

HealthChoices Advisory Board

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

May 30, 2019 at 1:30pm

I. Introductions: Those in attendance were: Tom Walker, Matt Bauder, Pat McGary, Kristy Bernard, Robyn Barbosa, Chelsea Jones, Liz Fox, Donna Thorman and Ben Marston

II. Review of February 21, 2019 minutes – Minutes were approved.

III. Community Healthcare Alliance Report:

Member/Family Advisory Committee – Ronnie Colbert

Ronnie could not be present for the meeting; therefore, no information was received.

Provider Advisory Committee – TBD

Kim Benner announced her resignation at the last Advisory Board meeting in February. A need for a representative will be discussed at the next CHA meeting.

Children's Advisory Committee – Pat McGarry

Pat discussed a memo from OMHSAS reminding the group what is required for ABA.

IV. NAMI/OMHSAS/Provider/Peer/News

- Matt mentioned the state is starting to form consumer/citizen review panels to improve child welfare services in PA. He will forward additional information to the group regarding this initiative.
- Tom discussed Resilient Lehigh Valley (Resilient LV) and its effort to bring trauma awareness to the Lehigh Valley. Their website will be up and running soon.
- Donna reported NAMI has a new program called Family to Family, which is a program for parents of adolescents with mental health issues.

NAMI has had an overwhelming response to their educational classes so they are trying to conduct them 3 times next year.

The NAMI Annual Picnic will be held on July 8, 2019 at the Bicentennial Parkway. There will be a band from Step-By-Step playing for the event.

On September 29, 2019, NAMI is having their 5K Run/Walk at the Joseph Wade Parkway. NAMI is seeking vendors and exhibits for this event. Anyone interested can contact Donna.

The National NAMI Conference will be held on June 18, 2019 in Seattle, Washington.

V. Magellan Behavioral Health Report

Tom reported Happy Mental Health Awareness Month

Elwyn/ARCH celebrated their 10th year this year.

A Call for Change

Two meetings were held from the Systems Collaborative
Non-traditional support maintained; importance of family and members having their voices heard.

Prevention Summit held today. Looking at many aspects of prevention and looking ahead to promote services of care.

BHRS training series – videos are on the Magellan of PA website, along with the HealthChoices Division pages on both the Lehigh and Northampton County websites

The DHS Monitoring Meeting was held today. Social Determinants of Health was a main priority.

Z-codes – utilization attached to billing solutions, transportation and housing barriers, food security and nutrition.

Piloting efforts with Gateway Health plan – moving members towards community based services for physical health. Tom will provide ongoing updates moving forward.

School Based Outpatient Program – Northampton County has some big changes with Northampton and Bangor now reaching out.

Nulton Diagnosis had their open house.

Geo Axis report – request program exceptions if for CPS Transitional Age Youth (14+ - VYH as the provider).

Access to Methadone Treatment Services – Habit OPCO moved to Schnecksville, which provides less availability for Northampton County members.

Providers moving without notification – will be discussed at the next CHA meeting. Magellan sends a compliance blast every month. This can affect members and financial issues.

Opioid Centers of Excellence – will be moving to HealthChoices funding as of July 1, 2019. This is to help members initiate and engage in treatment and community dialogue. Magellan and counties can look at holes in the systems based on claims.

January 2019, Magellan released an RFI for a Dual Diagnosis Pilot Program. Several providers have applied and interviews are underway.

VI. Lehigh County HealthChoices Report

Rate setting process was completed. Rates remains stagnant, which some increases for program expenses but administration had a decrease. Rates will go into effect July 1, 2019.

April 25, 2019, Lehigh County conducted their Block Grant Public Hearing and Matt presented slides on the HealthChoices program.

Lehigh County finalized their 2019-2020 contract with Magellan, focusing on integrated care and social determinants of health.

Reinvestment – after the last Advisory Board Meeting, they had learned about some fiscal changes, especially with capitation payments and moving additional funds to their Risk and Contingency Fund to help with a 3 month capitation payment delay. Lehigh County is looking to set aside some of their reinvestment funding for the Dual Diagnosis Pilot Program.

Lehigh County is going through a strategic planning process. A meeting was held with Magellan on April 30, 2019. There is a 3 year plan to focus on and identify needs, outcomes and goals.

June 18, 2019 – Member Advisory Meeting at the Goodwill Clubhouse. This meeting is open to all HC members and others.

VII. Northampton County HealthChoices Report

Rate setting process was completed. Northampton County, along with the assistance of Magellan, challenged its rate to the state and did receive a slight increase.

Northampton County also had their Block Grant Public Hearings on April 26, 2019 and May 6, 2019.

Reinvestment – Northampton County has been monitoring its reinvestment funding very closely lately. The Affordable Housing plan received a 3 year extension.

The Oasis open house is scheduled for June 28, 2019 at 12pm.

VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting will be held on **August 22, 2019 at 2:00pm** at the Magellan Bethlehem office.