

## **Mayview Regional Service Area Plan Initiative Talking Points**

- The five area counties are working together on a regional service area plan as part of an effort to proactively review utilization of the state hospital and to ensure people receive services that support their personal goals by promoting recovery based community services and support.
- The Counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Greene, Lawrence and Washington are part of this planning effort.
- The process includes the participation of individuals who have used services, family members, providers, county administrators, and Mayview State Hospital representatives. It also includes representatives from the Department of Public Welfare Western Regional Field Office, Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH) and Value Behavioral Health – PA (VBH) (the managed care organizations operating the HealthChoices behavioral health program).
- The philosophy driving this planning process is based on the belief that people who have mental illness can and do recover from severe mental illness and can indeed lead productive lives. Following this recovery-based model will focus community mental health services in each county on meeting the needs of individuals. This person-centered approach to services is developed in accordance with evidence-based practices.
- A key component is the development of a financial model which will allow the expansion of community services and supports to ensure that individuals have support in their communities.
- Comprehensive, person centered information will be used to determine the array of services needed to help support clients in the community. In addition, family input and provider input will be an integral part of the process.
- The first phase for the project is to close 25 to 30 beds at Mayview State Hospital.
- The five counties have asked Allegheny HealthChoices, Inc. (AHCi) to facilitate the initiative. AHCi will coordinate planning meetings; conduct data collection and analysis, facilitate assessment and discharge planning activities; conduct a financial analysis and assist with the development of a financial plan; develop a Regional Service Area Plan and conduct research on new service models.
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