

Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (CBHAC)

Thirty one appointed members
(Fifty-one percent to be parents)
Twenty-nine appointments filled, currently two vacancies
Statewide Advisory Council appointments currently one 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), **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, 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. 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-**Tammy Garris**

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

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

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Appointed Members in Attendance:

Margaret (Peggy) Ayer, Tim Bowles, Marie Capiris, Tammy Garris, Marcy Kane, Tim Marshall, Debbie McCusker, George McDonald, Scott Newgass, Neil Quatrano, Nikki Richer, Karen Smith, Dave Tompkins, Dorian M. Vicedomini, Cara Westcott, Mary Martinez

Excused Appointed Members:

Cathy Adamczyk, Sincilina Beckett, Chet Brodnicki, Cathy Foley Geib, Kimble Greene, Darcy Lowell, Tabor Napiello, Rachel Sherman

Unexcused Appointed Members:

Lolli Ross, Patricia Gaylord, John McGann, Grace Nelson

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Amy O'Connor, Lesbia Martinez, Vickie Meyer, Laura Hadder, Mary Held, Susan Williamson, Wanda Roberson, Neva Caldwell, Lynn Roberson, Margaret Roberson, Vilvita Scott, Cristy Jones, Tim Cunningham

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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(CBHAC)**

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Co-chairs report:

Dave Tompkins/ Kimble Greene

Dave Tompkins:

- Would like to extend one more offer to any parent who is interested in co-chairing please contact me for more information.
- Stipends for transportation are available at the table
- A listing of the select committee on children and the sub-committee structure is available at the table
- All recommendation should be sent out to the State Advisory committee as well as all people that we represent
- You can view the latest Legislative updates on the following website <http://www.cga.ct.gov/>

Meeting was spent preparing for a recommendation to the State Advisory Committee concerning the he impact the proposed budget cuts will have on children and families with behavioral health needs:

RECOMMENDATION FROM CBHAC

1/9/09

Regarding the upcoming budget process for Connecticut, the Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (CBHAC) recommends:

During this time of economic crisis, when families and communities are in need of even more support than usual, we need to sustain the provision of behavioral health services currently available to families. Eliminating levels of care at this time will result in much greater costs, both monetary and human, in the future. All levels of care (hospital, sub-acute, residential, group homes, community based programs, prevention programs) are needed by our families, and will be relied on more heavily during this time of crisis.

Connecticut's behavioral health systems of care are coordinated locally through 25 Community Collaboratives. They are the true experts on what each of their communities need, and needs do differ between communities. CBHAC recommends that the Community Collaboratives are consulted with, formally and informally, as the budget process moves forward.

REMINDER: Next weeks meeting will be held at the Legislative Office Building, Hearing Room 1B, from 9-12.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Lorena Emanuel