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MAX ASSOCIATION UPDATE

MAY 2019

Advocacy & Policy Committee

The MAX Advocacy and Policy Committee hosted two legislative breakfasts in April. One for Delaware County legislators, agencies, families and individuals. The other was for Bucks and Montgomery county legislators, providers and families and individuals. There were over 70 registrants for the Delaware County breakfast and over 100 for the Bucks and Montgomery breakfast. The audience was a combination of agency staff, families and individuals and legislators or their staff.

Our four panelists did an awesome job presenting on the four focus areas of both breakfasts. These agenda items were:

- ▶ The workforce crisis
- ▶ Payment rates for early intervention and in home support services
- ▶ Preserving the Carve Out for Behavioral Health services
- ▶ A call for Regulatory Reform in PA

Many of the legislators in attendance spoke out in support of our issues.

Thanks to Senator Haywood and Representatives Krueger, Quinn, DiGirolamo, Toepel, and Bradford for co-hosting the breakfasts with MAX.

Thanks to Melmark in their gracious support of helping host the Delaware county breakfast.

Thanks to the MAX membership for getting staff, families and individuals to attend.

As a result, MAX expects some interest in the DSP for a Day program where a legislator shadows a DSP for a block of time to get a good perspective of the scope of what they do. As requests are received, MAX would like a list of members who are interested in participating in this so we can match the legislator with a DSP in their district. Please let Diane Conway Dconway@MaxAssociation.org know if you are interested in hosting a legislator for the DSP for a Day Program.

The Advocacy and Policy committee plays a critical role in developing and leading our legislative and policy strategies. We strongly urge each MAX member to take advantage of this and have a representative from your organization join this committee. The Committee meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10am. The next meeting of this committee is May 29th at 10am. Call in option is available. Please see attached schedule of all 2019 committee meeting dates. Any MAX member interested in joining the Advocacy and Policy committee, please contact Diane Conway at Dconway@MaxAssociation.org



Conference Committee

After taking a break in April, the conference committee is back to work in May analyzing feedback from the 2019 conference and beginning plans for the 2020 conference. It's a great time to jump on board for anyone interested.

The committee welcomes new member, Tina Jorett from Access Services. New committee members are always welcome. We are encouraging MAX members to join the committee and add their talents to our conference. The committee meets the first Thursday of every month. Call in option is available. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Diane Conway at Dconway@MaxAssociation.org

Behavioral Health Committee

CALL TO ACTION

The MAX Behavioral Health committee meets quarterly with OMHSAS licensing staff. They want to hear your questions, concerns, and suggestions about licensing. MAX meeting with the licensing staff is an excellent venue to have an ongoing dialog and a voice to improve licensing practices from both the provider and the regulator perspective.

MAX can only be successful and get results in this effort if we hear from the membership.

In this regard, the committee has developed a very brief (five question) survey. Click this link to complete it. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LC7GDWW>

No one agency will be identified or its individual results shared. All information from the survey will be shared in the aggregate and a collective picture will be presented.

So please take five minutes to complete this survey. We ask you to complete it by May 10.

Call for Change Listening Sessions

There are two days of listening sessions for the Call for Change. The Call to Change was a guiding document developed by DHS in 2005. They are revisiting this document to update and revise it. These listening sessions are your opportunity to voice any feedback about this document and the revisions you would like to see. The document can be found at <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/parecovery/guildingprinciples/callforchange/index.htm>

ID/DD Committee

The ID/DD Committee continues to host discussion, training and informational sessions on topics of importance to the MAX membership. The committee is currently working on a series of discussion sessions:

Unwrapping the 6100 Regulations. We are and have been awaiting a clean copy of the regulations before we proceed with these sessions. The most updated anticipated promulgation of the regulations is now mid to end of May. Please stay tuned for these upcoming MAX sessions.

Please contact Diane Conway at Dconway@Maxassociation.org with topics of concern you would like the committee to discuss.

Assisted Outpatient Treatment

Many of the counties "opted out" of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT). This rekindles interest in the current regulations which seem to be ineffective. This will be an agenda item for discussion at next month's committee meeting.

Pennsylvania Mental Health Planning Council

The PA Mental Health Planning Council is an advisory body to OMHSAS for the future direction of services. It meets quarterly and is open to the public.

The next meeting of the PA Mental Health Planning Council is:

Tuesday May 28 | 10-3

**Child Welfare Resource Center
403 Winding Hill Road
Mechanicsburg, PA**

For more information call:
717-772-7900

New committee members are welcome. This committee meets the third Wednesday of every month. Call in option is available. Any MAX member interested in joining the Behavioral Health committee, please contact Diane Conway at Dconway@Maxassociation.org. The next meeting of the committee is May 15th at 10am

MAX Website

It's here!!!! The newly revised MAX website is up and running.

