

## ***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: Dorian 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 February 05, 2010**

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

Margaret (Peggy) Ayer, Sincilina Beckett, Robert Franks, Hal Gibber, Gabrielle Hall, Mary Held, Marcy Kane, Mary Martinez, Debbie McCusker, Tabor Napiello, Nikki Richer, Rachel Sherman, M. Jeffrey Spahr, Dave Tompkins, Cara Westcott,

### **Excused Appointed Members:**

Cathy Foley Geib, Cathy Adamczyk, Darcy Lowell, Tim Marshall, George McDonald, Scott Newgass, Karen Smith, Maureen Thomas, Dorian Vicedomini

### **Unexcused Appointed Members:**

John McGann, Norma Irving

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

Laura Hadder, Michelle Droke, Brenda Wilcox, Michelle Tournas, Alma King, Ofelia Velazquez, Douglas Jackson, Stephen Hilly, Cindy Thomas, Neva Caldwell, Jessica Morneault', Lesbia Martinez, Beth Mix, Ellen Wright, Lynn Roberson, Margaret Roberson, Wanda Roberson, Debra Struzinski, Velveta Scott, Heidi Pugliese, Allyson Nadeau, Samantha Forbes, Amy O'Connor, Lorna Grivois, Alicia Briddell, Neill Briddell, Steve Hillye, Martha Miller, Nancy Dumont, Frank Gregory

**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 – 11:15 am***

**Co-chairs report:**

***Dave Tompkins and Doriana Vicedomini***

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

January meeting minutes were voted on and approved at 10:06AM.

**Legislative Update - Amy O'Conner**

**Governor's proposed budget adjustments**

- Governor's Midterm Budget adjustment that will take effect FY 2011. For More detailed information, please visit the Office of Policy and Management's website at - <http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2958&Q=454262>
- The DCF budget presentation is scheduled for Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> (specific time to be determined). The public budget hearing for DCF and other human service agencies will begin later that afternoon at 4:00pm in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.



Legislative Update

Please contact me if you would like to testify - can help coordinate or can help write the testimony.

**Dave Tompkins:**

- Next month we will break out into our sub-committees
- All CBHAC member must belong to one of the sub-committees by our by-laws
- Community members should sign up for one sub-committee

**Presentations:**

**Differential Response System: Kristina Stevens, Senior Program Associate, Casey Family Services.**

- Differential Response System began as a Pilot Project from the Department of Children and Families that began in 2003.
- DRS is an approach that allows child protection agencies to differentiate their response to accepted reports of child abuse and neglect based on such factors as the type and severity of the alleged maltreatment, the number of previous reports, and the motivation and cooperation of the parent in addressing safety concerns.
- The primary mandate of the Department of Children and Families is to ensure the safety and well-being of Connecticut's children; all CPS interventions begin with a formal safety assessment.

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- **Community Readiness** - DRS will not only engage families differently, but change how we relate to and utilize the broader service community (statewide).
  - ❖ Need to identify service array desired and then assess existing community service arrays and detail resources and services available or where gaps may exist. (regionally to match they needs of the community)
  - ❖ Identify through model development the way in which child welfare services will be coordinated and delivered to the target population-consider existing models (e.g. systems of Care), existing contracts and service types, as well as experiences in other jurisdictions.
  - ❖ Identify and invite community service providers to participate in, and inform, the development of DRS.
  - ❖ Involve families and parents (birth parents) to provide outreach to their communities
    - a. Planning Teams
      - i. Diversity
      - ii. Towns being served
      - iii. And most important other communities and audiences in order to raise awareness
      - iv. Feedback from National Models
      - v. Service Coordination Model based on the regions
- The core of this program involves training child welfare staff and parents together so that we can learn ways to improve our practice in the areas of:
  - ❖ doing strength based assessments
  - ❖ increasing levels of family engagement in developing treatment plans
  - ❖ increasing the involvement of fathers and male partners
  - ❖ increasing family and community supports in treatment planning
  - ❖ providing services that the family is interested in receiving

**A Framework for Planning, Management and Evaluation (DCF) Dr. Robert Plant**



A Framework for  
Planning, Manager

**Approval of Minutes:**

December meeting minutes were voted on and approved at 11:28AM.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominations Committee**

*Marcy Kane/ VACANT*

- Nominating sub-committee will be reviewing current applications
- Three SAC vacancies
- Amy O'Conner's application will be moving forward to the State Advisory Committee for appointment
- New Applications:

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1. *Cindy Thomas*
2. *Susan Williamson*
3. *Laura Hadder*

*Open for feedback - PLEASE SEND ME AN E-MAIL OR CALL ME DIRECTLY*

**Mental Health Block Grant**

*Peggy Ayer/ Karen Smith*

**Local System of Care**

*Tabor Napiello/ Hal Gibber*

**Statewide Collaborative Quarterly Meeting:**

February 26, 2010

9:30am - 12:30

CVH - Merritt Hall Auditorium

**Updated Agenda:**

- In-depth presentations
- Status of the wraparound project and how it relates to systems of care
- DRS initiatives
- Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Interface at a Collaborative Level
- Integration to regular monthly meetings
- Update on Quality Improvement Collaborative
- DCF Training Academy will present on Better Together - Casey Foundation in order to engage Biological families to kids in child welfare and in the foster care system.
- Information will be provided on the Collaborative Toolkit
- CT Autism Action Coalition (CAAC) presentation.

*\*Brief sub-committee meeting after CBHAC meeting - discussion about feedback from SAC and finalizing the report.*

**Practice Standards**

*Scott Newgass/ Debbie McCusker*

**Multiculturalism**

*Mary Held/ VACANT*

- Need of a co-chair
- Next month I will provide training on Diversity/Cultural Competence for all who are interested.

**Behavioral Health Services – BHP Interface**

*Hal Gibber/ Marcy Kane*

**Transformation Youth**

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

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

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:59AM*

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Lorena Emanuel