

## HEALTHCHOICES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.  
1 W. Broad Street, Suite 100  
Bethlehem, PA 18018

May 17, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

- I. Introductions: Those in attendance were: Ronnie Colbert, Liz Fox, Tom Walker, Matt Bauder, Tisbine Moussa, Deborah Nunes, Ben Marston, and Donna Thorman
- II. Review of February 15, 2018 minutes – distributed at meeting and reviewed with changes indicated for Magellan by Tom Walker that will be incorporated in the revisions for the August meeting
- III. Community Healthcare Alliance Report:
  - **Member/Family Advisory Committee – Ronnie Colbert**
    - Indicating working with members who have new therapists and new psychiatrists at Haven House; also discussed with members if new medications working and members indicated working well
    - Relayed meeting with Lanta that is coming up to discuss transportation issues and commented that people are missing appointments because of the transportation issues and he has asked the executive staff at Haven House to attend with him
      - Relayed that he does not feel it is right to wait for evaluation to set up transport
      - Deborah Nunes commented that had meeting with Owen Neil from Lanta at the Northampton County Human Services Building; in which Mr. Neil indicated that Lanta is tracking receipt of tickets and bus stop issues with changes of pick up locations and being aware of end times for programs
        - Discussion of assessment and not seeing a disability to approve and making members walk to provide disability, and Mr. Neil indicated that they have appeal process and issues making members walk long distances, which he indicated were changes from the CMS/Penn Dot audits
        - 6/12/18 meeting is Lanta board meeting with 5 minutes to speak
          - Discussion about smaller meeting and so Daphne will try to do this before 6/12/18
          - Discussion that need to speak to the board because of the unclear information that is provided and need to get on the record
          - Meeting may focus on the reassessment process
          - Need to look at the issues with members outside of the drivers dealing with it
          - Need to have our members discuss the multiple issues that members are experiencing like late to appointments, the reassessment issues, etc.
          - Discussion of members possibly bringing in their complaints
    - Tom indicated that conversations with ICM for members to discharge delayed because transportation access has been issue
      - Tom relayed that Lehigh Valley CIL for complaint gathering and that Jeremy Schutz is gathering complaints about transport
        - Partnership for Disability Friendly Community was working on this in partnership with CIL
          - This is possible active advocacy group

- Have transportation committee
- Possible to partner into a group that is already looking at transportation issue
- Contact is Susan Firman ([swfirman@rcn.com](mailto:swfirman@rcn.com)) who is the chair of the transportation committee that work with Lanta to seek improvements to people with disabilities; looking at audit of the transportation of people with disabilities

- **Provider Advisory Committee – Kim Benner not present**
- **Children’s Advisory Committee – Pat McGarry not present**

**IV. NAMI/OMHSAS/Provider/Peer/news**

- NAMI – Donna Thorman
  - Had spaghetti dinner in March which had a great turnout and seem to appear to be running out of room at current vendor
  - There will be a 5k run on 9/30/18 and can email Donna for table at the event
  - There will be a NAMI annual picnic on 7/18/18 in BiCentennial Parkway that provides a free lunch and music
  - PBS will have panel to discuss MH in Lehigh Valley this Tuesday and that NAMI director, Maggie Murphy, will be on the panel
  - Indicated attendance at Block Grant meeting in Northampton County in which brought up Lanta and psychiatrist access issues for MA members

**V. Magellan Report – Tom Walker**

- Mentioned Rally in the Valley for D&A this Saturday at Cedar Crest College. It will start at 9am and will have vendors, discussion and is a recovery event; this is the second event and Magellan will have a table there
  - Located by the Davinci Science Center and can Facebook Rally in the Valley for questions and concerns
- MyFest is 9/22/18 at Municipal Park in Bethlehem and starts at noon
- Reported on 2 RFI
  - TAY CPS
    - Expand eligibility for CPS to 14+ age
    - VYH selected as vendor and will stay tuned for additional development
      - NC funding CPS training
      - Possibility of CPS licensing through license board of State to be more portable
      - Northampton County sponsoring the CPS training
  - Specialized OP Access
    - To assist with Slatington area OP and selected Nulton Diagnostic, a provider who specializes in the rural community and provider already operates Peer Star locally
      - Provider is primarily MH and want OP in Cambria to partner with hospitals and D&A provider
      - Found space and need licensure for possible open in the Fall
      - Mobile possible
      - Have board certified child and adolescent psychiatrists
- HC PS&R regs in draft form now and comments due by 5/25/18 for 7/1/18 execution
- OPD/HC/MH discussion on 2/8/18 to look at systems collaborative with workgroup to focus on solving complex cases and working through the waiver program and also the Community HealthChoices updates
- ASAM updates - Governor of PA extended second round of Opioid Epidemic Platform for more trainings for providers on ASAM

- Major reforms how members assessed and enter treatment
  - Working on having reduced issues with members with training/crosswalk
  - Bed Search Pilot Program for D&A is looking to shorten assessment process and will report on how that is going
  - State provided a crosswalk for the ASAM change from PCPC
  - Have date by State for this to be implemented
  - Center of Excellence had a packed house for Open House last month
  - Colby Academy through Diocese for D&A Safe School is going through
- VI. Lehigh County Report – Matt Bauder
- License renewals need to be up to date as soon as possible due to State infrastructure changes
  - Lehigh and Northampton County Elwyn ARCH working on OP Specialized Autism Program that will be tailor service to better meet member issues and work with young adults
  - Reinvestment for 2 to 1 ABA going well
    - Member in assessment process to start in June
  - Continue to explore service gaps and will begin their survey and data collection later this summer
    - Indication is that specialties in current services seem to be the focus
  - School Based OP for Lehigh and Northampton Counties to identify and work with schools to try to have pool of providers for schools to partner with
- VII. Northampton County HealthChoices – Deborah Nunes
- Also mentioned 2 to 1 ABA working well with current member and need to work more with the family and the cultural aspects and hope moving to discharge and starting another member; licensing for staff worked out by going to Senator Boscola and getting license in 2 weeks
  - Also discussed that looking at School Based OP
  - ICM collaboration with celebration on Monday that went well
    - Deb received email for specialized programming for Forensic ICM collaboration with Salisbury and Holcomb
      - 2 ICM identified with one for Salisbury and one for Holcomb and have OP to help
      - Possibility for base to fund month worth of service so service linkage and probation coordination is important
      - Matt Bauder relayed that may want to partner with PeerStar to coordinate
  - Housing program is in year 4 and 5 and need to discuss extension
    - Lists and vouchers not opening for some or have a short window to coordinate with our program so members would need to move after 5 years so working on extension
- VIII. Other
- No other information was indicated to be presented

Next meeting will be held on August 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.