

PRESENT: Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice 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 March 4, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Margie DiFrancesco, of the County Housekeeping Department. Noreen O'Connor, of the County Housekeeping Department, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera asked for a prayer to be offered up for one of our County employees, from the Human Services Department, who was injured yesterday (March 3). On her behalf, he asked that our thoughts and prayers be with her and her family at this time.

Chairman Civera asked Vice Chairman Morrone to start the agenda items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 3A, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for a refund for the year 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 1 property owner due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Cecile Charlton, of the Delaware County Transportation Management Association, to speak on Agenda Item 5.

On behalf of the Delaware County Transportation Management Association, Mrs. Charlton asked for County Council's approval for their Community Traffic Safety Program. This program is fully funded by PennDOT. They will be working with the Delaware County Planning Department on this program.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 5, an Agreement between the Delaware County Transportation Management Association and the County of Delaware to perform all services related to the PennDOT Community Traffic Safety Program. (Funding: \$67,539.40 PennDOT) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, 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.

Ms. Hill asked for Council's approval of two changes to the County's Housing and Community Development Action Plan.

Item 6 is a request to increase the CDBG allocation for the Children and Adult Disability Education Services (CADES) in the amount of \$164,718.00. This will bring the total cost of the elevator and the accessible bathroom improvements at the Swarthmore facility to \$364,718.00. This project came in significantly higher than expected and the additional funding is required to complete these accessibility improvements so they can adequately serve their clients.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 6, the Housing and Community Development Action Plan Amendment allocating an additional \$164,718.00 to CADES for ADA improvements at the school, located at 401 Rutgers Avenue, Swarthmore. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Ms. Hill asked for Council's approval of Item 7 to cancel the CDBG project for improvements to the Kent Park, in Upper Darby, as the project is no longer eligible under the CDBG regulations. This is not the County who is reducing the \$200,000.00, but rather the federal government.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 7, the Housing and Community Development Action Plan Amendment to cancel \$200,000.00 in FY 2008 CDBG Funds to the County Public Works Department for recreational improvements at Kent Park, located in Upper Darby Township. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone to renew the Websense Enterprise licensing from CDWG on the COSTARS Contract for a period of three (3) years at the total cost of \$106,500.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 8.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of seven (7) contracts with the Human Services Department. He said one of these contracts is with the Community Action Agency of Delaware County for housing for homeless individuals. This is for the Rapid Rehousing Program, Rental Assistance and Temporary Emergency Shelter, which is all funded through a federal grant.

Mr. Dougherty also asked for the approval of a contract with Elwyn, Inc. for start-up costs to create Residential Treatment Facilities for Adults (RTFA) for individuals with mental health and intellectual disabilities diagnosis. This is funded by reinvestment dollars by the Health Choices Program, which is state dollars.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services as per the attached list. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain and Mrs. Morrone to present the Resolution in recognition of Intellectual Disability Awareness Month.

Mr. McBlain said every March Delaware County Council recognizes the contributions of people with intellectual disabilities who are valued co-workers, family members and friends in our Delaware County community.

March is Intellectual Disability Awareness Month in Delaware County and across the nation; some groups refer to it as Development Disability Awareness Month. As represented by those attending this morning's Council meeting, we have a very diverse, active community of people with intellectual disabilities, their friends, family, employers and advocates here in Delaware County.

In the Government Center and Courthouse Complex we are proud of the members of our workforce like Noreen O'Connor and Margie DiFrancesco, who have intellectual disabilities and we value their contributions and their amazing enthusiasm and dedication to their work.

This year, Mr. McBlain said we are going to recognize the following two groups who are working to enhance the lives of people who have many abilities, but also have intellectual disabilities: the Delaware County Employment Forum which is an initiative launched by our County Office of Intellectual Disabilities and the Arc of Delaware County that has advocated for people with disabilities for over 50 years, sometimes being the only voice for individuals who can't always speak for themselves.

County Council is pleased to announce that we are continuing efforts to obtain and sustain employment for individuals. Our Office of Intellectual Disabilities and many of our community partners, including the Arc of Delaware County, are raising awareness and opening doors for individuals who want to work or volunteer in the community.

Being employed or volunteering in the community gives individuals a sense of purpose, a sense of belonging in the community and provides a meaningful day, which is a goal for everyone no matter what their abilities are. Also, we know that employers benefit from the dedication that individuals with intellectual disabilities bring to the workplace.

Mr. McBlain said two years ago the Office of Intellectual Disabilities created the Delaware County Employment Forum. This is a group of stakeholders who are committed to increasing employment and volunteer opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The goal is to create opportunities, connect individuals with those opportunities and support those individuals in their work. Specifically, the Forum has a goal to increase the number of Delaware County individuals employed by 10 percent each year.

On March 19, from 8:30 A.M. to noon, the Employment Forum will host a free training session at the Intermediate Unit to help individuals and families transition from school to work. Speakers

will include educators, parents and job coaches. We all know that job-hunting is a difficult process to navigate.

