PENNSYLVANIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Date	Tuesday, November 19, 2024				
Time	Meeting starts at 1:00 pm				
Location	Virtual – please see meeting invite for MS Teams link				
Purpose/Focus					
Facilitators	Chair of Council, Secretary of the Governor's Office of Policy & Planning, Akbar Hossain				
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	 Deputy Secretary, Department of Human Services, OMHSAS, Jennifer Smith Chief Psychiatric Officer, Department of Human Services, Dr. Dale K. Adair, MD, DLFAPA 				
	Secretary, Department of Human Services, Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, MD, MPH				
	Deputy Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Kelly Primus				
	President and CEO, The Wright Center, Linda Thomas-Hemak, MD, FAAP, FACP				
Attendees	Commonwealth Representatives:				
	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. Policy Director, Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Caroline Beohm on behalf of				
	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. 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 and				
	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. Supervising Analyst, Safe2Say Something Program, Christian Belker on behalf of				
	Pennsylvania Attorney General's Safe2Say Something Program Dir., Brittney Kline				
	17. Deputy Secretary, Department of Human Services, OMHSAS, Jennifer Smith				
	Representatives with lived or living experiences and family members:				
	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.				
	County Representatives:				
	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				

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24. Kristin Varner, Single County Authority from Dauphin County				
25. Lynn Deardorff, Area Agency on Aging from Adams County				
26. Dr. Shannah Gilliam, Area Agency on Aging from Allegheny County				
Clinical Representatives:				
27. Dr. Amy Kim, an expert in child and family behavioral healthcare				
28. Dr. Margaret Jarvis, an expert in addiction medicine and substance use disorder treatments				
29. Dr. Jack Todd Wahrenberger, an expert in primary healthcare				
30. Dr. Wendy Ross, an expert in treating individuals with co-occurring IDD & autism with mental illness				
Legislative Representatives from the General Assembly:				
31. Representative Mike Schlossberg (D)				
32. Representative Jim Struzzi (R)				
33. Senator Maria Collett (D)				

34. Senator Michele Brooks (R)

	Agenda	Facilitator	Time
1.	Call to Order	Dr. Chris Finello	1:00 pm – 1:10 pm
2.	Presentations on Health-Related Social Needs and Whole Person Care	 Deputy Secretary, Department of Human Services, OMHSAS, Jennifer Smith Chief Psychiatric Officer, Department of Human Services, Dr. Dale K. Adair, MD, DLFAPA Secretary, Department of Human Services, Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, MD, MPH Deputy Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Kelly Primus President and CEO, The Wright Center, Linda Thomas-Hemak, MD, FAAP, FACP 	1:10 pm – 1:55 pm
3.	Facilitated Discussion	 Dr. Chris Finello Questions for discussion: What recommendations can be executed to help with the implementation of Pennsylvania's proposed 1115 Demonstration Waiver – Bridges to Success: Keystones of Health for Pennsylvania? How can we ensure that collaborative care models and Whole Person Integrated Care can help more residents of Pennsylvania, and what policy changes could help reduce these gaps? What can the state do to help health care providers and payers to deliver whole person integrated care? How can we help providers implement the ICWC model? What are some barriers? Are there policy changes that are needed? 	1:55 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.

December 10, 2024, 9:00 AM (IN PERSON, SECOND TUESDAY (DEC. ONLY))