

# Medical Assistance Advisory Committee Meeting

**February 23, 2023**

Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
Jen Smith, Deputy Secretary

- **Behavioral Health Commission**
- **Crisis Services**
- **Telehealth**
- **Capacity Building Institute**
- **County Funding Opportunity**

## Behavioral Health Commission

- No movement, but preparing for budget hearings

## Crisis Services

- Regulations are under review
- 988 legislation

## Telehealth

- DHS released a funding opportunity for providers of behavioral health telehealth services, designed to support eligible providers with investments in telehealth technology and training.
  - The opportunity can be found here: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Mental-Health-In-PA/Pages/OMHSAS-Information.aspx>
  - Please submit questions to: [RA-PWOMHSASTELEHLTH@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWOMHSASTELEHLTH@pa.gov)
- **What else do we need to know?**
  - How can we collaborate to support access and modernization?

## Capacity Building Institute

- Enhancing quality home and community-based services and supports for people with I/DD and behavioral health needs by helping professionals gain the skills necessary to support individuals with a dual diagnosis.

## County Funding Opportunity

- Designed to support the delivery of timely behavioral health crisis services.
- County mental health administrators can apply for funds to support collaboration and cooperation with crisis providers, municipal & regional police departments, 911 call centers, Fire/EMS and 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline centers.
- Applications and questions should be sent to: [RA-PWCRISISSRVSREGS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWCRISISSRVSREGS@pa.gov)