

PENNSYLVANIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Date	Tuesday, April 19, 2024
Time	Meeting starts at 1:00 pm
Location	Virtual – please see meeting invite for MS Teams link
Purpose/Focus	5 th Council Meeting: Medicare and Behavioral Health
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 • Alin Severance, MD, Medical Director of Behavioral Health Services, UPMC Health Plan • Dr. Shari Ling, CMS Deputy Chief Medical Officer • Dr. Barry Marx, Director, CMS Office of Clinician Engagement • Jessica Cleveland, CMS Fellow, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality • Ellen Blackwell, Technical Advisor, CMS Office of Clinician Engagement • Sharon Graham, CMS Region III Regional Administrator • Patrick Hamilton, CMS Region III Special Assistant • Lindsey Baldwin, CMS Acting Deputy Director, Division of Practitioner Services
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. Deputy Insurance Commissioner Shannen Logue on behalf of 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. 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 Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Maj. Gen. Mark J. Schindler 9. Policy and Legislative Affairs Office Director, Major Patrick Beaver, on behalf of Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police, Colonel Christopher Paris 10. 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. Dir. of Policy & Planning, Samantha Koch & Senior Advisor Jordan Lewis 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, Toni McIntyre 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

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	<p>24. Kristin Varner, Single County Authority from Dauphin County</p> <p>25. Lynn Deardorff, Area Agency on Aging from Adams County</p> <p>26. Dr. Shannah Gillam, Area Agency on Aging from Allegheny County</p> <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 Medicare and Behavioral Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alin Severance, MD, Medical Director of Behavioral Health Services, UPMC Health Plan • Dr. Shari Ling, CMS Deputy Chief Medical Officer • Dr. Barry Marx, Director, CMS Office of Clinician Engagement • Jessica Cleveland, CMS Fellow, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality • Ellen Blackwell, Technical Advisor, CMS Office of Clinician Engagement • Sharon Graham, CMS Region III Regional Administrator • Patrick Hamilton, CMS Region III Special Assistant • Lindsey Baldwin, CMS Acting Deputy Director, Division of Practitioner Services 	1:10 pm – 1:45 pm
3.	Facilitated Discussion	<p>Dr. Chris Finello</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the Council see a need for parity not only with how care is being reimbursed but also with how care is being provided? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For example, are we using baseline guidance for Intensive Outpatient (IOP) and group therapy? Are they the same clinical guidance in Medicaid, Medicare, and Commercial Insurance? • What does reimbursement look like compared to other payer types for BH services? • What are the silos and barriers in covering care for MH/SUD services? • What is typically not covered for SUD and MH care services? (that leads to underinsured care) • What is needed to ensure MH/SUD is integrated as closely as possible into primary care? 	1:45 pm – 2:35 pm
4.	Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks	Dr. Chris Finello Secretary Hossain	2:35 pm – 2:45 pm

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

May 21, 2024

June 18, 2024 (IN PERSON)

July 16, 2024

August 20, 2024

September 17, 2024 (IN PERSON)

October 15, 2024

November 19, 2024

December 17, 2024 (IN PERSON)