

Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (CBHAC)

Thirty one appointed members
(Fifty-one percent to be parents)
Twenty-seven appointments filled, currently four vacancies
Statewide Advisory Council appointments currently three 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), **Alice Farrell, Lolli Ross and Marie Capiris** (02/04/05-02/04/09), **Foster Crawford and 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)

Governor's Appointments:

Parent-**Cathy Adamczyk** (01/23/06-01/23/08), 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-**Mona Tremblay**

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

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

Meeting Minutes from January 4, 2008

Appointed Members in Attendance:

Cathy Adamczyk, Margaret (Peggy), Ayer, Chet Brodnicki, Marie Capiris, Alice Farrell, Tammy Garris, Cathy Floey-Geib, Norma Irving, Marcy Kane, Tim Marshall, Debbie McCusker, John McGann, Grace Nelson, Scott Newgass, Neil Quatrano, Nikki Richer, Rachel Sherman, Dave Tompkins, Mona Tremblay, Cara Westcott

Excused Appointed Members:

Darcy Lowell, Kimble Green, Tabor Napiello, Lolli Ross, Tim Bowles

Unexcused Appointed Members:

Sincilina Beckett, Foster Crawford, Patricia Gaylord,

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Doriana M, Vicedomini, Ginny Lawless, Robert Korwin, Lesbia Martinez, Lorna Gribois Linda Spells, Karen Smith, Laura Hadder, Ammy Evison, Elaine Fitzgerald, Erika Romero, Paloma Dee, Hal Gibber, B. Sheldon, Sarah Becker, Tim Cunningham, B. Wilson, Mary M. Martinez, Erica Stanislaus, Martha Miller, Nancy Dumont, George McDonald, Doreen Marshall, Dawn Anderson, Denise Tillman, Ginny Gerena

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

Introductions:

Dave asked for everyone to introduce themselves and identify their role at the table.

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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.

Approval of Minutes:

December minutes were voted on and approved.

Co-Chairs Report:

Dave Tompkins

Update on Steering Committee:

- Steering Committee is meeting before CBHAC meetings from 9:00AM to 10:00AM.
- Handout for Steering Committee meeting dates is available.

Two handouts of executive summaries are available:

"Connecticut Center for Effective Practice; *Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (EMPS): Recommendations for Model Enhancement*" and "Staff Briefing; *DCF Monitoring and Evaluation*". Since our role is to make recommendations we should know what is being reported across the state.

A summary of the First Annual Evaluation report reviewed year 2006 on the Behavioral Health Partnership is also available for your review.

The Legislative program review and investigations committee did their final report back to the Legislator. Michelle Riordan who is an analyst for the Legislative Branch will join us for a presentation on our February CBHAC meeting. Michelle presented to the legislator that CBHAC has made good strong parental involvement and strong recommendations. They also made a recommendation that CBHAC and SAC joining forces so that our voice could be even stronger.

Update on Steering Committee:

- Structure and Bylaws are in place
- Finalize committee structure
- Subcommittees report on their work and make recommendations (with even representation)
- Forward all recommendation to SAC
- Forward all recommendations to all appointing powers

Steering Committee will meet on January 18, 2008 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

The goals of the meeting:

1. Make sure there is even representation on all subcommittees.
2. Set up meeting times for subcommittees.
3. Come up with a descriptive outcome of what the subcommittee will accomplish.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee:

Marcy Kane/ Marie Capiris

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Marcy Kane:

Marcy updated committee on the re-submission of the letter to the State Advisory Council of four parent applications. No decision has been made by SAC. The four parent applications were appropriate and complete applications. The letter was sent out in order to reconsider the parent applications and was signed by Marcy Kane and Dave Tompkins

The subcommittee is working on drafting a letter that will be sent to the commissioner requesting to change Christopher Donovan's legislative appointed seat. The committee also has to take a look at the state statute regarding nominations.

If the four parent applications are denied by the State Advisory Council than we will have to vote on four more parent applications. If the approve those applications than we will have full membership.

Rachel Sherman:

Can we appeal the four member applications if they are denied?

Marcy Kane:

The letter that was sent out is technically an appeal to SAC in order to review again those four parent applications.

