

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE

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

November 18, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

- I. Introductions: Those in attendance were: Matt Bauder, Ben Morrison, Ronnie Colbert, Janet Romero, Stuart Horowitz, Fred Brown, Barbara Vaupel, Susan Counterman, Tisbine Moussa, Deb Nunes, Cathy Murphy, Emma Gould, Lauren DeLuca, Kelly Schlie, Michael Ramsey, Emily Leayman, Tara Lang, Alexis Harvey, Lizabeth Fox, Kevin Brockel, Corinna Bealer, Cliff Aulisio, Carl Kist, Pat McGarry, Jessica Teel
- II. Review of September 23, 2015. Meeting Minutes were approved.
- III. Provider Forum
 - **St. Luke's – Stuart Horowitz**
 - Group for 12 years and older for assistance with anxiety coupled with somatic complaints or problems
 - Began integrating physical and mental health
 - Two sites up and running with a therapist in the physician's office
 - Call 484-526-2400 for information
 - **Step by Step – Janet Romero**
 - Beds open at Lodge, 8th Street, Allentown.
 - Developing handbook with residents and staff
 - Employment necessary for residents
 - Harrisburg
 - ✓ State Budget – Human Services silent
 - ✓ Steve Samuelson gave best update – flat funding the idea to restore the cuts now would require additional negotiation
 - ✓ Maybe finalized by Thanksgiving or December 1st
 - ✓ Ensure that Human Service Providers to be heard to get budget approved
 - DHS
 - ✓ some licensing changes and review
 - ✓ representation on the 5310's
 - ✓ kids to 6400 subgroups
 - Represent on 5310-CRR-info to questions – changes to licensing comments-opportunity to update regulations
 - **Kidspace – Cliff Aulisio**
 - Corporate QA position open, apply at website
 - **ARCH/Kidspace**

- BHRS Early intervention new program ages 2-5 and open for referrals
 - ✓ Information on back table
 - ✓ Open for referrals
- Lehigh County currently
- Working on opening to Northampton County

IV. Member / Family Forum

- **Ronnie Colbert**

- Haven House new Director named Jessica Katzbeck
- Donations for food
- Is working with members that are schizophrenic with positive thinking and to get outside of house during the holidays to work on feeling better
- Get involved in community programs
- Strategy plan to keep members busy

- **Ben Morrison** (lifestylesofvirtues.org, phone 484-403-8202)

- Problem with Human Services and he is going to fix it
- People getting misdiagnosed and treated for that and they may not need that and there is nothing being done
- Lots of people can't pay rent and we all need to live together like 702 Main Street
- Need to focus on all aspects of life
- Need more hiking, being responsible for your campsite, etc.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

- **Member/Family Advisory Committee – Ronnie Colbert**

- Ronnie Colbert repeated Member information

- **Provider Advisory Committee -**

- No update as Kim Benner did not attend

- **Children's Advisory Committee – Pat McGarry**

- Received the extension for HealthChoices Lehigh Valley respite until December 2015 #papeoplecount
- Licensure BSC's are not out
- Current staff okay but after that getting less applicants that are licensed. Many don't want to go through the process and it's more challenging to get people hired
- One issue is getting the FBA training

VI. Magellan Behavioral Health

- **Carl Kist**
 - New Peer Recovery Navigator
 - ✓ Tim Conners going into hospitals and targeting some of the at risk individuals that do not have services for Mental Health in Lehigh and Northampton Counties
 - MYLIFE Holiday gathering December 11, 2015, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at St. Paul’s U.C.C.
Contact Michele Davis at 610-814-8006

- **Jessica Teel Compliance**
 - Reviewed CFST Survey Questionnaire:
 - ✓ Lehigh County 80 surveyed – 33 adults, 46 p/c
3 questions 100%
1 question below 85%
 - ✓ Northampton County 56 surveyed – 26 adults, 46 p/c
10 questions 100%
No questions below 85%
 - ✓ Child Protection laws – clearances
 - ✓ Network Communications EFT – Lehigh on Magellan website
 - ✓ Voice to Vision – shared information on member councils that seek to gain member voice related to services. Need providers help in communicating the councils to members and displaying the flyers at programs
 - ✓ Children/Family January Council meeting will be held in conjunction with MYLIFE meeting
 - ✓ Adult Services Child/Family Council is also scheduled in mid-January

VII. Lehigh County: Updates / Issues

- **Matt Bauder**
 - Children & Family Services Council (for parents, guardians and members 14-20) met at Kidspace on October 29, 2015
 - **Adult Services Council (for members 21 and over) met at Haven House on October 28, 2015**
 - Councils are open to Magellan members who have received mental health services in the last 180 days
 - TIP (Transition to Independence) a case management program targeting transitional age youth is open and accepting referrals
 - BHRS Action Committee will transition to an Autism Action Committee
 - ✓ Focus will be on autism as a whole across the age groups
 - ✓ BHRS has become the primary service for youth with an Autism diagnosis
 - ✓ However, For 14, 16 & 18 years old, BHRS may not be a good fit in meeting their needs
 - ✓ Magellan will be completing a comprehensive autism report that includes looking at unmet needs of members with an autism diagnosis
 - ✓ There will be a need to involve other community programs and entities
 - ✓ Certified peer specialist may be an option to look at
 - ✓ Looking at provider’s as well as members for help/suggestions, etc.
 - ✓ Respite and High-Fidelity Wraparound Reinvestment Plans have been extended to December 2016

VIII. Northampton County: Updates / Issues

- **Deb Nunes**

- Partnering with Physical Health Plans for PH-BH Program especially with issues or productivity
- FQ HC-LC to move to NC-SAMSHA grants available
- Initiatives from State to work with PH programs like P4P
- Aging Managed Care discussed (MLTSS)

OTHER: