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Update for 2016

Penn Foundation Named Opioid Treatment Center of Excellence

Penn Foundation has been named an Opioid Treatment Centers of Excellence in Pennsylvania. This means that Penn Foundation will serve as a “health home” for Medicaid patients seeking opioid addiction treatment, providing integrated substance abuse, mental health, and physical health care to ensure individuals receive a holistic approach to treatment that promotes recovery.

On August 5th, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf held a press conference at Penn Foundation to celebrate this designation and to discuss the investment made in the 2016-2017 budget to address the opioid epidemic. "Our health system is not dealing with this plague effectively," said Gov. Wolf. "We need to treat the physical addiction while simultaneously treating the unique, underlying causes for the addiction within each sufferer."

"Penn Foundation has always strived to provide holistic, coordinated care to those impacted by substance use and mental health issues, offering them the support they need in their recovery," says Wayne Mugrauer, Penn Foundation CEO. "We look forward to working with the state to help transform the service delivery system, especially amidst public health concerns regarding the increasing rates of opioid dependency."



Penn Foundation CEO Wayne Mugrauer (second from right) poses with Governor Wolf (center) and (left to right) State Representatives Craig Staats, Robert Godshall, and Marcy Toepel.

Creating Integrated, Accessible Care

In partnership with Tandigm Health, Penn Foundation developed a Depression screening that serves as a clear guideline for primary care physicians in determining when it would be appropriate to refer a patient to a mental health specialist. Penn Foundation has piloted this screening with physicians at the Pennridge and Franconia TriValley Primary Care offices with encouraging results.

Penn Foundation has also partnered with Bucks County Children and Youth Services to place a Mobile Engagement Services (MES) worker at the Children and Youth office to help children struggling with addiction issues and their families. "Our MES professional works with these children and their families to develop strategies to motivate the child to engage in and stay in substance abuse treatment," says Gordon Hornig, MSW, LSW, Director of the MES program.

Penn Foundation Receives Substance Abuse Prevention Grant

Penn Foundation received a grant from the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. to provide substance abuse prevention awareness and education to Bucks County school districts, clergy, physicians, and communities.