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Over the last few months, we have experienced unprecedented change. This has created uncertainty, tension, and anxiety that has rippled through our communities. It is experiences like this that make us appreciate the strength and resilience of our communities. In spite of the fear of the unknown, there have been an overwhelming amount of individuals and groups who have come together and accepted the challenge to treat one another with kindness, compassion, and a spirit of giving, regardless of their own needs. This edition of our newsletter applauds the efforts of some of the special individuals that have put the needs of others ahead of their own and championed connectedness in a time of isolation.

To all of those across the SPHS Family and our communities that have given of your time, talents, and resources for the good of others, we say thank you.

Mission Statement

To provide quality recovery-based, trauma-informed, integrated services including education, intervention, case management, treatment, after care, and referrals to consumers in Washington, Greene, and Butler Counties.

Our Vision

Every individual served through trauma-informed, recovery-based, integrated services will have the opportunity for growth and inclusion in their community and have access to culturally competent services and supports of their choice. We believe people have the potential to change and improve their lives, to participate in meaningful activities, and to become active and contributing members of their communities.

SPHS Case Management

Blended Case Management is a service that assists individuals with a variety of physical and mental health needs by linking them with a strong network of resources and services. Blended Case Managers play a critical role in connecting clients to support systems that best meet their needs as well as nurturing a sense of security and hope.

Jon Wasicek

Jon is the Senior Supervisor for SPHS Blended Case Management and has been with the agency for over 20 years, working with individuals of all ages who struggle with behavioral health issues. Jon has always shown a strong commitment to helping others, and this has been evident in his leadership and support to the BCM staff. He has made sure that BCM staff have the necessary tools and equipment to continue providing services throughout the pandemic. Jon’s frequent phone calls and home visits have made a significant difference in the lives of our consumers, and he takes pride in making sure that BCM services are accessible to all who need them.

SPHS Case Manager

Karen Pisarski

Amy is the Team Lead of the SPHS Blended Case Management Team. She has always been available and willing to help others who need it. Amy has been a driving force in ensuring that critical resources are available to those who need them.

Dave Scrip

Dave is a Blended Case Manager (BCM) who has kept the needs of consumers at the forefront of his work. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that BCM staff have the necessary tools and equipment to continue providing services throughout the pandemic. Dave’s dedication to his job and his commitment to ensuring that BCM services are accessible to all who need them has been invaluable.

The Mask Makers

There are many individuals across the agency and in our communities that have donated their time and skills to create masks for use by staff and consumers. The value of these contributions has been immeasurable in our ability to continue providing services safely and efficiently.

Thank you to everyone who has gone the extra mile to provide much-needed supplies throughout the organization!
The WIC Staff

The Women, Infants, and Children Program WIC provides a pregnancy, postpartum breast-feeding education and infant and toddler age of age, vitamin and iron fortification, and supplemental nutrition program to accommodate that need. The WIC staff includes: Sheila Chalot-Nutrition Specialist; Johnna Grant-Nutrition Specialist; Jill Eckenrode- Nutrition Specialist; Dena The WIC staff continued to provide services to families through four WIC offices across Westmoreland County. Both her creativity and her ability to understand and relate to the needs of various communities have allowed her to provide services to families in a way that is sensitive to their individual needs.

Community Residential Rehabilitation (CRR) Staff

The CRR Program services adults recovering from mental illness and provides meaningful opportunities to live in the community while gaining skills to become more independent. Support services are available 24 hours a day.

STTARS Program Staff

The STTARS Program staff serves survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and mental illness prevention services to the community during this time of isolation and uncertainty. They work between the needs and regulations of fee for service programs and managing the challenges of grant funded programs in various counties. She is adept at shifting commitments at various times, providing training, and coordinating the need for multi-agency systems. Thank you Andrea for your flexibility.

Mary Walls

Mary Walls is the SHS Fiscal Department. Mary is adept at juggling multiple projects at the same time. She is a whiz at simplifying processes, adapting to new technology, and being a go-to person for a broad range of needs. Thanks to Mary for her team attitude, and your loyalty to SPHS!

Carrie Shemore

Carrie Shemore was involved with the WIC program for two years. She has been an example of a leader who coordinates the efforts of her team. During the pandemic, she has quickly transitioned the program to a virtual format, providing support. She continues to be a leader who is innovative, making changes that are vital for maintaining quality and confidentiality.

Lisa Jones

Lisa Jones is a SHS Systems Administration/Engineer who supported today’s funding for SHS to improve access to services. Lisa worked her magic in the deployment of laptops and the necessary equipment as well as technical support and training that has enabled staff to work from home or other mobilization where necessary. This assistance has been crucial to our agency’s ability to deliver vital services. Thank you Lisa and the IT Department for keeping this running smoothly and organization wide!

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Cynthia Waddick

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Andrea Moore

Andrea is a integral part of the SHS Administration. For staff members like her, she is the “gold person” for a broad range of support. During the pandemic, she is quickly able to assist those that she is keeping staff, staff members, and others with referrals as needed. Thank you Andrea for your creativity, problem-solving, and dedication to your team. On top of regular responsibilities, she has continued to be knowledgeable of local staff at this time, and that is not individual falls through the cracks. Her efficiency and positivity have made the CRR offices welcoming places to network and work. Thank you Andrea for your flexibility.

Matilda Lesjak

Matilda Lesjak is the Monessen Outpatient Services Office and is the office lead for the WIC program. She is an example of a leader who coordinates the efforts of her team. During the pandemic, she has quickly transitioned the program to a virtual format, providing support. She continues to be a leader who is innovative, making changes that are vital for maintaining quality and confidentiality. On top of regular responsibilities, she has continued to be knowledgeable of local staff at this time, and that is not individual falls through the cracks. Her efficiency and positivity have made the CRR offices welcoming places to network and work. Thank you Andrea for your flexibility.

The True Meaning Of Life

The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit. - Nelson Henderson