

**OMHSAS Advisory Committee  
January 6, 2011  
Older Adult Committee  
Meeting Outcomes**

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| <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>               | Co-chair Lynn Patrone opened the meeting. Committee members and sunshine attendees introduced themselves.   |   |
| <b>Review and Approval of Meeting Outcomes</b> | Rebecca May-Cole moved to accept the November 4, 2010 outcomes. Susan Bartholomew Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Bartholomew-Palmer stated that she felt there was not adequate discussion on term limits prior to the vote at the previous meeting.   |   |
| <b>Announcements</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-chair Carol Baker announced that there are openings on the OA committee. Applications are available at <a href="http://www.parecovery.org">www.parecovery.org</a>.</li> <li>• Rebecca May-Cole stated that the Behavioral Health and Aging Coalition is holding trainings for nursing home and personal care home staff. More information is available at <a href="http://olderpennsylvanians.org">http://olderpennsylvanians.org</a></li> <li>• Susan Bartholomew Palmer thanked everyone for the cards and well wishes on the recent death of her stepson.</li> <li>• Lynn Patrone informed the committee that there are QPR (question, persuade and refer) suicide prevention trainers throughout the state available to deliver 90-120 minute suicide prevention gatekeeper trainings. More information is available at <a href="http://www.parecovery.org">www.parecovery.org</a> or <a href="http://olderpennsylvanians.org">http://olderpennsylvanians.org</a>.</li> <li>• Lynn Patrone announced the recent retirement of John Farmer from the Mental Health Association of South East PA.</li> </ul> |   |

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| <b>PACE-Prescription Assistance Project Telephone-Based BH Assessments</b><br><i>David Oslin M.D.</i>  | Please see handout: <i>Improving the Health of Seniors with Mental Health Problems</i>   |   |
| <b>PACE-Prescription Assistance Project Independent Drug Information Service</b><br><i>Melissa Jones, RN, MSN</i>                                  | Please see handout: <i>Independent Drug Information Service</i>  |   |
| <b>Discussion with the Deputies</b><br><i>Jennifer Burnett, Deputy Secretary, OLTL</i><br><br><i>Sherry Snyder, Acting Deputy Secretary OMHSAS</i> | Acting Deputy Secretary Snyder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The updated state level MOU between OMHSAS and Dept of Aging has been signed</li> <li>• Encouraged the OA committee to hold OMHSAS accountable and to continue to prioritize BH needs of OA</li> <li>• Allentown State Hospital closure demonstrated success with Money Follows the Person (MFP)—CHIP funding was augmented with MFP funds to create two homes for individuals to reside.</li> <li>• CMS will fund additional positions to expand MFP</li> <li>• There isn't any concrete information to report yet in relation to the transition</li> <li>• The transition document that the committee produced will be passed on to the new Deputy Secretary.</li> </ul> Deputy Secretary Burnett <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OLTL had participated in 6 transition meetings. Recurring themes are: what the new administration can expect in the first 90 days, fraud and abuse, and cost</li> </ul> |   |

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| <b>Discussion with the Deputies Continued</b>                         | <p>containment and cost savings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OLTL has shifted the balance of Medical Assistance funding to home and community-based services from 8% to 24 % which translates to 900 million dollars.</li> <li>• Another accomplishment is the establishment of assisted living licensure regulations</li> <li>• Dr Brubaker was introduced as the new Medical Director for OLTL. One of Dr Brubaker's priorities will be focusing on care provided in long term nursing facilities and he will take the lead on the BH Services in Nursing Facilities Initiative.</li> </ul>  |   |
| <b>Priority Projects- Workgroup Updates</b><br><i>Workgroup Leads</i> | <p>Goal 1, Sabrina Tillman-Boyd: The workgroup reviewed the matrix outlining county survey results. Some promising best practices are emerging. The County plan guidelines have been revised to obtain additional information related to outreach and service provisions for older adults. Will revisit the data when this new information is obtained.</p> <p>Goal 2, Marge Hanna: The workgroup determined this is a much larger goal than originally identified. There are initiatives underway that may provide collaborative opportunities, including initiatives of the PA Academy of Family Physicians, the Chronic Care Initiative, and the Integrated Care Initiative. There is also a need to advocate for Centers of Excellence that recognize models that are successful. The workgroup plans to meet next month to restructure the action steps to reflect changing direction. The goal will be broken down into steps that are reasonable to achieve under the advisory structure.</p> |   |

