



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

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Co-Chairs: Rep. Christopher Lyddy Jeffrey Walter Hal Gibber

Meeting Summary: May 9, 2012

Next meeting: **June 13, 2012 @ 2 PM in LOB Room 1E**

Attendees: Jeffrey Walter, Hal Gibber (Co-Chairs), Dr. Karen Andersson (DCF), Rick Calvert, Paul DiLeo, Terri DiPietro, Dr. Ronald Fleming, Catherine Foley-Geib, Heather Gates, William Halsey (DSS), Dr. Charles Herrick, Jennifer Hutchinson (DMHAS), Thomas King, Sharon Langer, Dr. Stephen Larcen, Judith Meyers, Sherry Perlstein, Kelly Phenix, Maureen Smith, Janine Sullivan Wiley, Lori Szczygiel (CTBHP/VO), Jesse White-Fresse, and Alicia Woodsby

BHP OC Administration

Co-Chair, Jeff Walter convened the meeting at 2:12 PM and welcomed members. Jeff asked the Council to approve the March BHP OC meeting summary. All members were in favor of the summary as written.

Action Items

There were no action items this month.

Committee Reports

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

Sharon Langer reported that the committee met on March 28 and adopted a new mission statement that reflects the changes in healthcare in Connecticut. Judith Meyers, President and CEO of the Child Health and Development Institute of CT gave a presentation to the committee on the Co-Management of Psychotropic Medications in Primary Care. For a summary of her report, see the March Summary for the Coordination of Care Committee on the BHPOC Website. Sharon said if anyone has any further questions on the presentations, they should contact Judith directly. The CHDI's website can be found in the March Committee Summary. Co-Chair Jeff Walter asked for clarification of the issues with Logisticare, there are concerns. Sharon did say that one family was extremely positively about the transportation transition and told the Council that DSS will give an update on transportation at the Committee's next meeting on May 16, 2012 at 1:30 PM in Rom 2600 LOB.

Child/Adolescent Quality, Access & Policy: – Sherry Perlstein, Hal Gibber and Robert Franks, Co-Chairs

Sherry Perlstein reported that at their last meeting, Dr. Laurie Van Der Heide of Value Options gave a presentation on an overview of the 2011 Annual Provider Satisfaction Data. She stated that the data from the survey presented though somewhat informative, was not considered reliable enough for the committee to form any opinions or make recommendations to the Council for changes that might enhance provider satisfaction. For details of this report, see the Committee's April Summary on the BHPOC Website. The second part of their meeting was an overview of the Connecticut BHP Value Options Website presented by Scott Greco, Provider Relations Specialist at VO. Sherry highly recommends reviewing the website, and noted that the website is very user friendly and has an enormous amount of important and accessible information. Steve Larcen asked Sherry if her committee had a review done on the IICAPS Program and Sherry replied that it was done during the February meeting. He raised a concern regarding the standards developed by the Yale Program. Laurie Van Der Heide said the program needed some consistency and fidelity to a model. That is where the struggle is. Steve would like the Committee to further examine the validity of program standards that can result in additional administrative costs if compliance is not met. After some discussion, Karen Andersson of DCF said she will bring back these concerns to the DCF IICAPS work group to get some resolution. Sherry said that at the Committee's May meeting, DCF will give a presentation on what has happened to youth 12 and under whom are kept out of a congregate care setting.

Adult Quality, Access & Policy: - Howard Drescher, Heather Gates and Alicia Woodsby, Co-Chairs

Heather Gates, Co-Chair of the Adult Quality, Access & Policy Committee reported that at their May meeting, Kate McEvoy from DSS gave a presentations on the Health Neighborhood Design. Also, a work group was formed with the MAPOC Complex Care Committee to work with DMHAS on behalf of the population with serious mental illness (SMI) to advise in the design to create Health Homes.

Operations: – Susan Walkama and Terri DiPietro, Co-Chairs

Terry DiPietro said that due to a last minute illness she suffered and her Co-Chair, Susan Walkama being out of town, the May Operations Committee meeting had to be cancelled and the next meeting will take place on June 1, 2012 at 2:20 PM at VO in Rocky Hill. In regards to the 120 day timely filing for BH, there is still no resolution to extend the deadline to 365 days which would be on parity with medical programs. This will continue to be on the Committee's agenda.

Kelli Phenix informed the Council that newly appointed member; Paul Acker was in Washington D. C. at the National Press Club receiving an award for the SECURE Program.

Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Agency Reports
Department of Children and Families

No report given.

Department of Social Services and Department of Mental Health and Addictive Services

A presentation on the Medicare-Medicaid Eligibles (MME) Demonstration Proposal and Healthcare reform and policy cuts in Medicaid in Connecticut was given by Mark Schaefer of DSS and Paul DiLeo of DMHAS.



Microsoft PowerPoint
Presentation

Mark gave the overview of the Integrated Care Demonstration for Medicare/Medicaid Eligibles (MME population). See attached. He talked about the context, key features (goals, profiles of population, and structure), and the beneficiary's perspective of the program.

Discussion

Paul answered the question, why should people want to stay in a Health Neighborhood and he said because it is a greater quality of care, all the services are there. He said that when people are healthier, they cost less money. The target date to commence the program is December 2012. Judith Myers asked for clarification of the term Health Neighborhood. Was it a physical geographic place? It was explained that it was a consortium of providers organized under a single umbrella who recognize that they share a population.

Since the meeting was running late, Co-Chair Jeff Walter asked Bill Halsey from DSS to give his update on the Rate Meld Conditions and other updates next month. Bill agreed and since has provided the Council the following information after the meeting;

Rate Meld Implementation Update: DSS has implemented the following rates/fees:

1. Home Health
 2. General Hospital outpatient
 3. General Hospital intermediate levels of care
 4. Private Practitioners
- The next rate/fee to be implemented is the general hospital and private psychiatric hospital inpatient rates for adults and children
 - Behavioral Health Clinics will be the next rate/fee to be implemented after the inpatient hospitalization
 - Bill promised to provide clarification regarding the rate meld for intermediate levels of care (PHP, IOP). There is no child/adult rate differential for intermediate levels of care.

Heather Gates said that the second meeting of the Joint Work Group of the Adult Quality, Access & Policy and the Complex Care Committees will meet at VO on Friday May 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Without getting any questions or comments, Jeff adjourned the Council meeting at 4:11 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 @ 2:00 PM 1E LOB