We are very excited about the progress being made by the Employment Forum and we invite anyone interested in employment options for people with intellectual disabilities to attend the March 19th Forum.

Mr. McBlain read the following resolution (in part):

Whereas, the 2015 theme for Intellectual Disability Awareness Month is "Can Do, Like You!" with the goal of encouraging people to reach out to someone with a disability so they see what he or she "Can Do, Like You;" and

Whereas, the Delaware County Department of Human Services and its Office of Intellectual Disabilities serves individuals and their families by providing access to needed services, including employment support, to help individuals lead meaningful, safe lives in their communities; and

Whereas, the Delaware County Employment Forum was launched in 2013 by partners in the disability community to increase awareness and open doors to assist people with intellectual disabilities in finding employment or volunteer opportunities in the community, and sustaining that work; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare March 2015 to be Intellectual Disability Awareness Month in Delaware County. We urge all residents of Delaware County to join the commitment to ensure that persons with intellectual disabilities have opportunities to succeed, and to reach out and connect with someone with an intellectual disability.

Mr. McBlain called on Susan Proulx, the County's Deputy Administrator for the Office of Intellectual Disabilities, to say a few words and introduce the other members of her office and those on the Employment Forum.

Ms. Proulx said the County's Office of Intellectual Disabilities is committed to ensuring that every individual with an intellectual disability who wishes to work and earn a paycheck and/or volunteer is given the opportunity to do so regardless of how many hours per week they are able

to work or contribute. This means we must generate increased partnership with support of employment and daycare providers, businesses, individuals and their families.

Currently, there are over 200 people in the County who are part-time or full-time employed, plus there are a number others who are out there who are actually working full-time who do not need their assistance, which is a wonderful thing.

Ms. Proulx said the Forum meets about once per month and many of the stakeholders are families, advocates and service providers. However, we need more consumers of service, businesses and school districts in the group.

They have identified four major focus areas including information, outreach, training, and obtaining and sustaining employment. Obviously, the March 19 event is part of their ongoing training connection.

Ms. Proulx introduced self-advocate Erin Perry, who is successfully employed.

Miss Perry said she is 22 years old and graduated from Upper Darby High School in 2014. She works as a greeter at the AMC Movie Theater, in Springfield Township, every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. She has been employed by AMC for one year and enjoys her job because her co-workers are very nice and they treat her like everyone else. She has a job coach with her in case she needs help while she is working.

Ms. Proulx introduced the following people who attended today's meeting from the Office of Intellectual Disabilities: Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services; Nancy Lowry, Deputy Administrator for the Administrative Entity; Paula Fawcett, Provider Relations Coordinator; Karissa Desiderio, Advocate, Arc of Delaware County, member of the Employment Forum; Barbara Brodie, DCIU, member of the Employment Forum; Barbara Lefferts, DCIU, member of the Employment Forum; M. Kim Rosati, DCIU, member of the Employment Forum; and Tyra Virden, Disability Rights Network of PA, member of the Employment Forum.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to recognize the tireless work of the Arc of Delaware County.

Mrs. Morrone said the Arc of Delaware County was started by a group of parents over 50 years ago when children with disabilities were not allowed to attend school or belong to community groups. These parents led the charge to include people of all abilities to belong, to live with the families, to get an education, to be safe and to be included in our communities to the fullest extent possible.

As an advocacy agency, the Arc has worked with county, state and federal officials to assist individuals and their families to access services and resources to access health care, education, employment and social services. The bottom line with all people, and with individuals with

intellectual disabilities, is belonging. The Arc provides an invaluable service in helping people build friendships and, to the greatest extent possible, be a part of our communities.

Mrs. Morrone read the following resolution:

Whereas, there are an estimated 16,000 Delaware County children and adults who have an intellectual disability plus countless abilities that enable them to be active citizens, productive employees and good neighbors in our community; and

Whereas, since President Ronald Reagan first declared March to be Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in 1987, the Arc leads the way in promoting awareness of the strengths and achievements of Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, the Arc of Delaware County has for over 50 years advocated for civil rights and community inclusion for all individuals with intellectual disabilities, and the power of the Arc can be seen as individuals blaze new trails living and working in the community, pursuing higher education, developing their faith and pursuing lifelong relationships; and

Whereas, the 2015 theme for Intellectual Disability Awareness Month is "Can Do, Like You!" with the goal of encouraging people to reach out to someone with a disability so they see what that person "Can Do, Like You"; and

Whereas, the Arc of Delaware County offers such programs as adult and education advocacy, social and recreation activities, a Sibling Celebration, and the "Celebrating Difference Art, Music and Film Festival."

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare March 2015 to be Intellectual Disability Awareness Month in Delaware County. We encourage all residents to join the Arc of Delaware County in its efforts to advocate for individuals to be included in our communities, to the greatest extent possible, and on their own terms.

