

PENNSYLVANIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Date	Tuesday, July 18, 2024
Time	Meeting starts at 1:00 pm
Location	Virtual – please see meeting invite for MS Teams link
Purpose/Focus	8th Council Meeting: Prevention and Early Intervention Strategies
Facilitators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of Council, Secretary of the Governor’s Office of Policy & Planning, Akbar Hossain • Executive Director, Behavioral Health Council, Dr. Chris Finello • Deputy Secretary, Department of Human Services, OMHSAS, Jennifer Smith • Special Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Human Services, Sara Goulet • Director, David Farber ASPIRE Center, Thomas Jefferson University, Dr. Matthew Wintersteen • Executive Deputy Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Kelly Primus • Deputy Secretary for Health Resources and Services, Department of Health, Muneeza Iqbal, MPH • Executive Director, Child Advocate, Office of Advocacy and Reform, Dr. Maryann McEvoy
Attendees	<p>Commonwealth Representatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary of Policy and Planning, Akbar Hossain 2. Secretary of the Department of Human Services, Dr. Valerie Arkoosh 3. Acting Secretary of the Department of Health, Dr. Debra Bogen 4. Commissioner of Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Michael Humphreys 5. Secretary of the Department of Aging, Jason Kavulich 6. Secretary of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Dr. Latika Davis-Jones 7. Secretary of the Department of Education, Dr. Khalid Mumin 8. Special Assistant to the Adjutant General, Mr. Richard Hamp, on behalf of Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Maj. Gen. Mark J. Schindler 9. Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police, Colonel Christopher Paris 10. Regional Licensed Psychologist Manager, Corrections, Dr. Elicia Stein on behalf of Secretary of the Department of Corrections, Dr. Laurel Harry 11. Secretary of the Department of State, Al Schmidt 12. Exec. Dir. Rural Dev. Council, Western Reg. Dir. PA Dept. of Agriculture, Mr. Mark Critz on behalf of Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Russell Redding 13. Director, Office of Justice Programs, Sally Barry on behalf of Executive Director, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Michael Pennington 14. Bureau Director, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, PA Dept. of Labor and Industry, Denise Verchimak, on behalf of Secretary of the Department of Labor, Nancy Walker 15. Digital Services Director at the Governor’s Office, Sadie Smiles on behalf of Director of Digital Strategy at the Governor’s Office, Annie Newman 16. Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Safe2Say Something Program Director, Brittney Kline 17. Deputy Secretary, Department of Human Services, OMHSAS, Jennifer Smith <p>Representatives with lived or living experiences and family members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. Robert Hamilton, MPPM - Westmoreland DHS Director; Formerly homeless veteran and person in long-term recovery 19. Kate Favata - Community Engagement Manager, Crossroads, Treatment Advocate 20. Jennifer Wilt - Parent of a loved one with mental illness, President NAMI of Cumberland & Perry Co. <p>County Representatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 21. Tina Clymer, County Mental Health Office, Carbon, Monroe, and Pike counties 22. Dr. Tamra Williams, County Mental Health Office from Montgomery County 23. Ryan Hogan, Single County Authority from Luzerne County 24. Kristin Varner, Single County Authority from Dauphin County 25. Lynn Deardorff, Area Agency on Aging from Adams County 26. Dr. Shannah Gillam, Area Agency on Aging from Allegheny County

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	<p>Clinical Representatives:</p> <p>27. Dr. Amy Kim, an expert in child and family behavioral healthcare</p> <p>28. Dr. Margaret Jarvis, an expert in addiction medicine and substance use disorder treatments</p> <p>29. Dr. Jack Todd Wahrenberger, an expert in primary healthcare</p> <p>30. Dr. Wendy Ross, an expert in treating individuals with co-occurring IDD & autism with mental illness</p> <p>Legislative Representatives from the General Assembly:</p> <p>31. Representative Mike Schlossberg (D)</p> <p>32. Representative Jim Struzzi (R)</p> <p>33. Senator Maria Collett (D)</p> <p>34. Senator Michele Brooks (R)</p>
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	Agenda	Facilitator	Time
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call	Secretary Hossain	1:00 pm – 1:10 pm
2.	Presentations on Prevention and Early Intervention Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Secretary, Department of Human Services, OMHSAS, Jennifer Smith • Special Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Human Services, Sara Goulet • Director, David Farber ASPIRE Center, Thomas Jefferson University, Dr. Matthew Wintersteen • Executive Deputy Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Kelly Primus • Deputy Secretary for Health Resources and Services, Department of Health, Muneeza Iqbal, MPH • Executive Director, Child Advocate, Office of Advocacy and Reform, Dr. Maryann McEvoy 	1:10 pm – 1:45 pm
3.	Facilitated Discussion	<p>Dr. Chris Finello</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the council feel the prevention and early intervention services are broadly accessible in the state, including rural areas? If not, what are your recommendations? 2. Is there a standard for screening and early identification for mental health and SUD early intervention that the Council recommends adopting across the state? 3. Are there any existing state and federal laws that hinder the implementation of comprehensive early intervention and prevention programs? 4. Can the Council share some of the best practices/examples that can be replicated across the commonwealth? 5. What can we do to support our providers that give early intervention care services? (screening, assessment, counseling, therapy, medication mgmt., peer support, crisis intervention, etc.) 	1:45 pm – 2:40 pm
4.	Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks	Secretary Hossain	2:40 pm – 2:45 pm

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Future meetings will be scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm.

August 20, 2024

September 17, 2024 (IN PERSON)

October 15, 2024

November 19, 2024

December 17, 2024 (IN PERSON)