



DMHAS Information from Quarterly Provider Meeting December 11, 2025

Today's slide deck will be posted here:

<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/information/provider/>

Rapid Referral Platform for Low Threshold Medication Access for Opioid Use Disorder

Kerry Griffin, MPA, CPS, Deputy Director, Office of Opioid Response and Policy, NJ Dept. of Health

Wound Care

Dr. Joseph D'Orazio, MD, FAAEM, FACMT, FASAM, FCPP, Cooper Center for Healing, Addiction Medicine & Medical Toxicology, Department of Emergency Medicine, Cooper University Health Care

Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Update

Shanique McGowan Power, LCSW, NJ Division of Medical Assistance & Health Services Behavioral Health Program Manager

DMHAS Chief Financial Officer Gordon Horvath provided an update on DMHAS fiscal matters

including the status of contract renewals, harm reduction attestations in contract, and the timing of fiscal awards.

DMHAS Updates

David Helfand, DMHAS Deputy Assistant Commissioner

Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Helfand provided an update on training made available by DMHAS.

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Office of the Medical Director has been officially approved as an Education Provider through NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals. As part of this initiative, we are launching a monthly web-based learning series featuring 1-hour live trainings, each eligible for 1 NAADAC-approved Continuing Education (CE) credit at no cost.

Our sessions will cover a wide range of topics relevant to:

- Define Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- Describe the role of Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) in the continuum of care
- Identify the most medications used in OTPs
- Understand how recent regulatory changes have impacted access to OTP programming

Link to register for the DMHAS training on OTPs:

Link to register: <https://dmhas.dhs.state.nj.us/cme/register>

Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Helfand provided an update on the State of Mental Health America

The [State of Mental Health in America 2025](#) published by Mental Health America (MHA) provides a state-level snapshot of mental health across the U.S., covering both adults and youth — measuring how many people have mental health or substance-use challenges, and how many have access to care (insurance, mental health services, provider availability). NJ ranked 3 overall in this publication

[State-of-Mental-Health-2025.pdf](#)

**QPM Dates in 2026
3/12, 6/11, 9/10 & 12/10**