



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

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Co-Chairs: Rep. Mike Demicco, Pat Rehmer & Beresford Wilson

Meeting Summary: October 10, 2018

1E LOB

Next Meeting is November 14, 2018 @ 2 PM in 1E LOB

Attendees: Pat Rehmer (Co-Chair), Beresford Wilson (Co-Chair), David Borzellino, Dr. Elliot Brenner, Alyse Chin (DMHAS), Terri DiPietro, Dr. Frank Fortunati, Jr., Heather Gates, Dr. Steven Girelli, William Halsey (DSS), Brenetta Henry (CFAC), Dr. Charles Herrick, Yvonne Jones (Beacon), Susan Kelley, Dr. Sabooh Mubbashar, Maureen O'Neill-Davis, Kelly Phenix, Galo Rodriguez, Dr. Mark Schaefer (OHS), Dr. Stephney Springer (DCF), Janine Sullivan-Wiley, Lori Szczygiel (Beacon), Sabrina Trocchi, Rod Winstead (DSS), Valerie Wyzykowski (OHA), and Dr. Benjamin Zigun

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Co-Chair Pat Rehmer convened the meeting at 2:02 PM, and introductions were made. She welcomed new member, Sabrina Trocchi to the Council. Pat then asked for public comments. Nancy Urgell, Advocate for all Persons who have a disability and Promoter of the Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities, talked about her life in the mental health system and the trauma she has had for 61 years and how it was misdiagnosed and how it has caused her all kinds of other health problems. She said that there are many people like her in Connecticut who, too, have been misdiagnosed, treated, and medicated for other illnesses and in turn this has led them and her having other health issues. She said that medication does not work for trauma. She also talked about how these complications in her life have led her to being unable to hold down employment. She stated that "All departments of the State, nonprofits and churches should be involved" in working together to develop related services for persons who suffer from trauma. "Each one has a piece of the puzzle but no one entity has the whole picture! Churches play a big part as well. They need to be included in this most critical problem to create a solution." Pat thanked Nancy for her participation and comments to the Council.

Next, Pat asked Council Members for a motion to accept the September 2018 summary. Terri DiPietro made the motion and was seconded by Dr. Steve Girelli. All voted to accept the September summary with no nays or abstentions.

Action Items

None

Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Agency Reports:
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services –Alyse Chin
No report was given.

Department of Social Services-Bill Halsey



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Bill Halsey (DSS) asked that Council Members review the three above documents (BHPOC Website and distributed) and to provide feedback on each of them. They tell the Medicaid story from the medical perspective. Please send your feedback directly to Bill Halsey.

Department of Children and Families – Dr. Stephney Springer
No report was given.

Judicial Branch – Barbara Lanza

Due to the absence of Barbara Lanza, no department report was given.

State Department of Education- Charlene Russell-Tucker (SDE)
Due to the absence of Charlene Russell-Tucker, no department report was given.

NEMT Update -Rod Winstead (DSS)



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Due to an overlap in meetings, Rod Winstead was unable to give the update on **Non-Medical Emergency Transportation services (NEMT)**. For full details of the report, see above icon.

Committee Reports:

Coordination of Care: - Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, Co-Chair, Janine Sullivan-Wiley, Co-Chair, Kelly Phenix, Co-Chair, Benita Toussaint, Co-Chair

Co-Chair Janine Sullivan Wiley reported that there was a presentation on CHNCT (medical ASO) and update (can be found on the BHPOC Website). She also announced the next meeting will be November 28, 2018 at 1:00 PM in 1E LOB. There will be an update on NEMT.

Child/Adolescent Quality, Access & Policy: – Steve Girelli and Jeff Vanderploeg, Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Dr. Steven Girelli announced that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Beacon Health Options (Editor's Note: that meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2018 at Beacon.). At this meeting, there will be a

presentation of the findings from the member survey that the Co-Chairs had conducted and then the committee will discuss, function and process of the CAQAP that will include historical perspective, review of the mission, and planning for future work of the committee. The agenda will also include a presentation of CHDI's report on child and adolescent emergency department utilization.

Adult Quality, Access & Policy: -Paul Acker, Dr. Frank Fortunati, Jr., Heather Gate, Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Heather Gates reported the next meeting will be on November 13, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the CT Community Non-Profit Alliance office, 35 Cold Spring Road, #522, Rocky Hill, CT. There may be an opening for Co-Chairperson for this committee, if anyone is interested in putting their name in for consideration by BHPOC Executive Committee, please contact BHPOC Administrator, David Kaplan, by November 1, 2018.

Operations: – Terri DiPietro, Chair

Co-Chair Terri DiPietro said that there was a special Operations Committee meeting on Friday, October 5, 2018 and the main topic and discussion revolved around telemedicine. There is an opening for a Co-Chairperson for the committee. Anyone who is interested in the position is asked to contact, BHPOC Administrator, David Kaplan by November 1, 2018. The next meeting will be on November 2, 2018 at 2:30 PM in the Hartford Conference Room (third floor) at Beacon Health Options in Rocky Hill, CT. If any member has any future item topics for the agenda, please contact BHPOC Administrator, David Kaplan.

**BHP Consumer and Family Advisory Council (CFAC) Presentation
– Brenetta Henry, CFAC Co-Chair and Yvonne Jones, CFAC Advisor**



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For full details of the report, see above icon.

Brenetta Henry reported that the fourth annual iCAN Conference took place on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Artist's Collective at 1200 Albany Avenue in Hartford. The theme was "*Step Up and Stand Out- Taking Action and True Partnership*". There were six breakout sessions that included: Fatherhood Initiative, Young Adults and Suicide Prevention, Adult Services, Faith-Based Talk, Trauma, and Wellness Discussion. With over 250 people attending, the conference was a great success and the organizers hope to take it to a national level and patent the iCAN name. If anyone is interested in attending or becoming a sponsor for next year, please contact Yvonne Jones (860-263-2000) at Beacon Health Options in Rocky Hill, CT.

Brenetta thanked the Council for having the opportunity to come and present. Co-Chair Beresford Wilson said that the idea of taking the iCAN Conference to a national level is so critical at this time. Connecticut is far ahead of the curve. He continued by stating that CFAC is a functional committee and a partnership in shared responsibility and shared authority. Yvonne summed up about CFAC by saying, "Each one, teach one". Kelly Phenix said that Brenetta

should seek membership on the Council and Co-Chair Pat Rehmer said that there are some vacancies to fill.

Office of Health Strategy (OHS) Primary Care Modernization and Health Enhancement Communities: Pathways to Better Care and Better Health- Dr. Mark Schaefer-Director, Healthcare Innovation, Office of Health Strategy (OHS)



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Co-Chair Beresford Wilson introduced Mark Schaefer as a long-time friend of the Council. Mark says his current work takes a look about the costs of primary healthcare and offers a new way of servicing primary healthcare, Health Enhancement is prevention and offers ways on how to monetarize it. For full details of the report, see above icon.

New Business/Meeting Announcement/Adjournment

Co-Chair Beresford Wilson thanked all guests and members for their participation in the discussions. He asked for any other announcements or new business. Hearing none, he reminded members that the next meeting will be on November 14, 2018 at 2:00 PM in **1E LOB** and members were also reminded that the January 2019 meeting was changed to Tuesday, January 8, 2019- this is a one date/day change. Janine Sullivan-Wiley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Eliot Brenner. All voted in the affirmative. Beresford then adjourned the meeting at 4:09 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 @ 2:00 PM 1E LOB

***NOTE: The January 2019 Mtg. date is changed to TUESDAY, January 8, 2019. This is a one-time change of day/date.**