

Leading the Charge: Behavioral Health Innovations in the Lehigh Valley

A Strategic Planning Symposium for Executive Directors & Leadership

October 23, 2024

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Registration and Breakfast

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Tom Walker, Magellan Behavioral Health

- Introduction and objectives of the symposium
 - Acknowledgment of the Steering Committee and Workgroups
 - Review of packets and materials to set the stage for the day
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9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

Interactive Icebreaker

Carissa Cam, Bethlehem Health Bureau

- Quick discussion or reflective exercise to engage participants and encourage networking
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9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Best Practices Presentations

(Each topic presented for 20 minutes with 5-minute Q&A)

1. Addressing Emergency Department (ED) Boarding for Behavioral Health
Jody McCloud Missmer, St. Luke's University Health Network
 2. Behavioral Continuum of Care
Chelsea Jones, Northampton County Department of Human Services
 3. Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) & Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)
S. Benay Berger, Bethlehem Health Bureau
 4. Enhancing Workforce Development
Mike Ditty, Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.
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10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakout Room Sessions: Strategic Planning Development

Participants divide into breakout groups to develop specific strategies for each best practice area:

1. Addressing ED Boarding for Behavioral Health – **Conference Room 22**
 2. Behavioral Continuum of Care – **Conference Room 23**
 3. Advancing DEI & SDoH – **Conference Room LC 37/38**
 4. Enhancing Workforce Development - **Conference Room 24**
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12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

Reporting Out from Breakout Groups

- Groups reconvene to present their strategic planning outcomes
 - Discussion and Q&A on key takeaways
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12:45 PM – 12:55 PM

Next Steps and Action Plan

- Review of immediate next steps
 - Placeholder for future meeting:
Location: St. Luke's Hospital - Sacred Heart Center, Allentown, PA
Date: April 17, 2025
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12:55 PM – 1:00 PM

Closing Remarks & Quick Feedback

Tom Walker

- Summary of the day's progress
 - Participants provide brief verbal or written feedback on the event
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1:00 PM

Adjourn

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