

Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

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Attendees: Rep. Chris Lyddy, Jeffrey Walter & Hal Gibber (Co-Chairs), William Halsey (DSS), Robert McKeagney (DCF), Lori Szczygiel (CTBHP/ValueOptions), Paul DiLeo & Jennifer Hutchinson (DMHAS), Catherine Foley-Geib (Judicial), Mickey Kramer (Office Child Advocate), Elizabeth Collins, Terri DiPietro, Howard Drescher, Dr. Ronald Fleming, Davis Gammon, MD, Heather Gates, Dr. Steven Girelli, Lorna Grivois, Charles Herrick, MD, Sharon Langer, Dr. Stephen Larcen, Judith Meyers, Randi Mezzy, Kimberly Nystrom, Sherry Perlstein, Galo Rodriquez, Dr. Javier Salabarria, Maureen Smith, Janine Wiley Sullivan, Susan Walkama, Alicia Woodsby, Beresford Wilson, (M. McCourt, legislative staff).

BHP OC Administration

- The July meeting summary was accepted without changes.
- Committee restructuring plans were discussed and approved by the Council (*click icon below to view consolidation of Committees*)



BHPO EX Comm
9-7-11 Comm change

The BHP OC Executive Committee reviewed the oversight focus of the various Council Committees and consolidated several of the Committees for effectiveness/efficiencies for both State Agency participants, Committee participants and staff support.

Jeff Walter, Co-Chair of the Council discussed the blending of the 7 current committees to 4 Committees:

- ***Child/Adolescent Quality, Access and Policy*** (DCF and “HUSKY” Quality): chairs are Sherry Perlstein, Hal Gibber & Robert Franks
- ***Adult Quality, Access and Policy*** (DMHAS and Adult Quality) chairs are Heather Gates, Alicia Woodsby, Howard Drescher
- ***Operations Committee*** (Operations and Provider Advisory) chairs are Susan Walkama & Elizabeth Collins
- ***Coordination of Care*** will remain as is with chairs Sharon Langer & Maureen Smith

The chairs and Council recognized Dr. Davis Gammon who will remain on the Council but has been asked to be relieved of the Chair position for Quality and Dr. Steven Larcen who will remain on the Council but leaving his Operations Chair position. The Committee changes will be effective Oct. 1 and information will be sent to current Committee members.

Rep. Lyddy expressed his appreciate of the work of the council and the Committees and welcomes the opportunity to talk with participants over the next few months.

Subcommittee Reports

Coordination of Care: Sharon Langer & Maureen Smith, Co-Chairs: next meeting Sept. 28th @ 1:30 PM in LOB Room 3800.

DCF Advisory: Sherry Perlstein, Chair met Sept. 6th: key topics included congregate care, noting that Community-based providers do try to involve families in planning care in the community while recognizing that some children have extraordinary challenges for treatment and placement, follow up on family recommendations for developing shared treatment plans for parents and children involved in 2 mental health care systems to keep families together when safe and possible. Question: Have the blended rates for Extended Day treatment and Intensive outpatient services been implemented? DSS said it was originally scheduled for 7-1-11 but is on hold for now.



DCF Advisory Comm.
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DMHAS Advisory: Heather Gates & Alicia Woodsby, Co-Chairs at the last meeting presentation from Jan VanTassal on group services for parents with serious mental health issues and work with DMHAS on public input to the medical home/health home model being created for dual eligibles over age 65 years.

Operations: Stephen Larcen & Lorna Grivois, Co-chairs



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Steve Larcen highlighted key topics that included:

- At the request of the committee the CTBHP/VO redesigned the concurrent review process that has decreased provider and VO staff time by 15-20 minutes while preserving data integrity.
- DSS is creating a provider FAQ document on Medicaid/Medicare dual eligibles
- CTBHP is clarifying policy on billing procedures for 291.0 diagnosis that involves authorization by both Qualidigm and VO.
- The blended rates work group continues to meet to develop recommendations to the Council and CTBHP: the end of the 1915(b) HUSKY waiver Jan. 1, 2011 results in a single rate structure under the State Medicaid Plan. Under the Waiver, the CTBHP rates were higher in some cases compared to the Medicaid fee-for-service levels. The work group expects to complete their review process by Oct. 6 with a written report for the Oct. 12 BHP OC meeting.

Provider Advisory: Susan Walkama & Hal Gibber, Co-Chairs:

Council action: Susan Walkama made a motion seconded by Steve Larcen the Council accepts the changes in the MFT and IICAPS level of care guidelines approved by the committee. (These were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting).

Discussion included the following points:

- ✓ The PAG committee had referred questions about the IICAPS processes to the IICAPS work group related to:
 - Psychiatric evaluation and medication management not part of the IICAPS program

- Service wait list- Yale is the central IICAPS data site unlike other intensive home-based program and the 'wait list' by area needs to be assessed. Reportedly in 2010 there were 300 children on the IICAPS wait list

The committee reviewed these issues that are not directly within the Level of Care guidelines but recognize the importance of discussion at the Council level.

- ✓ Psychiatric medical services are not in the IICAPS program funding, necessitating program collaboration with community providers to provide additional services within limited resources.
- ✓ Community perspective:
 - Assess the effectiveness of IICAPS program – this important issue is referred to the Child/Adolescent Quality Committee as it is not part of the motion regarding the LOC guideline.
 - Identify gaps in the BH system for the appropriateness of level of care services used when higher levels of care are not immediately available.
 - Assess flexibility of the service for families.

The motion to accept the two revised LOC guidelines was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Child/Adolescent Quality Management, Access & Safety: Chair – Davis Gammon, MD, Vice-Chairs: Robert Franks: Next meeting Sept 16: had been plans to reorganize committee prior to the blending of the Committees, but will continue to look at points of continuum of care, especially at transition points as well as measure the efficacy of program.

Adult Quality Management, Access & Safety: Elizabeth Collins & Howard Drescher, Co-Chairs
The committee will continue to look at the VO geo-access report, ED discharge delay patterns for children and adults.

CTBHP Reports



BHOC Presentation
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DCF Reorganization & Congregate Care Report: Robert McKeagney; Director of Clinical & Community Services (Slides 1-7)

Mr. McKeagney, recently appointed as Director of DCF clinical and community services after serving as court monitor for a successfully resolved DCF law suit, discussed the DCF reorganization under Commissioner Katz that brings all CTBHP activities under his supervision.

- The Congregate Care Rightsizing report was issued August 4, 2011 (can be viewed on DCF site: www.ct.gov/dcf).
- Commissioner's "Continuum Care Committee" that will have family representation look at pre and post congregate care service use in order to determine where to direct resources in the system. Lorna Grivois noted that a focus on expanding community services and evaluation of the quality of those services is needed.
- DCF said Voluntary Service program requirements need to be enforced and Ms. Grivois added the standards need to include office and region accountability. Mr. Beresford, family representative,

expressed the importance of fully engaging families in conceptualizing services and delivery and as a parent is eager to assist in this change process,

DSS & DMHAS Updates (slides 8-15)

ValueOptions: Wellness Care Coordination Program (Slides 16-23)

The above two report highlights can be viewed in the attached slide presentation with further discussion deferred to the October meeting.