



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

Adult Quality, Access & Policy Committee

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Co-Chairs: Howard Drescher, Heather Gates, Alicia Woodsby

Meeting Summary

March 20, 2013

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Value Options

**500 Enterprise Drive, 4th Floor Huntington Conference Room
Rocky Hill, CT**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 @ 2:30 PM at Value
Options, Rocky Hill**

Attendees: Co-Chair Howard Drescher, Carrie Bourdon, Alyse Chin, Susan Coogan, Daniela Giordano, Kim Haugabook, Dr. Steven Moore, Lori Szczygiel, and Dr. Laurie Van Der Heide

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Co-Chair Howard Drescher convened the meeting at 2:37 PM, welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Though the committee has a sub-group working with DMHAS on Behavioral Health Homes, he emphasized the focus of the Adult Quality, Access and policy will be the prime theme of this committee.

Report on the Home Health Initiative by Value Options- Dr. Steven Moore and Dr. Laurie Van Der Heide



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According to Dr. Moore, this two year study is the only one like it in the country that has been addressing Home Health services actively. This initiative focuses on the enhancement and recovery for individuals to achieve their own potential

which is the guiding principle of the CTBHP. The gold measure of this initiative is/are the outcomes. In 2012, there were 73 Home Health providers in Connecticut. There are three (3) major and three (3) minor service types:

Major

Skilled Nursing Visits

Medication Administration

Home Health Aide Services

Minor

Speech Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Physical Therapy

Home Health Aide Services are measured and divided into units of fifteen (15) minutes of time with four (4) units to an hour.

Discussion

Co-Chair Howard Drescher asked Dr. Moore to sum up the initiative to date. Dr. Moore's comments were that adult Behavioral Health needs to be looked at every level of care in the state. Community providers need to be committed to Home Health services. Relationships between providers and clients need to be looked at carefully and evaluated.

New Business and Announcements

Hearing no other items, Co-Chair Howard Drescher adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM.

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