

Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (CBHAC)

Thirty one appointed members
(Fifty-one percent to be parents)
Thirty appointments filled, currently one vacancy
Statewide Advisory Council appointments currently one vacancies
Legislative appointments no vacancy

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, Co-Chair: Dorian M. Vicedomini,** (02/28/2008
- 02/28/2010) **Mary Martinez, George McDonald** (10/08/2008 - 10/08/2010)

Governor's Appointments:

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

Legislative Appointments:

Pres. Pro Tempore Appt. Donald Williams - **Margaret (Peggy) Ayer** (08/15/05-08/15/09), Speaker of the House Appt. Christopher
Donovan-**John McGann** (12/14/05-06/30/10), 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** (04/07/05-06/30/10), Min. Leader of the House Robert
Ward-**Kimble Greene** (06/07/06-Term does not expire) Maj. Leader of the House Appt. Denise Merrill - **Robert Franks** (02/20/09
- 06/30/2010)

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**

Meeting Minutes from March 06, 2009

Appointed Members in Attendance:

Margaret (Peggy) Ayer, Sincilina Beckett, Tim Bowles, Chet Brodnicki, Tammy Garris, Norma Irving,
Marcy Kane, Tim Marshall, George McDonald, John McGann, Scott Newgass, Neil Quatrano, Nikki Richer,
Karen Smith, Dave Tompkins, Dorian M. Vicedomini, Rachel Sherman

Excused Appointed Members:

Cathy Adamczyk, Cathy Foley Geib, Tabor Napiello, Robert Franks, Marie Capiris, Cara Westcott

Unexcused Appointed Members:

Lolli Ross, Patricia Gaylord, Grace Nelson, Debbie McCusker, Mary Martinez

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Laura Hadder, Gabrielle Hall, John Paige, Michelle Tournas, Susan Williamson, Ellen Wright, Sally Gaston,
Wm. Anderson, Theresa Maran, Mary Held, Lesbia Martinez, Hal Gibber, Cristy Jones, Wanda Roberson,
Margaret Roberson, Lynn Roberson, Diane Ritchie, Giana Livingston

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

February minutes were voted on and approved at 10:13AM.

Co-Chairs Report

Dave Tompkins

Overview of February's CBHAC meeting at the LOB:

- Brought all the advocates for children and families across the state - over 100 people
- Focused attention on what is the impact of the economy; what is the impact of our state and federal fiscal crisis on children and families.
- Outcome was to educate CBHAC Members and Guests on the issues and on what the process is for public hearings.
- Meeting was educational and had good input in order for the CBHAC committee to present our recommendations to the State Advisory Committee.

Other Items:

- New Senate Bill that recommends eliminating CBHAC. It proposes a smaller committee to oversee the block grant and to fulfill the responsibilities. It does not have support from the State Advisory Council or the Department of Children and Families.

Chet Brodnicki: I would like to make a recommendation that we oppose the Governors recommendation to close the Childs Advocate office, the Commission on Children.

Dave Tompkins: At our last meeting a big issue was "Raise the Age" as well.

Tim Marshall: All the State representatives would need to decline to vote.

Motion made by Chet Brodnicki: motion approved at 10:33AM

(State representatives in attendance who abstained: Tim Marshall DCF, Tim Bolwes DSS, Scott Newgass DOE, Nikki Richer DMHAS, Rachel Sherman, OPA, Tammy Garris DDS)

1. The CBHAC recommends that the Office of the Child Advocate, the Commission on Children and the current plan for the implementation of the Raise the Age Legislation continues and that the Legislature do not eliminate them as part of the deficit reduction plan.
2. The CBHAC recommends that co-pays do not become required for families receiving their insurance through Medicaid.
3. The CBHAC recommends that all behavioral Health Services have established Practice Standards and that the Practice Standards that do exist are forwarded to the CBHAC for its review and recommendations, per state statute.

Motion to support the continuation of CBHAC - Motion approved 10:34AM

4. The CBHAC recommends that this committee continues to function per the state statutes that established it in 2000. We do not support the language in SB 877 and HB 6475 that eliminates CBHAC.

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Standing Committee Reports

Nominations and Membership

Marcy Kane / Marie Capiris

Three tasks to report:

1. John McGann has been reappointed By Speaker of the House Christopher Donovan
2. Kimble Green has stepped down and Marcy Kane will contact the Minority Leader of the House Robert Ward
3. Cathy Adamczyk looks like she will no longer serve as a member of CBHAC and Marcy Kane will contact the Governors office.

Update: Dr. Robert Franks was appointed by the Majority Leader of the House Denise Merrill.

- Status of recommended CBHAC members to the SAC
- Vote on Parent Co-Chair - nominees are Mary Held and Doriana Vicedomini
 - By majority vote the CBHAC has elected Doriana Vicedomini as it Parent Co-Chair, filling the seat vacated by Janice Woods.

Dave Tompkins: Steering Committee Update

- Expressed concern about CBHAC's effectiveness in making recommendations to the State Advisory Committee
- Restructure - each sub-committees will be assigned to months of the year to make their formal report and recommendation.

