PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND INTELLECTUAL disABILITY SERVICES

STRUCTURE AND OVERSIGHT

Overview

- $1.6B single-payer system operated by the City of Philadelphia
- Within DBHIDS there are seven divisions that oversee services for children, adults, and families
  - Intellectual disAbility Services (IDS) division managed services for 17,312, inclusive of Early Intervention in FY 2020
  - Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) managed services for 49,663 uninsured individuals in FY 2020
  - Community Behavioral Health (CBH) managed mental health and substance use services for Medicaid and had 735,387 members in CY 2019

HealthChoices

In 1997, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania introduced a new integrated and coordinated health care delivery system, known as HealthChoices, to provide health services to Medical Assistance members.

Two Service Components

Behavioral Health + Physical Health

State requires interaction & coordination between the separate plans

Members assigned a behavioral health plan based on their county

Counts ensure:
- High-quality care
- Timely access to services
- Links to other needed services

Funding Stream

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania → Department of Human Services → City of Philadelphia → DBHIDS → Community Behavioral Health

Community Behavioral Health

- The only county in Pennsylvania that opted to create its own Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization
- 501(c)3 organization with a Board of Directors controlled by Philadelphia County
- Keeps administrative costs very low - less than 7%
- Does not retain any assets or benefits; all monies saved are available for City of Philadelphia reinvestment opportunities
- Reinvestment opportunities advance the system in priority areas, e.g. Adult Substance Use Partial Hospitalization Program and Children's Mobile Crisis Services

183,211 individuals served annually by DBHIDS

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