

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE

Lehigh Valley ACT

601 E. Broad Street

Bethlehem, PA 18018

January 23, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

Sue Aklen, Cliff Auliso, Robyn Barbosa, Matt Bauder, Paul Berlet, Chris Brader, Kevin Brockel, Ronnie Colbert, Mike Ditty, Almut Dubischar, Ryan Flynn, Ken Garavaglia, Christine Higgins, Ellen Hunt, Michelle Inamagua, Katherine Matonis, John Lees, Bill Leiner, Veronica Lefurgy, Patty Marth, Cindi Mazza, Ilisa Sacknoff, Nolan Steffen, Tom Walker, Jenny Reilly, Ellen Mooney

I. **Review of November 14, 2018 meeting minutes.** Meeting Minutes were approved.

II. Provider Forum

- **New Vitae Wellness and Recovery – Bill Leiner.** Expanding Traumatic Brain Injury slots; increasing by 50%. Please call or visit the website to make a referral for the <https://www.newvitaewellness.com>
- **Pinebrook Family Answers – Ellen Mooney.** HIFI Wraparound services are expanding to include Northampton County. Referrals are through children and youth for Northampton County. Children do not need to be involved with child protective services for Lehigh County referrals. HIFI Wraparound may include services such as case management coordination in order to prevent a hospitalization or out of home placement. Integrated behavioral health vans in schools continue to provide services in Bangor, Bethlehem, Allentown, and Easton Schools. Compeer Program is expanding to include children. Leaving jail program completed the first round of classes. Unconditional childcare has been added to the mix. Trauma training is being offered in school districts.
- **Kidspace Outpatient Program – Katherine Matonis and Ken Garavaglia.** Was licensed by DDAP to provide drug and alcohol services at the 451 Chew St. location (St. Lukes at Sacred Heart Campus). Referrals will be accepted shortly (1-2 months). Information/rack cards were distributed for the walk-in assessments at outpatient locations. The trauma program at Kidspace Residential programs for complex children's issues are rebranded. The former Trauma Program for females is now named TREE (Trauma, Resilience, Empowerment and Education) and the Sexual Issues Program for males is now named ASPIRE (Adolescent Sexual Preoccupation Intervention Responsibility and Education). Residential referrals are accepted.
- **ARCH of Lehigh Valley – Ellen Hunt.** Expanding the Early Intervention BHRS Program for children with autism ages 2-5 years old. Referrals are accepted now.

III. Advisory Committee Reports

- **Member/Family Forum – Ronnie Colbert.** Ronnie has been getting feedback from several members concerning the use of injectable antipsychotics. The concern expressed by members is not feeling like a "zombie" on these medications. Ronnie stressed the importance of member self-advocacy in various discussions with doctors, therapists, and family members about alternatives to older and more powerful antipsychotics. Access to shelters was presented. Ronnie shared he made eight referrals to shelters. Matt Bauder presented on recent news that the warming station is expanding hours and attempting to be more flexible during the current seasonal cold snap.
- **Children's Bureau – No update.**
- **Provider Advisory Committee – Cindi Mazza.** Comprehensive Regulatory Reform issues are being tackled by State Representatives – these include a package of bills they hope will restructure the state's regulatory environment to spur economic development and job creation. House Bill 209, is legislation sponsored by Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York); the bill would establish the Independent Office of the Repealer, which would undertake an ongoing review of existing regulations and be the repository for regulatory recommendations related to repealing existing regulation that stands in the way of growth. Cindi also discussed the work by the State to develop a Universal Screener for Trauma in all PA schools. This dovetails with the local effort to expand OP mental health treatment in school settings.

V. Magellan Behavioral Health

Patty Marth – (Reporting for Magellan's Compliance Dept.)

- **All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years.** Providers should log into PROMISE to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at: http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/S_001994
- **Compliance monthly e-blasts** – Please reference the website <https://www.magellanofpa.com/providers/communications/provider-announcements/compliance-alerts/> Note: if you are signed up to receive e-blasts to your email address, notices will be coming from a new address mbhofpa@magellanhealth.com – please check your spam

folder. You may also request to be added to the monthly email distribution list. November E-Blast was the Annual Compliance Training and December was the Compliance Year in Review for 2018.

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

- Magellan is going to be conducting provider outreach for Enrollments. Magellan will be tracking the due dates for enrollments and attempt to outreach to providers. It is critical providers update information in the Provider Profile of the For Providers Section of Magellan’s website.
- Provider Handbook has been updated. Available here <https://www.magellanofpa.com/for-providers/communications/provider-manual/>

Clinical Dept. – No update

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.

The meeting ended abruptly due to facility issues/safety alarm.

Lehigh County: Updates / Reinvestment / Issues - no report

Northampton County: Updates / Reinvestment / Issues – no report

Other - no report

Meeting Schedule

VII. Northampton County – No report

Next Meeting: March 27, 2019 at 2 p.m.