

- **Introductions, Announcements, Minutes:** S. Beckett asked to be excused. Lorna Grivois announced that she will be staying after the meeting to conduct Family member surveys for the QuIC. August meeting minutes were not approved as committee didn't have quorum.
- **Co-Chairs Report, Dave Tompkins and Doriana Vicedomini**

CBHAC and SAC relationship: The State Advisory Council to DCF is restructuring—new members, bylaws and committees—and wants to partner more productively with CBHAC. The SAC requests CBHAC's input on all policy issues related to children's behavioral health. SAC Chair, Molly Cole, will explain further at the next CBHAC meeting.

State Budget Update: The legislature passed a budget that became law despite not being signed by the Governor. Implementer language not passed yet, but funding for the following are likely included to: phase-in 16-year olds under Raise the Age; expand Supportive Housing for families. Proposals to suspend intake in voluntary services, close Riverview Hospital, implement HUSKY B co-pays were not included. High Meadows will likely close, and DMHAS plans to close Cedarcrest Hospital pending approval from the OHCA. Proposals to subject psychiatric medications to the state's PDL and change the Medicaid definition of medical necessity passed in the budget. Both will impact all children and adults on Medicaid by restricting access to medications and services. Advocates are attempting to negotiate some consumer protections against these policies in the implementer language. Josh Howroyd, DCF's Legislative Liaison will speak to DCF's 2010 legislative priorities at the October meeting.

CBHAC Legislative Recommendations: Members agree that CBHAC should make legislative recommendations related to getting KidCare back to its former status. KidCare trainings were suspended due to the budget increase, which is a necessity for DCF to maintain services. Wraparound trainings piloted in Bristol and Farmington with the potential of expanding to other areas.

Members observed a moment of silence for the passing of CBHAC and FAVOR advocate Giana Livingston. The Co-Chairs will send a card to Giana's family on behalf of the committee.

- **Membership:** The committee is waiting for turnaround from the SAC. Rep. Larry Cafero appointed a new parent member; Peggy Ayer was reappointed. Two seats remain open.
- **Standards for State-Funded Behavioral Health Programs:** No update. This subcommittee may expand its scope to review policy issues and will provide the committee with a list of providers who do not currently have practice standards.
- **Mental Health Block Grant:** No update. This subcommittee will investigate opportunities for children's behavioral health services to be covered by a Medicaid waiver and will report to the Committee at the next meeting.
- **Local Systems of Care:** No report
- **Multiculturalism:** No report
- **Behavioral Health Services—BHP Interface:** No update; needs members.
- **Transitioning Youth Initiative:** The first meetings of CT's Youth and Young Adult Consortium for Mental Health will take place on September 26th and October 3rd at CCSU. Youth and young adults aged 16 – 30 are encouraged to participate to meet their peers, build a collective youth and young adult voice, learn about advocacy, individual rights and peer support.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will take place on October 2, 2009.