



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council
Adult Quality, Access & Policy Committee

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Agenda

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

This committee works with the Behavioral Health Partnership and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to maximize the value of programs to adult consumers, families and providers. With a focus on enhancing quality and access to services, the committee reviews data that measures the effectiveness of DMHAS and BHP policies, procedures and initiatives; reports to the Council on results; raises concerns and makes recommendations within the purview of the Council's authority.

The committee, in collaboration with the Child/Adolescent Quality, Access, and Policy Committee, also works through the Council to provide input into the state's plan for federal health care reform, and other emerging mental health policy and program developments. The committee may from time to time discuss, review and make recommendations about other areas of interest that intersect with the work of the BHP.

1. Call to Order and Greeting

**2. Access to and Treatment of Medicaid Substance Use Disorders
(SUD) Demonstration Waiver, with Focus on Status of
Attainment of State Objectives – Carelon**

Medicaid SUD Demonstration Waiver –Status on Attainment of State Objectives:

- 1) Increased rates of identification, initiation and engagement in treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD) and other SUDs;
- 2) Increased adherence to and retention in treatment for OUD and other SUDs;
- 3) Reductions in overdose deaths, particularly those due to opioids;
- 4) Reduced utilization of emergency departments and inpatient hospital settings for OUD and other SUD treatment where the utilization is preventable or medically inappropriate through improved access to other continuum of care services;
- 5) Fewer readmissions to the same or higher level of care where readmissions are preventable or medically inappropriate for OUD and other SUDs;

- 6) Improved access to care for physical health conditions among beneficiaries with OUD and other SUDs
- 7) Total existing licensed residential beds & utilization of SA inpatient, residential, and intermediate levels of care in 2022 vs. 2021

3. New Business and Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM via ZOOM