



PACHSA Fall Conference
November 1 and 2, 2017
TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks and Introductions
Karen Bennett, PACHSA President
Green County Human Services Administrator

9:10 a.m. Legislative Panel
Michael Cortez, Executive Director (Confirmed)
Clarissa Freeman, Democratic Executive Director (Invited)

With so much attention in the past year to the Department of Human Services as a result of the Governor's proposal to consolidate state agencies, legislative committee staff spent countless hours in public hearings taking comments on the operations of state government in this service delivery area. Despite that major effort, the committee play a key role in the day to day policy process in Harrisburg, especially around programs and funding for important human services supports. Mike and Clarissa will share an insiders' perspective on what may be on the agenda in the near future.

10:00 a.m. Department of Human Services Update
The Honorable Teresa Miller, Secretary, Department of Human Services, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Invited)

The Governor has announced the nomination of Teresa Miller to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Human Services. Secretary Ted Dallas will be transferring to duties in the Executive Office, according to information released by the Governor. Secretary Miller has been asked to share her perspectives on the partnership with county human services as she takes the helm of this key department

11:00 a.m. Elder Justice Task Force
The Honorable Paula Ott, Superior Court Judge, Chair of the Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts (Confirmed)
The Honorable Teresa Osborne, Secretary of the Department of Aging (Confirmed)

The Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts was established to advise the Office of Elder Justice in the Courts regarding the implementation of [the Elder Law Task Force's Report and Recommendations](#). The Advisory Council was created by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania based on a recommendation from the Elder Law Task Force. The Task Force was charged with reviewing current practices and problems in the areas of guardianship, elder abuse and neglect, and access to justice; examining promising practices in other states; and delivering a blueprint of recommendations to address the needs and challenges of the Commonwealth's aging population. Its work focused on how

courts can address the particular concerns regarding elders and also be proactive about addressing the growing population of elders in the Commonwealth's court system. Much interaction occurs with county human services administration. Judge Ott and Secretary Osborne will present on the report and the many intersections with county human services and the effort to get the task force recommendations implemented.

- Noon** **Lunch with Roundtable Discussion – Education and Training needs of members – what can PACHSA do better to support you?**
- 1:30 p.m.** **EPIS center – Tools to Help Navigate within a Constantly Changing Delivery System**
Phyllis Law, Assistant Director, Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center (EPISCenter)
Prevention is being smothered by the need to navigate through a constantly changing environment and the need to stay at the table as a key player while the system is in crisis mode. How do you use data and your internal system to make the various parts and partners come together for effective delivery? How do you build the capacity to increase the agency's ability to serve the increasing client load? How do you identify who can be helpful to you along the way? This session will be dedicated to helping administrators navigate through the constantly changing human services system by offering best practices for building strategic partnerships for human services delivery. The Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center (EPISCenter) represents a collaborative partnership between the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), and the Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center, College of Health and Human Development, Penn State University, with funding and support from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS).
- 2:45 p.m.** **Transportation Issues at PennDot**
Toby Fauver, Deputy Secretary for Inter-Modal Transportation (invited)
Counties work with PennDot in service delivery under the SharedRide program. This session will offer an opportunity to receive updates on recent developments or upcoming plans.
- 3:45 p.m.** **Working with Foundations to Leverage Projects**
Joni Schwager, Executive Director, Staunton Farms Foundation (invited)
Pamela Tokar-Ickes, Director Somerset Community Funds, Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and former Somerset County Commissioner (confirmed)
This session presents an opportunity for counties to learn more about working with foundations to collaborate on meeting local human services needs. Foundations are also interested in learning about ways to work with associations like PACHSA and county staff to extend their reach.
- 4:45 pm** **Meeting Adjourned for Thursday**
- 6 p.m.** **Networking Dinner – Susquehanna Harvest Restaurant**
(Please see the flyer in your packet)

Thursday

8:00 – 9:30 am – PACHSA Board Meeting

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:40 a.m. PACHSA Membership Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Presidents Report

Treasurers Report

Nominations and Board Elections

Updates:

- Housing task force
- Transportation task force
- Meetings and education task force

Bylaws changes ratification

Policy Updates

Annual Report

11:00 a.m. Children and Youth Recruitment and Retention

The Honorable Linda Cordaro, Fayette County, Co-Chair Caseworker Retention Workgroup

Shara B Saviekis, Administrator, Westmoreland County Children's Bureau, Co-Chair Caseworker Retention Workgroup Christy Stanek, Judicial Analyst (All confirmed)

In May 2015, following concerns raised throughout Leadership Roundtables, the State Roundtable convened the Caseworker Retention Workgroup to examine its impact on the dependency system. An impressive 38 professionals representing dependency court, child welfare, county and state entities, met over the following year. The panelists will share findings of the state caseworker recruitment and retention workgroup on the impact of turnover on child welfare.

12:15 Networking lunch with roundtable – Rural delivery challenges, urban delivery challenges

1:15 p.m. Community Healthchoices MCO Panel

Patricia Wright, Vice President of Managed Long-Term Services and Supports.

Amerihealth Caritas (invited)

Joshua Sloop, Centene (invited)

Raymond Prushnok, Associate Vice President, Community Health Choices, UPMC (invited)

This panel will provide attendees with an opportunity to get to know key statewide executives responsible Community Health Choices for the managed care entities chosen to serve Pennsylvania clients.

2:30 p.m. Concluding Discussion

3:00 p.m. Prize Drawings, Closing Remarks and Adjournment