



## **Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council**

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

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

#### **Meeting Summary**

**February 5, 2015**

**3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor CCPA**

**Rocky Hill, CT**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2015 @ 3:00 PM at CCPA,  
Rocky Hill**

Attendees: Co-Chair Heather Gates, Cheryl Arora, Susan Coogan, Jessica DeFlumer-Trapp, Brunilda Ferraj, Bill Halsey, Colleen Harrington, Robyn Hawley, Dr. Charles Herrick, Beth Klink, Jessica Matyka, Katherine Michael, Dr. Steven Moore, Marie Mormile-Mehler, Nancy Navarretta, Mary Nescott, Dr. Bert Plant, Cheryl Stockford, and Steven Zuckerman

#### **Opening Remarks and Introductions**

Co-Chair Heather Gates convened the meeting at 3:03 PM by welcoming everyone and members introduced themselves.

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

Cheryl Stockford gave the report.

- Fifteen (15) designated providers working to prepare for BHH implementation
- Contract with ASO (Value Options) has been signed by Value Options and is in the process of being signed by state partners, DCF and DSS
- Funding released to PNP LMHAs/designated providers
- Hiring/Assignments underway at all locations
- Completed a BHH Training Survey based on a program from 10/14 to 12/14 to explore direction of future trainings (topics requested include: Medical Terminology and General Practice Health Screening Tests)

- BHH enrollment occurring in all locations
- BHH consumers are auto-enrolled with an opt-out option
- BHH Service Codes completed for WITS and DDaP (to be piloted by 1-2 agencies in February and to be “turned on” March 1, 2015)
- A small BHH Training Taskforce has been created to produce a BHH Service Codes Training Curriculum that is specific to ACT, CSP/RP, YAS and OP service providers
- Review of the Standardized BHH forms (that providers use as an enrollment packet for greater understanding of BH systems) completed by DMHAS Counsel and will be under review by AG’s office
- Met with Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) Behavioral Health Directors sub-committee to provide a presentation on BHH to introduce hospitals to BHH and help lay the groundwork with emergency room staff for a warm hand-off with LHMA’s)

## **Impact of the DMHAS Grant Cuts on the Outpatient System –**

Cheryl Arora (DMHAS Budget Director) and Colleen Harrington (DMHAS)



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Cheryl Arora (DMHAS Budget Director) passed out a letter from Commissioner Rehmer that clarified the funding grids providers received in December 2014 and outlined the upcoming grant/claims reconciliation process in the reductions to DMHAS grant accounts in the SFY2015 budget. See above presentation. The grant/claims reconciliation will begin in February and providers will be receiving letters in a few weeks. Providers report that this will have a big impact on access to services from providers. To date access does not seem to be affected but the group is asking to track trends. VOI and State Partners will review existing reports to bring back what might be helpful. Co-Chair Heather Gates asked for the cuts by program type in the DMHAS budget to be reported at the May meeting if possible. Bill Halsey (DSS) said that he can give an information report on BH Pharmacy at a future meeting.

## **Follow-up on Adult ED Report**

Discussed partly in the previous presentation, a further discussion on the Adult ED Report will continue at the next meeting.

## **New Business and Announcements**

Co-Chair Heather Gates asked for new business or announcements. VO is due to give reports in April. Hearing nothing else, she adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.

**\*NOTE: March 5, 2015 Meeting Canceled: Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2015 @ 3:00 PM at CCPA, Rocky Hill**