

PENNSYLVANIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Date	Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Time	Meeting starts at 1:00 pm
Location	Virtual – please see meeting invite for MS Teams link
Purpose/Focus	6 th Council Meeting: Regulatory and licensing issues, flexibilities, and 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 • Bureau Director, Bureau of Program Licensure, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Jodi Skiles • Deputy Secretary for Quality Assurance, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Jeanne Parisi • Director of Policy, Pennsylvania Department of State, Michael McDonald • Vice President of Ambulatory and Community Behavioral Health Services, UPMC Western Behavioral Health, Dr. Noreen Frederick, DNP, RN • CEO, White Deer Run Allenwood, Jeffrey Thomas, MHS, LPC, CAADC
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. 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. 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 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 Regulatory and Licensing Issues, Flexibilities, and Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Secretary, Department of Human Services, OMHSAS, Jennifer Smith • Bureau Director, Bureau of Program Licensure, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Jodi Skiles • Deputy Secretary for Quality Assurance, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Jeanne Parisi • Director of Policy, Pennsylvania Department of State, Michael McDonald • Vice President of Ambulatory and Community Behavioral Health Services, UPMC Western Behavioral Health, Dr. Noreen Frederick, DNP, RN • CEO, White Deer Run Allenwood, Jeffrey Thomas, MHS, LPC, CAADC 	1:10 pm – 2:10 pm
3.	Facilitated Discussion	<p>Dr. Chris Finello</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Council’s standpoint, what is working well? • What is not working that hits the regulatory and licensing barrier? • Are there regulations/policies from other states that are working well that PA should adopt? • Are there pandemic-era flexibilities that worked well within PA (or other states)? • What have you heard from healthcare providers and stakeholders about barriers to care? 	2:10 pm – 2:40 pm
4.	Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks	Secretary Hossain Dr. Chris Finello	2:40 pm – 2:45 pm

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

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)