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Children’s CAP March Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3/10/23 11:00 am-12:30 pm



Next Meeting Date:

4/14/2023 11:00-12:00

Co-Chairs: *Lisa Peterson-Lizun* (Allegheny Children’s Initiative) and *Laura Haile* (Pittsburgh Mercy)

Participating Members: Jim Boaks, Tammy Marsico, Kate Pompa, Allyson Paracat-Dixon, Jessica Speer, Susan Bayne, Barb Saunders, Kaitlyn Campbell, Aaron Libman, Bryce Shirey, Heather Beacher, Regina Scarmack, Kelly Schmitt, Sharon Campbell



Guests:

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome	Jessica Speer, YAP Program Director
RCPA Children’s Committee Updates	Updates, Discussion & Collaboration with Jim Sharp, RCPA Children’s Division Director
Staffing Issues	BH Fellows Program – reviewed programs supported by BH Fellows Programs including application information for first cohort of existing staff members
OMHSAS Bulletin- consent for services	 Bulletin_OMHSAS-23-01_Final_1.24.23.pdf
OMHSAS Telehealth- current strategies and preparation; funding opportunity	<p>Discussed encounter form signature- required at end of services- need to watch for time stamp on electronic signatures</p> <p>https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Mental-Health-In-PA/Pages/OMHSAS-Information.aspx</p> <hr/> <p>Telehealth Funding Opportunity Application</p> <p>The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) has announced a funding opportunity for behavioral health providers. The opportunity will allow qualified entities to request funding to invest in technology and training for behavioral health telehealth providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •View Provider Telehealth Funding Opportunity Request Form. •Telehealth Funding Opportunity FAQ <p>Questions can be directed to RA-PWOMHSAS TELEHLTH@pa.gov</p>  <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">Allegheny County Department of Human Services</p>



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	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Community Care Provider Alert</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">OMHSAS Bulletin Suspension (including signatures) and Documentation Compliance until 4/1/23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://providers.ccbh.com/uploads/files/ProvideAlerts/202302-omhsas-bulletin-suspension-continuation.pdf</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Telehealth Technology OMHSAS emailed LISTSERV Stakeholders on January 17, 2023, regarding Bulletin Suspension Information.</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>OMHSAS has extended the bulletin suspension specific to consent to treat, service verifications and treatment plans until 3/31/23.</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Effective on April 1, 2023, providers are expected to capture consent to treat, service verifications and approval of treatment plans in a manner that creates an auditable file and in accordance with the timelines outlined in regulation.</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Alleggheny County Department of Human Services</p>
<p>Trainings/Resources</p>	
<p>Advocacy Opportunities</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>CAP 1.24.23.pdf</p> </div> <h2 style="text-align: center;">CCBH Performance Standards</h2> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p style="text-align: center;">Provider Alert <small>Alleggheny County Department of Human Services</small></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;"><i>From Erin Dalton</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 50%; font-size: x-small;"> <p>Act now to prepare for public health emergency ending</p> <p>The federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) declaration that allowed people to get COVID-19-related benefits and automatic coverages is coming to an end. This has big implications for the people we serve. We need to mobilize now to help people avoid losing important benefits.</p> <p>Two key reasons to act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone on Medical Assistance and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will need to renew their applications starting in April. PA DHS will send renewals over a 12-month period. This is a major transition. PA Department of Human Services said as of January, nearly 600,000 individuals in Pennsylvania had not completed renewals since the public health emergency was put in place. Now that PA is required to resume annual reviews, recipients will start receiving renewals at different times over the next year. The critical thing to do now is make sure that recipients (1) keep their contact information up to date, and (2) respond quickly to any correspondence that they receive, even if nothing has changed. Not responding will result in a loss of coverage. This will affect everyone in Allegheny County who receives Medical Assistance and CHIP. • SNAP benefits are decreasing now. During the PHE, all SNAP households were getting at least an additional \$95/month; this amount will go away after February, leaving many households needing food assistance. Last month, over 166,000 people in Allegheny County received SNAP benefits. All of them will be affected by this change. <p>We need to act quickly to help people prepare for this transition.</p> </div> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From now through April, ask the people you serve at every interaction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "If you receive Medical Assistance or CHIP, have you updated your contact information in COMPASS? Can I help you update your information? We can log into dhs.pa.gov/COMPASS." (Further instructions here. For people who prefer not to use the online portal, help them call the Statewide Customer Service Center 1-877-395-8930.) • "I've heard that SNAP benefits are decreasing, so some families might struggle to have enough food. Anyone who needs assistance call 211 or look at the food bank's food locator tool. Let me show you in case you know anyone who could use the information." 2. Please send out communications letting people know this is happening. Use social media, calls, letters, text, etc. wherever you can get the word out. Here is a toolkit from PA DHS with pre-written messages you can use. <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">Alleggheny County Department of Human Services</p>
<p>Provider Updates & Announcements</p>	
<p>Wrap Up</p>	<p>Next meeting will be from 11am-noon to permit time for members to travel to CAP meeting @ 1pm. CLASS 1400 South Braddock Avenue, Pgh PA 15218</p>

2023 CAP Children's Committee Goals

Mission Statement:
The mission of the Children's Committee is to create a forum for advocacy on behalf of both member agencies and the children and families they serve. The committee provides education to its members on systemic and regulatory changes, practice developments, and issues of cultural importance to ensure that the services delivered are of the highest quality.

Children's Division 2023 Goals

Action Items



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<i>Continue to maintain a close partnership with OBH and CCBH to advocate for the workforce needs of the Child Behavioral Health Providers in Allegheny County</i>	March's meeting- review of BH Fellows Program
<i>Align CAP goals with RCPA efforts to advocate for system change to meet the behavioral health needs of Allegheny County youth</i>	
<i>Advocate for eliminating the regulatory and Performance Standard requirements that do not have an impact on quality of care</i>	April's meeting will review Problematic Performance Standards
<i>Promote awareness and use of 988</i>	
<i>Advocate that Parent Training be a separate billable service across service lines</i>	
<i>Continue to partner with each other to grow awareness of new and existing services within the child-serving system</i>	February meeting- Kids' Club and Moms' Empowerment presentation

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