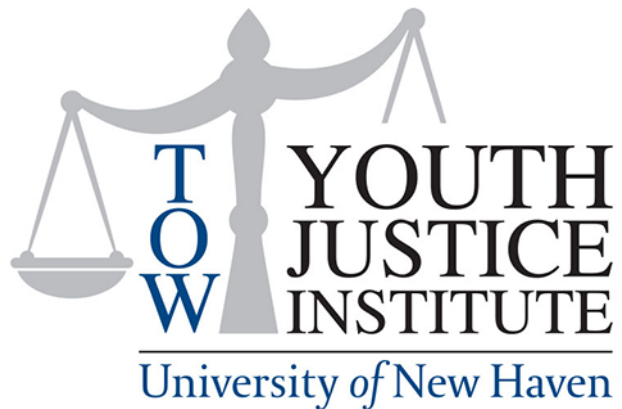


# Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee



LOB – Room 2C

September 6, 2023

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Virtual Option Available



# Welcome and Introductions

- Opening Remarks
  - Tri-Chairs
- Roll Call
  - TYJI-Introduction to new process
  - TCB Team
- Acceptance of July Meeting Minutes

Attendance



# Meeting Facilitation

- Kindly remain “muted” on Zoom, unless speaking.
- Kindly refrain from interrupting with comments or questions until each presenter is finished speaking.
- Questions and comments will be limited to TCBHPC members.
- Meeting is being recorded.
- Virtual attendants: use the “Chat” and “Hand Raising” feature so TYJI can help monitor and facilitate the meeting.

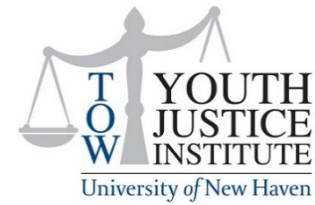
# Meeting Overview

- Presentation on recommended operationalization of the work –TYJI Team
- Presentation On CT's Urgent Crisis Center
  - Commissioner Dorantes, **Department of Children and Families**
  - Francis X. Gregory- **Administrator Children's Behavioral Health Community Service System DCF**
  - Stephanie Bozak, PsyD- **Behavioral Health Clinical Manager DCF**
  - Kristin Pracitto, LCSW – VP of Child Services, **Wellmore Behavioral Health**
  - Amy Samella, LPC – Vice President of Residential Programs, **The Village for Families & Children**
  - Erin Saylor, LCSW– Chief Operation Officer, **Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT**
  - Dr. Yann Poncin – **Yale Child Center / YNHH**
  - Erika Setzer MSN, RN, CEN, CNML, NE-BC Patient Services Children's Ed Manager, **Yale New Haven Hospital**

# TYJI Administrative Tasks

- TYJI will support the TCB through staffing, coordination of efforts, research, and drafting of reports.
- Communications:
  - TYJI-TCB website(in development), & CGA –TCB site ( [TCBHPC](#) )
  - Meeting schedule, agenda, minutes & summary, meeting material, reports
  - Planning calls for monthly meetings with stakeholders included in the agenda

# Substitute House Bill No. 6900 Public Act No. 23-90



## AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Section	Task	Action Steps
<b>(1) Section 2-137 (a)</b>	<b>Established</b> the TCBHPC to evaluate the availability/efficacy of prevention, early intervention, and other behavioral health treatment services/options; make recommendations on the governance and administration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Formation of TCBHPC</li><li>➤ Appointments of the designated authorities</li><li>➤ Conducting the 1<sup>st</sup> TCB Meeting – July 2023</li></ul>
<b>Section 2 (j)</b>	<b>Permits</b> TCBHPC to form workgroups/subcommittees to inform recommendations (suggest workforce issues/school-based/prevention/ acute and or intermediate care subcommittees)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Identification of workgroups and subgroups</li><li>➤ Survey to volunteer for the workgroup</li></ul>
<b>Section (k)</b>	<b>Annual work plan</b> for reviewing and making status or progress reports on the recommendations/activities. The work plan includes recommendations to improve outcomes related to children's behavioral health/timeline with dates for tasks/outcomes achieved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Strategic Workgroup convenes by October 2023</li><li>➤ Submits report on recommendation by December 2023</li></ul>



Microsoft Excel  
Worksheet

# Existing Work: Need to Know Resource

Existing Bills	Past bills to be aware of.
Existing Task groups	Work groups created in past legislations
Stakeholder Partners	Contacts for Outreach to Workgroups
Past Publications	Previous Publications and Data.
Acronyms	Common terminology



