

# The Connecticut General Assembly

## Task Force To Study The Provision Of Behavioral Health Services For Young Adults

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### MEETING SUMMARY AND NOTES

March 18, 2014

Submitted by Co-Chairs: Daniel Connor and Sheryl Ryan

Members Present: Daniel Connor, M.D.; Sheryl Ryan, M.D.; Anton Alerte, M.D.; Aura Ardon, M.D.; Anne Melissa Dowling; Sarah Eagan; Richard Gonzales Jimenez, M.D.; Marcy Kane, Ph.D.; Judge Robert Killian, Jr.; Tim Marshall, Scott Newgass, LCSW; Kelly Phenix; Commissioner Patricia Rehmer, MSN, Ashley Saunders; Marian Storch; Laura Tordenti, Ed.D.; Victoria Veltri, JD, LLM; Cara Lynn Westcott

Members Absent: Stacey Adams, Ted Pappas, M.A.

Dr. Connor convened the meeting at 2:30 PM and provided an overview regarding the procedure for voting on the 57 Recommendations of the Draft Report. He explained that because the final report had not been completed by the deadline, and due to the short legislative session, most of the recommendations of the final report that are approved will have to be put before the legislature next year.

Sen. Gerratana, Co-Chair of the Public Health Committee, thanked the task force members for their hard work and provided an overview on proposed legislation of the Public Health Committee. Sen. Gerratana explained that a Public Health Committee bill may be able to be proposed legislation to address the linkage between the adult mobile crisis unit and 211, and behavioral health screenings for school-aged children in a physician's office; depending on when the final report is approved and submitted.

The discussions of today's meeting were as follows:

- The meeting summaries of December 31, 2013 and January 14, 2014 were approved unanimously.

Dr. Connor explained that there will be an initial review of Task Force recommendations 1 through 57 to determine which items were in agreement by the task for members. He further explained that a consent calendar would be created to place the recommendations that have the unanimous approval of the members and require no further discussion. The recommendations that require further discussion will be held and voted on individually after the consent calendar is approved.

The following recommendations were placed on the consent calendar:

- Recommendations 2, 3, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, & 48.

A vote was taken on the Consent Calendar. The Consent Calendar was approved.

The remaining recommendations beginning with Recommendation 1 and up to Recommendation 30 were voted on individually after a discussion as follows:

- Recommendation 1 was amended and approved
- Recommendation 4 was merged with Recommendation 24.
- A vote was taken on recommendation 24 and was approved.
- After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken on Recommendations 5, 6, 7, & 8 and was approved as with amended language.
- Recommendation 8 was amended and approved.
- Recommendation 11 was amended and approved.
- Recommendation 13 was approved and added to the Guiding Principle section, under the Service Delivery of the report.
- Recommendation 14 was approved.
- Recommendation 16 was approved.
- Recommendation 17 was approved.
- Recommendation 19 was approved.
- Recommendation 23 was amended and approved.
- Recommendation 25 was amended and approved.

- Recommendation 27 was combined with Recommendation 25 and approved.
- Recommendation 28 was approved.
- Recommendation 29 was amended and approved.

Dr. Connor explained that remaining recommendations 31 through 57 that require further discussion will be voted on at the next scheduled Task Force Meeting.

The next scheduled Task Force meeting will be held on April 8, 2014 at 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.