Mrs. Morrone called on Eileen MacDonald, Executive Director of the Arc of Delaware County, to come forward to say a few words and to introduce other Arc members here today.

Ms. MacDonald said they are honored and pleased to receive this resolution as they continue their tireless work in all the different areas mentioned such as education and adult advocacy, social recreation program (which is taking on a whole new life) and social skills to become a more important piece of helping our individuals improve their quality of life and move onto the employment which they are working so closely with the Forum on.

They appreciate Council's time and effort in recognizing the importance in celebrating March as Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month.

Ms. MacDonald introduced the following: Colleen Shepherd, President of the Arc Board of Directors; Colleen Foti, Fiscal Director; Nicole Simon, Arc Monitor Programs Coordinator; Karissa Desiderio, adult advocate; Nancy LeClair, Monitor Programs Coordinator; Michelle Benjamin, Social/Recreation Coordinator; Mary Brooks, Membership Coordinator; Dolores Kent, Administrative Assistant; and Jessica Lynch, advocacy intern.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with today's agenda.

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

Solicitor: Mr. Maddren said, as Council is aware, the County has a program where they offer Repository properties to their host municipalities for a dollar. A Repository property is one that goes through Upset Price Sale as well as Judicial Sale without purchase.

Attending today's meeting were Gary Cummings, Nether Providence Township Manager, and Dave Grady, Nether Providence Township Assistant Manager, who received the deeds for fourteen (14) properties on Scott Lane (Nether Providence) that the township has acquired for \$1 each. The township intends to use these properties for their stormwater management program and open space program.

Mr. Maddren asked for Council's approval to file seventeen (17) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file seventeen (17) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Council: Mr. Culp extended his thoughts and prayers to the injured County employee and her family and wished her a speedy recovery. He also said the self-advocates did a great job, especially Margie DiFrancesco and Noreen O'Connor. It is a pleasure working them on a daily basis; they do a great job and are an asset to the County.

Mr. White said it is a great group of people we have here today. County Council is particularly proud of our Office of Intellectual Disabilities and their hope is to work along with them making sure that each person with intellectual disabilities has a healthy, happy and productive life.

Mr. White is particularly proud of the Office of Intellectual Disabilities because his son Brian, who is 26 years old, is intellectually disabled. Susan Proulx, of OID, started working with Brian at an early age and took good care of him. Mr. White's family also reached out to the Arc many times and they were always there with optimism and hope for his family. It is very difficult to get through some years, but the blessings far exceed the hard work.


Mrs. Morrone added her congratulations for the awareness and the work that Arc has done. In January, she went to Washington, D.C. to testify in front of the committee who is developing the new employment standards under the Workforce Opportunities Act, specifically around individuals with disabilities. It is great to see the work that is being done firsthand here in Delaware County and hopefully some of those suggestions will make it even better our county.

Chairman Civera said he sincerely appreciates the attendance at this morning's Council meeting. This is an opportunity to reach out into the community and see how the intellectually disabled are able to achieve on a daily basis.

Discussion: On behalf of the CADES Board of Directors, staff and those they serve with physical and intellectual disabilities, Bill Benson, Executive Director, 401 Rutgers Avenue, Swarthmore, commended County Council for taking the time to come out to CADES to see the terrible dilemma they have. They have a two story building and yet they have people in wheelchairs that cannot get from one floor to the other without having to go outside and around the building. County Council recognized this dilemma and supports the CADES elevator project and their ADA bathroom project.

Mr. Benson thanked Council for their sensitivity to their problems and stepping forward to help them. CADES appreciates all the work that the County does to help those with physical and intellectual disabilities.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Chairman Civera to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Morrone and carried unanimously.


ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

**HUMAN SERVICES AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS
& AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS**

<u>Name of Provider</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Term of Contract/ Agreement</u>	<u>Original Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>
Community Action Agency of Delaware County	Multiple Homeless Programs	7/1/14-6/30/15 (amendment)	\$2,099,762	\$2,773,213
The ARC of Chester County	Companion, In-Home and Respite Services through Agency with choice	7/1/14- (amendment)	N/A	N/A
Kaleidoscope Family Solutions	Home & Community Habilitation	2/2/15-*	N/A	N/A
Healthcare Stat Homecare, Inc.	Home & Community Habilitation	2/3/15-*	N/A	N/A
Elwyn, Inc.	Residential Treatment Facilities for Adults (RTFA)	2/1/15-12/31/15	N/A	\$518,390
Great Minds Think Alike Childcare LLC	Subsidized Day Care	12/1/14-**	N/A	N/A
Amy Kilgore	Subsidized Day Care	12/1/14-**	N/A	N/A

*Continuing so long as Provider meets each of the terms of the Contract between the County and Provider to which this signature page is attached or until the Contract is terminated as provided in the Contract.

**Either party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement.