



Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania to host Best Practices in Addiction Treatment conference on Sept. 20

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania (Magellan) will host a one-day conference on Sept. 20 at the Valley Forge Casino Resort (1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The title of this free event is, “Best Practices in Addiction Treatment, Navigating the Road to Recovery: Pain Management, Drug Trends and Medication Assisted Treatment.” We encourage anyone interested in learning more about specific topics related to addiction treatment to attend, including, behavioral health providers, therapists, case managers, peer specialists, psychiatrists, primary care physicians, medical specialists, dentists, community partners and system partners (aging, criminal justice, children and youth).

Individuals and families in Pennsylvania need to be aware of the national opioid crisis that is leading to an unprecedented number of accidental overdose deaths. This crisis does not discriminate against populations and can affect anyone in our society. The goal of this conference is to provide information, tools and skills that can be used to help individuals and families who are challenged by this crisis.

Conference attendees will hear from nationally recognized addiction treatment experts:

- *Seddon Savage, MD, MS will offer a presentation on pain management*
<https://www.practicalpainmanagement.com/author/20463/savage>
- *Michael Frost, MD will offer a presentation on drug trends*
<http://www.frostmedical.com/aboutus.html>
- *Margaret Jarvis, MD, DFASAM will offer a presentation on medication-assisted treatment*
<https://www.asam.org/about-us/leadership/board-of-directors/biography-margaret-a-e-jarvis>

In addition to these topics, there will be a lunch panel discussing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), county prevention activities and the Opioid Use Disorder Centers of Excellence. At the conclusion of the event, **Jason Snyder, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Human Services**, will speak about his family's personal experience with opiate addiction. Continental breakfast and lunch are included.

A registration flyer for this event will be available soon at www.MagellanofPA.com, and for more information, contact Sheri Rubin at slrubin@magellanhealth.com.

The sponsors of this event include: Bucks County Department of Behavioral Health and the Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.; Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health and Division of Drug and Alcohol; Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Drug and Alcohol and Office of Managed Care Solutions; and Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania.