



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

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Co-Chairs: Rep. Mike Demicco, Sharon Langer & Hal Gibber

Meeting Summary: October 14, 2015

1E LOB

*Next meeting: **November 18, 2015 @ 2 PM in 1E LOB***

Attendees: Representative Mike Demicco (Co-Chair), Hal Gibber (Co-Chair), Karen Andersson (DCF), Terri DiPietro, Heather Gates, Dr. Steven Girelli, William Halsey (DSS), Peggy Hardy, Colleen Harrington (DMHAS), Dr. Charles Herrick, Jill Holmes-Brown, Bonni Hopkins (VO), Tom King, Stephen Larcen, Stephen Merz, Judith Meyers, Marie Mormile-Mehler, Kim Nystrom, Sherry Perlstein, Kelly Phenix, Knute Rotto, Dr. Mark Schaefer, Joseph Sullivan, Janine Sullivan-Wiley, Susan Walkama, Jeff Walter, Beresford Wilson, and Valerie Wyzykowski

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Co-Chair Hal Gibber convened the meeting at 2:07 PM and introductions were made. He then made a motion to accept the September summary and Janine Sullivan-Wiley seconded it. Everyone approve it without abstentions and the summary was accepted as written. Co-Chair Representative Mike Demicco spoke about the open seats on the Council and how he was in touch with the legislative appointees asking them to fill their openings as soon as possible. He also welcomed new Council Member, Jill Holmes Brown who was appointed by Senator Duff and has replaced Dennis Torres as the CASBHC representative. Mike thanked Dennis for his time that he served on the Council. Co-Chair Hal Gibber said that he and Council Member, Beresford Wilson are working on getting greater consumer representation by reaching out to other consumer oriented groups. He also spoke about the advocacy required to continue BH services; what should be the priorities and issues of the Council's goals and objectives for the 2015-2016 year. If anyone has any suggestions or comments, he told Council Members to get in touch with the Co-Chairs or email staff member, David Kaplan so they can be included into a plan for the coming year.

Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Agency Reports-

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services – State Budget Update: Application to SAMHSA and CMS for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) - Colleen Harrington (DMHAS)

Colleen Harrington said that SAMHSA/CMS has selected Connecticut for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) but with significantly less money than originally requested. In response, the departments have submitted an updated scope and budget for approval and have not yet heard back from SAMHSA. DMHAS is going to manage the Governor's rescissions by delaying the implementation of any new initiatives included in the SFY 2016 budget. This includes delaying implementation of the Community Care Teams (CCTs). At this time, the plan is to implement CCT's in SFY 2017. There will also be delayed implementation in caseload growth and some housing services. This plan will leave the existing community service system structure intact. The rescissions to the Connecticut Legal Rights Project and CMHC have been passed to those organizations.

Department of Children and Families – Plans for EMPS Expansion- Karen Andersson (DCF)

Karen Andersson said the latest round of rescissions were minimal, only \$20,000, with no impact to Behavioral Health services. There is \$2.5 million to expand children's EMPS to six contractors throughout the state. Janine Sullivan-Wiley said she would like to see the expansion to cover the hours with the highest utilization times (needs). The hours of expansion will be determined by data driven variables; call volume, total episodes of care, utilization across the 24-hour time span, penetration rates per thousand, etc. Tim Marshall (DCF) will soon announce the hours of expansion.

Department of Social Services – Impact of Governor's Rescissions on the BHP State Budget-Bill Halsey (DSS)



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Bill Halsey announced that there was no further update on the hospital rescissions and that the rescissions will have no impact on the rate clinic increases that went into effect on October 23, 2015 and retro-active to July 1, 2015. They are active and current. There will be a policy transmittal issued explaining the process coming out soon. Bill also announced the **BHPOC Webinar to Learn about the Medicaid Shared Savings & Quality Improvement Component of SIM**. It will be on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 from 11 AM to 12 PM. An E-Vite was sent out to the membership earlier in the week; see above for the presentation and summary.

