

# March 18, 2026 BHP Child/Adolescent Quality, Access & Policy Committee Zoom Meeting

## Meeting summary

### Quick recap

The Child and Adolescent Quality Access and Policy Committee met to discuss the February meeting's recommendations and updates on the Justice Involved 1115 waiver. The committee reviewed past practices for handling recommendations, noting that decisions were typically made through co-chairs' planning meetings and executive committee discussions rather than formal votes. Alexis Mohammed (DSS) presented updates on two initiatives: the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) 2023 requirements for at-risk youth in carceral settings, which must be implemented by July 1st, and the Justice Involved waiver application submitted in March 2024, which is still under CMS review. Key concerns were raised about family involvement in the process and housing placement strategies to avoid retriggering individuals in problematic communities. The conversation ended with plans for a future presentation by a Georgetown Medicaid expert.

### Next steps

- [Co-Chair Hector Glynn: Talk to Co-Chair Melissa Green before next month's meeting to discuss and potentially solidify a formal process for handling recommendations from presentations, especially those from Carelon.](#)
- [Alexis Mohammed: Send the slide deck to David Kaplan so he can post it.](#)
- [Hector Glynn: Take Neva Caldwell's question about making services accessible to homeless individuals and their providers to the executive committee for further discussion.](#)
- [Alexis: Bring up the suggestion of involving family members more directly in the process \(as raised by Brenetta Henry\) to the relevant team for consideration in the CAA implementation.](#)
- [Alexis: Take back to the team the concern about appropriate housing placement for justice-involved individuals to avoid returning them to high-risk neighborhoods.](#)

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### Recommendation Process Discussion Committee

The committee discussed the process for handling recommendations from presentations, such as those from Carelon, with Dr. Stephanie Springer (DCF) and Jeff Vanderploeg explaining that in the past, co-chairs had monthly meetings to discuss agenda items and recommendations. The committee clarified that there is no standing membership, and Melissa Green and Hector Glynn serve as chairs to facilitate and move things along, but not to mandate or push things through. They agreed that if recommendations were to be voted on by the BHP body, it would require a consensus of the committee present at the time. Hector said she would talk to Melissa about solidifying a formal process for handling recommendations before the next meeting.

## Medicaid Initiatives Update Presentation

Alexis Mohammed (DSS) presented an update on two initiatives: the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (CAA) and the Justice Involved Waiver. For CAA, she explained that Connecticut must implement Medicaid requirements for at-risk youth in carceral settings by July 1st, including targeted case management and EPSDT services. The state is still working on rate setting, policies, and provider enrollment, with the state plan amendment pending CMS approval. Regarding the Justice Involved Waiver, Alexis noted that Connecticut submitted its application in March 2024 and is now awaiting CMS approval for services including transitional case management, medication-assisted treatment, and 30-day medication supplies for eligible youth and adults in carceral settings. The waiver application includes additional services like physical and behavioral health consultations, community health worker services, and housing support, though the rental assistance component remains uncertain.

## Housing Placement Concerns Discussion

The meeting focused on concerns about housing placement for individuals transitioning out of the community, particularly those with mental health and drug-related issues. Brenetta Henry raised questions about whether these individuals are being placed back into neighborhoods that could trigger their previous issues, and Alexis acknowledged this concern, noting that work with DMHAS and DOH on housing had paused but would take this back to the team. The group also discussed legislation passed earlier that month allowing UConn Health to operate Solnit Hospital, with DCF unable to present on this topic at the moment. Neva Caldwell inquired about making services more accessible to homeless individuals' providers, which Hector agreed to take to the executive committee for further exploration. The next meeting will feature a presentation from a Medicaid expert from Georgetown.

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