Please visit

www.MaxAssociation.org

to visit. Feedback can be submitted to Diane Conway at Dconway@MaxAssociation.org

Recruitment and Retention Workgroup

The newly re-established MAX Recruitment and Retention workgroup has met for the fourth time. The discussion focused primarily on recruitment. Members of the workgroup shared many different techniques for their recruitment and retention efforts. This workgroup will continue its bi-monthly meetings for the next couple of months. The expected outcome will be sharing best practices for both recruitment and retention challenges, data and strategies.

It is not too late to jump on board this workgroup. We welcome any MAX member who would like to participate. Please contact Diane Conway @ Dconway@MAXassociation.org if interested. Next meeting is June 7 at 10am.

Voter Education Center Project

The Advocacy and Policy Committee continues to work on establishing a MAX voter information center in each MAX member location. We displayed a prototype at the last two membership meetings. Our hope is that it will help highlight the importance of and disseminate information about voting within each MAX member organization. Please contact Diane Conway at Dconway@MaxAssociation.org or Gerry Gonzalez at Ggonzalez@cgrc.org if your organization is interested in establishing a voter education center.



MAX PA VOTER EDUCATION CENTER

2019 MAX Membership Meetings

MAX rescheduled the April 3 membership meeting due to some changes in OMHSAS personnel who were to present to the MAX membership. The new date for this rescheduled membership meeting is May 22 at 9am.

Please see the speaker line up below:

- ▶ **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**
Special Guest speakers:
Dr. Usman, Medical Director, OMHSAS
Mark Davis, CEO, PAR

- ▶ **Wednesday, July 10, 2019**
(Church on the Mall)
Special Guest speaker:
Kristin Ahrens, Deputy Secretary, ODP)

- ▶ **Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

MAX PREFERRED PURCHASING PARTNERS

MAX has arranged exclusive deals with our preferred purchasing partners, so I urge you to take advantage of these deals. Below is information about our preferred partners.

Brown and Brown Insurance

John Ehresman at Jehresman@bbinslv.com | 610-694-1884

Brown and Brown is one of the biggest risk management and insurance services companies specializing in organizational needs in the human services sector. Mention to John you are a MAX member.

Devon Consulting

Joel Adams at 610-639-7400 | Joel@JoelAAdams.com

Devon Consulting provides executive coaching services to senior executives. They assist senior managers to increase personal and organizational efficiency and remain laser focus on organizational mission.

Holiday Inn Lansdale

Casey Giblin at casey@holidayinnlansdale.com | 267-646-1005

Holiday Inn provides great accommodations for your next event. MAX has held our annual conference and legislative breakfast there to the delight of everyone. They will also provide overnight rooms for those times when you have emergency evacuations of your residential services. Finally, the Holiday Inn hosts events for the community which MAX members are invited to attend. Just mention to Casey you are a MAX member to get your special event and overnight room rates.

Interstate Fleet Services

Ken "The Pretzel Man" Margraff at Kenm@interstatefleets.com | 610-292-6000

Interstate Fleet Services is a full service fleet management company. They will assist you with purchases, retrofitting, staff training, maintenance, fleet management and much more. They go a step above and pick up and deliver vehicles for service, while providing a loaner – even a wheelchair van. Incredible service at your fingertips. Just mention to Ken you are a MAX member to get your special rates.

PCS LLC

Matt Blatz at mblatz@helpmepcs.com | 856-596-4446

PCS LLC is an IT managed services company and help desk support provider headquartered in Moorestown, NJ. With over 115 full time team members, PCS manages clients with networks from a variety of sizes and complexities. With our substantial technical workforce, we have the ability to scale our services to meet the needs of your organization and budget. PCE can also be a great support to your already existing IT department.

Sprint Works

Contact Natalya Kasha for more details at Natalya.Kasha@sprint.com | 588-370-0883

This program not only offers special discounted wireless corporate rates to MAX members, but also drills deeper and gives each staff member of a MAX member organization discounts as well. Mention you are a MAX member.

Work Place Central

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Work Place Central covers all your office needs: office supplies, office furniture, coffee and breakroom essentials, facility supplies such as janitorial items, safety products, printing, packing and shipping as well as promotional items. Just tell Jerry or Rick you are a MAX member.

If there are any vendors you use that could potentially become a MAX preferred purchasing partner, please contact Diane Conway at Dconway@MaxAssociation.org.