State Innovation Model- Dr. Mark Schaefer



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Dr. Mark Schaefer introduced the State Innovation Model (SIM) as “Better healthcare and better health”. Last December (2014), the state received \$45 million grant from the federal government to re-design healthcare is delivered (see above). Council Member, Beresford Wilson strongly expressed his concern that the statistics for African-American cohorts were negligible in the presentation. Mark replied that race/ethnic data does not exist in many areas. Stats are tracked to close the gap and improve overall performance. The data reveals health inequity and DSS and Value Options are working together to create better and more equitable change in the healthcare system. Bill Halsey will take any comments and suggestions back to DSS on the SIM model.

Home Health and Medicine Administration- Bonni Hopkins, AVP for Analytics and Innovation (VO)



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See report above.

Committee Reports:

Coordination of Care: - Janine Sullivan-Wiley, Co-Chair, Brenetta Henry, Co-Chair

Co-Chair Janine Sullivan-Wiley reported that the last meeting in September, the main discussion focused on NEMT and the Logisticare report. Committee members asked the Council to take action and write a letter to the Commissioner of DSS recommending him to issue an RFP to re-bid the NEMT contract by 1/1/16, a full year before Logisticare’s contract is due to expire. Also was discussed: Committee membership expansion for more geographic state representation and which will be continued at the next meeting will be on October 28, 2015 at 1:00 PM in 1E LOB. *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.

Action Item

Janine Sullivan-Wiley moved a motion to write a letter from the Council to the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services urging him to issue an RFP for the re-bidding of the contract (not a capitated model) for NEMT Services by January 1, 2016 and was seconded by Beresford Wilson. Judith Meyers questioned if the Council had all the information it needed to take such a vote yet. It was pointed out the letter would indicate the Coordination of Care/Consumer Access Committee’s dissatisfaction with the current way NEMT services are being handled. All voted in favor of the motion with one abstention. The motion passed.

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

Co-Chair Heather Gates said that the October meeting was canceled and the next meeting date will be determined for a mutually convenient day and time for the Co-Chairs and the State Agency Partners to meet.

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

Co-Chair Sherry Perlstein told members that the next meeting date will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM in the Hartford Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at Value Options in Rocky Hill, CT. The agenda is still being determined.

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

Co-Chair Terri DiPietro reported the committee will be monitoring the roll-out for the APC adjustment for hospital payments for outpatients and they talked about the ECC expansion- part of the rate adjustment. They had an update on the network development for autism spectrum disorders, and they talked about the cumbersomeness of the data registration process. They went over how homecare reduction in services is an Adult QAP Committee issue and they talked about how guidelines for adult level of care get reviewed. The next meeting is on November 6, 2015 at 2:30 PM in the Hartford Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at Value Options in Rocky Hill, CT.

Other Business/Meeting Announcement/Adjournment

Co-Chair Hal Gibber thanked Mark Schaefer and Bonni Hopkins for their presentations and asked for further comments, questions, or other business. Bill Halsey told members that the intent for APC is Cost Neutrality. Also, they may be interested in taking another look at “slide 28” from the HUSKY A & B Expenditures by Level of Care CY 2006-2011 report posted on the May 2015 BHPOC Webpage. It shows from CY 2006 - 2011, utilization and annual expenditures related to Home Health services have climbed and where the behavioral health dollars are spent. Judith Meyers handed out a report on “Advancing Trauma-Informed Systems for Children” from the September 2015 issue of IMPACT, a publication of the Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut and a card in both English and Spanish from KidsMentalHealthInfo.com on questions and concerns about a child’s behavior or mental health. Hearing nothing else, Hal informed Council Members that because of the Veteran’s Day holiday there is a date change for the next BHPOC meeting to November 18, 2015 at 2:00 PM in 1E LOB. He then adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM.

***NOTE: DATE CHANGE: Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 @ 2:00 PM 1E LOB**