

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2024
PIPER BUILDING LOCK HAVEN**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Mark Mussina and Scott Metzger from Lycoming County, Commissioner Jeff Snyder and Commissioner James Russo from Clinton County were in attendance.

Staff: Keith Wagner – Joinder Executive Director; Matthew Salvatori – CYS Administrator; Aundrea Trautner – Joinder Administrative Assistant; Rhonda Asaro-Joinder Fiscal Director; Jacque Miller – HealthChoices Director; Matthew Wood – CYS Clinical Director; and Jon Dewald- Joinder Solicitor.

Guests: Barbara Vanaskie – West Branch Drug & Alcohol Abuse Commission; Nicole Miele Knarr – Community Care Behavioral Health Organization; Sarah Santucci – Keystone Counseling; Wenda Butler – Clinton County Commissioners Office; and Casey Monaghan-Public Guest.

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board was Called to Order at 9:45 a.m. by Commissioner Snyder, Joinder Board President. Zoom/call in is available for today’s meeting and some guests were in attendance via this option.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Commissioner Mussina Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the minutes from the January 17, 2024, Joinder Board meeting as presented by staff.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024:

MH Amendment Agreements: FY 23-24

Mr. Wagner noted Robert Castellano provides mental health and suicide assessments for inmates at the Lycoming County Prison. Mr. Castellano only works a few days per week and the agency has since hired a full-time staff member to work within the prison. The decision was made to extend Mr. Castellano’s agreement to 03/31/2024 until the new hire can begin. Commissioner Russo Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the following Agreement Amendment pertaining to mental health services with the Lycoming-Clinton Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Program for the period 7/01/23 to 3/31/24:

- **Robert Castellano**
Agreement amendment to provide Mental Health and Suicide Assessments for inmates at the Lycoming County Prison In the amount of \$13,050.00; 7/01/23 to 3/31/24.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

Mental Health Services: FY 23-24

Mr. Wagner presented one agreement for mental health services with Salisbury Behavioral Health dba PAHrtners Deaf Services. This agreement is to provide long term residential services for a deaf client. This is a specialty service and is primarily paid for using funding from CHIP. Commissioner Russo Moved and Commissioner Mussina Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the following New Agreement pertaining to mental health services with the Lycoming-Clinton Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Program for the period 11/6/23 to 6/30/24:”

- **Salisbury Behavioral Health dba PAHrtners Deaf Services**
New Agreement for Long Term Residential Services \$88,103; 11/6/23 to 6/30/24.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

Intellectual Disability Services: FY 23-24

Mr. Wagner presented four renewal agreements for Intellectual Disability (ID) services. Commissioner Mussina Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the following Renewal Agreements pertaining to intellectual disability services with the Lycoming-Clinton Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Program for the period 7/1/23 to 6/30/24:”

- **Abilities In Motion**
Renewal Agreement to be Vendor Payer for Base Intellectual Disability Services \$1,500 (decrease of \$1,000); 7/1/23 to 6/30/24
- **Hope Enterprises, Inc.**
Renewal Agreement for Home and Community Habilitation, Supported Employment, and Other Services \$30,000 (decrease of \$28,500); 7/1/23 to 6/30/24
- **Onewell, LLC**
Renewal Agreement for Community Supports and Companion Services \$5,000 (decrease of \$100); 7/1/23 to 6/30/24
- **Pediatric Services of America, d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare**

*Renewal Agreement for Home and Community Habilitation
and Companion Services
\$1,500 (decrease of \$13,500); 7/1/23 to 6/30/24.”*

The Motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024:

Joinder

Keith Wagner presented an amended contract with Community Care Behavioral Health. This contract pertains to HealthChoices and has no significant changes from the prior year. Commissioner Russo Moved, and Commissioner Mussina Seconded a Motion to:

*“Approve the Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement
between the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board and the
Community Care Behavioral Health Organization for
managed care services for the period 1/1/24 to 12/31/24.”*

The Motion passed unanimously.

HEALTHCHOICES PRESENTATION

Jacque Miller, Health Choices Director, provided a HealthChoices overview presentation. The presentation materials are an attachment to these minutes (**Attachment A**).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Monaghan indicated he would like to make some public comments. He expressed concerns regarding the income limits set for MAWD. He also offered some comments that focused on personnel matters for the Board’s consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.** at the Sharwell Building in Williamsport, PA.

With no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith A. Wagner, Executive Director
Joinder Board Secretary


Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board **Behavioral Health Choices**

Overview

February 2024 Joinder Board Meeting



HealthChoices (HC) Role:

- HealthChoices is responsible for Oversight of the dollars allocated for Behavioral Health services, including Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services for citizens that have Medicaid in Lycoming and Clinton counties.
 - Under the program, counties are required to ensure high quality care and timely access to appropriate mental health and drug and alcohol services and facilitate effective coordination with other needed services. The HealthChoices Behavioral Health Program was implemented statewide on July 1, 2007.
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Summary of roles:



Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS)

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's mandatory Medicaid managed care program, called HealthChoices (HC), is the largest Medicaid program administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and consists of three components. The Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) administers two components: the Physical Health Program and the HealthChoices Enrollment Assistance Program. The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) oversees the third component, the Behavioral Health Program that provides mental health and substance abuse treatment services.

