

The Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council (BHPOC) will conduct a

Public Forum

WHEN: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 beginning at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Room 1E, Legislative Office Building (LOB) in Hartford, 300 Capitol Avenue

To hear comments on Quality and Access to behavioral health services in Connecticut. The Council invites input and participation from:

- Those who receive behavioral health services, both young people and adults
- **Families** of those who use services, both children and adults
- <u>Advocates and others</u> who wish to share their experiences or insights into behavioral health care in Connecticut
- Sign Language interpreter will be available"

QUALITY – Do the services available in Connecticut help you or a loved one on their path to recovery? Do you have a positive story to share? A negative story? What do you like about Connecticut's services and system? What needs to be improved?

ACCESS – How hard or easy is it for you or a loved one to obtain services? Is poor access to service a barrier to recovery? Do you live in a city, a suburb or a rural part of the state? Does your location affect access? Do you have transportation issues? Do you have positive stories about access? Negative stories? What needs to change to have better access to behavioral care in Connecticut?

Please RSVP to David Kaplan at <u>David.Kaplan@cga.ct.gov</u> if you are planning to speak on May 14.

If you cannot attend the Forum but would like to share your story, please submit written testimony to David.Kaplan@cga.ct.gov