



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

Adult Quality, Access & Policy Committee

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Co-Chairs: Heather Gates and Alicia Woodsby

Meeting Summary

June 17, 2016

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

2nd Floor CCNA

35 Cold Springs Road Suite 522, Rocky Hill, CT

Next Meeting: Friday, July 15, 2016 @ 2:00 PM at CCNA, Rocky Hill

Attendees: Co-Chair Heather Gates, Co-Chair Alicia Woodsby, Michael Aiello (CSSD), Michele Bissell, Jaya Daptardar, Marcia Dufore (Beacon), Bill Halsey (DSS), Colleen Harrington (DMHAS), Kim Haugabook (Beacon), Dr. Charles Herrick, Bonni Hopkins (Beacon), Beth Klink, Marie Mormile-Mehler, Ann Phelan (Beacon), Knute Rotto (Beacon), Kristie Scott, and Sherrie Sharp (Beacon)

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Co-Chair Heather Gates convened the meeting at 2:08 PM, welcomed everyone and introductions were then made.

Presentation of Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Review- Bonni Hopkins (Beacon)



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Bonni Hopkins gave the report on Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP): Evaluation of a Prominent Level of Care within the Connecticut Medicaid Behavioral Health Service System in place of Bert Plant who is out on medical leave. This is a 2015 Study of Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOPs). DSS, DCF, & DMHAS directed Beacon to conduct a study of IOPs during 2015. The study was to include programs serving youth and adults as well as mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders. This presentation concerns programs serving adults. For the full report see above and it is also

published on-line at the BHPOC Website. The committee will review IOP every three to six months.

Impact of State Budget on Adult BH Services and Access Court Support Services Division (CSSD) - Michael Aiello

With the questions of “What areas in the adult system are ending and what areas should be tracked for input?” Mike Aiello said that every area in CSSD has been cut. Approximately 300 Judicial Branch employees have been laid off. 123 residential treatment beds have been eliminated from the 311. There is a 2.31% cut in funding across the board (ATB) for all adult program models. These reductions and cuts may have an impact on recidivism. Co-Chair Heather Gates commented that the decrease in funding will result in increased Emergency Department visits, more hospitalizations, increased homelessness and incarcerations. Dr. Chuck Herrick commented that money should be spent on providers and services and not for pharmaceuticals.

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)—Colleen Harrington

FY2017 Budget Implementation Highlights

Approximately \$55m in DMHAS budget changed from original FY17 budget

- Reductions accomplished through strategic reorganization of services.

Community level (PNP):

- **\$4.5 million SA and MH grant reductions to Medicaid eligible services**

An example is FQHC outpatient services

4.2% across the board change for the following services (\$1.2m)

Intensive outpatient programs

Partial Hospitalization

Outpatient

Residential detox

Department of Social Services (DSS) - Bill Halsey

Bill Halsey said that BH programs are expected to stay intact but there will be a 15% decrease for medical homecare administration that should net a \$20 million savings.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)

Update -DMHAS/DSS/DCF

Both Bill Halsey (DSS) and Colleen Harrington (DMHAS) said that progress is being made in the process of obtaining the federal planning grant for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics from SAMHSA/CMS but there is no significant update.

Colleen said that a meeting was held the first week of June for providers.

New Business, Announcements, and Adjournment

Co-Chair Alicia Woodsby thanked Bonni and the state agency liaisons for their presentations and reports and asked for new business or announcements. Hearing nothing else, she announced the next meeting will be Friday, July 15, 2016 at CCNA in Rocky Hill. She then adjourned the meeting at 3:37 PM.

Next Meeting: Friday, July 15, 2016 @ 2:00 PM at CCNA (formerly CCPA), Rocky Hill, CT