

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE

Lehigh Valley ACT

601 E. Broad Street

Bethlehem, PA 18018

March 27, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

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I. Review of January 23, 2019 meeting minutes. Meeting Minutes were approved.

II. Provider Forum

- **Haven Behavioral Hospital – Lisa Schwartz.** Haven opened a 19-bed Skyline Unit for adults, ages 18+, and out of high school. Focus is to treat acute mental health stabilization; has drug and alcohol curriculum components but is not dually licensed for substance abuse treatment services.
- **New Vitae Wellness and Recovery – Bill Leiner.** Looking for referrals for Traumatic Brain Injury and Veterans programs. Looking forward to an annual Spring Fling community event at Mt. Trexler Manor. Please call or visit the website to make a referral <https://www.newvitaewellness.com>

III. Advisory Committee Reports

- **Member/Family Forum – No update.**
- **Children's Bureau – No update.**
- **Provider Advisory Committee – No update.**

V. Magellan Behavioral Health

Tom Walker – (Reporting for Magellan's Compliance Dept.)

- **Dept. of Drug and Alcohol Dept. announced the Warm Handoff Summits.** Eight regional summits announced. Summits will be completed April 17th. See www.ddap.pa.gov
- **Please register for Magellan's Compliance Communications.** <https://www.magellanofpa.com/providers/communications/provider-announcements/compliance-alerts/>
 - **January 2019 – Peer Support Services.** Please be advised that all Peer Support Services providers are now required to be independently licensed by OMHSAS.
 - **February 2019 – Fraud, Waste, Abuse (FWA).** Annual announcement regarding self-reports/ self-disclosures of Fraud, Waste or Abuse (FWA). We encourage the practice of self-reporting FWA with the common goal of protecting the financial integrity of the MA program. Magellan supports the notion that treatment providers have an ethical and legal duty to promptly return inappropriate payments that they have received from the MA Program.
 - **March 2019 - Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) providers that are contracted with Magellan are reminded to consider:** Third Party Liability issues; Documentation; Quality Improvement; Supervision; and Training. Additional information is provided in the weblink above.

Mike Ditty – (Reporting for Magellan's Network Dept.)

- If you are moving sites, it is very important that PROMISE enrollment be changed. This process replaces the former process of submitting a change in service address form. Magellan cannot pay for services operating out of unenrolled locations. Magellan is conducting provider outreach for Enrollments. Additionally, it is critical to alert Magellan early in the process to ensure that credentialing and contracts are updated to the new service location. <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/index.htm>
- Effective July 1, 2019, **every MH OP Clinic satellite location** needs to be enrolled in MA. This is a change from past practices -- in the past, the actual clinic that the satellites operate under was all that was required to be enrolled. The reason for this change is based on a Federal Requirement which DHS Policy will be issuing. Magellan will forward information when we receive it. This also applies to school-based outpatient programs. **Providers are required to enroll each service location out of which they operate in the Medical Assistance Program, in PROMISE, by July 1st. Online Provider Enrollment Application**

- Use the [Online Provider Enrollment](#) portal to submit a new application, for revalidation, or for reactivation.
Benefits of using the secure online portal:
 - Allowing documents to be uploaded directly to the portal
 - Permitting providers see the status of their submission
 - Decreasing wait time to review applications
- Although the state has been clear about enrollment requirements applies to MH OP Satellites, the CHA group requested additional information about how this services such as Partial Hospitalization and Summer Therapeutic Afterschool Programs, which all operate out of service locations which are tied to a main site license. This is a grey area. Magellan will circulate information once information is forwarded along by DHS.

Clinical Dept. – Carl Kist

- Magellan is implementing text messaging of appointment reminders to HealthChoices members after a recent hospitalization. Text message reminders with the appointment date, appointment time when available, provider, and location of the first appointment. Magellan does not charge any fees to send texts, but the data plan might do so. A text messaging consent form is required. Please discuss the benefits with HealthChoices members, and please support the consent process. <https://www.magellanofpa.com/for-members/member-resources/getting-care/>
- Opioid Centers of Excellence to transition to HealthChoices funding effective July 1, 2019.
- The Opioid Centers of Excellence are hosting a Lehigh Valley Summit on Prevention Thurs. May 30, 2019.
- Additional information about the Centers of Excellence and Opioid Resources are available on Magellan’s website <https://www.magellanofpa.com/for-members/community/opioid-resources-and-support/>
- Magellan is seeking to establish school based mental health outpatient services across the Lehigh Valley. We’ve had some great interviews with providers. Several school districts are in the process of making their provider selections.

