

RCPA Member Benefits Orientation Meeting

Presented by RCPA Staff

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Agenda

- Overview of RCPA
- Keys to Membership and Involvement
- RCPA Divisions and 2025 Priorities
- Meetings and Networking Opportunities
- What You Didn't Know...

Primary Focus: Strategic Positioning

The Goal of RCPA — To strategically assist members through:

- Information and Analysis;
- Key Targeted Initiatives; and
- Administrative and Political Action.

Keys to Membership

- Involvement
- Email Lists
- Committee/Division Meetings
- Ad Hoc Task Forces
- Focused Committees
- All-Member Webinars
- Specific Topical Webinars
- Annual Conference

RCPA Divisions

- Behavioral Health
 - Mental Health (Adult and Children's Services)
 - Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- Brain Injury
- Criminal and Juvenile Justice
- Early Intervention
- Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- International Pediatric Rehabilitation Collaborative (IPRC)
- Medical Rehabilitation
- Physical Disabilities and Aging

Association Representation

- Shapiro Human Services Transition Team
- Governor's Behavioral Health Advisory Council
- Medical Assistance Advisory Committee (MAAC)
- Various Sub-MAACs (Managed Care Delivery, Fee-for-Service, etc.)
- Coalition for the CommonHealth
- PA Children's Complex Care Task Force
- ODP Information Sharing and Advisory Committee (ISAC)
- Provider Performance Review Subcommittee

Assoc. Representation (cont.)

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism (ID/A) Coalition
- PH/BH Learning Collaborative
- Governor's Employment First Commission
- DHS Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Steering Committee
- Department of Health's Brain Injury Advisory Board
- IDD Legislative Task Force (HB 212)
- Governor's Roundtable on Workforce
- OMHSAS Mental Health Planning Council
- PCCD Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee
- Coalition for Choice

Assoc. Representation (cont.)

Standing and Ad Hoc Meetings With:

- DHS Leadership
- DHS Departments
- DDAP
- Other Key Agencies (DOH, PID)
- Key Legislative Committees
- Legislators and Staff

2025 Legislative and Administrative Priorities

ACROSS DIVISIONS

- Advocate for increased funding and transparent models that reflect true “cost-plus” service reimbursement
 - Medicaid Capitation, County-Based Funding, Value-Based Payment programs, State Funded
- Workforce initiatives and funding that build the infrastructure for current and future systems needs
 - Licensed Professional Staff, DSPs, DCWs, counselors, case managers, and peers
- Regulatory reform: decreasing administrative burden; reducing barriers to access for care

Additional Areas of Interest, Committees

- Finance
- Government Affairs
- Human Resources
- Ad Hoc Examples
 - Telehealth
 - Selective Contracting (Performance-Based Contracting)
 - Community HealthChoices Procurement/Waivers

Government Relations

- Consistent Agenda
- All Divisions and Groups Represented
- Ongoing Meetings
- Fundraisers

Political Action Committee (PAC)

- Critical Part of Our Government Affairs Activities
- Online Contributions
- Annual Conference: Chairperson's Event
- Silent Auction
- Golf Tournaments

Ongoing Benefits

- Daily Updates and Alerts: Key PA and Federal Releases
- Quarterly Newsletter: In-Depth Review of Key Events and Developments
- Social Media: Active Presence on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn
- Fully Accessible Websites: Can be tailored for the vision impaired, seizure-safe setting, ADHS friendly, and more
- All RCPA Meetings Offer the Option of Virtual Participation for Our Members' Convenience, When Applicable

Ongoing Benefits

- Vendor Relationships:
Discounts on Services such as EHR, EVV, Case Management Solutions, Insurances, and Training
- Workers' Comp Trust:
Two Distinct Captive/Trust Models, Sponsored by RCPA
- Health Care Captive:
Employee Health Benefits, Sponsored by RCPA
- The RCPA State of the Art Conference Center, Available for Events and Trainings

National Associations

RCPA members are “100%” members of:

- National Council for Mental Wellbeing (BH)
- ANCOR (IDD)

RCPA is also a member of:

- AMRPA (Medical Rehabilitation)

Special Meetings and Events

- Annual Conference (Hershey Lodge)
 - Several Hundred Attendees
 - National and State Speakers
 - Administration, State Departments, and Legislators
- Annual Meeting (Harrisburg/Hershey Area)
 - Presentations on National and State Topics of Interest, as well as the Election of RCPA Officials
- Periodic Regional Meetings
- Periodic All-Member Meetings
- Capitol Day

Members' Only Website Content

- Information/Announcements: State Agency Releases as Soon as Available
- Letters and Other Resources from RCPA and Various Coalitions to Legislators and Other State Officials (e.g., Public Comments, Position Papers)
- Advocacy and Information on Pending Legislation from Our National Association Partners (e.g., National Council, ANCOR)
- Exclusive Access to RCPA Member Meetings and Third-Party Trainings
- Contact Tianna Lloyd for Assistance to Request Access to the Members' Only Website Content

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Division

- Committee Meetings:
 - Held every other month and include guest speakers from ODP, OVR, and other organizations. Covers current topics of interest to members.
- Subcommittees:
 - Supports Coordination Organizations
 - Residential Services
 - CPS/Employment
- Special Work Groups as Needs Arise:
 - Performance-Based Contracting
 - Incident Management Policies
 - Rate-Setting Methodology

Behavioral Health Division, SUD Treatment Services

- Bimonthly Meetings, comprised of provider-member only and all-member portions.
- Current Priorities Include:
 - Advocate for increased funding for treatment providers and transparency in Medicaid capitation rate-setting
 - Address administrative burden, redundancy, and inconsistency among SUD treatment audits/overseers
 - Ensure safety and quality in SUD treatment while acknowledging the changing treatment landscape
 - Reform outdated regulations to align with the realities of addiction and SUD treatment today

Behavioral Health Division, SUD Treatment Services (cont.)

