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**House of Representatives**  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

**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.

# Treatment

- **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-Occurring 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**

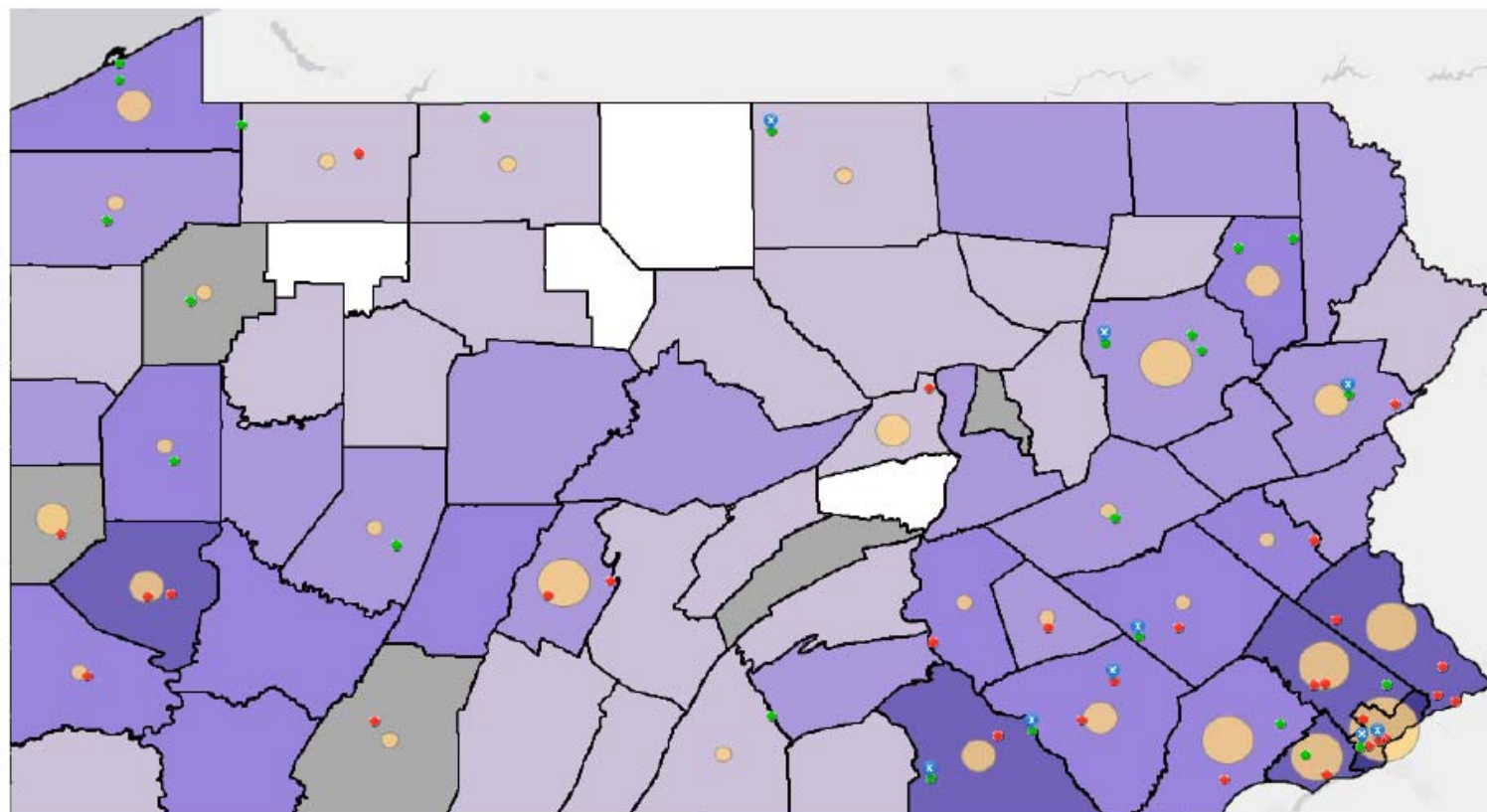
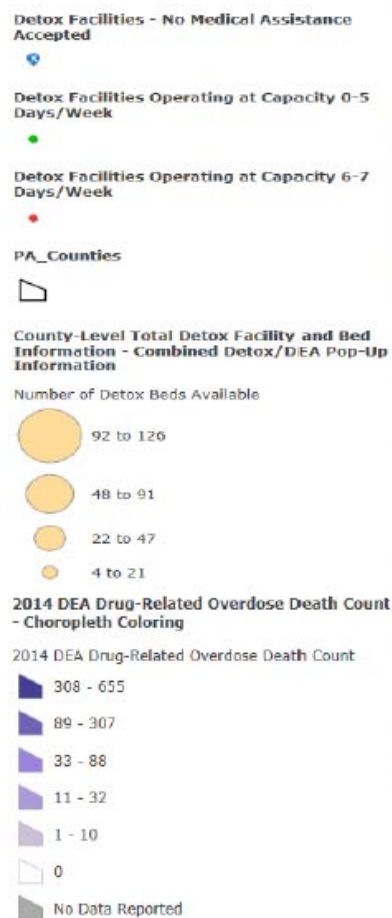
## ➤ **Training**

- 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>