



## **Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council**

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

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

**Meeting Summary**  
**December 9, 2014**  
**3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor CCPA**  
**Rocky Hill, CT**

**\*NOTE: Date Change: Next Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2015**  
**@ 3:00 PM at CCPA, Rocky Hill**

*Attendees: Co-Chair Howard Drescher, Co-Chair Heather Gates, Jessica DeFlumer-Trapp, Marcia Dufore, Brunilda Ferraj, Colleen Harrington, Kate Maldonado, Steve Merz, Tait Michael, Dr. Steven Moore, Nancy Navarretta, Dr. Bert Plant, Maureen Reault, Knute Rotto (CEO/VO), and, Cheryl Stockford*

### **Opening Remarks and Introductions**

Co-Chair Heather Gates convened the meeting, welcomed everyone and asked members to introduce themselves.

**Adult Emergency Department Utilization – Dr. Bert Plant (VO) and Colleen Harrington (DMHAS)**



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See above presentation.

### **Methadone Rate Setting Process – Bill Halsey (DSS)**

Bill Halsey reported that the upper payment limit (UPL) needs to be addressed to Medicare equivalent for this service. A Cost Report needs to be sent out to providers. DSS will do a desk audit of those and very likely it will have to be unbundled. CMS is trying to get direction on this. Some twenty codes are affected by this change. Spread sheets for adults and children are being reviewed on how they will be affected by these changes.

### **Update on Behavioral Health Homes- CMS News- Colleen Harrington (DMHAS) and Cheryl Stockford (DMHAS)**

Colleen Harrington reported that CMS has asked for additional information regarding the BHH fiscal model, which DMHAS has supplied to DSS for submission to CMS. Cheryl Stockford reported MSD continues to meet every two weeks with State Operated and PNP LMHAS to prepare for BHH implantation. Changes have been made to the DMHAS reporting system and PNP LMHAS are working to enroll clients; new BHH service codes are being put in place. Processes are also being put in place for BHH providers to report on outcome measure. The Department is using a Missouri Curriculum to assist in the training of BHH providers on chronic health conditions.

### **New Business and Announcements**

Co-Chair Heather Gates asked for new business or announcements. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

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