Lycoming/Clinton Behavioral HealthChoices

HealthChoices (HC) is considered the Primary Contractor (PC) and holds the contract with OMHSAS and complete responsibility for the program. HC includes 5 primary staff. HealthChoices also supervises the CASSP Coordinator. The HealthChoices program, overall, is then administered by the Commissioners of the Joinder.

Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization (BH-MCO) (CCBH)

OMHSAS requires that the PC has a downstream contract with a BH-MCO and HC, through a procurement process, chose CCBH. Through this contractual process, CCBH reports back to HC around requirements detailed in the contract such as claims processing, member outreach, quality and care management. In turn, HC staff is responsible for Oversight of the MCO and reviews the work that is being done by CCBH to be sure that they are reaching the outlined goals and requirements. We partner in many ways with CCBH, but at the end of the day, HC as the PC is responsible to make decisions and direct services. We are required to follow all state and federal mandates, but within that framework, there is a lot of local choice.

PROVIDERS

Providers contract directly with CCBH, so many of the day-to-day activities flow through CCBH. HC has overall oversight and direction of the contracts. A provider can and should reach out to HC at any time that they feel that there are barriers to providing services. CCBH and HC then partner together to work on the barriers and HC is routinely in contact with Providers.



Medical Assistance (Medicaid) General Eligibility Requirements

You must meet income, resources (in some cases), and other eligibility requirements to be eligible for Medical Assistance. One of the “other eligibility” requirements includes persons with Disabilities. A disability is any condition of the body or mind (impairment) that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities (activity limitation) and interact with the world around them (participation restrictions).

Medical Assistance (MA), also known as Medicaid or MA, pays for health care services for eligible individuals. This includes Mental Health/Substance Use Services.

Lycoming/Clinton Behavioral HealthChoices (LCBHC) pays for Medicaid (MA) Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) costs for residents of Lycoming and Clinton Counties that are enrolled with the Managed Care Organization (MCO) selected by LCBHC. The name of the MCO is Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH).

Financial Information:

- The Lycoming-Clinton HealthChoices program has a budget of around 61.1 million dollars and those funds come directly to HC. The funds are completely made up of State dollars and there is not a county match. Also, use of the funds is restricted to services for citizens of Lycoming or Clinton County who have Medicaid and have the CCBH benefit as determined through the local county assistance offices.
- Of those dollars in 2023, 20% went back to the State as required for MCO assessment, 0.6% went as payments to CBCM. Of the remaining dollars, 67.6% went directly to providers, 2.4% was used for HC administration, 8.4% covered CCBH administration and claims processing, 0.8% CCBH incentive award, and the remaining 0.2% will be used for reinvestment programs and to increase risk and contingency.
- CCBH holds most of the risk. In a worst-case scenario, HC has an account which holds Risk and Contingency funds. If claims come in above the risk threshold set for CCBH, these funds can be used. There is little, if any, risk to the Counties.

Year-over-year Income Statement comparison (CY 2021 vs. CY 2022)

LCHC IS History - CY 2021 to CY 2023			
	2023 Actual	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
Gross Revenue/Capitation	61,066,882	62,116,874	60,165,881
MCO Assessment Expense	(12,196,808)	(12,201,998)	(11,423,268)
Community Based Care Mgmt (CBCM)	(364,181)	(365,003)	(341,524)
Net Revenue	48,505,893	49,549,872	48,401,090
<i>Breakdown of Net Revenue:</i>			
CCBH Admin Revenue	4,074,495	4,211,739	4,114,093
LCHC Admin Revenue	1,261,153	1,238,747	1,210,027
Claims Revenue	43,170,245	44,099,386	43,076,970
Net Revenue	48,505,893	49,549,872	48,401,090
Miscellaneous Income	882,148	290,221	19,060
IMD Recoupment Expense	-	-	-
TOTAL Revenue	49,388,041	49,840,093	48,420,149
Claims Expenses			
Inpatient Psychiatric	5,433,220	5,173,262	5,094,579
Inpatient D&A	77,658	105,420	39,746
Non-Hospital	6,113,004	5,144,476	4,147,508
Outpatient Psych	7,523,411	6,265,454	5,399,747
Outpatient D&A	4,736,462	4,431,530	3,970,113
BHRS	6,700,462	5,569,250	4,916,384
RTF JCAHO	1,350,298	1,026,320	927,315
RTF Non-JCAHO	428,227	687,670	587,298
Ancillary	8,985	3,388	3,654
Community Support	3,832,592	3,548,753	3,318,172
Other	6,574,774	10,101,455	12,736,294
TOTAL Claims Expense	42,779,093	42,056,978	41,140,810
CCBH Incentive Expense	391,152	1,159,812	1,210,056
Total Net Claims Revenue/Loss	-	882,596	726,104
<i>CCBH Admin Expense</i>	<i>4,074,495</i>	<i>4,211,739</i>	<i>4,114,093</i>
<i>Joinder Personnel Expense</i>	<i>579,470</i>	<i>542,513</i>	<i>497,858</i>
<i>Joinder Operating Expense</i>	<i>627,391</i>	<i>345,363</i>	<i>274,234</i>
TOTAL HCLC Admin Expenses	1,206,861	887,876	772,092
LCHC Total Gain/(Loss)	936,440	1,523,688	1,183,099

What's next?

- The next time that we present information to this group, we plan to share information concerning the rich array of mental health and substance use disorder services available for adults and children and the challenges that exist in both counties.
- We are always happy to get input from Joinder Board members and attendees as we are fully invested in the success of the HC program.



Questions?