



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

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Meeting Summary Addendum: May 14, 2014

Next meeting: **June 11, 2014 @ 2 PM in 1E LOB**

Public Forum on the Access to Services and Quality of Care in Connecticut Summary of Issues

- Walls of Sigma have not come down yet
- HIPPA laws prevent providers to communicate effectively and efficiently
- Sign language translators are not provided for the deaf and hard of hearing population
- Multi-issues and lack of services for the blind-deaf and schizophrenic population
- No effective treatment or services for Reactive Attachment Disorder population
- Some services are not effective and consistent, i.e., IICAPS
- Educated Schizophrenic population cannot find viable employment
- Autism Spectrum services are limited
- More services and specialized care are needed for inner city youth with BH issues
- More support and help for youths transitioning from DCF care to DMHAS services
- More healthcare coordination is needed between medical doctors and mental health professionals
- More assistance is needed in obtaining medications and therapy
- Assistance is needed in obtaining a primary care physician to resolve health problems for people with BH issues
- Healthcare system only focuses on what healthcare will pay for and not the patient
- People with MH issues are still treated like social pariahs
- Family advocates for people with BH issues are ignored or seen as being difficult
- The terrible toll that an out-of-control family member/ child can take on families
- The lack of services for people who have particularly unique or multiple needs (e.g. schizophrenia plus blind or deaf)
- Need for recognition of and supports for the children of people with severe mental illness (e.g. trauma)