



## UPMC POLICY and GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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### What We Do

- Advance UPMC's mission and strategic objectives
- Highlight UPMC's clinical and research excellence
- Promote and support all UPMC hospitals
- Cultivate relationships with elected officials
- Provide support for those who support us
- Anticipate and manage legislative developments/regulatory issues
- Add to UPMC's bottom line

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## Who We Are

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Scott Baker- Vice President, Chief Government Relations Officer

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Ryan Yuhas- Sr. Director, Federal Government Relations

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## Who We Care About

U.S. Congress

PA General Assembly

Governor Wolf and Cabinet Officials

City and County Officials

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

American Hospital Association

Hospital Association of PA

National Council of Behavioral Health

National Association for Behavioral Health

White House Office Nat'l Drug Control Policy



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## Western BH Legislative Committee

- Dr. Loren H. Roth, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh; Consultant, UPMC, WPH
- Dr. Ken Nash, Faculty Physician/Research, WPH Chief of Clinical Service
- Dr. Noreen Fredrick, VP Ambulatory and Community BHS
- Dr. Cami Herisko, CNO, VP of Operations and Patient Care Services
- Tammy Marsico, Dir. Clinical Care Services (Child)
- Dr. Abby Schlesinger, Faculty Physician and Associate Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Dr. Jody Glance, Faculty Physician, Dir. Addiction Services
- Laurie Jones, Sr. Dir. Public Policy/Community Education
- Dr. Jen Beckjord, Sr. Dir. Clinical Services
- Carol VanZile, Dir. BH Regulatory/Compliance Accreditation
- Dr. Jack Rozel, Faculty Physician, resolve Crisis
- Jeff Magil, Mgr. Emergency Preparedness
- Dr. Kurt Ackerman, Faculty Physician, Senior Advisor for Psychosomatic Medicine
- James Wyler, Director of Operations, Ambulatory and Community BHS
- Dr. Mandy Fauble, Executive Director, Safe Harbor Behavioral Health of UPMC Hamot

## Major Federal Issues

COVID-19 – Waivers & Funding

American Rescue Plan MHSUD

\*Crisis / Home & Community-Based Services


Strengthening MH Parity

Expanding MH Workforce

Rural Broadband/Telemedicine






## Major State Issues

- **COVID-19 Waivers**
- County Mental Health Funding
  - \* [Campaign Detail | UPMC Legislative Resource Center \(mmp2.org\)](#)
- Mental Health Parity
- Rural Broadband / Telemedicine
- Suicide Prevention/Awareness
  - \* [new 9-8-8 hotline 2022 & DHS advisory committee](#)



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## Advocacy At Work

-  @UPMCPolicy  
5,257 followers
-  Policy Matters  
879 subscribers
-  UPMC HealthBeat,  
Rural Broadband, Telemedicine, Long Term Care
-  Internal Communications  
Events, Infonet, Daily Extra, First Friday
-  Emails to Executive Staff and Board Members  
Priority issues, lawmaker profiles

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