



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

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Co-Chairs: Rep. Phil Miller, Sharon Langer & Hal Gibber
Meeting Summary: December 10, 2014

Next meeting: **January 14, 2015 @ 2 PM in 1E LOB**

Attendees: Sharon Langer (Co-Chair), Karen Andersson (DCF), Tim Blevins, Terri DiPietro, Catherine Foley-Geib, Heather Gates, Bill Halsey (DSS), Peggy Hardy, Colleen Harrington (DMHAS), Dr. Charles Herrick, Dr. Thomas King, Mickey Kramer, Stephen Larcen, Steve Merz, Judith Meyers, Dr. Steve Moore (VO), Nancy Navarretta, Lois Nesci, Kimberly Nystrom, Dr. Bert Plant (VO), Knute Rotto, Joseph Sullivan, Janine Sullivan-Wiley, and Jeff Walter

BHP OC Administration

Co-Chair Sharon Langer convened the meeting at 2:04 PM by welcoming everyone and immediately asked for a motion to accept the November BHPOC summary. A motion was made by Terri DiPietro and seconded by Judith Meyers. All voted unanimously to accept the summary as written without changes. Sharon then noted that all presentations can be found on the BHPOC Website and can be downloaded and reviewed prior to coming to this meeting.

Action Items

None.

Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Agency Reports- Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services - Colleen Harrington (DMHAS)

The Executive Committee of the BHPOC asked all three state agency partners to give a report on Governor Malloy's rescissions. Colleen Harrington said that none of the Governor's rescissions for DMHAS will impact programs under BHPOC oversight. Most of the rescissions do not affect the provider network and will be managed by DMHAS. A projected surplus in Home and Community Based Services, due to slower admissions onto the waiver initially, will offset the \$801604 cut. She also gave an update on Behavioral Health Homes (BHH). Colleen said that the Department has heard back from CMS and asked for a fiscal clarification. The answers to these questions have been submitted and the department is waiting to hear back from CMS.

Department of Children and Families – Karen Andersson (DCF)

Karen Andersson said that there are no rescissions for BH in the DCF budget.

Department of Social Services - Bill Halsey (DSS)

Bill Halsey referenced the public document from the Governor's Office outlining rescissions by agency. There is a \$2.5 million rescission in cuts in grants and staffing that will not affect Medicaid rates.

Adult Emergency Department Utilization Report- Dr. Bert Plant (VO) and Colleen Harrington (DMHAS)



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See above report. Bert Plant said that the report finished in 2013 includes a number of studies within a big study. Value Options Claims Data is the primary source of the report.

Committee Reports:

Coordination of Care: - *Janine Sullivan-Wiley, Co-Chair*

Co-Chair Janine Sullivan-Wiley reported that the November committee meeting was canceled and will convene on January 28, 2015 to resume discussion for comments and suggestions on new DSS Non- Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) regulations. There will also be elections for new consumer co-chairs.

*From previously: 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 Jeff Vanderploeg, Co-Chairs*

Karen Andersson reported for Co-Chair Sherry Perlstein who could not make the Council meeting. Karen said at the last committee meeting there was a presentation on ECCs and an update on the Governor's budget and intermediate levels of care in terms of PMP, IOD and EDT.

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

Co-Chair Heather Gates reported that the Adult Emergency Department Utilization presented to the Council today was the same report her committee received this month. There was also an update on Behavioral Health Home (BHH) implementation. There was discussion on outpatient rates for adult and children. She said that Bill Halsey of DSS reported that if the State Plan Amendment is submitted by March 31, 2015, this will go into effect on 1/1/15 retroactively. Heather said that her committee as well as the Council would like to review and comment on this. Codes spread sheets will be reported after the first of the year. Bill also provided a report on rate setting for methadone treatment. The next meeting was changed to January 8, 2015 at 3:00 PM at CCPA in Rocky Hill because the normal date will be New Year's Day.

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

Out-patient rates will increase and the upper payment limit (UPL) rates are scheduled to increase by March 31, 2015 and will be retroactive to January 1, 2015. Value Options will be having training sessions for the new DMS-V installation that will be listed on the VO Website. The VO study on Level of Care for out-patients will first go to the state agencies and then back to the committee for review. The follow-up on the licensure for LMSWs will give them the status of Allied Health Professionals. The committee had discussions on Autism Services. There will be a training on QUIMBY in February.

Other Business/Adjournment

Co-Chair Sharon Langer thanked everyone for their reports and presentations. She recognized Judith Myers for CHDI who passed out a report on Post-Partum Depression. Next, she asked for further comments, questions, or other business. Hearing none, Steve Larcen made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded, and accepted by everyone. Sharon then announced the next meeting will be on January 14, 2015 in 1E LOB and adjourned the meeting at 4:04 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 @ 2:00 PM 1E LOB