

## ***Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council***

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### **CY 2009 Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council Report**

This report of the **Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council** is submitted to the General Assembly as required by PA05-280. This report is for the time period of ***January through December 2009***. The Council is a collaborative body established by the General Assembly in 2005 to advise the Departments of Social Services (DSS) and Children and Families (DCF) on the development and implementation of the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (BHP). The agencies have statutory authority to implement an integrated behavioral health services system separate from the Medicaid Managed Care Program for HUSKY Part A children/parents/caregivers, HUSKY Part B children, and children enrolled in the DCF voluntary services program. The Council consists of legislators, consumers, advocates, health care providers, representatives of managed care plans, and state agencies. The Council has five working subcommittees: Coordination of Care, DCF Advisory, Provider Advisory, Quality Management and Access, and Operations. These subcommittees monitor activities of the BHP and report back to the Council with findings and recommendations.

The Council defines its purpose and oversight areas based on provisions in the authorizing legislation for the Partnership (PA 05-280):

- 1) Expansion of individualized, family-centered, community-based services;*
- 2) Maximization of federal revenue to fund behavioral health services;*
- 3) Reduction in the unnecessary use of institutional and residential services for children;*
- 4) Capture and investment of enhanced federal revenue and savings derived from reduced residential services and increased community-based services;*
- 5) Improved administrative oversight and efficiencies; and*
- 6) Monitoring of individual outcomes, provider performance, taking into consideration the acuity of the patients served by each provider, and overall program performance.*

The Council met 11 of the 12 months during 2009.

***Subcommittee Reports***

*Coordination of Care:* Sharon Langer & Maureen Smith, Co-Chairs

*DCF Advisory:* Heather Gates & K. Carrier, Co-Chairs

*Operations:* Stephen Larcen & Lorna Grivois, Co-chairs

*Provider Advisory:* Susan Walkama

*Quality Management, Access & Safety: Chair – Davis Gammon, MD, Vice-Chairs: Robert Franks & Melody Nelson*