

PENNSYLVANIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Date	Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Time	Meeting starts at 1:00 pm
Location	Virtual – please see meeting invite for MS Teams link
Purpose/Focus	11th Council Meeting: Information Sharing and Technology Innovations
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 • Deputy Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Kelly Primus
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. 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. Deputy Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Kelly Primus on behalf of Secretary of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Dr. Latika Davis-Jones 7. Special Assistant to the Secretary, Cathy Hall, MPA, on behalf of Secretary of the Department of Education, Dr. Khalid Mumin 8. Special Assistant to the Adjutant General, Mr. Richard Hamp, on behalf of acting Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Brigadier General John Pippy 9. Policy and Legislative Affairs Office Director, Major Patrick Beaver, on behalf of 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. Deputy Policy Director, Department of State Andrew LaFratte on behalf of 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. 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. Special Assistant to the Secretary, Office of Administration, Toni McIntyre on behalf of Director of Digital Strategy at the Governor’s Office, Annie Newman 16. Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Safe2Say Something Program Dir., 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 <p>Clinical Representatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 27. Dr. Amy Kim, an expert in child and family behavioral healthcare

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	<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	Dr. Chris Finello	1:00 pm – 1:10 pm
2.	Presentations on Information Sharing and Technology Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Secretary, Department of Human Services, OMHSAS, Jennifer Smith • Executive Deputy Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Kelly Primus 	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. How can we ensure that telehealth services reach vulnerable populations, such as those with limited digital literacy or disabilities, and what policy changes could help reduce these gaps? 2. What are some barriers to providers and counties to being able to share data that is necessary for continuity of care? 3. How can counties and the state collaborate on making sure the data we collect is useful and gives us good information? 4. What recommendations and changes could be implemented to help the public have an easier time navigating the system and finding the services they need? 5. How can Pennsylvania take a leadership role in developing innovative telehealth models for behavioral health? 	1:45 pm – 2:40 pm
4.	Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks	Secretary Hossain	2:40 pm – 2:45 pm

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

November 19, 2024

December 17, 2024 (IN PERSON)