

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE

Lehigh Valley ACT

601 E. Broad Street

Bethlehem, PA 18018

May 23, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Sue Acklen, Arnie Allanson-Dunden, Cliff Auliso, Matt Bauder, Allison Branche, Kevin Brockel, Fred Brown, Ronnie Colbert, Mike Ditty, Almut Dubischar, Maria Flores, Henry Hor, Michelle Inamagua, Carl Kist, Corinna Labish, John Lees, Patty Marth, Jodi Matthews, Mike McKenna, Deb Nunes, Ilisa Sacknof, Shanon Saddington, Jackie Vasko, Barbara Vaupel, Kristina Ward, Erin Wilson, Christine Higgins, Ashley Lerner, Veronica Lefurgy

- I. Review of March 28, 2018 meeting minutes. Meeting Minutes were approved with a correction to the date of the Lanta Van meeting. The correct date is Tuesday June 12, 2018 at 11 a.m.

- II. **Provider Forum**
 - o **Salisbury Behavioral Health – Ashley Lerner**
 - o Salisbury’s Blended Case Management Program is partnering with Northampton County Juvenile Probation to provide services to children living with a mental illness and their families. Services are targeted to individuals involved in the criminal justice system or family court. The referral process is unchanged.
 - o Additionally, Forensic Intensive Case Management as a specialty service is being developed with Northampton County DOC. Staff are attending a safety training for jail-related work.
 - o Salisbury’s Psych Rehab Program is now serving the Transitional Aged Youth population, operating two days per week out of the Chew St. and Unity House locations. Targeted ages for TAY population is 18-26.
 - o **NET Services – Fred Brown**
 - o Updated service offering/brochures were supplied.
 - o Specialized IOP/OP tracks are being explored to address the unique needs of adolescents, targeting the summer months when school is not in session.
 - o **Merakey Wellness Recovery Team – Christine Higgins**
 - o Wellness Recovery Team current census is at 40 HealthChoices Members. The program is growing and expected to achieve 80 HC enrollments at a point in time. To accommodate growth, the team is expanding to include a second Behavioral Health and Nurse Navigator. Referrals are being accepted.
 - o **Kidspace/Orchard Behavioral Health – Jackie Vasko**
 - o Orchard Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic in Allentown is prepping for DHS walk-through as part of a planned move and expansion effort to provide Mental Health OP and Drug and Alcohol IOP/OP services. The location of services will move from Sigal Center to inside Saint Luke’s at Sacred Heart Hospital campus. Kidspace Orchard Behavioral Health anticipates services to be available beginning July 2018.
 - o **Valley Youth House – Barbara Vaupel**
 - o Valley Youth House is the selected provider of Transitional Aged Youth Certified Peer Specialist services as part of the Lehigh and Northampton HealthChoices program Request for Information process. The pilot program is in beginning stages and has submitted a program services description to OMHSAS and Children’s Bureau for approval.

- III. **Advisory Committee Reports- No Updates**

- IV. **Member / Family Forum – Ronnie Colbert**
 - o Discussed the continuing need for member advocacy, particularly self-advocacy. Occasionally this means working with boards of directors, or executive directors of the services and programs of interest.
 - o Deb Nunes, Matt Bauder and Ronnie Colbert discussed the upcoming Lanta Van board meeting on June 12th, which is one such opportunity for advocacy. The key areas are van pick up/drop off times, and concerns with the reassessment process through Lanta Van.
 - o The OMHSAS Scranton Field Office engaged Daphne Simenoff (DHS/OMAP MATP Director) to coordinate a pre-meeting with Executive Leadership of Lanta, HealthChoices, OMHSAS, OMAP, and Magellan to discuss advocacy needs ahead of the June 12th Board Meeting.

