

**State of Connecticut**  
**State Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services**  
**March 16, 2016**  
**Connecticut Valley Hospital**

**Present:** Craig Allen, Peggy Ayer, Sam Ball, Kristie Barber, Richard Borer, Marcia Dufore, Kathy Flaherty, Ingrid Gillespie, Jennifer Gross, Tina Inferrera, Jennifer Henry, Irene Herden, Juan Hernandez, Marcea Koffsky, Pat Mosimann, Bob Painter, Larry Pittinger, Kevin Sevarino, Judith Shaw, Jim Smith, Tom Steen, Janine Sullivan-Wiley, Margaret Watt

**Excused:** Ismene Petrakis, Sharon Castelli, Brian Reigner

**DMHAS Staff:** Commissioner Delphin-Rittmon, Deputy Commissioner Nancy Navarretta, Paul DiLeo, Barbara Bugella, Michael Michaud, Mary Kate Mason, Bill Pierce, Diana Lejardi, Marilyn Duran, Alice Minervino, Fred Morton

**Agenda Item 1: Call to order and introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM by Ingrid Gillespie

**Agenda Item 2: Minutes of previous meetings review and action**

The minutes from the February 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**Agenda Item 3:**

- **Budget:** Paul DiLeo gave an update on the budget. The commissioner formed a budget workgroup with DMHAS folks and they have been working on two deadlines proposed by OPM. One of the deadlines was to come up with what the core services are and they are now posted on the OPM website. The core services are inpatient; outpatient; residential, crisis and respite; recovery support services; education, research and prevention. The second deadline was to come up with how we are going to live within our allocation. The budget package was approved by the commissioner and submitted to OPM last Friday.
- **Alcohol Drug Policy Council (ADPC) Update:** Commissioner Delphin-Rittmon gave an update on ADPC. The ADPC met a couple of weeks ago. Three workgroups have formed and each group has three chairs. Each group has met at least once. Each group will meet again before the meeting in June. There is a possibility of working with a consultant to fast-track an initial plan. The workgroups are still recruiting members and anyone is welcome to attend these open meetings.
- **Legislative Update:** Mary Mason said the commissioner is building tons of good will and has been very active and showing support at the LOB. DMHAS has a great advocacy and support community. There will be a public hearing on 3/18/16 on HB 5531 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER.

**Agenda Item 4:**

- **Coordinated Access Network (CAN):** Alice Minervino and Fred Morton from DMHAS Housing Division did a presentation on CAN. DMHAS receives an advantage of over \$20 million in HUD federal funds for supportive housing and rapid rehousing. A Coordinated Access Network is a region designated by the CT Department of Housing responsible for coordinated entry into shelter services. There are 8 regions in Connecticut.
- **Transportation Video:** Tabled for next month.

## **Agenda Item 5:**

### **➤ General Updates/Announcements:**

- Mary Mason introduced Diana Lejardi, DMHAS Public Information Officer, to the Board.
- Paul DiLeo announced that DMHAS and all state agencies just received their rescission package. The DMHAS rescission package has another \$7.1 million in cuts by line item.
- **Region 1:** Margaret Watt passed around a map of New CT Young Adult Resource Map; created for and by young adults. For more information go to [map.turningpointCT.org](http://map.turningpointCT.org)
- **Region 2:** Kristie Barber announced there will be a statewide behavioral health listening forum at the City Hall in Bridgeport, on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. It is part of a state innovation model to transform healthcare. The region will hold their legislative breakfast at the LOB on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Region 3:** Jennifer Gross announced they will hold their legislative breakfast on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol.
- **Region 4:** Marcia DuFore said they held their legislative breakfast last week.
- **Region 5:** Janine Sullivan-Wiley said that the region has been working with several local public health departments on healthy community initiatives.
- **CPN:** Ingrid Gillespie stated they are working with alcohol retailers and prescribers about the guidelines, escrowed opportunities, addiction training and how to access mental health. Some retailers have reached out about the new E-Cigarettes laws.
- **CLRP:** Kathy Flaherty said CLRP is planning for various contingencies. The worst case scenario is no housing representation. The likelihood of providing statewide community services is not looking very good.
- Some board members will work together to write a letter to the commissioner with points of consideration for this current legislation on items discussed such as supporting further research that is needed on medical conditions before medical marijuana is prescribed and so forth.

## **Agenda Item 6: Items for future agenda**

- Michael Michaud stated CCAR will do their presentation in May.

## **Agenda Item 7: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 beginning at 2:30 PM in room 217 of CVH Page Hall.