

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**

Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2010

Appointed Members in Attendance:

Cathy Adamczyk, Margaret (Peggy) Ayer, Sincilina Beckett, Hal Gibber, Gabrielle Hall, Norma Irving, Mary Held, Tim Marshall, Debbi McCusker, George McDonald, Tabor Napiello, Nikki Richer, Karen Smith, Dave Tompkins, Dorian Vicedomini, Maureen Thomas, Cara Westcott,

Excused Appointed Members:

Robert Franks, Cathy Foley Geib, Marcy Kane, Rachel Sherman, Karen Smith, M. Jeffrey Spahr, Darcy Lowell, Scott Newgass

Unexcused Appointed Members:

Mary Martinez, John McGann

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Laura Hadder, Ciinny L. Thomas, Brenda Wilcox, Nancy Dumont, Wanda Roberson, Margaret Roberson, Melodie Sloan, Alicia Briddell, Neil Briddell, Martha Miller, Lynn Roberson, Neva Caldwell, Amy O'Connor, Tim Bowles, Jessica Morneault, Manasseh Kirkwood, Nereyda Benavides, Lorna Grivois, Alma Vazquez, Mary Bruce

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(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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Committee Reports:

Nominations Committee

Marcy Kane/ VACANT

Mental Health Block Grant

Peggy Ayer/ Karen Smith

Recommendation -

- add more members to the committee
- a data sub-committee should be incorporated into our committee

The new data system (PSDCRS) is in the process of implementation.

DCF Agency Wide Strategic Plan - Five outcomes that will be incorporated in the Mental Health Block Grant.

1. Prevention
2. Safety
3. Permanency
4. Wellness
5. Transition

Additional information can be retrieved from the DCF website at: <http://www.ct.gov/dcf/site/default.asp>

Local System of Care

Tabor Napiello/ Hal Gibber

Statewide Collaborative Quarterly Meeting:

February 26, 2010

9:30am - 12:30

CVH - Merritt Hall Auditorium

Meeting Agenda

- Updates on the two wraparound initiatives and how we can spread the information and technical assistance
- Interagency services and system of care interface
- Presentation on DRS (Casey Family Services) - follow with questions and answers
- Technical assistance and tool kit for the 25 collaboratives and what their other needs are
- Final Draft of Annual Status Report on the Systems of Care

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- Update - added section on two wraparound initiatives

Formal motion to approve the Annual Report on Local Systems of Care - voted on and approved on 11:35am.

Recommendation - Hal Gibber: Appoint a working group in order provide support and to update the overall report on CBHAC which we submit every two years to the State Advisory Committee.

Casey Family Services will be presenting at our next February and presenting on Differential Response System (DRS).

- Differential Response System - this innovative approach to child protection offers an affirming framework for engagement, allowing DCF to offer families quality services to address family identified needs without the formality of a CPS investigation. DR services can provide a unique brand of support for Connecticut's children and families aimed at preventing further maltreatment through guiding a family driven approach to accessing and utilizing community based resources and services.
- Please send any question you have regarding Differential Response to Dave Tompkins or Hal Gibber.

Formal Recommendation to the State Advisory Committee SAC from the Children's Behavioral Advisory Committee (CBHAC) - Differential response should be rolled out and integrate within the 25 systems of care community collaboratives. - Table motion after February presentation.

Formal Recommendation to CBHAC - that the Systems of Care and the Behavioral Health Services Interface sub-committees be joined on a permanent basis because the do overlap.

****Our sub-committee will be meeting after the next February CBHAC meeting.***

Motion to both combine the two committees and amend our bylaws - voted on and approved on 11:43AM.

Doriana Vicedomini - Weather Conditions and Cancelations

- **If the DCF Training Academy is closed in Hartford we will not be meeting.**
- **Information will be included on our orientation**

Practice Standards

Scott Newgass/ Debbie McCusker

Recommendation - review members of subcommittee.

Practice Standards for review:

1. EMPS Practice Standards
2. Child Protective Services Practice Standards
 - a. Behavioral Health aspect
3. IICAPS Practice Standards
4. Foster Care

DCF representative for this sub-committee is Tim Marshall

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Multiculturalism

Mary Held/ VACANT

- Plan to figure out what services are available and how to access them
- Outreach to young adults - what are their needs and goals
 - How can we help accomplish their needs and goals
- Strategy to assist and engage families
 - Find the needs of our communities and how we can effectively help them
- Still in need of parent co-chair

Behavioral Health Services – BHP Interface

Hal Gibber/ Marcy Kane

Transformation Youth

George McDonald/ Amy O'conner/ Neil Quatrano

Long Term Goal:

- We would like to get the youth and young adult voice in order to make recommendations as well as the parent voice
- Focus groups
- George McDonald has contact with youth groups and is very active with the youth communities
- As members we are liaisons to our communities and can bring that voice back
- Distribute a questionnaire that ask for specific recommendations
- Would like the Juvenile Justice System, Educational System and possibly the Adult Criminal Justice System - all the different systems that are impacting Transitioning young adults
- Immediately we will be collect back ground material on all these systems especially concerning Transitioning youth
- Next meeting - review responsibilities of the sub-committee

Waterbury Youth Service System, Inc. is a non-profit agency dedicated to improving the lives of children and youth in the Greater Waterbury Region. <http://www.waterburyyouthservices.org/>

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12PM

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Lorena Emanuel