

HEALTHCHOICES ADVISORY BOARD

**Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.
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November 19, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

I. Introductions: Those in attendance were: Matt Bauder, Ronnie Colbert, Ben Morison, Deb Nunes, Donna Thorman, Susan Counterman, Liz Fox, Pat McGarry, Rebecca Mutchler

II. Review of August 20, 2015 minutes.

III. Community Healthcare Alliance Report (Advisory Committee Reports)

- **Member/Family Advisory Committee**

- o **Ronnie Colbert**

- Corresponding with individuals with schizophrenia
 - Haven House received a new member
 - Haven House installed a new stove and had an open house with the Board of Directors and local food banks
 - Haven House is preparing for its traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24, 2015, and expecting over 80 people
 - Working on a LGBT support system in the Lehigh and Northampton Counties
 - ✓ Philadelphia's new mayor may be working with the local LGBT community

- **Provider Advisory Committee –**

- o No updates

- **Children's Advisory Committee – Pat McGarry**

- o ARCH and Kidspeace have openings for children 2 to 5 that are on the spectrum for their programs
 - o There was an extension of HealthChoices respite until December 2016

| IV. Magellan Report – Rebecca Mutchler

- o Contracts with all Lehigh Valley Community Mental Health outpatient clinics terminated October 3, 2015
 - o Transitioned over 1,500 members as of the current date from Lehigh Valley Community Mental Health to alternate providers
 - o Continue to have open access appointments at several of the local providers if needed
 - o Members who are running out of their medication we have been utilizing RHD Medical Mobile Crisis Team and to date we have made 13 referrals
 - o MYLIFE Annual MYFEST Event in October was a success with several hundred people in attendance
 - o D&A has seen an increase in utilization for D&A specific Detox and Rehab across all 5 counties including Lehigh and Northampton

- o Working with Lehigh and Northampton HealthChoices on increasing our capacity to serve more members
- o In the past two weeks it has become difficult to find detox beds for the male population
- o The average of 57 people across all 5 counties waiting for a detox/rehab bed
 - For members waiting for a bed we do have clinical staff is performing outreach to members who are waiting for a bed and encouraging them to stay engaged with any existing provider they have and go to AA and NA meetings
 - 25% of the members choose not to go to treatment due to member preference
- o DDTT – Dual Diagnosis Treatment Team
 - Up and running since May
 - For members of Lehigh and Northampton Counties with a mental health and intellectual disability
 - Similar to the ACT Model with a treatment team approach
 - NHS Human Services is the provider that is delivering the service with 3 Lehigh County members and 3 Northampton County
 - Meeting December 18, 2015 to discuss initial outcomes
- o TIP Program – Transition to Independence
 - Evidence supported case management program for kids who are transition age from 16-26 years
 - This model encompasses all the skills these youth need to make the transition to adulthood
 - Access Services is the provider for services and is up and running and willing to come out and speak to provider groups

V. Lehigh County Report – Matt Bauder

- Elwyn and Kidspace were selected as the Early Intervention BHRS providers
 - o Elwyn is further ahead than Kidspace as the rollout was planned
 - o Elwyn will be slowly taking on 4 members per month until they get up to 16 and they started the assessment and evaluation process of those members
 - o Kidspace will begin the assessment evaluation process for current members and hopefully will begin admitting around mid-December
 - o Program will serve our younger population ages 2-6
 - o Authorized for 20 hours BHRS authorized:
 - 5 hours BSC services
 - 10 hours TSS & Home
 - 5 hours site-based TSS program that will assist members in socialization in a group work process
 - o This was run as a pilot program in 2011 with good outcomes noted
 - o BHRS Action Committee made the recommendation to begin this service again given the successful outcomes
 - o The BHRS Action Committee would like to start looking at other age groups with an Autism diagnosis with regards to treatment needs and will transition to an Autism Action Committee
- Autism Action Committee
 - o Created to fill the gaps that exist in terms of service for our Autistic members and develop more specialized treatment programs outside of BHRS
 - Transitional Age Youth members
 - Psych rehab services
 - Certified Peer Specialist Services

- Outpatient group services
- Preparing a survey for Autism Society of the Lehigh Valley to get a better sense of their needs and what they are reporting and seeing
- Magellan is going through a very lengthy data collection analysis report for Lehigh County that will develop a 3-year plan for where Lehigh County will go with the Autism services
- Early Intervention BHRS Program is up and running again
- Reinvestment
 - o Lehigh County Respite Reinvestment program for Children & Adolescents extended until December, 2016
 - o High Fidelity Wrap Around Program with Pinebrook Services extended to December, 2017
 - o Co-location Reinvestment Plan with Haven House extended to December, 2017
 - Haven House had been partnering with Neighborhood Centers of The Lehigh Valley to implement a co-location, co-integration program
 - A reversal co-location at Haven House wherein a PCP or nurse practitioner or someone imbedded at Haven House to provide the physical health needs of the members

VI. Northampton County Report – Deb Nunes

- Northampton County Affordable Housing Plan
 - o Currently housed 10 members of the first 22 slots of regular subsidies
 - o A housing unit may be available for a family
 - o Forensics is slower and 1 member was removed out of the 13 slots
 - o Discussion continues regarding the Integrated Reverse co-location in Northampton County

VII. Other

- NAMI Lehigh Valley and ASPF event 12/12/15 free admission at SteelStacks
- Ben Morison -member
 - o PowerPoint presentation of 'Life Style of Virtue' Program with focus on individual learning life skills through nature

Next meeting will be held on February 18, 2016