

Community Healthcare Alliance (CHA) Meeting Minutes

Date: March 26, 2025

Location: Haven House, 1411 Union Blvd, Allentown, PA 18109

I. Welcome and Introductions

Matt Bauder, HealthChoices Administrator for Lehigh County, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. He reflected on CHA's origins in the basement of the former state hospital and emphasized the importance of in-person collaboration. Attendees introduced themselves.

Attendees included representatives from:

County HealthChoices and Mental Health Administration:

- Matt Bauder, Lehigh County HealthChoices
- Kristy Cole, Northampton County HealthChoices
- Tisbine Moussa, Northampton County HealthChoices
- Erica Panella, Lehigh County
- Mary McGonigle, Lehigh County Integrated Services
- Aaron Scharper, Lehigh County Mental Health

Magellan Behavioral Health:

- Tom Walker
- Patty Marth
- Mike Ditty
- John Lees
- Kelsey Crane

Provider Agencies and Services:

- John Jones, Pennsylvania Integrated Clinical Services (Provider Advisory Committee Chair)
- Mike Ramsey, Valley Youth House (Children's Advisory Committee Chair)
- Cliff Aulisio, KidsPeace

- Jason Haller, KidsPeace
- Mike Schaffer, Pinebrook Family Answers
- Lori Van Doren, Pinebrook Family Answers
- Dan Pratt, Pinebrook Family Answers
- Laura Keiderling, Haven House
- Ashley Bechtel, Haven House
- Erin McFadden, Haven House
- Jessica Katzbeck, Haven House
- Marissa Turner, Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems
- Maria Zubillaga, HAO Counseling Services
- Rochelle Reimert, RHA Health Services
- Tia Jones, Preventive Measures

Treatment Trends:

- Chelsea Edmunds
- Sarah Fallwell

Community/Public Health Partners:

- Carissa Cam, Bethlehem Health Bureau

II. Review of 11/20/24 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved without corrections.

III. Provider Forum

- KidsPeace is piloting a compliance officer peer networking group with plans to convene next in June.
- Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems assumed NET's outpatient program. Easton is active; Bethlehem pending licensing.

- Treatment Trends plans to expand outpatient services into Slatington and reopen their renovated residential program by summer.
 - Haven House added group therapy services, including music therapy and anger management, with a children's art therapy group launching soon.
 - Pinebrook Family Answers reported steady Wraparound activity and reminded attendees about the required disabilities training due by July 2025.
 - Preventive Measures continues to provide in-home family stabilization services.
 - RHA Health Services and HAO Counseling reiterated available outpatient and bilingual supports.
 - John Jones (PICs) discussed Medicaid eligibility delays, workforce shortages, and the need for stronger cross-system coordination.
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IV. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Member/Family Advisory Committee – Ronnie Colbert

Ronnie shared feedback from Haven House members, praising collaborative staff-client relationships and the launch of creative and therapeutic groups. He encouraged ongoing peer involvement in programming.

b. Provider Advisory Committee – John Jones

John noted the need for integrated care planning and voiced concerns about eligibility disruptions for youth. He welcomed system-level concerns to bring to statewide leadership committees.

c. Children's Advisory Committee – Mike Ramsey

Mike emphasized proactive supports for transition-age youth and underscored the value of youth and family voice in planning efforts.

V. Magellan Behavioral Health Report

a. Patty Marth – Compliance

Recent email blasts covered:

- Telehealth documentation requirements
- Peer Support Services guidance
- Updates to Psychiatric Rehabilitation regulations (55 Pa. Code Chapter 5230)

- Language access requirements under MA policy

b. Mike Ditty – Network

Providers were reminded to keep credentialing and administrative contact information up to date.

c. John Lees – Member and Family Advocate

Recruitment is ongoing for Complaint and Grievance Panel members, especially those with SUD or autism experience. Participants receive \$100 per hearing. The Behavioral Health Matters podcast will feature Dr. Caroline Carney on behavioral health and stigma reduction.

d. Janet Verga – Recovery and Resiliency (via Tom Walker)

Peer Support Network meetings resumed. Next session: April 9 at Haven House. Updates on Psychiatric Rehabilitation were shared. Age 14 approvals require prior authorization. Northampton County continues supporting CPS trainings.

e. Tom Walker – Strategic

New program approvals are paused due to Commonwealth rate constraints. Magellan continues to log Interested Provider Forms and assess network needs.

Resources:

- Provider Rate Update (12/6/24): <https://www.magellanofpa.com/providers/communications/provider-announcements/>
- Rate Strategy Document (3/6/24):
https://www.magellanofpa.com/documents/2024/04/041724_providerannouncementformarch62024.pdf
- Rate Request Submission Form:
<https://www.magellanofpa.com/documents/2024/04/provider-portal-provider-rate-increase-request.pdf>

VI. Northampton County: Updates / Reinvestment / Issues

Presenter: Kristy Cole

- High-Fidelity Wraparound: 17 active, 9 pending; steady engagement.
- Concern Respite: 7 members served.
- Restoration LTSR (COMHAR): Full occupancy. Funding transitioned from reinvestment to Magellan capitation.

- Safe Harbor Expansion: Awaiting construction start.
 - CAMS Care Rollout: RFI announcement set for April 17 symposium. Education Day TBD. Multi-year plan includes 200 clinicians over 4 years.
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VII. Lehigh County: Updates / Reinvestment / Issues

Presenter: Matt Bauder

- 2:1 ABA Reinvestment: One member actively served; new referral anticipated by summer.
 - High-Fidelity Wraparound: 17 active, 2 pending.
 - CBCM Housing (Conference of Churches): 79 individuals received short-term rental assistance.
 - SDoH Fund: 39 members supported with transportation, food, and other needs. Daycare underutilized.
 - DUOS: Rapidly scaled to 70 members. Provides flexible supports for seniors.
 - Concern Respite: 6 members served; 5 used kinship providers.
 - Mary McGonigle added that Integrated Services assisted 50 families and conducted systems coordination for 20.
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VIII. Other

No additional topics raised.

IX. Meeting Schedule

Date	Chair	Minutes
January 22, 2025	Kristy Cole	Magellan
March 26, 2025	Matt Bauder	Magellan
May 28, 2025	Kristy Cole	Magellan
July 23, 2025	Matt Bauder	Magellan

September 24, 2025 Kristy Cole Magellan

November 19, 2025* Matt Bauder Magellan

*Third Wednesday

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