



## **Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council**

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

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*Co-Chairs: Heather Gates and Alicia Woodsby*

#### **Meeting Summary**

**February 19, 2016**

**2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

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

**Rocky Hill, CT**

**Next Meeting: Friday, March 18, 2016 @ 2:00 PM at CCPA, Rocky Hill**

*Attendees: Co-Chair Heather Gates, Co-Chair Alicia Woodsby, Carrie Bourdon (Beacon), Alyse Chin (DMHAS), Susan Coogan, Marcia Dufore, Elizabeth Gridley, Bill Halsey (DSS), Kim Haugabook (Beacon), Beth Klink, Beth Pizzuto, Knute Rotto (Beacon), and Kristie Scott*

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

Co-Chair Heather Gates convened the meeting at 2:09 PM, welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

#### **Goals and Objectives for 2016 Discussion– Heather Gates and Alicia Woodsby**

Co-Chair Heather Gates said the committee will produce goals for the New Year and then these recommendations will be brought up to the BHPOC Executive Committee for non-duplication from the other committees.

- Bill Halsey (DSS) said that ED utilization will be better tracked by using a systems dashboard with regular metrics supplied by Beacon Health Options. This will be replicated on an on-going basis. DSS/DMHAS and Beacon will give a presentation on ED Utilization based on claims data in March. It will include data on Connect-to-Care post ED. Data claims takes time so there will be lag but the beginning will establish a base-line for study.
- Access to Medication Assisted Treatment in the Medicaid Network

- An Adult IOP report and clinical issues studies will be presented by Beacon in April 2016 and after it is presented, the committee will recommend items for action to the BHPOC.
- In May, a report on the Homeless population with the high cost and high need data will be given in conjunction by DSS and CHN.
- There was a conversation on the Opiate Epidemic and it was stated that the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council (ADPC) was revived, in part, to deal with this crisis. The next ADPC meeting is scheduled for March 1. Bill Halsey (DSS) offered to bring people from the DSS Pharmacy department to explain what is being done about prescription medication to handle the opiate crisis. He also said that a report can be reviewed with the committee on the rate setting process for methadone maintenance treatment. Bill said that he hoped that by July 1, 2016 the new rate set for methadone will be in place because the weekly bundled rate must be unbundled per CMS. DSS and DMHAS are working together to get a fee schedule in position. This must be cost neutral. A policy transmittal on medications for Substance Use Disorders that are covered by Medicaid, which includes methadone maintenance treatment, (see below).



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## **Update on Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)-DMHAS/DSS/DCF**

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics stems from a planning grant from SAMHSA/CMS. Eight states will be selected out of twenty-four that was selected to do a demonstration but there is a chance that all twenty-four states will be selected and funded for the demonstration. Reimbursement will be Per Member Per Month payment with outlier components rather than an Encounter Rate. The State Agency Departments will select two agencies to be certified if Connecticut gets the demonstration grant. The CCBHCs will cover children and adults. Five of the agencies competing for the demonstration are Behavioral Health Homes (BHHs); two are Federally Qualified Health Centers or FQHC look-alike. The selected agencies must collect quality/outcome measures and will work with EHRs. One of the agencies must have a rural component. The demonstration will be funded for two years.

## **Update on How Governor's Proposed Budget will Affect BH Services**

The Governor's proposed budget affects 75% of BH services. Committee members need to pay attention and testify, visit, and write letters to legislators on behalf of restoring the cuts to Behavioral Health services.

## **New Business and Announcements**

Co-Chair Heather Gates asked for new business or announcements. At the next meeting, the committee will focus on the goals and objectives for 2016. Beacon Health Options

will have a report on baseline ED utilization for the March meeting. Hearing nothing else, she adjourned the meeting at 3:17 PM.

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