

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee Meeting

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Updates



988 Suicide & Lifeline

- In-state answer rate of 89%
- Reminder: to view PA's in-state answer rate:
 - Go to https://988lifeline.org/our-network/
 - Click "Lifeline Network Crisis Centers"
 - Click the "State-based Monthly Reports" tab
 - Scroll to PA

Behavioral Health Council

- Meetings are underway focused on closing gaps, reducing barriers, and identifying near-term solutions
- Future meeting schedule and information about the council is posted on the website: https://www.governor.pa.gov/behavioral-health-council/

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Budget Updates

- \$15 million to support crisis intervention services
- \$5.8 million to support forensic community projects
- \$20 million to support community base funding
- \$100 million to support mental health in schools

Policy and Legislative Updates

- Crisis Regulations
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Regulations
- Upcoming stakeholder discussions on telehealth policy and regulations

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