



# **Medical Assistance Advisory Council**

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# OMHSAS Updates

- **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Update**
  - Looking toward 2025
    - 12 active call centers and 2 onboarding
    - Expand in-state text and chat capabilities
    - Sustainable funding for 988
    - 911-988 Interoperability
- **Behavioral Health Council Update**
- **Regulatory Updates**
  - *Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities*
  - *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services* regulations were published in the PA Bulletin on January 18, 2025.



- **Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Initiative**
  - Seven cohorts have been supported since January 2024
  - 274 individual practitioners across 50 counties
- **Emergency Behavioral Health Walk-In Centers**
  - Five counties/joinders were awarded funding to support the creation of these centers
    - Bradford/Sullivan
    - Lehigh
    - Lycoming/Clinton
    - McKean
    - Westmoreland