

Connecticut Medicaid Managed Care Council

Meeting Summary: March 8, 2006

Co-Chairs: Sen. Chris Murphy & Jeffrey Walter

Present: Sen. Chris Murphy & Jeff Walter (C-Chairs), Rep. Peggy Sayers, Rep. Patricia Dillon, Sheila Amdur, Paula Armbruster, Rose Marie Burton, Anthony DelMastro, Stephen Larcen, Davis Gammon, MD, Heather Gates, Lorna Grivois, Sharon Langer, Judith Meyers, Patrick Monahan, Pat Naylor, Sherry Perlstein, Marilyn Ricci, Dana-Marie Salvatore, Vicki Veltri, Dr. Ramindra Walia, Susan Walkama, Beresford Wilson.

Also present: Dr. Mark Schaefer (DSS), Dr. Karen Andersson (DCF), Lori Szczygiel (VOI, CTBHP), Pat Rehmer (DMHAS), Barbara Park wolf (OPM), Thomas Deasy (Comptroller Office), Janice Perkins (Health Net), Razia Hasmi MD (Anthem), M. McCourt (legislative staff).

Behavioral Health Partnership Report



Discussion highlights of DSS/DCF Report:

- ✓ 350 new individual practitioners have enrolled through EDS (pg 1)
- ✓ February CTBHP Service utilization reported by provider type & recipient count (pg 2).
- ✓ IICAPS program (pg 2-3) {*For more information, see CCPA IICAPS survey and conclusions below in DCF SC report*}:
 - Fees: There is a discrepancy between the IICAPS credentialing body and the provider network information regarding minimum productivity assumptions. The BHP agencies are gathering additional data regarding productivity assumptions and will then revisit the fees and discuss their findings with the BHP OC in April.
 - The BHP Agencies expect that the IICAPS grant be reduced April 1 to 50% and that the higher HUSKY A/B rates (IICAPS \$26/15 minute unit) would ensure no revenue drop for providers. The Chair questioned rate implementation without Council review, per statute. ***Council recommendations: 1) the agencies hold on the April 1st grant changes and review the rate decisions at the April 12 BHP OC meeting and 2) DSS consider the DMHAS conversion process where implementation of the conversion was done at the end quarter in order to allow providers time to reconcile the changes.***

ASO -VOI/CTBHP Report: deferred to the Transition Subcommittee March 10, 2006 (*click on 1st icon for ASO report & 2nd icon for Transition SC meeting 3/10/06*)



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council Report to the CT General Assembly

Council members reviewed the draft report and recommended changes and additions to the report. The final report included these changes and was sent to the Governor and Committees of Cognizance as required by PA05-280. (*Please click on icon below for final report*)



Subcommittee Reports

DCF Subcommittee: Chair: Heather Gates. Recent focus has been on the IICAPS rate conversion. The CCPA survey results were reviewed (see results, recommendations below). Earlier in the meeting, the Council Co-Chair stated that the IICAPS rate conversion is important, first because the services are crucial to community-based service access but also because this is the first grant conversion in CT BHP and can serve as a template for future changes.



Transition Subcommittee: Co-Chairs: Stephen Larcen & Susan Zimmerman. Focus has been on consumer issues and reconciliation of BH claims under managed care system. (March 10th meeting summary above under ASO report).

Quality Management & Access Subcommittee: chair: Dr. Davis Gammon, Vice Chairs: Paula Armbruster & Sheila Amdur. The Subcommittee has reviewed and recommended changes in the outpatient registration screen forms, ICM criteria and the CTBHP performance indicators, with the expectation to finalize the screen forms & ICM criteria during the next two meetings (3/31 & 4/7).

Other

Amendments to Raised Bill 578 were discussed; these based on the recommendations in the Council report to the CGA. Increasing consumer participation in the Council and the Subcommittees as co-chairs was endorsed by the Council.