Months to Make Recommendations	Sub-Committee	Months to meet at Noon after CBHAC
January July	MHBG	December & June
February	Practice Standards	January
March September	Local Systems of Care	February & July
April October	Behavioral Health	March & September
May November	Multiculturalism	April & October
June December	Transitioning Youth	May & November

- The Nominations committee will be a monthly report
- Practice Standards with missing August will be as needed as well as practice standards come about.
- Multiculturalism committee will meet at noon in April in order to make recommendations for May's CHBAC meeting.
- An e-mail will be sent out with the tasks and the specific responsibilities of each sub-committee.

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Standards for State Funded Behavioral Health Programs

Scott Newgass/ Debbi McCusker

Asking CBHAC to forward two recommendations to SAC

1. all practice areas within DCF providing services to children have established standard with specific parameters
2. we would ask SAC to forward copies of all standards that currently exist so we can review them

An e-mail was sent out by Fernando Muniz concerning a meeting that is taking place on a Practice Model in Child Welfare that will be developed by the Department of Families and Children. RSVP is required to Renee Serafino (renee.serafino@ct.gov).

**Meeting: DCF
505 Hudson Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Wednesday, March 11th
9:30 to 11:00AM**

Mental Health Block Grant

Kimble Greene / Karen Smith

Margaret (Peggy) Ayer will be replacing Kimble Greene

- Report on February 26, 2009 Joint Mental Health Block Grant Committee meeting
 - DHMAS and DCF reported
 - Our Sub-committee is responsible for working with Marilyn Cloud from DCF
 - Deadline for July - provide information and opinions
 - Deadline for August - our information will be incorporated to the report and will be forwarded to the Federal Government in September

Local Systems of Care

Tabor Napiello / Hal Gibber

On the table you will find the History of CT community Collaboratives - Systems of Care by Tabor Napiello. CHBAC and all collaboratives have come together to expand upon the information, idea sharing and to identify specific recommendations to improve the system. Our next quarterly meeting will be in May. The Agenda will be planned by the Systems of Care.

Tammy Garris:

On May 7th the training will be held in Wallingford from 9:00 - 12:00. I have invited all 25 community Collaboratives attend a meeting to learn more about voluntary services through DDS and have all of our staff learn more about the 25 community Collaboratives. This is to learn more and better partner with our agencies and the local communities.

It was decided that the next Quarterly meeting of the Community Collaboratives will be held on May 7th, in Lee Auditorium at CVH. It is scheduled from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. In addition to other agenda we will connect the DDS system with the Collaboratives to better serve our communities.

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Multiculturalism

Mary Martinez / Mary Held

No recommendations at this time

Behavioral Health Services – BHP Interface

Doriana Vicedomini / Sarah Becker

Doriana Vicedomini:

I am representing CBHAC at the PSDCRS data system and trying to incorporate that into this committee. I will also have to step down as co-chair of BHP Interface in order to fill in the co-chair parent position. The next meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday at 9:00am. Hal Gibber has wanted to step up and co-chair this committee; he will be taking Sarah Becker's place. We will need a CBHAC member chair for this committee.

Marcy Kane: I can also volunteer to step up and co-chair this committee as a member.

New Co-Chairs: Marcy Kane/Hal Gibber

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transitioning Youth Initiative

***Tim Bowles / Lollie Ross (Neither of these two are current chairs-
George MacDonald, Neil Quatrano and Amy O'Conner have taken over leadership of this
committee)***

George MacDonald: Feedback from October, September and February meetings

- Membership involvement in families and youth
- Youth voice and opinion
- Improving mental health care in the state of Connecticut
- Next meeting will be in April

For more information about the Quality Improvement Collaborative (QuIC) call contact Kalan Ross, Project Coordinator at kross@ncrmhb.org or 860-667-6388 ext. 16. Their mission is to ensure that consumers/youth/families play a central role in the development of a recovery and resiliency oriented system of mental health care. Click here for informational brochure:

http://www.ncrmhb.org/AdobePDFFormats/QuIC_Brochure.pdf

Neil Quatrano will be joining George MacDonald in the Transitioning Youth Initiative.

Hal Gibber: For clarification, the Quality Improvement Collaborative is supported by the Governor's Mental Health Transformation Grant, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Mental Health Advocacy Partners: the Regional Mental Health Boards, Advocacy Unlimited, Favor, Inc. and NAMI-CT.

Doriana Vicedomini: Question to Hal Gibber

We are in the process of rapping up our proposal for that seed money that DCF has offered for Flex Funding for the Adolescent support group. There was a piece in there of connecting FAVOR to that. Is there a particular way that you would like that done

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Hal Gibber:

The connection to FAVOR is that we offered to serve as the Fiduciary if you cannot get a local non profit to manage the mini grant. We would like a list of who the co-chairs are, meeting place and how often and to give us the sense of what the activities are like. This would give us the opportunity to make some planning.

Tim Marshall:

This \$5000.00 is for children and adolescents and it includes siblings. This money is made available through the care coordination entity and the care coordination supervisor. Three communities have spent their money already and are out of their flex fund money for this year. I anticipate in receiving one per collaborative and we might have a couple that do not.

Announcements

- Table set up at meetings with announcements of events, meetings, etc. for parents
- Opportunities for parents

Agenda Setting for Next Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51AM