

Behavioral Health Oversight Council Appointments 2025-2026

Legislative Appointments (updated 11/12/2025)

Appointing Authority 2025- 2026	Council Membership Designation by Statute	Appointments 2025-2026
Governor Lamont (4)	1) General hospital or specialty psychiatric hospital 2) General hospital or specialty psychiatric hospital 3) Parents of children with BH disorder or child protection or juvenile justice services from DCF 4) Parents of children with BH disorder or child protection or juvenile justice services from DCF	1) 2) Allison Matthews-Wilson 3) Howard Drescher 4)
President Pro Tempore (4) Sen. Martin M. Looney	1) Parent of child with BH disorder 2) Child in child protection of JJ services from DCF 3) Expertise in health policy & evaluation 4) Advocate for children with BH disorders	1) Dr. Alice Forrester 2) 3) Steven Zuckerman 4)
Speaker of the House (4) Rep. Matt Ritter 1st District Hartford	1) General hospital or specialty psychiatric hospital 2) General hospital or specialty psychiatric hospital 3) Adult with psychiatric disability 4) Advocate for adults with psychiatric disabilities	1) Beth Klink 2) Tobias Wasser M.D. 3) Kelly Phenix (Adult Rep) 4) Deena Tampi
Senate Majority Leader (2) Sen. Bob Duff	1) Adult with SA disorder or advocate for adults with SA 2) School-based health Center representative	1) Gent Daniels 2) Pending

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Senate Minority Leader (2) Sen. Stephen Harding	1) provider of Community-based BH services for children 2) member of Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Council	1) Thomas King 2) Theddeus Iheanacho, MD
House Majority Leader (2) Rep. Jason Rojas	1) PCP serving children 2) Child psychiatrist in HUSKY Plan	1) Catherine Wiley 2) Cristine McDermott
House Minority Leader (2) Rep. Vincent Candelora	1) Provider of Community-based BH services for adults 2) Children’s Residential Treatment provider	1) Elizabeth Peralta 2) Hector Glynn
Commissioner of DMHAS or designee		Commissioner
		1) Open (Adult Rep.) 2) Maureen O’Neill-Davis 3) Sabrina Trocchi 4) Bree Sanca (Home Health Agency)

General Assembly Committee Appointments 2025-2026

Committee	Committee Members 2025-2026	Appointments 2025-2026
Public Health	<p>1) Sen. Saud Anwar</p> <p>2) Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey</p> <p>Ranking Member: Sen. Heather Somers</p> <p>Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria</p>	<p>1) Heather Gates</p> <p>1) Rep. Mike Demicco</p> <p>1) Marie Mormile-Mehler</p> <p>1) Bollepalli Subbarao, MD</p>
Human Services	<p>1) Sen. Matt Lesser 9th District</p> <p>2) Rep. Jillian Gilchrest 18th District</p> <p><u>Ranking Members</u></p> <p>1) Sen. Jason Perillo 21st District</p> <p>1) Rep. Jay Case 63rd District</p>	<p>1) Rev. Robyn Anderson</p> <p>1) Terri DiPietro, Middlesex Hospital</p> <p>1) Alexa Olimpio</p> <p>1) Michelle Anderson</p>
Appropriations	<p>Chairs:</p> <p>1) Sen. Cathy Osten</p> <p>2) Rep. Toni Walker</p> <p>Ranking Members :</p> <p>1) Sen. Eric Berthel 30^{2nd} District</p> <p>1) Rep. Tammy Nuccio 53rd District</p>	<p>1) Dr. Steven Girelli</p> <p>1) Jeff Vanderploeg</p> <p>1) Janine Sullivan-Wiley</p> <p>1) Rebecca Moore</p>

State Agency Appointments: Ex-Officio (10)

Request appointments from newly appointed Commissioners

State Agency	Appointments 2025 -2026
Department of Social Services (1)	William Halsey
Department of Developmental Services (1)	Kathryn Rock-Burns
Department of Children & Families (1)	Dr. Stephney Springer
Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (1)	Robert Haswell
Office of Policy & Management (1)	Tara Viens
Office of the Comptroller (1)	Sandra Czunas
Judicial Branch (1)	Brian Delude
State Department of Education (1)	Brian Klimkiewicz
Department of Public Health	Amy Soto
Office of Healthcare Advocate	Sean King

Ex-Officio members:

- 1. One or more consumers appointed by the Chairpersons of the Council**
- 2. One representative from the Administrative Service organization**
- 3. One from each of the Medicaid managed care organizations**