



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 27, 2014

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

2nd Floor CCPA

Rocky Hill, CT

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 24, 2014 @ 3:00 PM at CCPA,
Rocky Hill**

Attendees: Co-chair Howard Drescher, Co-chair Heather Gates, Jill Benson, Liz Collins, Susan Coogan, Tony Corniello, Lawrence Daskal, Jessica Dubey, Daniela Giordano, Bill Halsey (DSS), Kim Haugabook, Dr. Steven Moore, Kristie Scott, Justin Sleeper, and Cheryl Stockford

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Co-Chair Howard Drescher convened the meeting at 3:05 PM, welcomed everyone and asked members to introduce themselves.

1. **Enrollment Issues in Home Health Care:** Concern raised by Liz Collins for New England Home Care about problems with eligibility determinations taking too long and interfering with access to care. She sent this to the committee in writing post meeting. A question was raised about will the integrated eligibility system still be active for Medicaid applications through the exchange web site post March 31, 2014? Bill Halsey of DSS said he would check to see if the integrated eligibility system would be active for Medicaid clients as of April 1.

2. **Presentation of Priority Topics for the State Agency**

Partners:

Bill Halsey reviewed the priority topics for the state agency partners of the BHP for calendar year 2014. The priorities fall into eight areas;

- a. There will be a presentation of the data on 2011 – 2012 expenditures as a baseline at the April meeting. The data set will include Service Utilization, Super-Users, Provider Utilization, Access issues for treatment and services.
- b. DSS will be submitting a state plan amendment for the expansion of eligible providers to include private practitioners for the adult population under Husky C & D.
- c. ED/Inpatient 2011 - 2012 expenditure data will be presented to the OC in May and to the Committee in May. Data for 2012 – 2013 will be presented in September or October.
- d. There will be a report of the Homeless utilization of EDs and expenditures for 2011 – 2012 at the April Committee meeting.
- e. Emergency Department Utilization: question about timeframe of reporting and when the data will be available. Nothing firm yet.
- f. Desire to focus on outpatient services and impact of changes with ACA implementation on BH infrastructure.
- g. Reporting in the late fall on status of Behavioral Health Homes and Health Neighborhoods and healthcare integration/coordination.
- h. IICAPS

Adult QAP committee members were able to look more closely at the priorities and begin to identify those that apply to adult issues and programs. The committee will take part in the development of quality and outcome measures.

New Business and Announcements

Bill Halsey will present data at the next meeting on utilization by the homeless population. Hearing no other items, Co-Chair Heather Gates made the announcement that henceforth, all committee meetings will now take place at CCPA and she adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM.

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