HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE HEARING

Topic: Opioid Treatment

Uniontown City Hall – Uniontown, PA
October 5, 2016

AGENDA

10:00 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:10 a.m.  Panel from Another Way Men’s Halfway House:
            • Sonya Over, Director of Facilities
            • Patti O’Dell, Fiscal Officer

10:30 a.m.  Panel from Good Works Recovery House for Women:
            • Christine Gipe, Co-Founder and Administrator
            • Christy N., Client

10:50 a.m.  Ashley Potts
            Team Leader of Crisis Diversion Union
            Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services

11:10 a.m.  Panel from Genesis House Ministries:
            • Terry Sanders, Director
            • Client

11:30 a.m.  Panel from Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission:
            • Jana Kyle, Executive Director
            • Brian Reese, Director of Treatment

11:50 a.m.  Dr. Kenneth Martz
            Special Assistant to the Secretary
            Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

12:10 p.m.  Closing Remarks
Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

House Democratic Policy Committee
Informational Hearing – Uniontown, PA
Treatment for Opioid Addiction
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Treatment Referral/Engagement

- **Warm hand-off.** Understanding that overdose is a critical time for access to treatment, DDAP has implemented a new policy on “warm handoff,” where emergency medical personnel coordinate with SUD professionals for a smooth treatment engagement. The Department has incorporated contractual changes with the Single County Authorities (SCA) in its 2015-2020 grant agreement that requires each county drug and alcohol agency to create a process for direct referral from the ED.

- **Student Assistance Program.** This evidence-based approach involves the coordination of a range of professionals to assist in early identification, screening, and referral of at-risk youth to appropriate SUD clinical services.

- **Single County Authorities.** SCA’s are the local SUD agencies. They can assist with assessment and referral in the local communities, as well as assist in the identification of funding resources.
For those with existing SUD, assessment, referral and treatment with clinical integrity is critical to establishment of recovery.

- Like penicillin, SUD treatment is only effective when received at its proper dosage (intensity) and duration, which are the most predictive factors of successful recovery. Under treatment leads to a predictable recurrence of the symptoms of disease.
- Effective treatment addresses a range of causes of addiction including coping skills deficits, relationship issues, trauma, relapse prevention skills, thinking errors and cultural/social vulnerabilities (e.g. peer pressure)

Get Help Now resource
Treatment (continued)

- **Levels of Care**
  - Outpatient
  - Intensive Outpatient
  - Partial Hospitalization
  - Medically Monitored Short/Long Term Residential
  - Medically Managed Inpatient Residential (Hospital)
  - Detoxification (Medically Monitored or Medically Managed)

- **Special Populations**
  - Medication Assisted Treatment
  - Co-Occuring Mental Health Disorders
  - Women and Women with Children
  - Criminal Justice
  - Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity
  - Gambling Disorder
Treatment (continued)

- **Treatment Supports**
  - Medications
  - Housing
  - Vocational Resources
  - Certified Recovery Support Services
  - Peer Support Groups

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- **Workforce Development.**
  - Engaging the recovery community into the workforce
  - Development of career path
  - Training/retaining existing workforce
  - Latino workforce development workgroup

- **Rate Setting**

- **Training**
  - SUD Workforce training
  - SUD cross-training of criminal justice professionals, child welfare, mental health treatment, medical and other professionals
  - Behavioral Health Manage Care Organization training in level of care placement standards

- **Funding**
  - Coordinating/maximizing use of existing funding streams
PA Detox Bed Availability and Capacity Map

Map web link: https://padoh.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=cd57417030484b70bde2f5a1d8310ea9