

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

Thirty one appointed members  
(Fifty-one percent to be parents)  
28 appointments filled, currently three vacancies  
Statewide Advisory Council appointments currently one vacancies  
Legislative appointments one vacancy  
Governor's appointment no vacancies

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

**Co-Chair: Dave Tompkins** (01/06/06-02/04/11),  
**Sincilina Beckett, Darcy Lowell, Norma Irving, Tabor Napiello and Debbie McCusker** (09/06/07 – 09/06/12) **Karen Smith, Co-Chair: Doriana M. Vicedomini**, (02/28/08 - 02/28/10) **Mary Martinez, George McDonald** (10/08/08 - 10/08/10) **Mary Held** (03/31/09 - 03/31/11) **Hal Gibber** (01/07/10 - 01/07/2012)

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

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

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

Pres. Pro Tempore Appt. Donald Williams - **Margaret (Peggy) Ayer** (08/15/05-08/15/11), Speaker of the House Appt. Christopher Donovan - **John McGann** (12/14/05-06/30/10), Maj. Leader of the Senate Appt. Martin Looney- **Gabrielle Hall** (11/25/09 – 11/25/11), Min. Leader of the Senate Appt. John McKinney-**Marcy Kane** (04/07/05-06/30/10), Min. Leader of the House Larry Cafero - **M. Jeffrey Spahr** (09/03/09-06/30/2011) Maj. Leader of the House Appt. Denise Merrill - **Robert Franks** (02/20/09 - 06/30/10)

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

Department of Children and Families - **Tim Marshall**, Department of Social Services - **Vacant**,  
Department of Education - **Scott Newgass**, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services - **Nikki Richer**,  
Department of Developmental Services-**Maureen Thomas**

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 April 9, 2010**

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

Cathy Adamczyk, Margaret (Peggy) Ayer, Hal Gibber, Gabrielle Hall, Mary Held, Marcy Kane, George McDonald, Tabor Napiello, Scott Newgass, Amy O'Connor, Nikki Richer, Rachel Sherman, Maureen Thomas, Dave Tompkins, Doriana Vicedomini, Tim Marshall, Debbie McCusker

### **Excused Appointed Members:**

Sincilina Becket, Robert Franks, John Torello, Norma Irving, Darcy Lowell, Karen Smith, M. Jeffrey Spahr, Cara Westcott

### **Unexcused Appointed Members:**

John McGann, Mary Martinez

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

Neil Briddlell, Nancy Dumont, Alicia Briddell, Laura Hadder, Neil Quatrano, John Paige, Jessica Morneault, Neva Caldwell, Molly Cole, Susan Williamson, Marilyn Cloud, Frank Gregory, Lynn Roberson, Michelle Tournas, Cindy Thomas, Mary Bruce, Monique Armon, Clifton Drake, Michelle Drake, Eddie Streaten

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

**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 – 10:11AM***

**Approval of Minutes:**

March meeting minutes were voted on and approved at 10:12AM.

**Co-chairs report:**

***Dave Tompkins and Doriana Vicedomini***

***Housekeeping - Please make sure that you use the bathroom at the atrium and please use the cafeteria for any refreshments***

**State Advisory Committee Update: Molly Cole**

- In the process of finalizing the citizens review panel report and our SAC report for the year
  - Update on policies we have reviewed during the year and other actions and recommendations to the department
- We have received three reports from residential facilities run by DCF and we will review them over the summer
- Over the summer we will receive our first quarterly report on the DCF Strategic plan update

**Legislative Update - Amy O'Connor**

Appropriations Committee Budget - Mid-term adjustments to the biennial budget

The Appropriations committee rejected some of the Governor's proposed cuts, including:

- Placing all mental health drugs on the state's Preferred Drug List (PDL)
- Increasing co-pays for dual eligibles (actually reduces co-pays)
- Adjusting the medical necessity definition to restrict access to care, Rx, and equipment

The budget included new funding for 50 RAP certificates for ASIST program.

Attached document provides complete details:



Microsoft Office  
Word Document

**Legislative Update**

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominations Committee**

***Marcy Kane/ VACANT***

- Three vacant seats for State Advisory Appointments

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**Nominees:**

**Kathleen Carrier (parent from Middletown)**

Families United for Children's Mental Health  
Interests: Systems of Care, Supporting Families  
Experience: Family Member

**Laura Hadder (parent from Waterbury)**

Likes to work with children and has a son with behavioral health difficulties  
Experience: NAMI and Together with Shine  
PLTI - Systems of Care in Waterbury

**Cindy Thomas (parent from New Haven)**

Interests: All areas in education and supports CHBAC ideas and suggestions

**Susan Williamson (provider from Waterbury)**

Experience: Wellpath  
Interests: Systems of Care State wide and advocate for children

Voted on applications to move forward to the State Advisory Council are:  
Kathleen Carrier, Cindy Thomas and Susan Williamson will be

**Mental Health Block Grant**

*Peggy Ayer/ Karen Smith*

***Marilyn Cloud: Mental Health Block Grant FFY 2010***



MHBG FFY2010  
Summary of Activities



MHBG -  
Budget-Modified

**Local System of Care & Behavioral Health Services – BHP Interface**

*Hal Gibber/ Marcy Kane/ Tabor Napiello*

Preparing for next Quarterly of the State wide systems of care on  
May 14, 2010  
9:30 to 12:30

CVH, Merritt Hall-Lee Auditorium

- Status of the 25 Collaboratives
- Presentation on DCF White Paper
- Working on Bi-annual report
- Survey will be going out to all collaboratives

**Practice Standards**

*Scott Newgass/ Debbie McCusker*

- Reviewing four Standards

**Multiculturalism**

*Mary Held/ VACANT*

**Next Month May 7<sup>th</sup> CHBAC Meeting Multiculturalism - This will be a training on cultural diversity run by Mary Held**

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**Transformation Youth**

*George McDonald/ Amy O'conner/ Neil Quatrano*

George McDonald:

We will provide a committee report next week

**Behavioral Health Partnership: Lori Szczygiel**

Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership: Focus 2010



CTBHP Orientation to  
CBHAC

**Orientation to the BHP Oversight Committee and its sub-committees: Karen Andersson and Jeffrey Walter**

The Connecticut Legislature created the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council in 2005. The Council's role is to advise the two State agencies, the Department of Social Service and Department of Children and Families about the Behavioral Health Partnership program. For further information about the BHP Oversight Council and Volunteer Application see attached document below:



BHP Oversight  
Council

***\*Orientation is available every month at 9:30am before the CBHAC meeting at the cafeteria***

*The meeting was adjourned at 12:07AM*

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Lorena Emanuel