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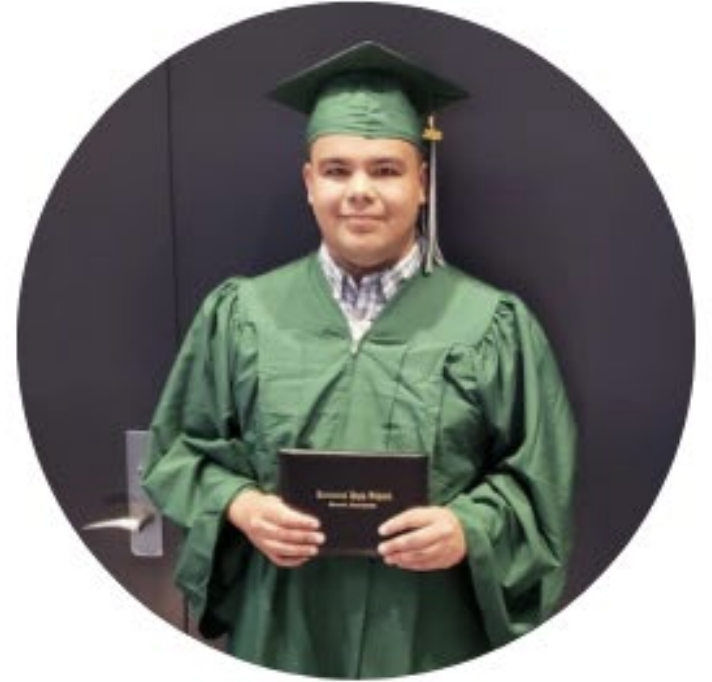
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# PA Stakeholder Meeting State Advocacy Updates

December 2, 2025



# Derick's story ignites a national advocacy effort



# State Advocacy Work

Goal 1: Identify a state “champion” for the bleeding disorders community in the state government.

## Goal 2: Map the state's regulatory landscape.

Goal 2: Determine next steps for advocacy in the state.



# Pennsylvania Phase I Scorecard 2025



# Pennsylvania

Goal	Progress	Details
1. Conduct two meetings with state agency officials (4 completed), including meeting with State Medicaid	Complete	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting with Dr. Kelley, Chief Medical Officer for the PA DHS Office of Medical Assistance Programs (Medicaid) on 4/30. <b>COMPLETE.</b> On 5/7 Dr. Kelley responded that he will forward our email to OMHSAS and DDAP for review.</li> <li>2. Meeting (in-person) with Senator Carolyn Committa, 5/21 at 10am ET. <b>COMPLETE.</b> Staffers agreed to help us get contact info for OMHSAS.</li> <li>3. Meeting with DDAP on 5/28. <b>COMPLETE.</b> Kara sent f/u email on 5/28 asking for:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Help with exclusion criteria: Jodi shares that exclusions for IVs in SUD isn't common</li> <li>b. Info about symposium in November</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Meeting with DDAP on 7/3 with Jodi Skiles and Sue Duff. <b>COMPLETE.</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sarah will send a f/u to Jodi re: SCA contacts and OMHSAS contact. Last email from Jodi on 8/4. Kellie Mainzer, contact at OMHSAS, is no longer there.</li> <li>b. Sarah will send a f/u to Erica Nocho, oversees SCAs, re: scheduling a meeting and a list of facilities in each SCA.</li> <li>c. Sarah will send a f/u to Michelle (<a href="mailto:mdenk@pacounties.org">mdenk@pacounties.org</a>), coordinator of SCA Association, re: scheduling a meeting and a list of facilities in each SCA. Jodi sent email to Michelle on 8/4. Sarah last emailed Michelle on 8/7.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
2. Identify a champion within a state agency	Complete for SUD  In progress for MH	<p><b>SUD: Jodi Skiles</b> (<a href="mailto:joskiles@pa.gov">joskiles@pa.gov</a>), Director of DDAP Bureau Program Licensure, has offered to be a potential champ. Jodi recommends that in the event of a denial, first contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>1 800 622 4357 (HELP) Hotline</b></li> <li>2. <b>Single County Authorities (SCAs).</b> They are the local entities that support the SUD for their counties. Erica Nocho oversees them: <a href="mailto:enocho@pa.gov">enocho@pa.gov</a></li> </ol>



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3. Map the landscape	In progress	<a href="#">State barriers summary chart</a> - draft, still need info on inpatient MH regs MH: <a href="#">MH facility regs</a> - still in draft form SUD: <a href="#">DDAP presentation/reg slides</a>
4. Collect 2-3 exclusion criteria (1 collected)	In progress	<a href="#">PA MH/SUD facilities for outreach</a> Kristine has a Director of Nursing contact and will ask about exclusion criteria <a href="#">Script for exclusion criteria calls</a> <a href="#">Exclusion criteria collected in PA</a> HOLD: <a href="#">Survey to collect additional exclusion criteria in PA</a> - still in draft form. Kristine sent thank you email on April 23 to Silver Pines and asked about connections w/ BH associations. <a href="#">Exclusion criteria collected across BD SUMHAC states</a>
5. Facility education /Identify champion facilities	In progress (2)	We've provided education sessions to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Silver Pines Treatment Center</b> (SUD) is willing to serve as a facility champion on calls with state agencies. No exclusions for IVs.</li> <li><b>Pyramid Healthcare Inc</b> (MH/SUD)                DDAP proposal not accepted, but flagged as an opportunity for training. We should hear back directly from the DDAP training section. Kit sent f/u on Nov. 4.</li> </ol>





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6. Determine next steps for state advocacy	In progress	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Other Advocacy Documents: <a href="#">internal cheat sheet</a> (draft) and <a href="#">step-by-step guide for HTC's</a> in event of a denial (draft)</li><li>2. Facility education: <a href="#">List of PA MH/SUD facilities</a></li></ol>
7. Determine future goals and support needs	In progress	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <a href="#">2026 plans checklist document</a></li></ol>



# Goals for 2026

- Complete PA landscape
- Meet with OMHSAS and SCA Coordinator
- Identify State Champion, MH
- Schedule facility education
- Create a 'roadmap' for HTC and patients





# Roadmap for Denials

- Step 1 – Getting mental health and substance use disorder treatment (Access Toolkit)
  - Crisis resources
  - Talking with a provider about treatment options
  - Preparing for a referral to inpatient/residential treatment
  - Discussing bleeding disorders with an inpatient/residential facility
- Step 2 – Responding to a denial with assistance from HTC (Provider Toolkit)
  - Support my patient's behavioral health
  - Build relationships with BH facilities
  - Make effective referrals to BH facilities
  - Take action after a denial of care
  - Partner with a BH facility during my patient's stay





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