



Department of Alcohol &
Drug Addiction Services



Department of
Mental Health

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Memorandum To: Behavioral Health Stakeholders
From: Tracy J. Plouck & Orman Hall, Directors
Subject: First Meeting of the Behavioral Health Leadership Group

In late spring we announced plans to form the Behavioral Health Leadership Group, a new statewide advisory team for mental health & substance abuse policy issues. Our inaugural meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21st from 1-4PM at the State Office Tower, room 806. A bridge line will be available; however, please note that caller access is limited. To participate via conference call, please dial 614-644-1098. This memorandum contains some information related to this event and future meetings of the group.

General Purpose, Content & Format

The purpose of this group is to provide an ongoing education & communication forum for FY 12/13 behavioral health policy changes. The group can expect to hear updates and provide feedback on policy topics including:

- Status updates regarding implementation of FY 12 cost containment policies;
- Development of FY 13 community Medicaid policy changes;
- Initiatives related to Medication Assisted Therapy, housing, re-entry, opiates, etc.;
- Medicaid elevation logistics as we prepare for ODJFS to begin paying providers directly in FY 13;
- ODMH/ODADAS Community Planning process; and
- Progress toward regulatory reform.

In addition to the usual partner organizations, we wanted to reach out to other health care provider and advocacy organizations which will be involved with the integration of physical and behavioral health care in order to ensure that their perspective was added to the discussions. In so doing, we identified a number of entities/associations and asked for a representative; additionally, we have been approached by dozens of other individuals & organizations seeking to serve in one of the "discretionary" slots that we planned to fill. It is clear that the interest in this group is high and attendance will be robust. Experience indicates that large groups are not the most productive forums to work on project details, and there is a lot of work underway on

many fronts. As a result, we have decided to retool the initial concept in several important ways:

- Meetings will be held quarterly. The next dates & times following 9/21 are as follows:
 - January 18, 2012
 - May 16, 2012
 - September 19, 2012
- The format will provide an opportunity for the two departments to provide status updates on current work underway and newly developing work. This will include formal presentations from DMH and ODADAS staff, discussion, and opportunity to engage directly on specific work products in smaller group settings.
- The membership will not be dictated by the departments; rather, all people are welcome to attend, learn and ask questions.

September 21st Agenda

Topic	Presenter(s)	Time
Welcome & Introductions	Tracy Plouck & Orman Hall	1:00 – 1:10
Mental Health FY 13 Medicaid Work Plan	Angie Bergefurd	1:10 – 2:00
ODADAS FY 12 Cost Containment	Orman Hall, Doug Day	2:00 – 2:50
Break		2:50 – 3:00
Medication Assisted Therapy	Joyce Starr	3:00 – 3:15
BH & Health Homes – OHT Perspective	Tracy Plouck	3:15 – 3:30
Brief Highlights of Other Progress Underway (Community Plan, Regulatory Reform)	Tracy Plouck	3:30 – 3:45
Closing Remarks, Evaluation	Orman Hall, Tracy Plouck	3:45 – 4:00

cc: OHT Cabinet Directors