

## ***Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (CBHAC)***

Thirty one appointed members  
(Fifty-one percent to be parents)  
Twenty-nine appointments filled, currently two vacancies  
Statewide Advisory Council appointments currently one vacancies  
Legislative appointments currently one vacancy  
(Maj. Leader of the House Appt. Christopher Donovan)

### ***Appointments. By State Advisory Council:***

**Co-Chair: Dave Tompkins** (01/06/06-01/06/09), **Lolli Ross and Marie Capiris** (02/04/05-02/04/09),  
**Grace Nelson** (10/07/05-10/07/09), **Sincilina Beckett, Patricia Gaylord, Darcy Lowell, Norma Irving, Neil Quatrano,**  
**Tabor Napiello and Debbie McCusker** (09/06/07 – 09/06/09) **Karen Smith, Dorian M. Vicedomini, Lilia Figueroa, Evelyn**  
**Mendez** (02/28/2008 - 02/28/2010)

### ***Governor's Appointments:***

Parent-**Cathy Adamczyk** (01/23/06-06/30/10), Provider-**Cara Westcott** (08/11/05-11/03/06)

### ***Legislative Appointments:***

Pres. Pro Tempore Appt. Donald Williams - **Margaret (Peggy) Ayer** (08/15/05-08/15/09), Speaker of the House Appt. James  
Amann-**John McGann** (12/14/05-06/30/08), Maj. Leader of the Senate Appt. Martin Looney-**Chet Brodnicki** (08/09/05 –  
08/09/09), Min. Leader of the Senate Appt. Louis Deluca-**Marcy Kane** (04/07/05-06/30/08), Min. Leader of the House Robert  
Ward-**Kimble Greene** (06/07/06-Term does not expire)

### ***State Department Commissioner Designees:***

Department of Children and Families - **Tim Marshall**, Department of Social Services - **Tim Bowles**,  
Department of Education - **Scott Newgass**, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services - **Nikki Richer**,  
Department of Developmental Services-**Tammy Garris**

Court Support Services, Chief Court Administrator Designee - **Cathy Foley Geib**

Office of Protection and Advocacy, Executive Director Designee - **Rachel Sherman**

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## **Meeting Minutes from August 01, 2008**

### **Appointed Members in Attendance:**

Tammy Garris, Kimble Greene, Norma Irving, John McGann, Tabor Napiello, Grace Nelson, Scott Newgass, Rachel Sherman, Karen Smith, Dave Tompkins, Dorian M. Vicedomini, Cara Westcott

### **Excused Appointed Members:**

Cathy Adamczyk, Chet Brodnicki, Cathy Foley Geib, Darcy Lowell, Tim Marshall, Neil Quatrano, Nikki Richer, Marie Capiris

### **Unexcused Appointed Members:**

Margaret (Peggy) Ayer, Sincilina Beckett, Tim Bowles, Patricia Gaylord, Marcy Kane, Debbie McCusker, Evelyn Mendez, Lolli Ross, Lila Figueroa

### **Members of the Public in Attendance:**

Marilyn Cloud, Susan Williamson, Lorna Grivois, Becki Jacobson, Tim Cunnigham, Doreen Marshall, Heather Brown, Brenda Wilcox, Neva, Caldwell, Lynn Roberson, Margaret Roberson, Wanda Roberson, Savannah Holloway, Quinesha Roberson, Diane Richie, Curtis Willey, George McDonald

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**Mission:**

The mission of CBHAC is to promote and enhance the provision of behavioral health services for all children in the State of Connecticut.

***The Meeting was called to order by Co-chair, Dave Tompkins***

**Approval of Minutes:**

June minutes were voted on and approved at 10:28AM.