Beresford Wilson:

Expressed concern about the problems of filling in membership seats with minority representation in CBHAC and SAC. Beresford recommendation is to change some of the application questions which he feels are personal and unnecessary.

Marcy Kane:

Stated that SAC has denied two Latino applications and those Latino applications will go into resubmission of the four applications.

Dave Tompkins:

Stated that we can make recommendations to make to the SAC a more family friendly application.

Chet Brodnicki:

As an advisory council that is set up to advocate for children, I think a child support question is valid.

Erica Stanislaus:

Made recommendations for a training to fill out the applications.

Marcy Kane:

Would like to make things clear that we do have applicants that are still waiting for approval from SAC. If they are not approved than we would have to vote on four more applications. We do have applications on a wait list and at this time we only have four vacancies. The other applicants will have to wait until appointments expire.

Tim Marshall:

Made a recommendation to have applications available at every meeting with sign in sheet in order to track them.

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Cathy Adamczyk:

Do we have access to the demographics throughout the State of Connecticut to make sure the different regions are represented properly?

Local System of Care

Dave Tompkins/ Hal Gibber

SAMSA put out an RFP for a System of Care proposal. The Department of Children of Families had to be the applicant who in turn solicited partners, organizations or individuals in response to the Systems of care applications.

A letter was written that was co-signed by Dave, in order to meet and decide who and why we should do this and who should be the lead agency. We got about 50 e-mails responses and 30 people attended the meeting.

A decision was made that FAVOR should be the lead on the RFP request. Unfortunately we were not chosen to work with DCF.

We should move forward with all the ideas and notions of system change and family leadership and youth participation.

Marie Capiris:

As a CBHAC member I definitely support moving forward with the proposal and looking at potential funding sources. This is the vision that I have had so many years ago. I would like to make a motion to continue that work as a basis for looking at additional funding.

Motion to support proposal – Motioned approved at 10:57AM

Dave Tompkins:

Note the January 11th Quarterly meeting of all collaborators has been cancelled.

Hal Gibber:

Information update:

On January 30th from 8:30 to 10:00AM in room 2C we will be having a legislative breakfast trying to get support for families with children with substance abuse issues and needs.

Tim Marshall:

Stated that he was not part of the review panel regarding the decision of the proposal. I am not sure that the committee's job was to say which was best from their perspective, but versus what do they think most likely the FEDs will fund. This is a little bit different when you fund it directly yourself.

Announcement of Legislative Breakfast

January 10, 2008

8:30 - 9:30AM

Sponsored by: NAMI

RSVP: Francesca Burr (860) 659-4746

Standards for State Funded Behavioral Health Programs

Scott Newgass/ Vacant

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- Packets on two excellent examples of standards by the Joint Commission and by the Federal Guidance on what we want to adopt.
- Assembling standards through all of the state agencies that provide behavioral health services to see what existing standards are available and we will be disseminating those copies as well.
- Need to establish a meeting date

No recommendations

Mental Health Block Grant

Kimble Greene/ Vacant

No recommendations

Behavioral Health Services – BHP Interface

Debbie McKusker/ Sarah Becker

No recommendations at this time we will be meeting after CHBAC meetings.

Multiculturalism

Tabor Napiello/ Cathy Adamczyk

Tabor will not be co-chair of this subcommittee. We would like to make a decision about a meeting time, either before or after the CBHAC meeting.

The committee has not met and there are no recommendations at this time.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Mentoring & Respite

Mona Tremblay/ Neil Quatrano

We have finished with the mentoring and we are proceeding to meet for respite. We will be meeting on 02/01/2008 at 9:00AM.

There are no recommendations at this time.

Transitioning Youth Initiative

Tim Bowles/ Loli Ross

No recommendations at this time

Announcements:

Dave Tompkins:

First half of the next meeting will be the presentation by the Legislative program review and investigations committee and the second half will be us finalizing the map out of subcommittees and how we move forward.

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Tammy Garris:

Suggested for March's agenda that Sarah Lourie from DCF and I can present on Voluntary Services.

Erica Stanislaus:

Parent Erica Stanislaus requested for anyone to provide information for services and resources for her 18 year old twin children with disabilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50PM

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Lorena Emanuel