

**COUNTY OF**



**ALLEGHENY**

**RICH FITZGERALD**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

Meeting of the  
Mental Health/Intellectual Disability  
Advisory Board  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023  
4:30- 6:00pm  
Microsoft Teams

Present:

Board Members: Christine Michaels, Barbara Wolvovitz,  
Laurie Levine, Maria Silva

Staff Present: Brenda Bulkoski, Melissa Medice, Leah  
Bailey, Colleen Sokira

- I. Call to Order & Introductions: This meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm
- II. Board Business
  - a. May 2023- Minutes approved
- III. MH Updates – Melissa Medice provided updates on the BH Fellows program. BH Fellows continues to take applications for “new staff” with future cohorts to include existing staff. Allegheny County DHS is currently searching for a new director for the Office of Behavioral Health. Maria Silva commented on the forum held by DHS to gather was a positive experience for stakeholders.

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- IV. ID Updates – Brenda Bulkoski provide an update on ARPA funding. FDSS allow for \$2,000 per family for respite, recreation, therapies, homemaker/chore services. Over \$292,745 has been authorized thru May 5, 2023 for over 174 individuals. Brenda Bulkoski invited the board to the START Program Launch on 7/18/23. Brenda Bulkoski review PA ODP pursuit of 2 statewide selective contracting waivers for Residential Services (Residential Habilitation, Supported Living, Life Sharing) and Supports Coordination. 5% of statewide licensed providers are on a provisional or revoked license with impacts 300 homes and 900 individuals. Selective Contracting allows ODP to improve the quality of services. Work groups are scheduled 6/26/23, 8/16/23, 8/26/23. Waiver amendments in November 2023 for Special Health assessment and coordination will allow community homes to bill for remote support equipment. Language is being proposed for Waiver Needs group 5.
- V. Announcements- minutes and agendas will be sent via email and via Govenda. If you need assistance with access please reach out to Colleen
- VI. Adjournments

Next Public Meeting:

\*\*\*Joint meeting with Drug and Alcohol Council\*\*\*

Wednesday September 13, 2023 4:30pm

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