**Co-chairs report:**

*Dave Tompkins/ Kimble Greene*

***Dave Tompkins:***

- Kimble Greene has temporarily stepped up to be the co-chair, but we still need a "parent co-chair" of CBHAC. That is one of our requirements.
- If someone is interested or you know if someone is interested as the parent co-chair, please have them contact me directly and I will specify what the job entails.
- In our committee structure we have two vacancies in our sub-committees. The Mental Health Block Grant, Cathy Adamczyk has had to take a different job because her funding ended and is not as available and can no longer co-chair the Mental Health Block Grant this co-chair needs to be a parent. We also need a CBHAC member to co-chair the Behavioral Health Services Interface to serve with Sarah Becker. We also need a CBHAC member co-chair for our Mentoring & Respite Ad Hoc committee to serve with Neil Quatrano.

**Committee Reports:**

**Behavioral Health Services – BHP Interface**

*Vacant / Sarah Becker*

**Standards for State Funded Behavioral Health Programs**

*Scott Newgass/ Debbie McCusker*

***Scott Newgass:***

Currently we are assembling a list of state agency practice standards addressing children's behavioral health as well as practice standard within the system of care and the community collaboratives. First priority is going to be EMPS because their going up for re-bid this year.

**Mental Health Block Grant**

*Kimble Greene/ Cathy Adamczyk*

***Marilyn Cloud:***

**Community Mental Health Services Block Grant FFY 2009 Application State Plan Draft:**

The Block grant application was distributed to members and guests electronically in June and again prior to this meeting in order to allow for review. There were no additional recommendations for revision made

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by the committee at this meeting. One of the major recommendations from the June meeting was to apply block grant funds to support the infrastructure for the System of Care/Community Collaboratives. Marilyn was pleased to report that DCF was successful in securing some state funds to support FAVOR, Inc., thus eliminating total reliance on the block grant funds. The CBHAC applauded DCF's efforts to free up block grant funding to be used for new services and initiatives going forward by funding FAVOR through state funding at 50%.

**Local System of Care**

*Tabor Napiello/ Hal Gibber*

***Tabor Napiello:***

We met this morning before CBHAC and on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and had our state wide quarterly meeting. We talked about the next steps from that meeting. We are combing ideas to come up with a plan before we ask for money to support the state wide systems of care effort. We will pulling together a small sub-committee to come up with a draft.

\*The next full sub-committee meeting will be at 9:00AM before September sub-committee.

***Dave Tompkins:***

We have a biannual budget coming up and next winter the state will be voting on what the budget is going to be the next two years going forward. Money is not included in one of the department's budgets for your initiative. Then you have to go to the legislatures and have them add it on later. Our goal is to get to the legislatures early and the commissioners of all the departments early and say this is what we want and this is what we believe we need and we want you to include it in the budget. The way to get money into the state budget is now.

We need to plan out our next quarterly meeting and that would be a great place to get our legislatures to come. To see our report and hear our recommendations for funding.

**Nominating Committee:**

*Marcy Kane/ Marie Capiris*

***Dave Tompkins:***

George McDonalds name was submitted and voted on for membership electronically on 07/17/2008. We have not officially heard from the State Advisory Committee that you have been appointed, but you are recommended by us.

**Multiculturalism**

*Sincilina Beckett/ Mary Held*

No recommendations at this time

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Mentoring & Respite**

*VACANT/ Neil Quatrano*

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No recommendations at this time

**Transitioning Youth Initiative**

Tim Bowles/ Lolli Ross

No recommendations at this time

**Announcements:**

***Lorna Grivois:***

Families United for Children's Mental Health would like to invite you to participate in the Family and Youth Driven Campaign for Transformation "Kick-Off Luncheon" on August 15, 2008 12PM to 2PM at Riverview Hospital in the Silvermine Building.

The Campaign for Transformation is focused on raising public awareness and promoting knowledge development opportunities to ensure that all children, youth and young adults with emotional, behavioral, and mental health challenges, as well as their families have access to effective family and youth driven services and supports within a system that responds to each youth and family's culture, unique strengths, and needs as they develop.

***George McDonland:***

Parent concern: limiting the parent voice due to no childcare available during the summer vacations. Would like to propose the possibility of having another room available for childcare in order for parents to attend the CBHAC meetings and be more involved.

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:54AM*

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Lorena Emanuel