mr. Manfre thanked Marty Milligan, of the Park Board, and County Council for their support of this event.

Mr. Fiore said (once again) Ukee Washington, co-anchor of CBS3 Eyewitness News, will be the Master of Ceremonies at this event. The 5K Warrior Run starts at 10:00 A.M. and all the other festivities start at 11:00 A.M. There will be Armed Services memorabilia, great music and food. Hope you all can make it out to this wonderful event.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to continue with today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file six (6) Petitions for the Voluntary/Involuntary Relinquishment of Parents Rights, three (3) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to file six (6) Petitions for the Voluntary/Involuntary Relinquishment of Parental Rights, three (3) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Brian Zidek, 13 Rose Valley Road, ((Nether Providence Township) Media asked how the Human Services contracts are solicited, reviewed and approved and how the public might gain a better understanding of what the contracts are and who the providers of the contracts are.

Executive Director Grace responded by saying, on an annual basis, the contracts are reviewed for their compliance according to state and federal regulations by the Human Services Department ensuring that level of service is a needed level of service, all the rates are thoroughly reviewed and then they are part of the Council's public agenda around mid-June/July

When the annual contracts are signed and the contracts are made available. From time to time different services, different providers or the provider has added a service then that is when the contract comes on the agenda.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. Culp wished the Delaware County Transportation Management Association and everyone who participates in the Bike to Work Day on May 19 good luck. He said the Office of Behavioral Health and Human Services, Joe Dougherty, Jonna DiStefano and Gayle Oddi do an excellent job and thanks to Magellan Behavioral Health for being such a great partner. The Walk for the Wounded is an excellent event and he encourages everyone to attend, which is the least we can do for the men and women who suffer on a daily basis for our freedom.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's remarks. We are proud of the work that Magellan Behavioral Health and the Office of Human Services do all year long. It is such an honor to attend the Walk for the Wounded event and being there among such great heroes of those that have served the Delaware County residents.

He further said that poppy seeds were planted at Rose Tree Park yesterday in remembrance of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War I. There are no WWI veterans alive today, but we always have to remember those that have gone before us and those that have suffered the ultimate sacrifice (280 from Delaware County). He said County Council will continue to support our veterans.

DCTMA does a great job, not only with the Bike to Work Day event but transportation issues throughout our county. Continue the good work and much success.

Mr. McBlain congratulated all the honorees here today. He thanked the Transportation Management Association for all the hard work they do, whether it is Bike to Work Day or making our high school students more aware of the dangers of drunk driving and texting.

The HealthChoices Program has been a "home run" for the County of Delaware for the residents that need those mental health services and behavioral services. We have become a model for the state and we are very proud of what we have been able to do with the HealthChoices Program. The fiscal management of it and the generation of the reinvestment funds is reflected in the recent opening of 50+ beds at the Crozer Chester Medical Center used to treat various abuses, which was funded by reinvestment funds. A special thanks to Julie Brown, Senior Account Executive/Magellan Health, who goes all out for the Annual Food Drive, wearing the turkey costume or whatever needs to be done.

Many thanks to the Walk for the Wounded event. There could not be a more-worthy resident from Delaware County than Lt. General Coleman. If you have not seen or heard Lt. General Coleman, you are in for a real treat. First of all, he is the most impressive looking Marine he has ever seen especially in his dress uniform. He is a proud Darby Borough resident, a proud Delaware County resident and one of the top ranking military officers from Delaware County.

Mr. McBlain said Council appeared with District Attorney Whelan this past week in the City of Chester to fund an effort of \$100,000.00 to pay for overtime for the State Police that are there. Council is using some of the funding from the Gaming Funds and District Attorney Whelan is using some forfeiture funds to fund that. That is the most basic need that they have in Chester in terms of putting more police on the street. He said that is a supplement to what the County does in funding in the City of Chester through the Redevelopment Authority Agreement for Gaming. That has been \$4-5 million a year as a result of our agreement with Harrah's where the Redevelopment Authority has granted that money to the City of Chester. We are now in our 10<sup>th</sup> year, so when you add that up we are probably approaching \$50 million separate from tax dollars that Chester has received as a result of our agreements for the redevelopment of that property.

Lastly, Mr. McBlain said the Criminal Justice Advisory Board recently held its quarterly meeting and this is where a lot of these great initiatives we talk about are the result of the ideas that come from the Advisory Board meetings. Some of the good news is the *Second Chance Court*, that was announced a month or so ago, has started off very well. It is in the early stages, but is getting good results. Another good example is the *Restoration of Confidentiality Program* at the George W. Hill Correctional Facility. This is a very important program that follows a couple dozen people, but these are probably two dozen of the most difficult cases that we have in the criminal justice system. These people have been deemed to be incompetent and if they were competent or otherwise would have their cases resolved one way or another and moved out of the prison, which is not a mental health facility, and into a place where they can get the care that is needed for them.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming this morning. Council likes to recognize what you do in the private sector and what you do on a daily basis as far as the community is concerned.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Mr. Culp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk