



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

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*Co-Chairs: Rep. Phil Miller, Hal Gibber & Jeffrey Walter*  
Meeting Summary: July 10, 2013

Next meeting: **September 11, 2013 @ 2 PM in LOB 1E**

*Attendees: Representative Phil Miller (Co-Chair), Hal Gibber (Co-Chair), Jeff Walter (Co-Chair), Dr. Karen Andersson (DCF), Rick Calvert, Sharon Dexler, Dr. Ronald Fleming, Heather Gates, Senator Terry Gerratana, Dr. Steven Girelli, Bill Halsey (DSS), Jennifer Hutchinson (DMHAS), Stephen Merz, Judith Meyers, Lois Nesci, Kimberly Nystrom, Sherry Perlstein, Dr. Jeffrey Shelton, Janine Sullivan Wiley, Jesse White-Frese, Beresford Wilson, and Alicia Woodsby*

### ***BHP OC Administration***

Co-Chair Representative Phil Miller convened the meeting at 2:09 PM and members introduced themselves. Later during the meeting, Co-chair Phil Miller asked for a motion to accept the June summary. Steve Girelli made the motion and Judith Myers seconded. All voted in favor to accept the summary as written.

### ***Action Items***

No Action Items this month.

## ***Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Agency Reports***

### **Department of Children and Families (DCF)**

Karen Andersson talked about legislation that gives DCF \$10.3 million for the children's mental health implementation plan. The department is doing complex work in reviewing documents, advocacy, and constituent groups in determining how the funding will be allocated. As she stated last month, the funding will also expand Trauma Focus Cognitive Behavior Therapy and will support foster and best model kinship guardianship for families and IICAPS in Connecticut will be expanded as well.

## **Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)**

Jennifer Hutchinson said the department continues to work with the sub-committee from the Adult Quality, Access & Policy Committee on the Behavioral Health Home model. She also talked about how the Behavioral Health Home model can be worked into and enhanced by the State Innovation Model for the Round 2 awards. The deadline for that application is August 15, 2013. Senator Gerratana asked if this information was on the department's website. Jennifer said that it should be online by the following week. Alicia Woodsby (Adult Quality, Access & Policy Committee Co-chair) asked if the BHH model added a focus on children. Karen Andersson answered by saying this was discussed at a Commissioner level meeting that children's institutions will follow the Clifford Beers Proposal model for the medical home model which means it will collaborate Mental Health and Medical Services as is currently done in New Haven for children who have been traumatized. This model could be replicated in other parts of the state.

## **Department of Social Services (DSS)**



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Bill Halsey gave the department update as well as the main presentation for the Council (see above). He talked about the \$1 million savings for FY '15 that the BHP and the Council are to cut as cited in PA-13-247. How to find savings discussions will be held in future department meetings. Currently, smoking cessation billing codes are for individuals only, not for group care. Bill said that the state plan amendment will address this need but it has not been submitted yet for approval but he expects it will be approved by late fall. He also spoke about the Clinic Regulations were once again rejected by the Regulation Review Committee but they will be re-submitted with technical changes and clarification of definitions to the Regulations Review Committee in September. As an addendum, Bill followed up with the Council Co-chairs to Janine Sullivan Wiley's question on the subject matter of the Emergency Department co-pays. He received some additional information that he provided to the co-chairs in an email after the council adjourned. This is still in the early stages of developing an implementation plan but he will also provide additional follow up in the future as it develops.

- The ED co-pay legislation was a late term initiative of the Appropriations Committee
- The implementation date was July 1, 2013, but the Department has not yet implemented co-pays
- The co-pay requires a state plan amendment which has not been submitted or drafted
- Payment edits in the Medicaid payment system have not been implemented
- DSS is having internal meetings and meetings with the CT Hospital Association regarding the implementation of this legislation
- The co-pay amount has not been determined
- DSS already audits EDs related to medical necessity of urgent care vs. emergent care and that process would continue (per Bill himself, he got this wrong at the meeting)

## **Committee Reports**

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

The Co-chairs of the committee were not present and so no report was given. The committee did meet co-jointly with MAPOC's Consumer Access Committee on June 19, 2013 and a report will be given to the Council in September. Consumers who are still experiencing difficulty with transportation appointments can call Logisticare at 1-888-248-9895; HUSKY Health at 1-800-859-9889 for accessing health services, coordination of care, and to file a NEMT complaint.

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

Sherry Perlstein reported that committee met on Friday, June 21, 2013. Presenter Martha Stone of the Center for Children's Advocacy gave a report on Disproportionate Minority Contacts of Children in the Juvenile Justice System. Also, Karen Andersson (DSS) gave a clarification between the Second Plan Amendment (Behavioral Health Homes) and the Innovation Grant. The regularly scheduled July and August meetings have been canceled but a new date has been scheduled for **Monday, August 12, 2013 with a new location (for this meeting only) will be at CCPA in Rocky Hill at 3:00 PM.** DCF will be presenting information regarding the Draft Plan for Innovation Grant and the Draft Plan for Implementer monies in the Newtown legislation (HB6704).

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

Heather Gates reported the sub-group continues to work on the Health Home design with DMHAS for provider requirements and other directives. The workgroup is currently looking at provider requirements that were distributed in April for the next meeting at CCPA on July 17, 2013 at 11:00 AM. Meetings will continue through August on data (how to collect, analyze, and utilize) and at the September Council, the model will be submitted for review and recommendation for the state plan amendment. With this in process, the committee has suspended all remaining meeting dates until the work on Behavioral Health Homes is completed.

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

The Co-chairs of the committee were not present and a report will be given to the Council in September. Bill Halsey reported that the Departments would like to initiate a workgroup with providers and Value Options to review innovative practice and payment models for outpatient services. This is to strengthen and enhance the safety net for outpatient services. Pay for performance models will be considered. The workgroup goals and objectives will be discussed at the next Operations Committee meeting and it will look at models in other parts of the country.

**Adjournment**

Co-Chair Representative Phil Miller asked for further comments, questions, or other business. Hearing nothing, he thanked everyone for attending, reminded members that there will be no August meeting with wishing them a good summer, and adjourned the Council meeting at 3:24 PM.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 @ 2:00 PM  
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