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Drug and Alcohol Committee

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 • 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Penn Grant Centre – Garden Level (downstairs)
777 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Meetings are also available via webcast or conference call; instructions sent 24–48 hours prior to meeting

Representatives from DDAP and OMHSAS will join the meeting for the last hour. To protect the privacy of the committee, everyone calling in will be required to identify themselves.

- 9:30 am** **Introductions & roll call** – *Kristen Houser, Director, Drug & Alcohol Division*
Reminder – [National Council for Behavioral Health Conference](#) discount available:
RCPA members are eligible for the PA discount for registration (discount code:
2020NATCONPA)
- 9:40 am** **Legislative Update** – *Jack Phillips, Director, Government Affairs*
- [SB 898](#) – to be DDAP priority in 2020 – creating the Department of Drug & Alcohol Licensing and Fee Authority – summary of feedback from members & next steps. *Janelle Lynch from the Senate Health and Human Services Committee will join us for this discussion.*
 - [HB 137](#) – Rep. Quinn’s bill to require people who have been revived from an overdose to, within 30 days of receiving written notice, provide proof they’ve been screened to assess their need for treatment & provide proof of any referral made in order to keep immunity from prosecution. This passed the House and is now with the Senate Judiciary Committee – next steps
 - [HB 1024](#) – ensuring providers cannot deny care based solely on outcome of urinalysis – referred to Senate Health & Human Services Committee. RCPA members did not see problems with this bill.
 - [HB 1052](#) – requires treatment providers to notify emergency contact if person leaves treatment against medical advice – referred to Senate Health & Human Services Committee
 - BUDGET – any relevant implications from Gov. Wolf’s budget proposal will be discussed – won’t have info on that until Feb. 4, 2020
 - Other & Legislative priorities for 2020?
- 10:05 am** **Presentation on Syringe Services** – *Roseanne Scotti, JD*
Senior Technical Advisor, Syringe Access Services, PA Dept of Health/Vital Strategies

Questions & Discussion

10:40 am Report: Reimbursement Rate Subcommittee first meeting

10:45 am RCPSO – overview from Richard Edley

11:10 am Review discussion points for State Agencies

- Upcoming survey to capture additional issues – many raised in responses to SB 898

DDAP

- Re: SB 898 – what would it fund? What is benefit to providers? Why is it a priority? Would you consider changes recommended by this committee?
- Need to update DDAP regulations
- Reinstating Reimbursement Review Committee
- WITS – data conversion to stop manual entry

OMHSAS

- New procedures from Dept of Corrections/Bureau of Community Corrections for referring inmates being released who need treatment
- Current system of requiring MCOs to fairly and annually consider provider rate increases is not being followed & rates are not being adjusted. How can OMHSAS work with DDAP on reimbursement rates as well as accountability for MCOs?
- Alignment of ASAM with PA Services
 - Great to see OMHSAS and DDAP working together
 - What is the plan to have providers involved in the shaping of the service alignment? Would like RCPA members to have representative(s) involved in formation of changes, not just giving feedback

11:30 am OMHSAS & DDAP join meeting for topic discussions

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 • 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Penn Grant Centre

Guest speaker – Alex Shirreffs, MPH

Senior Project Manager, Health Confidentiality Assessment, DDAP (the 255.5 regs study!)