



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

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Co-Chairs: *Rep. Mike Demicco, Pat Rehmer & Beresford Wilson*
Meeting Summary: November 13, 2019

1E LOB

Next Meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 2 PM in 1E LOB

Attendees: Rep. Mike Demicco (Co-Chair), Pat Rehmer (Co-Chair), Paul Acker, David Borzellino, Carrie Bourdon (Beacon), Alyse Chin (DMHAS), Rebecca Colasanto, Sandra Czunas (OOC), Brian DeLude (Jud), Terri DiPietro, Dr. Alice Forrester, Dr. Frank Fortunati, Jr., Dr. Charles Herrick, Jill Homes-Brown, Mickey Kramer (OCA), William McClendon, Marie Mormile-Mehler, Dr. Sabooh Mubbashar, Laura Nesta, Maureen O'Neill-Davis, Glen Peterson (CSDE), Dr. Sandrine Pirard (Beacon), Bert Plan (Beacon), Katie Rock-Burns (DDS), Galo Rodriguez, Erika Sharillo (Beacon), Dr. Stephney Springer (DCF), Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, Dr. Bollepalli Subbarao, Janine Sullivan-Wiley, Meryl Tom (DPH), Sabrina Trocchi, Dr. Jeff Vanderploeg, Rod Winstead (DSS), Valerie Wyzkowski (OHA), and Steve Zuckerman

BHP OC Administration

Co-Chair Pat Rehmer convened the meeting at 2:00 PM and introductions were made. She welcomed new Council Member and Legislative appointment, Steve Zuckerman from the ROOT Center. She then asked for public comments. Hearing none, Pat asked Council Members if they read the October 2019 summary and asked for a motion to accept it. Valerie Wyzkowski made the motion and it was seconded by Galo Rodriguez. All voted to accept the summary as written with no nays or abstentions.

Action Items

None

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

Alyse Chin (DMHAS) reported that the CT BHP agencies received the CMS Substance Use Disorder Planning Grant, also called the Support Act Planning Grant. Details of the grant will be announced at the Alcohol Drug Policy Council (ADPC) meeting in December.

Department of Social Services-Rod Winstead (DSS)

Rod Winstead (DSS) reported that Bill Halsey was at a conference in Washington, D. C. and he will give a presentation on the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Grant at the December 2019 BHPOC meeting. He also sent out the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for the latest

information data on **Non- Emergency Medical Transportation services (NEMT)**. It was distributed to the members and published on the BHPOC Website. It can also be found below. Council Members still had concerns with Veyo, particularly in the Waterbury region. Rod said that he will bring these concerns back to Veyo to come up with a resolution.



BHPOC11-13-19IDP Performance (NEMT)



BHPOC11-13-19MAP
OC11-8-2019VeyoQ8

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

Dr. Stephney Springer reported that there are no changes in the department budget. The department is continuing with the implementation of the integrated family care and support program and the voluntary services program.

Judicial Branch – Brian DeLude (Jud)

Brian Delude (CSSD) announced that bids have gone out for the REGIONS SECURE program and CSSD is holding an informational session on the procurement process for residential secure Juvenile Justice Facilities (programs) in Connecticut. A panel made up of Judicial Branch leadership from the Court Support Services and Administrative Services Divisions will lead discussions in an attempt to identify available resources. By listening to input from the provider community, this session is intended to foster the development of creative solutions to meet this challenge. This will be an outreach effort to collaboratively address the requirement of the Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division to provide appropriate secured facilities for youth aged 14-18 ordered to receive treatment by the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters in a secured facility.

State Department of Education- Glen Peterson (SDE)



BHPOC11-13-19CSD
EAlliance District Sym

Glen Peterson gave the department report due to the absence of Charlene Russell-Tucker. Attached is the Student Mental Health Resource document was provided to attendees at the Alliance District Symposium last month.

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

Katie Rock-Burns reported that the Step-down unit has had one individual discharge and one other intake. They are looking at models of stabilization. Intakes have gone from a few weeks to a few months.

Improving Behavioral Health Outcomes for HUSKY Members –Bert Plant (Beacon), Erika Sharillo, LCSW (Beacon), Sandrine Pirard, MD (Beacon), Carrie Bourdon, LCSW (Beacon) and William McClendon



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11-13-19BeaconFinal

Carrie Bourdon (Beacon) introduced Dr. Bert Plant (Beacon) who gave the report with his colleagues, Dr. Sandrine Pirard, Erika Sharillo, and guest William McClendon who told his personal story and ongoing work.

- For full details of this 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 announced that the next meeting will be on November 26, 2019 at 1:00 PM in 1E LOB in Hartford. This is the Tuesday before the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be an election for a new Consumer Co-Chair and update on NEMT.

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

Jeff Vanderploeg said the next meeting will be on November 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM in the Hartford Conference Room, third (3rd) floor at Beacon Health Options. Statewide Crisis Services- *Improving Care & Throughput in Emergency Crisis and Acute Treatment Services* will be discussed.

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

Co-Chair Dr. Frank Fortunati, Jr. reported that the last meeting was held the day before at Beacon Health Options in Rocky Hill, CT. Dr. Bert Plant (Beacon) gave a presentation on Engagement in Care Methodologies. This report is posted on the BHPOC Website.

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

No report was given. The next meeting will be on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 2:30 PM in the Hartford Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at Beacon Health Options in Rocky Hill, CT. There will be a review of the work on the Housing State Plan Amendment (SPA) and review of rates and a follow-up on methadone quality indicators, and the Substance Use Services Planning Grant-Process for involving Providers.

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

No update was given due to the absence of Kelly Phenix.

New Business/Meeting Announcement/Adjournment

Co-Chair Pat Rehmer thanked Bert Plant (Beacon), Erika Sharillo, LCSW (Beacon), Sandrine Pirard, MD (Beacon), Carrie Bourdon, LCSW (Beacon) and William McClendon for their presentation and for William's incredible and inspiring story of his life to date. She announced the next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM in **1E LOB**. Next, she wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and asked for any other announcements or new business. Maureen O'Neill-Davis told Council Members about a PBS film entitled: *Waiting for Tiera*. It is about a Connecticut man from Hartford with a teenage daughter with BH issues. Hearing nothing more, Pat adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.

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