

Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 2022 • 9:00 am–10:00 am

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Agenda

I. Welcome /Introduction

- A. Alan Hartl — RCPA Government Affairs Committee Chair
- B. Jack Phillips — Director of Government Affairs

II. 2022/23 Budget

- A. Richard Edley and Jack Phillips's meeting with the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, March 21
- B. Sent in request to House Appropriations Committee to meet
- C. RCPA Budget Requests:
 - 1. Human Service Workforce Issues
 - a. Advocating the General Assembly to release federal funding, that they placed in reserve, for direct care workers (also see [RCPA media campaign](#))
 - 2. Brain Injury Provider Rate Issues
 - a. Hearing was held on March 2 in House Human Services Committee
 - 3. Drug and Alcohol Opioid Settlement Funds Allocations
 - 4. County Mental Health Funding
 - a. Advocating and collaborating with the County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) and the Hospital Association of PA (HAP), as well as other organizations, to increase County Mental Health Funding

III. Legislation/Issues

- A. Prudent Pay — Drafting Legislation
- B. Severe Autism Issue
- C. Amending Act 25 of 2018, which RCPA helped draft, by introducing new legislation regarding outpatient psychiatric issues (Was HB 2294)
- D. D&A ASAM Implementation
- E. RCPA has been contacted by various legislative staff regarding constituent issues. We have been assisting legislative staff with helping their constituents find services.

IV. Media Campaign

V. RCPA PAC

VI. Open Forum — Additional Member Topics/Issues/Concerns

VII. Adjournment

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