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Summit Session Information

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Mental Health Landscape in Pennsylvania



Dr. Dale Adair, Chief Psychiatric Officer of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
Join Dr. Adair for a discussion of the mental health landscape in Pennsylvania, and some of the key initiatives DHS is taking to improve access to mental healthcare.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Legislative Panel on Mental Health

Discussion of the Behavioral Health Commission Report on Adult Behavioral Health

- Rep. Mike Schlossberg
- Recommendation 1 – Stabilize, Strengthen, and Expand the Workforce
 - Dr. Noreen Fredrick, UPMC Western Behavioral Health
 - Christine Michaels, NAMI Keystone PA
- Recommendation 2 – Improve Criminal Justice and Public Safety Systems
 - Dr. Lucas Malishchak, Department of Corrections
 - Chief Jason Haberman, Mt. Lebanon Police Department

Mental Health Needs in Schools

- Emily Born, Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health
- Shannon Fagan, Allegheny Intermediate Unit
- Emilia Peiffer, Pennsylvania School Counselors Association/PSEA
- Dr. William Stropkaj, Keystone Oaks School District

Resource Fair Open 11 am – 1 pm

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Disability Services in Pennsylvania



Dr. Val Arkoosh, Acting Secretary, and Kristin Ahrens, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Human Services
Join Dr. Arkoosh and Deputy Secretary Ahrens for a discussion of the changing landscape of disability services in Pennsylvania.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Legislative Panel on Disability

Recommendations of the Employment First Oversight Commission

- Dr. Josie Badger, Employment First Oversight Commission
- Steven Suroviec, Employment First Oversight Commission
- Marci Katona, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Eve Hill and the SEED Team

Supports for College Students with Disabilities

- Heather Conroy, Evolve Coaching
- Jim Lilley, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Dr. Daphna Gans, Health Policy Expert
- Kristen Weidus, Ruder Law