

## ***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) **Amy O'Connor** (04/09/10-04/09/2012)

### ***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 May 7, 2010**

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

Cathy Adamczyk, Margaret (Peggy) Ayer, Robert Franks, Hal Gibber, Gabrielle Hall, Darcy Lowell, George McDonald, Tim Marshall, Scott Newgass, Nikki Richer, Rachel Sherman, Dave Tompkins, Dorian Vicedomini, Cara Westcott

### **Excused Appointed Members:**

Sincilina Becket, Mary Held, Karen, Marcy Kane, Smith, M. Jeffrey Spahr, McCusker, Tabor Napiello, Amy O'connor, Maureen Thomas, John Torello

### **Unexcused Appointed Members:**

John McGann, Mary Martinez, Norma Irving

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

Ellen Wright, Sally Gaston, Wm Anderson, Martha Miller, Tawana Bourne, Wanda Roberson, Neva Caldwell, Alicia Briddell, Lynn Roberson, Margaret Roberson, Brenda Wilcox, Michelle Drake, Brenetta Henry, Nancy Dumont, Ginny Gerena, Cornelices Briddell, Ofelia Velazquez, Denise Tillman, Susan Williamson

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

**Following the Committee break out groups the Meeting was called to order by Co-chair, Dave Tompkins – 11:15AM**

**Approval of Minutes:**

April meeting minutes will be tabled for approval until next meeting.

**Co-chairs report:**

***Dave Tompkins and Doriana Vicedomini***

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominations Committee**

*Marcy Kane/ VACANT*

***Dave Tompkins:***

Voted on applications will be moved forward to the State Advisory Council for appointment

**Mental Health Block Grant**

*Peggy Ayer/ Karen Smith*

***Peggy Ayer:***

Joint Planning Council Meeting May 20, 2010 at Paige Hall will report back next month.

**Local System of Care & Behavioral Health Services – BHP Interface**

*Hal Gibber/ Marcy Kane/ Tabor Napiello*

***Hal Gibber:***

Update: Met this AM and discussed a number of things:

1. Review next Friday's Quarterly Agenda - Announcement will go out this afternoon
2. Collaborative Survey will be sent out electronically and in hard copy
3. Discussed agenda items for this Friday's Quarterly agenda  
Presentations from different organizations
  - A. Dr. Bert Plant will present White Paper
  - B. Work in progress on Autism & QUIC project
  - C. What's going well at local community collaboratives - (always looking to recruit and support from families and improve family presence)
4. Two Reports: Due in Oct. 2010
  - A. Recommendation for Bi-Annual Report (to SAC then to DCF Commissioner)
  - B. Update on Community Collaboratives and work on Statewide creation of Statewide Community Council

Dave Tompkins reminded people of date & Time  
Next Friday 5/14/10 at CVH Merritt Hall-Lee Auditorium

There was a question asked for clarification about the oversight of the community collaboratives, and

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if the statewide council of community collaboratives had oversight and if the community collaboratives were suppose to follow the Practice Standards of the Systems of Care.

- ❖ A discussion of accountability regarding Community Collaborative and the role and function of System of Care occurred.

**Practice Standards**

*Scott Newgass/ Debbie McCusker*

***Scott Newgass:***

Reviewing several practice standards:

1. Connecticut Standards of Practice for Attorneys and Guardians At Litem Representing Children in Child Protection Cases
2. Connecticut Standards of Practice for Lawyers Representing Parents in Child Protection Cases
3. Guidelines for Psychotropic Medication Use is Children and Adolescents
4. Nursing Standards and Guidelines for All DCF Licensed Facilities

- ❖ Discussion of Psychotropic Medication

Question Cara Westcott: Will care coordination be under the prevue of this committee?

Scott: yes

Tim Marshall: The Guidelines for Care Coordination have received continual revision and, they are among the standards that have received the most scrutiny by CBHAC, and there continue to be many other Practice Standards that have not yet been reviewed. The Practice Standards for Attorneys and Guardians Ad Litem are actually out of the Commission on Child Protection so CBHAC's recommendations would need to go to that commission.

**Multiculturalism**

*Mary Held/ VACANT*

***Dave Tompkins:***

Training on Multiculturalism was postponed. Mary is out.

**Transformation Youth**

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

***Neil Quatrano - update***

Large group of parents - 15 parents participated and expressed feeling and thoughts (2 themes presented)

- A. Transitioning Youth starting at the proper time, but then seem to fall between the cracks and the recommendations by parents made, but not put into practice.
- B. Appropriate Cultural Competent Leadership Services in local community and concerns about not implementing recommendations

Referrals to the adult system seemed to start at the proper time but "fell between the cracks" "how do we make recommendations that are listened to?" "Kids are still lost."

"DMHAS doesn't have the services that my son needed in CT and he left to go to MA."

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A suggestion was made to have a meeting of all the leaders of the agencies of "Transition Youth" to come together & meet.

**George McDonald - update:** Concerns about the Transitioning Youth project.

A question was asked about which project was being discussed.

Child & Adolescent Services System Initiative as a whole, it was alluded that there was concerns that needed to be discussed in private.

Neil Quatrano added that there seemed to be a number of issues and it pertained to the way parents were being treated as a whole.

Tim Marshall offered to be available to meet to discuss any issues or concerns. Dave Tomkins also agreed to be a part of the meeting if there were concerns to be addressed.

Before adjournment:

**Dave Tompkins:**

- ❖ Dave said he would look into the possibility of having a presentation regarding Multi-cultural issues with the entire CBHAC group if possible.
- ❖ Career Fair this afternoon

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

*The meeting was adjourned.*

Meeting notes taken by Tim Marshall and respectfully submitted by Lorena Emanuel