Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

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Co-Chairs: Rep. Phil Miller, Hal Gibber & Jeffrey Walter
Meeting Summary: September 11, 2013

Next meeting: ***October 9, 2013 @ 2 PM in LOB 1E***

Attendees: Representative Phil Miller (Co-Chair), Hal Gibber (Co-Chair), Jeff Walter (Co-Chair), Paul Acker, Dr. Lois Berkowitz, Rick Calvert, Sharon Dexler, Terri DiPietro, Howard Drescher, Dr. Ronald Fleming, Heather Gates, Dr. Steven Girelli, Peggy Hardy, Bill Halsey (DSS), Dr. Charles Herrick, Jennifer Hutchinson (DMHAS), Sharon Langer, Stephen Merz, Judith Meyers, Nancy Navarretta, Kimberly Nystrom, Kelly Phenix, Sherry Perlstein, Galo Rodriguez, Dr. Jeffrey Shelton, Maureen Smith, Janine Sullivan Wiley, Lori Szczygiel, Susan Walkama, Jesse White-Frese, and Alicia Woodsby

BHP OC Administration

Co-Chair Jeff Walter convened the meeting at 2:06 PM and members introduced themselves. He asked the Council to approve the July summary. A motion was made and all voted in favor to accept the summary as written.

Action Items

No Action Items this month.

Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Agency Reports

Department of Social Services (DSS)

Bill Halsey gave the department update. He talked about smoking cessation group billing codes have been established and by the next Council meeting in October, the new codes will be implemented even though CMS has yet to give approval. After Bill's announcement, Janine Sullivan Wiley stood up and applauded.

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)

Jennifer Hutchinson gave one update. She said the department continues to work with the sub-committee from the Adult Quality, Access & Policy Committee on the Behavioral Health Home model. Data is being pulled from the Medicaid claims system to figure out where the critical mass of consumers are so providers and consumers can be properly matched up. The other piece is on the payment methodology where discussions are still going on. DMHAS has been awarded $5 million to start Health Homes and additional money can be leveraged for the model. The Department is working on the draft plan for the state plan amendment. The department hopes to go live on this sometime in the first quarter of 2014 or by the new fiscal year.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Dr. Lois Berkowitz talked about legislation (PA 13-178) that gives DCF $10.3 million for the children's mental health implementation plan. She said Deputy Commissioner Janice Gruendel is working with the department in implementing this piece of legislation and provided a brief overview to the Implementation Bill highlighting that it directs DCF, in consultation with families, advocates and providers, to present a plan to the legislature for a comprehensive plan, "across state agency and policy areas, for meeting the mental, emotional, and behavioral needs of all children in the state, and preventing or reducing the long term negative impact of mental, emotional, and behavioral issues of children." She noted that the Continuum of Care Partnership will be working with the Department on developing this plan and that the "Guiding Change" Document provides a foundation for this work.

Presentation and Discussion- Quality Management Program Initiatives-CT BHP Value Options-Lori Szczygiel

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Lori Szczygiel, CEO of Administrative Service Organization (ASO) Value Options presented the report on Quality Management Program Initiatives. The report is composed of weekly data updates working in conjunction with state agency partners to look at performance targets and analyses to see "what is working and what is not working." This report gives the background to the age old question; "Are people getting better?" VO has put together the data to paint a picture to see if the system works (see above report). Much has been done to shape the delivery system over the last few years and it been done based on the data. The main initiatives of the Quality Management Program include;

1. Provider Analysis and Reporting (PARS)
2. Clinical By-Pass Program
3. Clinical Studies-Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Services
4. Intensive Case Management (ICM) Pilots.

Using multi-variant analyses such as acuity of illness, homelessness, age, race, gender, etc., these things can impact life and experience that allows the data to tell a story. Co-chair Jeff Walter summed up the presentation by stating that the VO studies and pilots are consistent with the ACA triple aim of improving quality and access, while reducing the growth rate in cost.

Committee Reports

***Coordination of Care*:** *- Sharon Langer, Maureen Smith, Co-Chairs*

Co-chair Sharon Langer reported the committee will meet co-jointly with MAPOC's Consumer Access Committee on September 25, 2013. Presumed topics will include Maternal Screening Depression. An invitation was sent out to the Women's Sub-committee from MAPOC to join the meeting. Non-Medical Emergency Transportation (NEMT) continues to be another topic the Committee will discuss. Rick Calvert reported that his organization (Children's Services) is currently tracking consumer transportation problems. Thus far, there are little concerns but the survey is still too early on to make a definitive report. Sharon said that a letter went out to Commissioner Bremby of DSS on sharing NEMT Guideline Regulations with the committee before it went into implementation and publication. Council Co-chair Jeff Walter said DSS does

not have to share regulations with the committee but there is precedent for agency departments working with the Council on guideline collaboratively. *From last month: 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 Robert Franks, Co-Chairs*
Sherry Perlstein reported that there was a remarkably well attended committee meeting on Monday August 12, 2013. Presenters were DCF officials, Deputy Commissioner Janice Gruendel and Bob McKeagney, Administrator for Clinical and Community Services. Topics included Draft Plan for the CMS Innovation Grant (Round 2), DCF Behavioral Health Allocations/Plans for the Development of the Legislatively Mandated Mental Health Services in PA 13-184 (Newtown Legislation), and Mental Health Implementation Bill PA13-178. DCF presented information regarding the Draft Plan for Innovation Grant and the Draft Plan for Implementer monies in the Newtown legislation (HB6704). For a full report, see the August 12, 2013 Child/Adolescent Quality, Access & Policy Committee summary on the BHPOC Website. The next committee meeting will be on Friday, September 20, 2012 at 2:0 PM at VO in Rocky Hill and agenda items will include ED late and discharge delays at CCMC which will include a comprehensive statewide Continuum of Care Behavioral Health Services report.

Adult Quality, Access & Policy: *- Howard Drescher, Heather Gates, and Alicia Woodsby, Co-Chairs*
Heather Gates reported the sub-group continues to work on the Health Home design with DMHAS for provider requirements and other directives. The workgroup is currently looking at provider requirements. Meetings will continue through October on data (how to collect, analyze, and utilize) and then hopefully will wrap up. With this in process, the committee has suspended all remaining meeting dates until the work on Behavioral Health Homes is completed.

Operations: *– Susan Walkama and Terri DiPietro, Co-Chairs*
Co-chair Susan Walkama reported that group Smoking Cessation codes will be added and clarified in a DSS Policy Transmittal. The committee is reviewing the new guidelines for prescription providers (non-Medicaid providers providing scripts and not being signed up as Medicaid providers). There are shifts and changes in the new DSM 5 that effects billing charges for the guidelines in levels of care. Outpatient level of care for ECC model is being reviewed with the DSS. A workgroup with providers and Value Options has been established to review innovative practice and payment models for outpatient services. This is to strengthen and enhance the safety net for outpatient services. Pay for performance models will be considered. The workgroup goals and objectives will be discussed at pre-Operations Committee meetings and it will look at models in other parts of the country. It is estimated the work of this group will be about one year.

Adjournment

Co-Chair Jeff Walter asked for further comments, questions, or other business. Hearing nothing, he thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the Council meeting at 3:53 PM.

Next Meeting: <u>Wednesday, October 9, 2013 @ 2:00 PM 1E LOB</u>