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From: Michael P. Starkowski, Commissioner, Department of Social Services
Joette Katz, Commissioner, Department of Children and Families

Date: March 10, 2011

Re: Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership

Pursuant to CGS Section 17a-22m, we are pleased to report on the status of services provided under the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP). This report covers statutorily-required areas in provision of behavioral health services, including the status of collaboration of the Departments of Children and Families and Social Services, the services provided, the number of persons served, program outcomes, and spending.

Specifically covering calendar 2009, the report was presented to the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council on December 8, 2010. The themes and conclusions of this report reflect the continued success of CT BHP to date. There is no question that this initiative has resulted in marked improvement in access and quality in this crucial service area.

If you would like further information on any aspect of CT BHP, please contact our offices or William Halsey, Director of the BHP at the Department of Social Services at 860.424.5077; or Karen Andersson, Director of the BHP at the Department of Children and Families at 860.550.6683.

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