

SWPA Provider Advisory Council

VBH-PA, in collaboration with the nine HealthChoices counties of Southwestern PA, has an eighteen (18) member Provider Advisory Council comprised of two providers nominated from each of the counties. As a body with equal representation from each county, the Council's mission is to focus on issues and seek resolutions in an expeditious and effective manner. Beaver County, Fayette County, Greene County and Southwest Behavioral Health Management HealthChoices Administrators and their Account Executives, as well as the VBH-PA Member and Provider Services Director are also invited to participate in the Provider Advisory Council as non-voting members. Derald R. Walker, VBH-PA CEO, chairs the Council. The Council Co-chairs, elected from the provider participants, are Michael Quinn, CEO of Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc. and Selma Tansey, Executive Director of Washington Communities MH/MR.

The Council determines the agenda items that they wish to consider. Examples are:

- The review and development of Policies and Procedures pertaining to provider network involvement.
- Provider Forums.
- Effective communication between VBH-PA and providers.
- Provider profiling.
- Claims processing.
- The role and responsibilities of PE&O.

The members of the Council are as follows:

Members Name	Title	Agency/Facility Represented	County Represented
David Shaffer	Executive Director	Family Counseling Center	Armstrong
Jill Pless	Assistant Director	Arc Manor	Armstrong
Adele Hathaway	Case Management Coordinator	UPMC Beaver Valley	Beaver
Kenneth Ramsey	President/CEO	Gateway Rehabilitation Center	Beaver
Shirley Hignet	Executive Director	Irene Stacy Community MH	Butler
Lydia Lechliter	Clinical Director	Ellen O'Brien Gaiser Center	Butler
Michael Quinn	CEO	Chestnut Ridge Counseling	Fayette
Carole Stern	Licensed Psychologist	Connellsville Counseling Center	Fayette
Ann Gaydos	Director of MH	Centerville Clinics	Greene
Robert Mt. Joy	CEO	Cornerstone Care	Greene
Ann Williams	CEO	Indiana County Guidance Center	Indiana
King Stumpp	Executive Director	The Open Door	Indiana
Dennis Nebel	Executive Director	Human Services Center	Lawrence
Georgia Ross	Director of Partial & Clinical Supervisor of Social Services	Jameson Hospital (South Campus)	Lawrence
Selma Tansey	Executive Director	Washington Communities MH/MR	Washington
Holly Martin	COO	Greenbriar Treatment Center	Washington
Lynette Emerick	Group Manager Behavioral Health	Westmoreland Regional Hospital	Westmoreland
Timothy Merlin	Executive Director	Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc.	Westmoreland
Gerard Mike	Administrator	Beaver County MH/MR	Beaver
Lisa Ferris-Kusniar	Administrator	Fayette County MH/MR	Fayette
David McAdoo	Executive Director	Southwest Behavioral Health Mgt.	SW-6 Counties