



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

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Co-Chairs: Rep. Mike Demicco, Pat Rehmer & Beresford Wilson
Meeting Summary: April 10, 2019

1E LOB

Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 8, 2019 @ 2 PM in 1E LOB

Attendees: Pat Rehmer (Co-Chair), Beresford Wilson (Co-Chair), Paul Acker, David Borzellino, Alyse Chin (DMHAS), Dr. Frank Fortunati, Jr., Heather Gates, Dr. Steven Girelli, Ajit Gopalakrishnan (CSDE), Bill Halsey (DSS), Dr. Charles Herrick, Susan Kelley, Tom King, Mickey Kramer (OCA), Barbara Lanza (Jud), Dr. Sabooh Mubbashar, Kelly Phenix, Charlene Russell-Tucker (CSDE), Dr. Stephney Springer (DCF), Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, Janine Sullivan-Wiley, Lori Szczygiel (Beacon), Meryl Tom (DPH), Sabrina Trocchi, Rod Winstead (DSS), and Valerie Wyzykowski (OHA)

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Co-Chair Pat Rehmer convened the meeting at 2:04 PM and welcomed everyone. She then asked for public comments. Hearing none, Pat asked Council Members if they reviewed the March 2019 summary and requested a motion to accept it. Paul Acker made the motion and it was seconded by Steven Girelli. All voted to accept the March 2019 summary as written with no nays. Pat then had Charlene Russell-Tucker (CSDE) introduce the presenter from her department.

Action Items

None

CSDE EdSight Data Portal Presentation- Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer

Council Member Charlene Russell-Tucker (CSDE) introduced Chief Performance Officer, Ajit Gopalakrishnan to the Council and he started the live presentation on Connecticut State Department of Education's EdSight Portal. He invited members to give their questions during his presentation and they were answered with using the portal. EdSight is CSDE's data portal that provides detailed information about schools and districts and offers information on key performance measures that make up Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System. The portal offers reports about students, educators, instruction, schools/districts, fiscal resources, and performance. For more information, the URL is edsight.ct.gov. Co-Chair Pat Rehmer thanked Ajit and Charlene for their presentation and for answering questions.

Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Agency Reports: **Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services –Alyse Chin**

Alyse Chin said the department did not have a report.

Department of Social Services-Bill Halsey (DSS)

Bill Halsey reported on substance abuse disorder interventions under Medicaid; there is the Support Act and the 1115 Demonstration Waiver. The department is trying to see which one of these programs that the state should pursue. Each has its pros and cons; however, both would allow the state to receive federal revenue for adult services (Institute of Mental Disease). This (federal) revenue would be re-invested into the substance abuse disorder system. When the department knows what it which grant to follow, it will bring providers in to have a discussion. Also, the department is pursuing another grant opportunity: *Integrated Care for Kids* (InCK). It will help achieve better outcomes in the community and school. It is a highly competitive multi-state grant with only eight awardees and Clifford Beers in New Haven will be pilot it for Connecticut. Bill said by the next Council meeting, he will be able to share the model design with Council Members. Co-Chair Pat Rehmer questioned Bill on tele-health and he replied that it can be done through a State Plan Amendment with a focus on behavioral health (initial evaluation that takes place in the home) which is currently being worked on. There are two other cohorts that will be primarily for individuals who are homebound and individuals with a need for pre-op or post-op surgery (tele-health) services. Bill was unsure of the timeline for this but based on previous practice and a pre-call to CMS to make sure that everyone is under the same understanding about tele-health and using a modifier for certain codes, it should be within the next 90 days. He would like it to see go live by this summer. Representative Steinberg reported that that a tele-health bill was passed out of the Public Health Committee and it is a “work in progress” but there was not an absolute consensus on it in the committee.

Rod Winstead (DSS) said that the department is aware of significant issues with **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation services (NEMT)** and is taking steps to address this but he not allowed to discuss what is being done due to a pending lawsuit. He wanted to let the Council know that they are working on and responding to all issues. He brought with him a one-page dash board document (see icon below and is posted on the BHPOC Website).



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In February, the last month for which there was data available, Veyo completed 358,996 trips and received 467 complaints. An estimated 225 were substantiated through investigation the company did by going back and listening to call recordings.

Kelly Phenix pointed out that only about 140,000 of the 350,000 rides being provided on a monthly basis are provided by a cab or livery service, the rest are bus passes.

The three-year, \$140-million contract also allows medical providers or nursing homes to become their own transportation provider if they have the vehicles.

Department of Children and Families – Dr. Stephney Springer (DCF)

Dr. Stephney Springer reported the PRTF will be completed by June 1, 2019 and one unit by mid-May, another by mid-July and the final unit will be done by mid-September. Solnit North (for boys) does have availability for capacity for admissions.

Judicial Branch – Barbara Lanza (Jud)

Barbara Lanza reported that there is no update on the RFP since last month. The due dates are forthcoming and still pending. From Last Month: The REGIONS Boys Secure is still in process and the RFP for the REGIONS Secure Girls program should be going out by the end of April or early June.

State Department of Education- Charlene Russell-Tucker (SDE)

Charlene Russell-Tucker earlier introduced her colleague Ajit Gopalakrishnan to the Council.

Department of Developmental Services - Kathryn Rock-Burns (DDS)

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

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 the last meeting was on March 27, 2019 and there was an update on NEMT by DSS and Veyo and a discussion on the **Spend-down** process. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 1:00 PM in 1E LOB in Hartford; the committee leadership process will be discussed.

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

Co-Chair Dr. Steve Girelli reported that at the March meeting was canceled and the next meeting will be on April 17, 2019 at 2:00 PM in the Hartford Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at Beacon Health Options. (Editor's Note: This meeting was canceled and the next meeting will be on May 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Beacon Health Options.)

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

Co-Chair Dr. Frank Fortunati, Jr. said that the committee meets every other month and the next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 3:00 PM. He once again, thanked Beacon for hosting all Adult QAP Committee meetings going forward. If members have any suggestions for agenda items, please contact the co-chairs or BHPOC staff, David Kaplan.

Operations: – *Terri DiPietro and Heather Gates, Co- Chairs*

Co-Chair Heather Gates announced a new meeting date is set for Friday, May 3, 2019 at 2:30 PM in the Hartford Conference Room (third floor) at Beacon Health Options in Rocky Hill, CT. On the agenda is a follow-up on the CMMI *Integrated Care for Kids* (InCK) RFP which is Integrated Care Coordination and an alternate payment model that is a care model and is a seven (7) year project. Also, there will be an update on IICAPS.

Consumer and Family Advisory Council (CFAC) Update –*Kelly Phenix*

Kelly Phenix announced there will be a Legislative Breakfast the following day on April 11, 2019 at 8am and will end at 10:30 am. This is in place of CFAC's April meeting. It will be held in The Legislative dining room off of the cafeteria. The HUSKY recipients will meet and greet legislators. There will also be a Spanish-speaking cohort in attendance and translation services will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend.

New Business/Meeting Announcement/Adjournment

Co-Chair Pat Rehmer thanked all guests and members for their participation in the discussions. She then asked for any other announcements or new business. Hearing none else, she announced to members that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 2:00 PM in **1E** LOB. A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and Pat adjourned the meeting at 3:53 PM.

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