

## **Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council**

### **ADULT Quality, Access & Policy Committee**

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### **MEETING MINUTES November 1, 2011**

**Attending:** Howard Drescher, co-chair; Marilyn Cormack; Jim Piscietta; Chuck Herrick; Alyse Chin; Sara Slingerland; Lynne Ringer; Laurie Vanderheide; Teodoro Anderson Diaz; Kimberly Nystrom; Javier Salabarria; Jennifer Hutchinson; Barry Kasdan; Bill Halsey; Steven Moore; Lori Szczygiel; Paul Di Leo; Colleen Parker; Susan Halpin.

This was the initial meeting of the new committee formed by combining the DMHAS Advisory and Adult Quality, Access and Safety committees. The meeting focused on reports from VOI on the ongoing issue of emergency room delays, as well as progress on a pilot Wellness and Coordination of Care project.

The December meeting will examine more detailed information on emergency rooms and compare variations across ER's in Connecticut. There will also be reports on two local care coordination initiatives from representatives of Bridges and Birmingham.

In January we expect a presentation from DMHAS on the initial draft of the proposed Health Home design, a project to be funded for two years by a grant from CMS.

Howard Drescher, co-chair