- V. **Magellan Behavioral Health**
 - o **Patty Marth- Compliance**
 - o Notification from Department of Human Services: **Bulletin 99-18-06** updates the provider types requiring National Provider Identifier (NPI) for an ordering, referring or prescribing provider who is enrolled in MA program in order to receive payment. **Draft Bulletin “OMHSAS Guidelines for the Provision of Tele-Behavioral Health Services”** is in an open comment period through May 29, 2018.

- Reminder to use the new mailbox for Provider Self-Reports (Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Compliance issues):
PAHCselfreport@magellanhealth.com
- Please remember to view the Compliance Alerts/Email Blasts. The April Report is regarding Certified Peer Specialist Certification: <http://magellanofpa.com/for-providers/communications/provider-announcements/compliance-alerts/>

Mike Ditty- Network

- Town Hall Meeting will be later summer 2018. More information forthcoming.
- As a result of DHS directive, there has been a **process change effecting providers seeking to move services** - applies to all orgs and facilities (office or practice). The application for enrollment goes to Magellan Network and Magellan forwards to the State for approval. Group enrollment must be enrolled by specialty type at specific locations.

Carl Kist – Clinical

- **Save the date: Magellan MY FEST, Saturday September 22nd, 12 pm-4pm at Northampton Municipal Park.** MY FEST is a very special celebration and is part of Magellan’s signature platform, Magellan Youth Leaders Inspiring Future Empowerment (MY LIFE). Tara Karbiner is the contact. TAKarbiner@magellanhealth.com
- ASAM update: The PCPC is targeted to be fully discontinued by December 31, 2108. Training period for ASAM criteria is extended through December 31, 2018. Implementation date is still July 1, 2018. Supervisors are expected to review and sign off on any level of care determinations for staff who have not had the appropriate training.
- DDAP has issued an ASAM Crosswalk and the Guidance for Application of ASAM in PA’s SUD Resources can be found at: <http://www.ddap.pa.gov/Professionals/Documents/ASAM%20Crosswalk%20final.pdf>
<http://www.ddap.pa.gov/Professionals/Documents/ASAM%20Application%20Guidance%20Final.pdf>

John Lees- Member and Family Advocate

- Referrals for Member/Family Advocacy are increasing and are appreciated. Providers can promote the flyer, found at https://www.magellanofpa.com/media/2792/family-advocate_2018-flyer.pdf
- John provided information concerning the BHRS Workgroup and Family Training video project

VII Lehigh County

Update - Matt Bauder

- Lehigh Valley Summit on Addictions and Recovery sponsored by the Opioid Centers of Excellence was held April 24th
- Nulton Diagnostic Treatment Services is the selected vendor for the RFI for OP services in rural communities/Slatington area
- School based mental health services are being expanded to include Northern Lehigh School District. Additionally, both Lehigh and Northampton HealthChoices program are working on a plan to request information and interest from providers seeking to deliver OP services in school settings

HealthChoices Re-investment – Matt Bauder

- Looking into areas where there is a remaining service gap – Liz Fox will be sending an email requesting information
- More to come on this and other areas that may be of interest for expansion in the future

County Update – Corina Labish

- Sue Lattera will now be serving as head of Lehigh County’s Integrated Services Dept. Sue will oversee Children’s Mental Health Dept. and CASSP program.

VI Northampton County:

Update - Deb Nunes

- Bi-County efforts:
 - New Workgroup for Individuals with co-occurring mental health and intellectual/developmental disabilities
 - Seeking to develop a specialized children’s RTF program for complex cases
- There is an ongoing need to focus on quality, and efforts leading towards provider specialty
- Timely filing – in July Northampton County will send out a courtesy letter regarding timely filing. There is a resurgence of unpaid claims due to not filing within the timeline specified
- Staffing changes are expected within County Aging Dept.

Children, Youth and Family Services – Jodi Matthews

- Referrals have doubled. Services are strained, and there are waiting lists. Jodi will be attending continuing education and will be on a leave for nine months. There will not be a backfill.

CASSP – Ilisa Sacknof

- Referrals are increasing.

Next Meeting: July 25, 2018 at 2 p.m.