

CapCOG Board of Delegates

Monday, October 17, 2022 - 7:00 PM

**DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Camp Hill Borough - Bonnie Bentz  Conewago Township, Gary Painter  East Pennsboro Township, Terry  Watts  Goldsboro Borough, Robert Charles  Hampden Township, Al Bienstock  Harrisburg City, Hillary Greene  Highspire Borough, Mark Stonbraker  Londonderry Township, Anna Dale | Lower Paxton Township, Norm  Zoumas  Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher  New Cumberland Borough, Gennifer Rickie  North Middleton Township, James Hare  Royalton Borough, Terry Watts  Silver Spring Township, Harry  Kotzmoyer | South Middleton Township, Cory  Adams  Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin  Wormleysburg Borough, Margie Stuski and Sue Stuart |

**MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Annville Township  Carlisle Borough  Carroll Township  Dauphin Borough  Derry Township  Dillsburg Borough  East Hanover Township  Fairview Township  Hummelstown Borough | Lemoyne Borough  Lower Allen Township  Lower Swatara Township  Marysville Borough  Mechanicsburg Borough  Middletown Borough  Monaghan Township  Monroe Township  Newberry Township | Paxtang Borough  Penbrook Borough  Shiremanstown Borough  South Hanover Township  Steelton Borough  Susquehanna Township  Swatara Township  West Hanover Township |

**NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Vince DiFilippo, Cumberland County  Don McKenna, Penn State Hospital Hampden/Holy Spirit  Jerry Ozog, Hampden Township Fire Department  Jeremy Lingle, Conewago Township | CapCOG STAFF  Gary Myers, Executive Director  Rhonda Campbell, Administrative Assistant |

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roundtable introductions were made.

**Presenters**

Don McKenna, Regional Vice President, Penn State Health Hampden/Holy Spirit

* McKenna has 2.5 years with PS and is looking forward to growing and learning.
* Past few years extremely busy on West Shore; acquisition of Holy Spirit in November 2020 and then opening of Hampden Medical Center in October 2021.
* Increased physician compliment in cardiology, urology, general surgery, pediatrics and family medicine, and ob gyn.
* Regional strategy is to meet the needs of the community and take advantage of each facility's strength.
* Holy Spirit is a 307 bed acute care trauma facility - level 2. Ortenzio heart center. In-patient behavioral health center. Also primary stroke center.
* December 2021 - relocated OBGYN and pulmonary from Holy Spirit to Hampden Medical Center; using technology to identify cancer earlier in pulmonary.
* Recently leveraged telemedicine for patients of stroke, behavioral health, pediatrics.
* Can now schedule non-life threatening emergency room services.
* 30% increase in OB deliveries increase.
* 50 people every day in ER.
* Overall admissions up 25%.
* Patient experience scores - 95% patients surveyed have given 9 or 10 out of 10-point scale. Outpatient surgeries 90% ; ER 80%
* The staff make the hospital shine.
* Received three notable accolades: LeapFrog Group (independent organization that is a watchdog of hospitals) gave us an A grade. CMS - 5-star rating. And 1 of 24 in state and 1 of 28 hospitals overall receiving high-performing hospital designation from US News and World Report.
* Electronic health records system update underway so that records follow patient.
* We are continuing to strive for innovation, improve and increase our telehealth options.
* Looking to partner with government - local/state.
* Trying to be a great corporate citizen.

Q & A

* Margie Stuski - How are ambulance services doing? Can you comment on changes since PS has come to the area? McKenna - EMS services are difficult. Not a lot of people are going into the field. We have PS Health Life Lion LLC and Hershey Medical Center Life Lion. We draw from each other - education, repairs, share some of our policies and processes and physicians work collectively. We share staff occasionally. They have collective bargaining unit. We are handling services for Camp Hill. Response times are good, we are pulled out on East Shore for mutual aid and they help us. Recruitment is the toughest piece. Five months ago we did a market adjustments for all our EMTs and paramedics. We try to grow our own and teach our own.
* Ken Miller - One of the things we focus on as a Council is intergovernmental cooperation. In Healthcare industry, there are large providers in an area. How much vendor specific allegiance is there or do you cooperate with other systems/hospitals? As a consumer should we be vendor specific? McKenna - We have several strong healthcare providers in this community. We are fortunate. Iron sharpens iron so it makes us all better. We have to be careful we aren't in collusion on salaries, but Covid was a great example of working together to get the message out. If an instrument tray is needed or equipment isn't working, we share. Because it is about the patient.
* Norm Zoumas - Are you experiencing trouble securing nursing staff and support staff? McKenna - There are not enough nurses in the community to meet the needs of the community. At Hampden, we were recruiting people from out of state and out of the area (Phila). Also had staff from other healthcare providers move to work with Hampden. We are starting to see international nursing staff in community. Schools are doing their best to recruit and graduate nurses, but with population growth, we aren't keeping up.

