

# OMHSAS Staff Contact Information

## Executive Council

<p><b>Joan L. Erney J. D., Deputy Secretary</b>  <b>Office of Mental Health &amp; Substance Abuse Services</b>  <b>P. O. Box 2675</b>  <b>Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675</b>  <b>OMHSAS Receptionist: 717-787-6443</b></p> <p>Responsible for administering all state-funded behavioral health services ranging from community to hospital programs. Focuses the OMHSAS effort on recovery from serious mental and emotional illnesses through community-based services. These services are designed to allow children, adolescents, and adults to break the cycle of repeated hospitalization or residential admissions.</p>	
<p><b>Aidan Altenor, Director,</b>  <b>Bureau of Community and Hospital Operations</b>          P.O. Box 2675          Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675</p> <p>Responsible for implementing and monitoring the community-based services and the unified service system initiative through collaboration with the county administrative offices. Also responsible for overseeing and directing the effective and efficient operations of the Commonwealth-operated psychiatric hospitals (state mental hospitals) and South Mountain Restoration Center.</p>	<p><b>Phil Mader, Director</b>  <b>Bureau of Financial Management and Administration</b>          P.O. Box 2675          Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675</p> <p>Responsible for budget development / monitoring of the community mental health program, HealthChoices behavioral health program, state mental hospitals, and OMHSAS headquarters operations. Also responsible for human resources, business partner data support, Internet communications, procurement, telecommunications, Medicaid financial support and review, and Mental Health Community Support Services.</p>
<p><b>Roberta Altenor, Special Assistant</b>  <b>Criminal Justice and Special Populations</b>          P.O. Box 2675          Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675</p> <p>Responsible for fostering development</p>	<p><b>Stan Mrozowski, Director</b>  <b>Bureau of Children's Services</b>          P.O. Box 2675          Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675</p> <p>Responsible for the policy, program, and operations of the Children's Behavioral</p>

<p>of services and supports for consumers who have special needs, through collaborative relationships with stakeholders and other systems, including mental retardation, brain injury, deaf and hard of hearing, nursing homes, and criminal justice.</p>	<p>Health delivery system. The Bureau of Children's Services promotes the emotional well-being of children and ensures that children with emotional disorders live, learn, work, and thrive in their communities.</p>
<p><b>Jessica Bradley, Executive Assistant Consumer and Family Issues</b> P.O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675</p> <p>Responsible for establishing relationships and providing technical assistance to consumer and family stakeholder groups; assists in strengthening consumer/family stakeholder participation in all OMHSAS activities. Serves as lead staff for OMHSAS Advisory Committees/Mental Health Planning Council.</p>	<p><b>Sabrina Tillman-Boyd, Director Bureau of Policy &amp; Program Development</b> P.O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675</p> <p>Responsible for performing a full range of planning and developmental functions. This includes managed care design and development, service system design and development, policy and program development, and state and county planning, and human resource development within OMHSAS.</p>
<p><b>Dr. Mary E. Diamond, Medical Director</b> P.O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675</p> <p>Serves as Chief Medical Officer for the state mental hospital system and as Chief Clinical Officer with oversight of the HealthChoices program. HealthChoices is a managed care program currently covering more than 70% of the medical assistance enrollees across the Commonwealth. The Medical Director leads quality assurance activities and directs clinical programming by implementing "best practices" in clinical psychiatry and addiction treatment for the hospitals.</p>	<p><b>Michael Jeffrey, Director Quality Management</b> P.O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675</p> <p>Responsible for the development, oversight, and direction of the quality management program. Also responsible for associated data management and data reporting functions. The Quality Management program provides the framework for OMHSAS to assess and improve the quality of publicly-funded behavioral health administrative services, clinical systems, and clinical care. Oversees management and execution of Medicaid provider functions and PROMISe system for behavioral health services. Oversees operation of Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) authorization processes.</p>

<p><b>Sherry Snyder, Division Chief</b>  <b>Division of Eastern Operations</b>  P.O. Box 2675  Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675  Responsible for oversight of mental health and drug and alcohol services in 20 eastern region counties. Directs the operations of the Scranton and Norristown Field Offices. Field Offices are responsible for licensure, county plan review, HealthChoices oversight, and day-to-day county government interface.</p>	<p><b>Linda S. Zelch, Division Chief</b>  <b>Division of Western Operations</b>  300 Liberty Ave.  Pittsburgh, PA 15222  and  P.O. Box 2675  Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675  Responsible for oversight of mental health and drug and alcohol services in 47 western region counties. Directs the operations of the Harrisburg and Pittsburgh Field Offices. Offices are responsible for licensure, county plan review, HealthChoices oversight, and day-to-day county government interface.</p>
<p><b>C. Lu Conser MPH, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary</b>  P.O. Box 2675  Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675   Assists the Deputy with internal executive activities of the office, including policy and program functions. Serves as OMHSAS liaison to the Office of Legislative Affairs, the Office of Communications, and DPW Human Resources.</p>	