# Organizational Chart

Category type

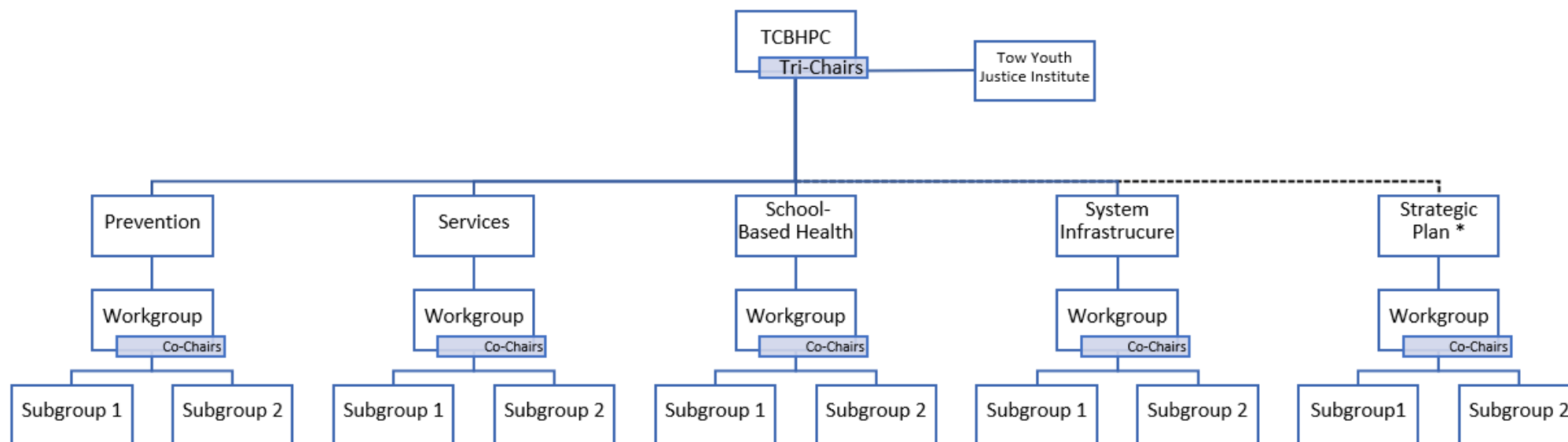
E.g. System Infrastructure

## Workgroup

Subgroups will report to Workgroup  
Meet once a month.

## Task to Complete by Subgroup

e.g. Licensure Regulations



# Flow Chart Building Consensus

## Subgroup

- Assign Tasks
- Collect and review the data
- Identify strategies and solutions
- Build consensus

## Workgroup

- Identify task / assign to subgroups
- Vet subgroup
- Provides oversight of tasks
- Finalize recommendations from subgroups

## TCBHPC

- Identify strategic goals.
- Direct workgroup.
- Provide oversight of the workgroup's tasks.
- Vote on proposed recommendations.
- Make final changes to proposed workgroup plans and recommendations.
- Provide oversight of the implementation of recommendations.

# TCBHPC Process



# Workplan September - December

September  
2023

- Gather and review workgroup and operational plan feedback
- Appointing Co-Chairs to workgroups.
- System Stakeholder meetings

October 2023

- Workgroups convene
- Draft workgroup project plans and timelines
- TCB-level setting training

November  
2023

- Draft possible reports/legislative recommendations
- Draft strategic plan to be delivered to the Committee

December  
2023

- Finalize strategic plan
- Finalize any corresponding plans in the agenda for the Committee.

# Workplan Timeline –December 2023

<b>Requires</b> annual report to CGA Appropriations Committee	12/1/2023
<b>Recommend</b> statutory & and budgetary changes to (a) improve behavioral health system of prevention/development/treatment outcomes; (b) improve transparency (c) improve data sharing/collection.	12/1/2023
<b>Identify gaps</b> in behavioral health services provided to children and families; build recommendations to bridge identified gaps.	12/1/2023
<b>Conduct</b> strengths and barriers analysis to identify what supports/impediments impact children/youth behavioral health needs; provide recommendations for reforms	12/1/2023
<b>Examine</b> best practices for state agencies to collaboratively work through school-based efforts and other processes to improve developmental and behavioral health outcomes for children.	12/1/2023
<b>Examine</b> children of color disproportionate access/outcomes in the behavioral health care system.	12/1/2023
<b>Examine</b> children with developmental disabilities' disproportionate aces/outcomes in the behavioral health care system.	12/1/2023
<b>Create</b> a plan to ensure the quality assurance framework for efficacy and outcome data for both private/state-operated behavioral health service facility providers.	12/1/2023

# Workplan Timeline – December 2023

<b>Build</b> a governance structure for the children's behavioral health system in in urban, rural and all other areas of the state.	12/1/2023
<b>Allows</b> TCBHPC to collaborate with consulting organizations.	12/1/2023
<b>Provides</b> access to data collected by state/contractors on matters related to children's behavioral health.	12/1/2023
<b>Permits</b> TCBHPC to create workgroups/subcommittees to inform recommendations (suggest workforce issues/school-based/prevention/ acute and or intermediate care subcommittees)	12/1/2023
<b>Annual work plan</b> for reviewing and making status or progress reports on the recommendations/activities. The work plan includes recommendations to improve outcomes related to children's behavioral health/timeline with dates for tasks/outcomes achieved	12/1/2023
<b>Annual strategic plan</b> integrating recommendations task defined in sec.(g)(1-8).	12/1/2023

# Collaborative Approach

- Identify key stakeholders to explore linkages and funding related to youth mental health services.
  - State agencies e.g., DCF, DMHAS, DSS, DPH
  - Judicial Department and Probation
  - Local community organizations and local parent groups
  - Local School Officials
    - Focus on Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, and smaller districts e.g., Plainville
- Approach: Initiate contact with agencies and gather crucial information to begin discussions related to barriers and challenges.
  - *What are the linkages between DCF and the DMHAS youth-adult services and the linkage process?*
  - *What funding, access, and capacity information is available related to IHT, OP, and other non-acute mental health services?*
- Develop a comprehensive strategy for engaging local organizations and schools.

# Feedback and Q&A

- Scan QR Code.
- Volunteer for a Workgroup of your preference.
- If you wish to be considered for a Co-Chair.
- Input Feedback
  - Open ended answers
    - Organizational Chart
    - Workgroups

Workgroup and Feedback Survey



# Next Steps

- Results of the Feedback Surveys reviewed with Tri-chairs
- Finalize Organizational Chart
- Karen Snyder and TYJI will begin to meet with workgroup co-chairs and system partners to draft the work plan
- Workgroups convenes
- Karen Snyder and TYJI will meet system partners to develop the level-setting training.

# Presentation of CT Urgent Care Centers

# Next Meeting:

October 4, 2023