**Consent Agenda**

July 2022 Minutes and October 2022 Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve: Robert Charles. Stuski seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Executive Director's Report**

* Managers Meeting - September 28, 2022
  + Middletown Hosted
  + Excellent Managers' Meeting
  + We will be holding a Managers' Holiday Luncheon at South Hanover Township in December
* MS4 Ad
  + As of Today, 25 members participating
  + Scheduled to run Thursday, November 3
  + Cost to Run: $1051.00; Cost per member: $45
* UCC Dues
  + UCC Participants were invoiced last week
  + We have 34 members who participate
  + Three members (that we know) have their own UCC Board
  + Emails were sent to the other six members who don't participate inviting them to join
* 2023-24 Joint Bids
  + Bid packets are being prepared to be sent in mid November.
* 2023 BOD Presenters
  + We have speakers confirmed through the May meeting.
  + If you have a speaker you think may be good for the BOD, please let us know
* Picnic and Golf Tournament
  + September 19, 2022
  + Excellent turnout
  + Report is included
* Ratify salt bids
  + Bids opened September 27, 2022.
  + Pricing for 2022-23 is: Morton Salt $82 plant and $82.50 delivered. Potassium Acetate Natures Alpine Solutions - $6.07/gallon FOB/Plant and $6.29/gallon delivered.
  + Motion to approve: Jim Fisher. Seconded Charles. Unanimously approved.
* 2021 Financial Review - No findings. Cash position improved by 20%; close to pre-Covid level.
* 2023 budget draft will go out to delegates next week after we meet with the Executive Committee this week. It is critical we have a quorum in November to ratify the 2023 budget.

**County Reports**

***Cumberland County - Vince DiFilippo***

* County unveiled new forensic lab at Ritner campus. Grant from PA Commission on Crime and delinquency. Cutting-edge technology.
* Voting and elections - mail in ballot issues; litigation filed today by the state and national Republican party. Counties get caught in the middle. We will do the best we can. Hopefully we will get guidance to ensure the election is fair to everyone. Received requests for 24,000+ mail-in ballots and have received 9700 +/-. Last date to apply for mail-in is November 1.

*Dauphin County -* No report

*York County -* No Report

*Legislative Update - Nate Silcox*

* In June. House and Senate HB 2157 to repurpose fireworks tax. $5.5m repurposed for fire and EMS. New bill HB 1178 would provide for the programming for that. New tuition and loan program for fire ems, training center funding and safety training for use of fireworks.
* Senate will be in five days before the election; House will be in for three days before election.
* Don't expect any to return after the election for business.
* RTK piece of legislation that would make some municipality-friendly changes. Silcox will send it to Rhonda Campbell to share.

*PaCOG Update - Gary Myers*

* Myers is the Incoming President.
* Management of PACOG was housed through an employee at PSAB who retired in July.
* Myers is going to Mercer County COG who has offered to manage PACOG. Good offer; goal is to revitalize PACOG.
* PACOG needs to set goals to support councils.
* With two part-time employees, CAPCOG offers more services than many full-time larger cogs.

*UCC Update - Terry Watts*

* No UCC Activity.

***SAFER Update - Nate Silcox***

* A lot of good things happening with SAFER since kick off in April.
* Physicals being conducted means new fire fighters.
* Insurance - FF2s eligible. Getting much more than we originally hoped for at a significant savings. Jim Fisher - $25 K is term policy as long as active? Silcox - YES You'll have it for four years of SAFER Grant.
* Stipend-End of Year
* Tuition assistance - 10 individuals; End of Year
* Miller - Can current students get tuition reimbursement? Silcox - Yes. Likely will qualify.
* The Public Safety Committee also discussed EMS. EMS is in much worse shape than fire fighters. Want to start a discussion on this front with Delegates and we will keep you posted.
* Motion to accept Public Safety report was made by Anna Dale. Charles seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Good of the order**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. Watts motioned. Greene seconded. Unanimously approved.