



AGENDA

Public Hearing: Youth Mental Health and Pennsylvania Rural Schools

October 19, 2022 - 8:30 A.M.

Main Capitol Building, Room 8E-B, Harrisburg, PA

- 8:30 A.M.** **Welcome and Call to Order**
Senator Gene Yaw, Chairman, Center for Rural Pennsylvania
- 8:35 A.M.** **Panel 1: State initiatives to address youth mental health in rural communities**
- Michael D. Pennington, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
 - Dr. Dana Milakovic, Mental Wellness and Trauma Specialist, Office for Safe Schools, Pennsylvania Department of Education
- 9:00 A.M.** **Panel 2: Intermediate unit and school-level perspectives on youth mental health**
- Dr. Bernadette Boerckel, Chief Outreach Officer, Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit
 - Dr. Erich May, Superintendent, Brookville Area School District
- 9:25 A.M.** **Panel 3: Healthcare providers addressing youth mental health concerns**
- Michael Hopkins, President and CEO, Children's Service Center of the Wyoming Valley (via Zoom)
 - Dawn Zieger, Associate Vice President, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, Geisinger Health System
 - Jody McCloud Missmer, Network Administrator, Behavioral Health, YESS! School-Based Therapy Program at St. Luke's University Health Network
 - Amie Allanson-Dundon, Network Director for Clinical Therapy Services, YESS! School-Based Therapy Program at St. Luke's University Health Network
- 9:55 A.M.** **Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**
Please note: Agenda is tentative and subject to change.
- Written Testimony Submissions:**
- *Sally Walker, Chief Executive Officer, Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pennsylvania*
 - *Scott Talley, Director, Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Human Services*