- SUD: Committees & Work Groups
 - Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) Committee
 - Criminal Justice Committee (SUD and MH)
 - Administrative Burden (ad hoc)
 - Regulatory Reform (ad hoc)
 - ASAM Alignment (soon to launch)

Behavioral Health Division, Mental Health Treatment Services

- Separate Bimonthly Children's and Adult MH Meetings:
Open to Entire RCPA Membership
- Current Priorities Include:
 - Regulatory Reform: DHS Regulatory Process, IBHS, ACT, Family-Based, Outpatient
 - Funding/Reimbursement: Rate Parity, Outpatient, CCBHC/ICWC Model, County Mental Health (MHSN), Expansion of Value-Based Payment (VBP) Models
 - Long-Term Telehealth Expansion, Funding, and Regulatory Platform (State and Federal)
 - Legislative/Advocacy Children's Complex Care, Early Intervention, Crisis Services

Behavioral Health Division, MH Treatment Services (cont.)

- Children's MH Treatment Services: Committees & Work Groups
 - IBHS
 - Early Intervention
 - School-Based Behavioral Health
 - Children's Residential & Complex Care
 - Family-Based Services
- Adult MH Treatment Services: Committees & Work Groups
 - Telehealth
 - Adult MH Steering Committee
 - 988 Crisis Services
 - ACT

Rehabilitation Services Divisions

- Committee Meetings
 - Brain Injury: Bimonthly
 - Medical Rehabilitation: Quarterly
 - Outpatient Rehabilitation: Quarterly
 - Additional Calls as needed to Review Ad Hoc Items: Letters, New Issues, Advocacy, Plan for Meetings, etc.

Physical Disabilities & Aging

- Covering all OLTL and PD&A Services, Including Personal Assistance, Service Coordination, Employment, and Long-Term Care Services
- Quarterly Meetings with MCOs/OLTL, PDA, OVR, and Other Stakeholders
- Current Priorities Include:
 - Rate Study for all OLTL Services
 - Eligibility Redeterminations
 - Service Coordination Case Load
 - PAS Credentialing
 - Value-Based Payment Readiness
 - Preparing for Community HealthChoices Reprocurement: Engaging With Current and Prospective MCOs



IPRC
International
Pediatric Rehabilitation
Collaborative

Our Mission

...To promote *excellence* in specialized pediatric rehabilitation care...

- Dual Membership: International Pediatric Rehabilitation Collaborative (IPRC) and RCPA
- Global Collaborative for Pediatric Rehab Providers
 - Inpatient, Outpatient, School-Based, Early Intervention, Home-Care, Long-Term Care
 - Supports the Entire Pediatric Rehab Team
 - 28 US States, 3 Continents
- Education Events (10+ Webinars Annually)
 - Complimentary Registration for All Members
 - Recordings Archived on IPRC Website (www.iprc.info)
- Networking/Best Practice Calls (6 – 8 Annually)
- Standing Working Committees
 - Steering, Education/Advocacy, Best Practices/Clinical Innovation
 - Clinical Work Groups
 - Neurogenic Bowel/Bladder
 - Augmentative & Alternative Communication
 - Quality, Safety, Risk Management
 - Infants with Medical Complexity
 - Rehabilitation-Education Collaboration

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI)

Purpose Statement

“The RCPA Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Committee will actively challenge systemic racism and social injustice through advocacy for legislation, policies, and practices that promote equity, providing guidance and support for DEI initiatives within RCPA member organizations, and creating a safe space for honest and respectful dialogue.”

- Logistics
 - Meet Monthly via Video Call, with Variety of RCPA Membership and Participants Represented. For more information, contact Cindi Hobbes.
- Committee Priorities
 - Gather, Collate, Create, and Disseminate Resources
 - Disseminated via Email, *Daily Update*, Repository on RCPA Website
 - Assist Organizations to Create/Implement/Evaluate Diversity Policy
 - Baseline Data Collection and Improvement
- Current Projects
 - DEI Training/Consultant Recommendation Repository

ProVantaCare

- Access to Managed Care, For Profit, Provider-Owned Vehicle
- Physical Disabilities & Aging (PD&A)
- Brain Injury (BI)
- Behavioral Health (BH)
- Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD)
- Performance-Based Contracting Product
- For more information, contact President/CEO Fady Sahhar.

Actions

- Sign Up
- Get Involved
- Schedule a Time to Meet With RCPA Division Staff

Questions?

Thank you for joining us!

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