



## Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

### **Child/Adolescent Quality, Access & Policy Committee**

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*Co-Chairs: Steve Girelli & Jeff Vanderploeg*

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Beacon Health Options

Rocky Hill, CT

**\*NOTE: Next Committee Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Beacon Health Options in the Litchfield Room- Third (3rd) Floor in Rocky Hill, CT**

**Attendees:** *Dr. Steve Girelli (Co-Chair), Dr. Jeff Vanderploeg (Co-Chair), Carrie Bourdon (Beacon), Elliot Brenner, Tammy Freeberg, Beth Garrigan (Beacon), Susan Kelley, Mickey Kramer (OCA), Maureen O'Neil-Davis, Ann Phelan (Beacon), Kelly Phenix, Donyale Pina (DCF), Maureen Reault (DSS), Kathy Schiessl, Gregory Simpson (Beacon), Dr. Stephney Springer (DCF), and Nathalie Szilagyi*

### **Introductions:**

Co-Chair Steve Girelli convened the meeting at 2:08 PM, and introductions were made. He went immediately into the agenda with the first item.

#### **1. Follow up on November's Emergency Department Workgroup Presentation**

- Hard copies of the report were distributed to members in attendance, including an Executive Summary in Spanish. These materials are available for download at [www.chdi.org](http://www.chdi.org). Notes on the original presentation are available on the BHPOC website.
- The Child Fatality Review Board is interested in a presentation on the ED workgroup report findings and recommendations.
- Other dissemination ideas
  - School administrators and educators, CONNCASE, CT Association of Boards of Education, CT Association of Public School Principals, legislative briefings
- One member asked if there is there an opportunity for ongoing feedback on the ED report and activities. Co-Chairs responded that the November BHPOC discussion included an idea that the CAQAP could take on the BHED issue in an ongoing way.

#### **2. Other Follow-ups to November 2018 meeting**

- There were none

### 3. Summary and Discussion of CAQAP Attendance Survey and Options for CAQAP Meetings and Goals Going Forward



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- Some are considering whether CAQAP and Adult QAP should join in some way
  - Join together in the same meeting with topics relevant to children and adults?
  - Adult and Child QAP could maintain separate agendas, meet every other month
- Medicaid waivers that are in play at state agencies other than DCF, DMHAS, and DSS may be a barrier to having them join the BH Partnership as “full members” (i.e., carving out their Medicaid behavioral health expenses for management by the ASO)
- Multiple attendees believed that children and adolescents need some focused attention and their own meeting; however, children do become adults and some planning and discussion of transition needs may be warranted.
- Another member believed the BHPOC has become somewhat fragmented from other state-level meetings also working on behavioral health. This member suggested that the BHPOC consider stronger integration with other committees and groups, but noted that the BHPOC’s focus on the Medicaid system may limit some potential partnerships (e.g., partners interested in the behavioral health of commercially insured youth).
- Several members here and elsewhere want to re-focus on the question of whether children and adolescents (and adults) are getting better (i.e., outcomes of care).
- Historically, the BHPOC was more active in hearing and responding to the recommendations for action coming from the committees, but that was a time that the Partnership was newer in its development.
- A member noted that there are many parts of the system that are focused on identifying and addressing problems, promoting transparency, accountability, and outcomes. There is also a need for surfacing and communicating facts and data about the system, what’s working well, and the needs that are not being met.
- Another member identified a model for having defined purposes or goals, examining data relevant to those goals, and having the right people in the room to hear it, respond to it, and craft recommendations related to it.
- A need to continually inform and orient on the purpose and goals/objectives of CAQAP
- Perhaps reduced engagement in the BHPOC and committees is due to the fact that the original goals of the BHP have largely been met, and there is a need for new goals.
  - The ASO has performance standards that are very consistent from year to year, and their performance goals tend to change from year to year.
- Among Beacon’s performance goals this year: 1) High cost-high need adults, 2) ED discharge delay among children, 3) emerging adult initiative.

- The BHP partners (DCF, Beacon) also want providers that contract with DCF to bring to this table emerging community issues they are concerned about to help inform the discussions and planning of the committee and the Oversight Council.
- Some people identified that there are power and funding dynamics around the table at committees, in that the state agencies fund the providers and others around the table, and there is some reticence to being open and honest as a result.
- The above discussions would also need to have clearer and more objective measures of the goals and objectives that are identified.
- Other logistics
  - Continue to make the phone line and webex available, consider starting and/or ending a little earlier.
- What about following a topic over several months (i.e., ED utilization)?
  - Yes, but be careful about having too much presentation to the detriment of discussion among the members and recommendations forwarded to BHPOC.
  - Agreement among members that there are benefits to identifying 1 or 2 topic areas for focused attention over time, bringing data into that issue, galvanizing everyone's time and attention toward that issue, and using multiple presentations and discussions to "tell the story" behind the data. Tableau presentations were identified as helpful for telling that story.

#### **4. CFAC Updates (Kelly Phenix)**

- CFAC members will have a Steering Committee meeting tomorrow and plan to revisit the November Narcan presentation by Ramona from DPH.
- iCAN "thank you" luncheon was held at The Village recently and went well. The CFAC is exploring taking the iCAN conference to be regional starting in 2020.
- Michelle Chase will be the new CFAC liaison to the CAQAP starting next month.

#### **5. New Business, Announcements, and Adjournment**

- A reminder that the January 16 meeting is at Beacon 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, but in the Litchfield Room.
- Steve thanked everyone for their participation in the discussions and adjourned at 4:01 PM.

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