

Magellan's Forensic Care Manager participates in AOPC panel discussion in the Lehigh Valley

On November 13, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) hosted one of several statewide behavioral health-focused regional summits at the Lehigh County Government Center (six other summits were held between September-December). These summits are a key part of the [Behavioral Health in the Courts](#) initiative, led by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice, Kevin Dougherty. According to the AOPC website, each summit has the goal, "to strengthen partnerships between the judiciary, system partners, behavioral health providers and community stakeholders to improve outcomes for individuals with mental and behavioral health challenges who come into contact with the justice system."



For the Lehigh Valley summit, a part of the agenda was a panel discussion led by Drew Taylor, director of forensic services for Lehigh County. Joining Drew on this panel was Dr. Sarah Kinsch, PsyD, LPC, MFT, forensic care manager for the Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) team, Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania. The discussion allowed Dr. Kinsch to share the benefits for a Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization (BHMCO) to have a key point of contact who is supportive of the forensic system and is available for members to help enhance, expedite, and promote long-term care. Additional helpful points mentioned in Dr. Kinsch's remarks included:

- An overview of Magellan's ICC team.
- Regular attendance at Lehigh Forensic Familiar Faces Committee Meeting, SAVE Committee Meeting, Wellness Courts, and MISA creates improved integration with Lehigh County, courts, and providers.
- Magellan's specialty AUD creates an opportunity to share information with forensic entities.
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