

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE

Lehigh Valley ACT
601 E. Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

January 25, 2017 @ 2:00 PM

- I. Introductions: Those in attendance were: Ted Alex, Cliff Aulisio, Matt Bauder, Paul Berlet, Kevin Brockel, Fred Brown, Laura Cunningham, Lauren DeLucia, Almut Dubischar, Lizabeth Fox, Stuart Horowitz, Carl Kist, Michelle Kloss, Corinna Labish, John Lees, Marissa Malone, Pat McGarry, Sandra Molnar, Deb Nunes, Janet Romero, Ilia Sacknoff, Kelley Schlie, Jessica Teel, Barbara Vaupel
- II. Review of November 16, 2017 meeting minutes. Meeting Minutes were approved.
- III. Provider Forum
 - **Treatment Trends- Ted Alex**
 - Opening Center of Excellence for Opioid Use Disorder opening on February 7, 2017
 - Office Hours are 8 AM-5PM Monday –Friday
 - Office hours will be expanded once fully staffed
 - For More Information Contact: Project Director Circe Behrens at (610)-432-7693
 - The Center of Excellence is a program offering Care Management Services for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder
 - **Northeast Treatment Centers- Fred Brown**
 - Update on the Easton Office
 - Secured a building
 - More information to come
 - **Valley Youth House- Pat McGarry**
 - Just started a round with the PCCD Grant under the Victims of Crime Act to provide Trauma Focused Cognitive Therapy to youth in Lehigh and Northampton County
 - Includes any trauma
 - Currently accepting referrals
 - Send referrals to Sandra Molnar at smolnar@valleyyouthhouse.org
- IV. Member / Family Forum
 - No updates
- V. Advisory Committee Reports
 - **Member/Family Advisory Committee**
 - No updates
 - **Provider Advisory Committee – Cindi Mazza on behalf of**
 - No updates
 - **Children’s Advisory Committee – Pat McGarry**
 - No updates

VI. Magellan Behavioral Health

- **Jessica Teel on behalf of Patty Marth**

- Notification from Department of Human Services:
 - ✓ Bulletin #OMHSAS-16-12: Peer Support Services- Revised- Announce that peer support services may now be provided for youth who are 14 years of age and older with serious emotional disturbance; and Issue revised provider handbook pages that contain service guidelines, prior approval procedures, and billing instructions as well as other information necessary for the provision of and payment for PSS.
 - ✓ Bulletin #OMHSAS-17-01: Reissue of Medical Necessity Guidelines for Applied Behavioral Analysis Using Behavioral Specialist Consultant-Autism Spectrum Disorder and Therapeutic Staff Support Services
 - ✓ Bulletin #OMHSAS-17-02: Applied Behavioral Analysis Using Behavioral Specialist Consultant-Autism Spectrum Disorder and Therapeutic Staff Support Services
- Email blasts:
 - ✓ December – Certified Peer Support Training Requirements
 - Peer Specialists must complete 18 hours of continuing education training per year with 12 hours specifically focused on peer support of Recovery practices, or both, in order to maintain peer specialist certification.
 - Providers must maintain a written record of training attended by each peer support staff classification.

- **Jessica Teel**

- Peerstar LLC is holding a Forensic-Focused Peer Support Program that will provide individual and group-based mentoring both in jails and the surrounding community.
 - The goal of the program is to support individuals in recovering from mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders and in reducing the risk of further involvement in the criminal justice program.
- For more information please call: (484)-574-8912.

- **Carl Kist**

- Clinical Updates
 - ✓ The next MyLife Meeting will be held on February 6, 2017 from 5:00PM-7:00PM at Saint Paul's United Church of Christ on 340 E. Hamilton St in Allentown, PA
 - ✓ Magellan Office in Bethlehem moved and the new address is :
 - 1 West Broad Street, Suite 100, Bethlehem, PA 18018
 - ✓ Lehigh Valley Mental Health Awareness Walk will be held on May 5, 2017 from 10:00AM-2:00PM at The Bethlehem Rose Gardens on Broad Street & 8th Avenue.
 - ✓ Registration will be from 9:00AM-10:00AM.
 - ✓ For more information please contact Angela at (610)-861-2741.

- **John Lees**

- Member and Family Advocate at Magellan
 - Connects with members to understand their experiences/perspectives and brings that feedback back to Magellan to improve processes
- Magellan Handbook has been updated and is available on the website
- Magellan partnered with JKM Training INC to provide a 4-Hour Training Workshop for Parents of Children with Autism.
 - The training will be held on March 23, 2017 from 9:00 AM -1:00 PM or 2:00PM- 6:00PM at Resources for Human Development on 601 East Broad Street.
- Please contact John Lees for any questions at (610)- 814-8025
- The Navigation Guide is available on the Magellan and website and the County Websites
- In the process of creating a Complaints and Grievance Poster to help demystify questions

VII. Northampton County: Updates / Issues

- **Deb Nunes**

- Reinvestment
 - No new updates
 - Possibly working on a reinvestment plan geared towards Integrated Physical and Behavioral Health

VIII. Lehigh County: Updates / Issues

- **Matt Bauder/ Lizabeth Fox**

- Physical Health MCO Reprocurement that occurred with the State
 - 5 were selected; only Gateway will be remaining in the Lehigh/CAP zone; this will effect 2/3 of members
- Jennifer Smith is now the acting DDAP Director
- Lehigh and Northampton are working in conjunction with Magellan and OMHSAS for a possible specialized pilot program that would provide 2:1 TSS staffing for members with severe behavioral issues
 - 2 Members per county, per year
 - More information will come as of March.
- Reinvestment Planning
 - Received a vast amount of feedback and suggestions from the stakeholder focus groups regarding Reinvestment Strategies.
 - Lehigh County HealthChoices Stakeholders are invited to assist with helping to rank the priorities for Reinvestment Planning for children and adults.
 - Please contact Lizabeth Fox for more information at: lizabethfox@lehighcounty.org

IX. OTHER:

- March CHA meeting
 - Date: March 22,2017