



***Behavioral Health Partnership  
Oversight Council  
Coordination of Care Subcommittee***

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Michael Starkowski, Commissioner  
Department of Social Services  
25 Sigourney Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commissioner Starkowski:

On behalf of the Coordination of Care Subcommittee of the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council we want to thank you and your staff for your ongoing participation and collaboration with us in promoting the coordination of medical and behavioral health services for the children and adults covered under HUSKY and the Behavioral Health Partnership program. In particular we appreciate the work of Rose Ciarcia in responding to our questions and issues. She has been a wonderful partner in this endeavor.

The subcommittee has been frustrated by the very long wait to review the results of the Mercer pharmacy study. As you know, this subcommittee was instrumental in raising the issues to be addressed in the study and reviewing Mercer's methodology. We had anticipated that the results would be available in March 2007. While we can understand some delay given the many changes in the HUSKY program, a year's wait seems excessive.

Our next meeting is June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. We respectfully request the study be distributed to our subcommittee for their review by June 20<sup>th</sup>. At our June 25<sup>th</sup>

meeting we will convene a discussion with DSS and Mercer about the study findings. If this is not possible, please contact me (Connie Catrone) to discuss an alternative plan at 203-576-8442.

On behalf of the entire Coordination Care subcommittee, we thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Connie Catrone, LCSW  
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