

House Local Government Committee

Informational meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Good morning Chairman Freeman and Chairman James, and members of the House Local Government Committee. I am Rick Vilello, Deputy Secretary of Community Affairs and Development at DCED. With me today is Mandy Book, Acting Deputy Secretary for Business Finance and Workforce Development and Director of the Center for Community Enhancement. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today about the programs and services we have at our agency to assist local government officials and all Pennsylvanians.

At DCED, our mission is to encourage the shared prosperity of all Pennsylvanians by supporting good stewardship and sustainable development initiatives across our commonwealth. With a keen eye toward diversity and inclusiveness, we act as advisors and advocates, providing strategic technical assistance, training, and financial resources to help our communities and industries flourish. I am honored to be part of Acting Secretary Rick Siger's team and strive every day to make Pennsylvania a great place to live, work, and play.

Before coming to state government, I was the Mayor of Lock Haven, a city of the third class in Clinton County. As Mayor, I became familiar with many of DCED's programs and services, and was fortunate to be able to use them for improving the city. I would like to give an overview of the programs within my deputation. We have brochures available to share with you in hard copy, and we can also share them electronically.

Overview of:

- Center for Local Government Services
 - Act 47
 - State Planning Board
- Center for Community Services
- Center for Community and Housing Development