John Lees- (Reporting as Magellan’s Member and Family Advocate)

- **BHRS Collaborative Work Group:** A training/video series for families which aims to describe “BHRS 101” has been completed. Eleven videos are created for families. All are short, about two minutes in length. Magellan, Lehigh and Northampton County HealthChoices programs are requesting provider support in helping get this information out to families. <https://www.magellanofpa.com/for-members/county-info/lehigh-county/bhrs-family-educational-videos/>

Janet Verga – Recovery Support Coordination, and events news

- **Upcoming events**
 - Apr. 26: Goodwill Clubhouse Wellness Day, Allentown.
 - May 3: Lehigh Valley Mental Health Awareness Walk, Bethlehem.
 - May 19: Rally in the Valley, Bethlehem.
 - June 7: Spring Into Employment.
 - **June 18: Magellan Member Advisory Work Group, Goodwill Clubhouse, Allentown, 2-3:30**
- **Recovery Navigation:** Janet is Magellan’s Certified Peer Specialist and helps HealthChoices members navigate community services. Janet is available to help guide these transitions, particularly for members in acute inpatient setting. Janet can be reached by email at vergaj@magellanhealth.com or by phone at 215-504-3961

VI. Lehigh County: Updates / Reinvestment / Issues – Liz Fox Biannual Reinvestment stakeholder feedback for possible future plans are due by May 30, 2019. Liz will report on reinvestment project ideas at the next CHA meeting.

Matt Bauder discussed the Dual Diagnosis MH/IDD Pilot program. State ODD, MH, County HC and ODP programs in Lehigh and Northampton and Magellan released an RFI to solve for complex needs for individuals with co-occurring MH and IDD treatment and housing needs, ages 18+. The program expects to blend ODP waiver funding with HC treatment funding under a Reinvestment Plan as a two-year pilot program. Proposals are due April 1, 2019. Seven letters of intent were submitted.

Community HealthChoices managed long-term services for dual Medicare and Medicaid HC eligible population. This is for members who primarily have been in nursing homes. It is bringing in physical and behavioral health options under the managed care umbrella. There are three Managed Care Organizations. It will officially come online in the Lehigh Capital and Northeast Region beginning January 2020. It started in eleven counties in 2018, and the southeast counties in 2019. Community information sessions have started. <http://www.healthchoices.pa.gov/info/about/community/>

Assisted outpatient regulations. Lehigh County has been trying to assess the impact of assisted outpatient regulations. The state has given each county the option of opting in or opting out of this initiative.

Regulatory updates and finalization of draft regulations:

(Note: All are subject to change)

1. **Psychiatric Outpatient Chapter 1153 and 5200 regulations** – August 2019 to be published as final
2. **Psychiatric Rehabilitation:** Amend outdated regulations - July 2019
3. **IBHS:** To be finalized - December 2019
4. **MH Targeted Case Management Services:** To combine ICM, BCM, and RC into a single regulation by Summer 2019

Corina Labish – Young adults with a mental health disability facing homelessness or near homelessness through the Housing Stability Project appealed to Allentown City Council for a possible grant in the amount of \$600K for supportive housing and to develop a youth resource center in Allentown Center City. A component of the program will also include and outreach services for youth in detention and a video series. Youth in need of housing should be connected to Corina.

VII. Northampton County – Northampton County: Updates / Reinvestment / Issues – Robyn Barbosa Working with Magellan and Lehigh County on School District Outpatient Mental Health expansion. Still working on Reinvest plans and strengthening affordable housing plans, and possible expansion when the program sunsets in 2020. Other reinvestment plans in the works include: Respite Services, 2:1 Applied Behavioral Analysis, and Long-Term Structured Residence for Forensic/Re-entry Support.

Other - State Legislation of HealthChoices Carve-in. There has been legislation introduced in the state to carve behavioral HealthChoices back into the Physical HealthChoices program. Matt Bauder explained the impact of this legislation, through companion bills (HB335 and SB268), which have been introduced that would end the BHC program by merging all mental health, drug and alcohol services with the physical services provided to Medicaid enrollees. It is important to have this conversation, pros and cons, and the challenge to the possible loss of local input and control. Meaning community and providers as stakeholders help develop programs that address our specific needs and challenges. In other words, there is no mandate from Harrisburg that we must follow to deliver specific services. Each county has the flexibility to decide what makes sense for their residents. There are still months to go before a state decision is reached. Legislative roundtables are being held. It is also important to educate HealthChoices members about what is at stake. **Magellan will be educating HealthChoices members as one of the topics at the June 18: Magellan Member Advisory Work Group, Goodwill Clubhouse, Allentown, 2-3:30. Please help spread the word.**

Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting: **May 22nd meeting is rescheduled to June 26, at 2 p.m.**