

Good Afternoon Representative Donatucci, Chairman Benninghoff, Chairman Sturla, Chairwoman Boscola and Members of the PA Hope Caucus. I am Traci Nesmith the Regional Director of Addiction Services for the Pennsylvania Behavioral Health and Housing Division of RHD (Resources for Human Development). RHD began providing services in 1970. To date, we have 160 programs across 16 states. RHD has a long standing commitment and dedication to substance use disorders.

Opening the Montgomery County Methadone Center in 1972, we understood early on the importance of Medication Assisted Treatment. Opening a methadone center in the 70's, we were able to overcome many challenges and adversity. To date, the methadone center serves an average of 300 people daily. Recently, we were honored to be selected as a Center of Excellence by the State. To reflect the scope of work as a Center of Excellence, we will be changing the name from Montgomery County Methadone Center to Montgomery County Recovery Center. This opportunity will allow the methadone center to potentially double its census and provide more comprehensive Medication Assisted Treatment. Between Philadelphia and surrounding counties, our Division has 7 long-term residential programs that primarily focus on specialty populations. These populations include the chronically homeless, women and children, medically fragile, forensic and transgender. We also have 2 halfway houses and are a Drug Court provider. We use evidence based practices to provide a trauma informed, person centered, recovery oriented system of care. Our Values and motto, "Together We're Better" is a

constant theme throughout the corporation. We are committed to addressing the substance use needs of Pennsylvania and look forward to partnering with the State, community based agencies and other providers.

Thank you for the opportunity. Please allow me to introduce Lisa Feldman, Director of Program Development.