**Field Office Managers**

<p><b>Thomasina Bouknight, Community Program Manager</b>  <b>Southeast Field Office</b>  1001 Sterigere Street  Norristown, PA 19401  Manages the Southeast Field Office in Norristown. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, oversight of 5 counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania (Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks, Chester and Philadelphia). This field office handles the licensure of mental health programs and collaboration with</p>	<p><b>Michael J. Orr, Community Program Manager</b>  <b>Scranton Field Office</b>  100 Lackawanna Avenue  Scranton, PA 18503  Manages the Scranton Field Office. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, oversight of 15 counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The 15 counties served by the Scranton Field Office are Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan,</p>
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<p>Norristown State Hospital.</p>	<p>Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, and Wyoming. This field office handles the licensure of mental health programs and collaboration with Clarks Summit, Allentown, Danville, and Wernersville State Hospitals.</p>
<p><b>Valerie J. Vicari, Community Program Manager Pittsburgh Field Office</b> 300 Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Manages the Pittsburgh Field Office. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, oversight of 23 counties in Western Pennsylvania. The 23 counties served by the Pittsburgh Field Office are Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland. This field office handles the licensure of mental health programs and collaboration with Warren, Torrence, and Mayview State Hospitals.</p>	<p><b>Julie Barley, Program Manager Harrisburg Field Office</b> P.O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675 Manages the Harrisburg Field Office. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, oversight of 24 counties in Central Pennsylvania. The 24 counties served by the Harrisburg Field Office are Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Somerset, Union, and York. This field office handles the licensure of mental health programs and collaboration with Danville, Torrance, and Wernersville State Hospitals.</p>

### State Hospital CEOs

<p><b>Andrea Kepler, CEO Wernersville State Hospital</b> P. O. Box 300 Wernersville, PA 19565 Andrea is the former Chief Social Rehabilitation Executive of Harrisburg State Hospital (HSH) and led the Community Resource Team, which was developed to support individuals affected by the closure of HSH. As CEO she is responsible for the 24 hour treatment of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, who have been court committed from Adams, Berks,</p>	<p><b>Gerry Kent, CEO Norristown State Hospital</b> 1001 Sterigere Street Norristown, PA 19401 This Chief Executive Officer has responsibility for the 24 hour treatment of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. Administers a large residential facility in the Southeast region of Pennsylvania.</p>
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<p>Lancaster, York, and Lebanon Counties</p>	
<p><b>Edna I. McCutcheon, CEO Torrance State Hospital</b> P.O. Box 111 Torrance, PA 15779</p> <p>Edna was appointed as CEO in July 2004, twenty-three years after starting at Torrance State Hospital (TSH) as a Social Worker 1. Subsequent positions at TSH included Social Work Supervisor, Social Work Director, and Chief of Social and Rehabilitative Services. With a capacity of 233, the hospital provides recovery-focused inpatient services for individuals from 10 counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania (Armstrong, Indiana, Blair, Butler, Bedford, Somerset, Cambria, Fayette, Westmoreland and 6 townships in Allegheny). TSH also operates the Sexual Responsibility and Treatment Program (SRTP) for the entire Commonwealth.</p>	<p><b>Gregory M. Smith, CEO Allentown State Hospital</b> 1600 Hanover Ave. Allentown, PA 18109</p> <p>In addition to his duties as hospital CEO, Greg also administers the state hospital Risk Management, NRI-Performance Measurement System, and the state hospital PRN/STAT Medication database. He is a faculty member of the National Executive Training Institute on the Reduction of Seclusion and Restraint and has presented nationally on this subject. He has 30 years experience in the public mental health system supporting people with disabilities.</p>
<p><b>Thomas P. Comerford, Jr., CEO Clarks Summit State Hospital</b> 1451 Hillside Drive Clarks Summit, PA 18411</p> <p>Has been a CEO since 1996. Provides leadership, organization, and direction of all facility services for the 245 bed inpatient state psychiatric hospital. The hospital is nine miles from Scranton and serves 11 counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania.</p>	<p><b>Donna M. Ashbridge, CEO Danville State Hospital</b> 200 State Hospital Drive Danville, PA 17821</p> <p>Provides leadership, organization, coordination, and direction of all facility services for this 185 bed inpatient state psychiatric hospital in North Central Pennsylvania.</p>
<p><b>David A. Kuchewary, CEO Warren State Hospital</b> North Warren, PA 16365</p> <p>David has worked for DPW for 33 years in various administrative capacities at state centers and state hospitals. He was appointed</p>	<p><b>Thomas White, Acting CEO South Mountain Restoration Center</b> 10058 South Mountain Road South Mountain, PA 17261</p> <p>As the Chief Executive Officer at South Mountain Restoration Center, he is charged with the general administration of the facility,</p>

<p>CEO of Warren State Hospital (WaSH) in March 2007. At WaSH he provides leadership, coordination, and direction to an organization which facilitates and supports the recovery process for individuals with severe mental illness. WaSH serves 13 counties in Northwestern Pennsylvania. In addition to his duties as CEO, David also serves as chairperson of the OMHSAS Unified Practices Committee.</p>	<p>a long term care facility committed to providing the highest quality of care for its residents in a safe, supportive environment with the goal of maximizing their potential.</p>
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