

Dear Stakeholder,

The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) is embarking on the process of developing comprehensive inpatient regulations. These regulations will contain at least four distinct subchapters to address the provision of Inpatient, Extended Acute Care, Residential Treatment Facilities for Adults, and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for individuals under age 21.

We invite you to collaborate with us on this process. Please consider who from your organization might be your best representative for each event.

In the interest of having productive and cohesive groups, we ask that you limit your participation to one or two representatives per group. We also request that the individuals be able to participate in person whenever possible.

GENERAL STAKEHOLDER KICKOFF

April 6th, 2017, 1-4 pm Commonwealth Tower, 12th Floor, 303 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA or by webinar.

This session will provide a general overview of the inpatient regulatory project and seek input on items that apply to each of the inpatient settings listed below:

Inpatient (including freestanding psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric units within a general hospital)

Extended Acute Care (including community and hospital based programs)

Residential Treatment Facility for Adults (RTF-A)

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for Individuals under 21 (PRTF)

SUBGROUP MEETINGS

Subgroup meetings are an opportunity to look more closely as the different types of inpatient care (IP, EACs, RTF-A and PRTF for individuals under 21) and provide specialized insight and recommendations regarding each type of care.

Initial three-hour meetings will be held in Harrisburg, PA. As needed, additional meetings will occur by conference call.

Subgroup Meeting Dates:

Extended Acute Care 4/17/17 from 12-3pm

Commonwealth Tower, 12th Floor, 303 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA

Inpatient (including freestanding and psychiatric units within a general hospital) 4/21/17 from 12-3 pm

Commonwealth Tower, 12th Floor, 303 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA

Residential Treatment Facility for Adults 4/28/17 from 1-4pm

Commonwealth Tower, 12th Floor, 303 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for Individuals under 21 4/28/17 from 9am-12pm

Commonwealth Tower, 12th Floor, 303 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA

Please RSVP by March 27, 2017 to Satoko Hariyama at shariyama@pa.gov with the name and contact information of the individual participant, as well as the group(s) they intent to participate in.

Sincerely,

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