

CAP Legislative Affairs Meeting Minutes 5/6/24

1. Re-cap of Dan Miller Disability Summit
 - a. Governor Shapiro support for increased IDA Funding
 - i. Strong support from local Reps. Jessica Benham and Aerion Abney and Sen. Jay Costa
 - ii. Letter of support circulating amongst provider groups to help get the budget increase to the finish line.
 1. Will inquire from PAAR if the letter can be shared with CAP
 - b. Legislative testimony regarding Workforce for BH providers
 - i. Joint testimony with OMHSAS Secretary Jen Smith has rekindled the conversation about regulation reform
 - ii. Significant opportunities for follow up with local legislators regarding regulation reform
2. Patrick Joyal moving on from Gov. Shapiro western region staff
 - a. CAP will need to identify a new point of contact
 - b. Potential to link with Gov. Shapiro's chief of staff who is a Mt. Lebanon native
3. Other potential connections to make
 - a. Dr. Bryant-Medical Director of the new Duquesne Medical School
 - b. Pitt Medical School
 - c. Follow up with Rep. Jess Benham and Brandon Markosek as potential champions for human services
4. MHA of SW PA to host Legislative Breakfast 5/10/24
 - a. Representation attending from the offices of:
 - i. Sen. Fetterman, Sen. Casey, Summer Lee, Kim Ward
 - b. CAP Representation on panel to highlight the need for increased behavioral health funding and continue the conversation about regulation reform