Joint BHPC Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Day/Date:	Thursday, September 11, 2014 - 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	
Location:	CVH, Page Hall, Room 217	
Attendance:		
Members Present:	Marcia DuFore, Tim Marshall, Kristie Barber, Margaret Watt, Tom Steen, Mui Mui Hin-McCormick, Janine Sullivan-Wiley, Peggy Ayer, Lisa Jameson, Barbara Roberts, Jennifer Gross, Eileen Bronko, Irene Herdon, Nannette Latremouille, Jan Van Tassel	
Staff Present:	Susan Wolfe, Chrishaun Jackson, Jim Siemianowski, Chris Beauty, Maria Cappuccitti	
Guest	Jennifer Bogin and Nikki Richer	
AGENDA ITEM	*DISCUSSION*	*ACTION*
Introductions Review of Minutes	Correction made to DMH AS Update, Item 2. Minutes reviewed.	Minutes accepted with edits.
E-Engagement Project Margaret Watt	The Official state launch of TurningPointCT.org took place. The event included a panel of 5 speakers who shared their stories. Commissioner Pat Rehmer opened the event which was videotaped and live streamed. • Promo video will go out to high schools and colleges TurningPointCT.org is a website developed by young adults in recovery that targets teens in college and young adults by sharing their personal stories. *Handout provided	
Panel on Autism Spectrum Disorders Guest: Jennifer Bogin Nikki Richer	Nikki Richer (DMHAS) and Jennifer Bogin (DDS) provided an overview of services for those with Autism Spectrum Disorders in their respective state agencies. In 2008 it was determined that DDS would be the lead agency for Autism in the state of CT. Jennifer Bogin is the Director of the Autism Division of the Dept. of Developmental Services which serves consumers with Intellectual Disabilities (IQ below 70). Power Point Presentation *(handout provided)	
Block Grant Update Susan Wolfe	• The Allocation Plan Public Hearing was held on September 3rd and passed. • DMHAS had a CSAT (Center for Substance Abuse Treatment) visit on May 20-24, 2013. The report from this visit was just received last week. The report was positive with a couple of recommendations concerning fiscal procedures. • There will be a CMHS Site visit sometime between now and August 2015. This will involve a team of five reviewers, for a period of 2½ days; will perform a very thorough visit to a Provider and request a long list of items; specific documents relative to the Site Visit, as well as Fiscal information…more details to come. • The Annual Substance Abuse and Mental Health reports are due on December 1st. Priorities will be updated at that time. There are two priorities which have not yet met the first year targets: Criminal Justice Diversion Substance Abuse Treatment and Retail Violation of Tobacco Products.	

Membership and Anonymous Survey Update Susan Wolfe	1. Only 8 members responded to the survey. The Survey will be sent out again. It is IMPORTANT to complete the survey because SAMHSA wants to ensure that our council has adequate representation and because it will inform us as to whether further recruitment is necessary. 2. Assignments were shared and will be revisited as well.	
Regional Report Presentations Marcia DuFore	Regional Boards annual reports are almost complete. Priorities and Recommendations have been scheduled to be presented to the Commissioner. An organized presentation of all the regions will be done at the first ABHPC Meeting in 2015	
Prevention Subcommittee Report Ingrid Gillespie/Tom Steen	The Committee is trying to connect with other agencies in CT in an effort to get a handle on the infrastructure of Agencies as they relate to Prevention. DMHAS is the only agency that has a separate prevention unit. *Attempts to schedule meetings have been challenging	
DMHAS Update Jim Siemianowski	1. DMHAS was awarded two grants totaling 7.6 million dollars from SAMHSA for two areas: • Housing Support (3.6 million): To support people with serious mental illness as they transition into permanent housing 2. Two Pilot Programs for Hispanic clients and people who are coming out of the criminal justice system (4 million for five years) *The focus is on Employment and Housing 3. Current RFP's: • Substance Abuse for 12 bed facility in Region One is due October 27th • Re-issue RFP for Transitional Residential Services (people transitioning out of inpatient forensic services) to focus on 6 adults is due October 23rd. 4. DMHAS is hosting the "National Suicide Prevention Conference" in September 2014. This will be a 3 day Conference at the Convention Center with over 500 registrants.	
DCF Update Tim Marshall	Suicide Prevention Update: 1. For National Suicide Prevention Week, DCF sponsored a number of activities jointly with the CT Suicide Advisory Board. 2. Suicide Prevention plan has been drafted with a planned release in the Fall. 3. The Suicide Advisory Committee that is supported by DCF and DMHAS continues to grow and is gaining support from DPH, DOC, CCMC, IOL, St. Francis, and others. 4. DCF has just rec'd 2013 data concerning suicides in CT; which averages 333 per year. Two years prior there was a spike in suicides in CT (average 366). The average is now 340 per year. Although still too many, reports show that the number has dropped. • Age 0-18 = 7.7 suicides (annually)	

	• Ages 30-50 = white males (largest group) • Elderly = high • Adolescent Hispanic boys and boys of color = high • Ages 15-25 high risk *CT is focusing on numbers and percentages* One Word, One Voice, One Life brochures, banners, signs, have been printed Stay tuned to hear more about the Suicide Rating Scale 5. Additionally, DCF continues to focus on moving children from high levels of Congregate Care back into homes in the community. At the same time, the state has seen an increase in the number of children getting "stuck" in the ER. 6. DCF data demonstrates that these are not the same children. However, there is heavy political pressure and public criticism towards DCF to change course. 7. There is the assumption that the kids who are "stuck" are DCF committed, but they are not. Less than 25% are DCF committed. 8. When DCF presented their portion of the CMHS Allocation Plan to the Legislature (with Tim filling in for the Commissioner), they threatened to not accept it unless DCF moved money towards addressing their concerns. In the end it passed without such a change. Tim's public statement was that the system was broken and the current situation reflects that. 9. Public Act 13-178: Legislation that directed DCF (at end of last FY) to develop a comprehensive implementation plan for an employee-integrated efficient Behavioral Health System of Care. The final report is 52 pages with a final draft due October 1st of 2014. The 10 page Exec. Summary is currently on the web: www.plan4children.org. You are encouraged to read.	
Next Joint meeting:	November 13, 2014	