

APPROVED

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Passed 8-0: 02/23/11

**COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMISSIONERS BILL NO. 2011-09
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER HAMM
REQUESTED DATE: JANUARY 19, 2011
ORDINANCE NO. 2011-112**

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING OFFICE AND PROGRAM NAMES
AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REFERENCES
FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, the new federal act known as "Rosa's Law", enacted as PL#111-256 at the second session of the 111th Congress of the United States, removes use of the term "mental retardation" in federal law and replaces it with the term "intellectual disabilities" in order to better recognize and serve the needs of such individuals; and

WHEREAS, while Rosa's Law does not compel states to change terminology in state laws for individuals covered by any federal law amended by the Act, it is the desire of the County of Lehigh to recognize and accomplish the same purpose for its citizens with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the offices and programs in Lehigh County government and the provisions of the Administrative Code which use the older terms and other designations should be revised to acknowledge individuals with "intellectual disabilities" and to recognize their needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA, THAT:

1. The names of the offices and programs in Lehigh County government serving persons with intellectual disabilities and their families, and the provisions of the Administrative Code concerning those offices and programs shall be amended by deleting all references to "mental retardation" and changing them to "intellectual disabilities".

2. Section 403-2 of the Administrative Code shall be amended to read as follows:

2. The following offices and bureaus are administered by office and bureau directors appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Board of Commissioners:

OFFICE

DIRECTED BY

Office of Computer Services	Computer Services Director
Office of Prison	Warden II
Bureau of FH - Administration	Nursing Home Administrator
Office of Fiscal Affairs	Fiscal Officer
Bureau of CB - Nursing Office	Director of Nursing Services
<u>Office of Mental Health/Intellectual</u>	<u>MH/ID [MR]/D&A Administrator</u>
<u>Disabilities[Mental Retardation]/Drug and</u>	
<u>Alcohol</u>	
Office of Children & Youth Services	Children & Youth Services Director
Office of Risk Management	Risk Manager
Office of Employee Training	Director of Training
Office of Assessment	Real Estate Appraisal Director
Office of Men's Community Corrections Center	Warden I
Office of Aging and Adult Services	Aging Services Director
Office of Human Resources	Human Resources Officer
Office of Capital Projects	Capital Projects Manager

3. Section 507-1c shall be amended to read as follows: "Direction of mental health/intellectual disabilities programs and services; . . ."

4. Section 703-2i shall be amended to read as follows: "The Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Advisory Board shall work in coordination with the Department of Human Services."

5. The County Executive shall distribute copies of this ordinance to the proper officers and other personnel of Lehigh County whose further action is required to achieve the purpose of this ordinance.

6. The proper officers and other personnel of Lehigh County are hereby authorized and empowered to take all such further action, including any necessary transfers of funds, and execute additional documents as they may deem appropriate to carry out the purpose of this ordinance.

7. Any ordinance or part of an ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

8. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after enactment.

ADOPTED BY THE LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS on

the 23rd day of February, 2011, by the following vote:

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Dean N. Browning	X	
Thomas C. Creighton, III	X	
Percy H. Dougherty	X	
Glenn Eckhart	X	
Gloria L. Hamm	X	
William H. Hansell (absent)		
David S. Jones, Sr.	X	
Daniel K. McCarthy	X	
Andy Roman	X	

ATTEST:

David Bevel
Clerk to The Board of Commissioners

APPROVED this 2nd day of March, 2011.

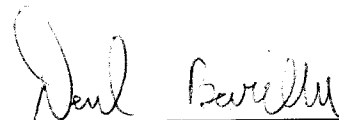
Donald T. Cunningham, Jr.
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Lehigh County Executive

ENACTED this 2nd day of March, 2011.

COUNTY OF LEHIGH ORDINANCE 2011 – NO. 112

CERTIFICATION

I, DAVID BARILLA, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Lehigh County, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Commissioners of Lehigh County held on the **23rd** day of **February**, 2011, and approved on the **2nd** day of **March**, 2011 by the Lehigh County Executive, and effective on the **12th** day of **March**, 2011.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Barilla", is written over a horizontal line.

DAVID BARILLA, Clerk
Board of Commissioners