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Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Quarterly Provider Meeting

September 17, 2026
10:00 am

Substance Use Disorder Project (SUDP) - Legal Services of New Jersey

Rob Dennerlein, Assistant Chief Counsel, Legal Services of New Jersey

Alayna Berg, LSW, Director of Outreach, Legal Services of New Jersey

Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Update

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

Introduction to Garden State Alliance of Recovery Residence (GSARR) Accreditation

Mike Santillo, LCADC, Coalition Team Lead, NJ-CARS, GSARR

Alex DeSevo, Esq., GSARR board member, Attorney and Recovery Residence provider

MATTERS Rapid Referral Program

Kerry Griffin, MPA, CPS, Deputy Director, Substance Use Services, Division of Syndemic and Substance Use Services, New Jersey Department of Health

Jenny Gerace, MATTERS Southern NJ Outreach Coordinator, Division of Disaster Preparedness, Resiliency and Emergency Medical Services, NJ DOH

Dr. Ryan Schmidt, MD, Medical Director for Cooper's Division of Addiction Medicine (Center for Healing), Cooper University Health Care

DMHAS Updates:

David Helfand, DMHAS Assistant Commissioner

QPM Dates in 2026
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