



## **Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council**

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

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*Co-Chairs: Heather Gates and Pat Rehmer*

#### **Meeting Summary**

**March 14, 2017**

**3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

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

**35 Cold Springs Road Suite 522, Rocky Hill, CT**

**\*NOTE: Date Change for Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2017**  
**@ 3:00 PM at CCNA, Rocky Hill**

*Attendees: Co-Chair Heather Gates, Co-Chair Pat Rehmer, 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.

#### **Follow-up on Behavioral Health Homes (BHH)- Colleen Harrington (DMHAS)**

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.

## **Discussion on Governor's State Budget**

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.

## **Presentation on Health Equity for Adults—Bert Plant (Beacon)**



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## **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.

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