

Government Affairs Committee Meeting Thursday, September 15, 2022 • 9:00 am – 10:00 am Webcast Only

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Agenda

I. Welcome/Introduction

*Alan Hartl — RCPA Government Affairs Committee Chair
Jack Phillips — Director of Government Affairs*

II. General Election Update

- A. RCPA has met with Shapiro and Mastriano campaign staff. Surprisingly, Mastriano strongly supports many of RCPA's policy positions, especially MH and trying to solve the overdose epidemic. RCPA also met with the Oz campaign staff on Tuesday, September 13.

III. Fall Session

- A. Session Days:
 - i. The House will be in:
 - a. September 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21;
 - b. October 24, 25, 26; and
 - c. November 14, 15, 16.
 - ii. The Senate will be in:
 - a. September 19, 20, 21;
 - b. October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26; and
 - c. November 15.
- B. The fall session will be mostly setting up issues for when they return to session in January. If a bill is not urgent or isn't already near the finish line, then the bill will not move and will have to be reintroduced next session (new General Assembly).
- C. The House reached out to RCPA to discuss old/obsolete regulations. The House intends to remove old/obsolete regulations from the books when they return to session next year. RCPA will be providing House Human Services and House Health staff with examples of these types of regulations between now and January.
- D. Issues for Fall Session:
 - i. 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](#)).
 - ii. Brain Injury Provider Rate Issues:
 - a. Continuing to talk with OLTL and DHS senior leaders and legislators in finding additional dollars for brain injury services.
 - iii. Drug and Alcohol Opioid Settlement Funds Allocations:
 - a. Allocating dollars directly to D&A providers.

- b. Talking with Senate Health and Human Services staff to determine whether a resolution will be offered to have the Joint State Government Commission do a study on how rates are established for D&A providers.
- iv. County Mental Health Funding

IV. Legislation/Issues

- A. HB 2530 — Elimination of Prudent Pay
- B. HB 2686 — Vehicle for MH Commission Recommendation

V. RCPA PAC

- A. At the conference, there will be a legislative reception on Tuesday, October 11, and RCPA will be awarding the legislator of the year award to Rep. Frank Farry at the luncheon on Wednesday, October 12.
- B. The RCPA PAC will have its annual golf outing on Monday, October 10 at Dauphin Highlands Country Club. Additionally, if you donated to the RCPA PAC, you will be eligible to attend a PAC event after the golf outing on Monday, October 10 at 7:00 pm at the Hershey Hotel. Contact [Jack Phillips](#) or [Tina Miletic](#) for more details regarding both of these events.

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

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2022, 9:00 am – 10:00 am