

Resolution 39

*A Proposal of Consideration to Effectuate Name Change of the Local  
Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MH/MR) Program*

**WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2010 President Obama signed Rosa's Law that mandates all Federal Statutes use the term "Intellectual Disabilities" (ID) instead of Mental Retardation (MR); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 23, 2011 Pennsylvania Governor Corbett signs House and Senate Bill into law, Senate Bill 458, the bill amends the Act of 1966 (known as The MH/MR Act of 1966), by removing the term MR and replacing it with the term ID. This enables the renaming of the Act of 1966 to the MH and ID Act of 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 2012 the MH/MR Program Administrators Association of Pennsylvania (PAAP) went through a name change to Pennsylvania Association of County Administrators of Mental Health and Developmental Services (PACA MH/DS); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2012 a small committee of stakeholders, cross representatives of the MH/MR System (consumer, family member, providers, Advisory Board members and staff), was established per the MH/MR Advisory Board, to recommend a name change specific to the County Program. The recommendation was presented to the MH/MR Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 26, 2012 MH/MR Program Advisory Board passed a motion unanimously to accept the recommendation for the following name change: *"Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health and Developmental Services."*

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2012: MH/MR Program presents the recommended name change to the Wyoming County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Council declares the name change of Luzerne County Mental Health Mental Retardation to be known from this day forward as **"Luzerne Wyoming Counties Mental Health and Developmental Services"**.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held on May 22, 2012.

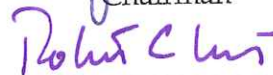
Attest:

  
Clerk to Council

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 

Chairman



Manager