

PENNSYLVANIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Date	Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Time	Meeting starts at 12:00 pm
Location	For in-person meeting - Governor’s Reception Room (Directions here) For virtual participants – please see meeting invite for MS Teams link
Purpose/Focus	4 th Council Meeting: Insurance and Reimbursement
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 • Lindsy Swartz, MBA, MCM, Director – Life, Accident, and Health Rate and Policy Form Review, Bureau of Life, Accident, and Health Insurance, Pennsylvania Insurance Dept. • Mike Shepherd, MD, Sr. Medical Director for Behavioral Health, Geisinger Health Plan • Matthew Hurford, MD, Vice President, Behavioral Health, UPMC Insurance Division
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. 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. Deputy Secretary for Reentry, Dr. Lucas Malischak 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 of the 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. Laurie Greco, Area Agency on Aging from Northampton 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	12:00 pm – 12:10 pm
2.	Presentations on Insurance/ Reimbursement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsi Swartz, MBA, MCM, Director – Life, Accident, Health Rate and Policy Form Review, Bureau of Life, Accident, Health Insurance, Pennsylvania Insurance Dept. • Mike Shepherd, MD, Sr. Medical Director for Behavioral Health, Geisinger Health Plan • Matthew Hurford, MD, Vice President, Behavioral Health, UPMC Insurance Division 	12:10 pm – 12:45 pm
3.	Facilitated Discussion	<p>Dr. Chris Finello</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 cover all MH/SUD services in the continuum of care we discussed in the 2nd meeting? • What is needed to ensure MH/SUD is integrated as closely as possible into primary care? 	12:45 pm – 1:35 pm
4.	Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks	Dr. Chris Finello Secretary Hossain	1:35 pm – 1:45 pm

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

April 16, 2024	July 16, 2024	October 15, 2024
May 21, 2024	August 20, 2024	November 19, 2024
June 18, 2024 (IN PERSON)	September 17, 2024 (IN PERSON)	December 17, 2024 (IN PERSON)