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Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania to host ‘Best Practices in Addiction Treatment Conference’ on Sept. 20 in King of Prussia

Over 325 providers and community stakeholders from Bucks, Delaware and Montgomery counties will discuss tools, skills, information to help with the opioid epidemic

Scottsdale, Ariz. – Sept. 11, 2017 – Magellan Health, Inc. (NASDAQ: MGLN) today announced that Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Magellan) will host a sold-out conference titled ‘Best Practices in Addiction Treatment – Navigating the Road to Recovery: Pain Management, Drug Trends and Medication-Assisted Treatment’ on September 20 in King of Prussia, Penn. The goal of this conference is to provide information, tools and skills that can be used to help individuals and families confronted with the opioid epidemic. Magellan administers behavioral health benefits for Medicaid members through HealthChoices contracts with Bucks, Cambria, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery and Northampton counties.

Key facts about ‘Best Practices in Addiction Treatment – Navigating the Road to Recovery: Pain Management, Drug Trends and Medication-Assisted Treatment’

- The conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on September 20 at the Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia. (Guests should use the Radisson Hotel entrance.)
- Conference presenters to include:
 - [Dr. Seddon Savage](#)
 - [Dr. Michael Frost](#)
 - [Dr. Margaret Jarvis](#)
- A lunch panel discussion will cover the following topics: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), County prevention activities and the Opioid Use Disorder Centers of Excellence.
- The event will conclude with Jason Snyder, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services speaking about his family’s personal experience with opiate addiction.
- Attendees will include: behavioral health providers, case managers, peer specialists, psychiatrists, primary care physicians, medical specialists, dentists, community partners, system partners (Aging, Criminal Justice, Children and Youth), county leadership and Magellan staff.
- The conference sponsors are:
 - Bucks County Department of Behavioral Health and the Bucks County Drug & 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
 - Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania

“In response to the national and local opiate epidemic, we are pleased to offer this system wide educational opportunity regarding key issues such as drug trends, pain management techniques and the role of medication-

assisted treatment,” said Diane Rosati, executive director for the Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. “Locally, and regionally, we are working to assist our residents in accessing quality services that will assist with developing long term recovery.”

“Addiction treatment must help the person stop using drugs and be productive in the family, at work and in society,” said Anne Jennings, drug & alcohol administrator for the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health. “This conference will educate the community stakeholders on current trends in substance abuse treatment and addictions medicine while also helping to reduce the stigma in the community regarding the disease of addiction.”

“Through engagement, education and referral, it is our goal to help those suffering from an opiate use disorder access treatment services to guide them on the road to recovery,” said Kay McGowan, administrator of drug & alcohol services for the Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services. “We hope this training opportunity will bring awareness to different treatment options as well as the variety of county initiatives in place to help combat this opiate epidemic.”

Jim Leonard, vice president and general manager for Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, said, “We want to thank all of our presenters and our county partners for participating in this important conference for our regional community. The opioid and overdose epidemic affects our local communities and is an issue that our care management team confronts on a 24/7 basis, and we look forward to receiving the continued education and the sharing of ideas and best practices on Sept. 20 with over 325 of our colleagues.”

For more information on Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc., go to www.MagellanofPA.com.

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