Meeting Notes

The Behavioral Health Subcommittee of the State-Wide Health Care Facilities and Services Plan Advisory Body June 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion Discussion	Action/Results
I. Opening Remarks	Kim Martone opened the meeting and introduced the subcommittee's role (which could include identification of sources of and access to data and information/reports, discussion of future demand, unmet need, and subcommittee recommendations). A draft of the Proposed Table of Contents for the	No specific actions taken
II. Introduction of Members	Facility and Services Plan was distributed by Karen Roberts along with a copy of Section 19a-634 of the Statutes to show how the discussion of Behavioral Health will fit into the plan. Kim was asked for more specifics on the charge of the subcommittee and whether the charge was limited to public sector	
III. Discussion of Subcommittee Purpose and Expectation	services. It was responded that it was not limited to public sector services. It was asked if OHCA is looking at only inpatient and outpatient services or the total array of behavioral health services. There was discussion as to how residential behavioral health services will be reflected in the Inventory and Plan. OHCA staff responded that all facility level services will be inventoried and described, but it was further clarified that the private practice of behavioral health services will not likely be inventoried and included in the first publication of the Facility and Services Plan in 2012. There was discussion of as to whether those services that are under Certificate of Need jurisdiction would be focused on (for example, if a service rises to level of needing a CON, it should be focused on in plan). OHCA staff indicated that this could be considered. OHCA staff also mentioned that there could be representation at the table for the next meeting from one or two FQHCs as they are also behavioral health providers.	
IV. Discussion of resources available	There was substantial discussion regarding what sources are available for data and information in the field of behavioral health in Connecticut.	No specific actions taken.
to inventory behavioral health facilities V. Discussion of resources available to inventory behavioral health services in hospitals	 Dr. Plant and others suggested that the inclusion of Value Options (VO) {Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership} would be valuable to this subcommittee due to the data that VO collects. Ms. Walkama mentioned that the data collected by OHCA during 2009 for the DCF Exemption Registry might also be used and OHCA staff responded that it would be looked at but would be somewhat out of date (the Exemption Registry statute became void in October 2010 and it is unknown if 100% of providers had registered accurately during the 2009 process). OHCA staff mentioned that getting data directly from DCF would be more accurate. There was discussion about using a survey OHCA did a couple of years ago related to the study of behavioral health in Region 5 as a tool or framework to find out inpatient capacity. There was discussion regarding the use of local mental health directors as a source of information on providers (capacity, etc.) However, it was also discussed that this would not capture all of the providers (be limited and would not capture non-DMHAS funded providers, etc.) 	However, OHCA staff will look into representation from Value Options in the process; OHCA staff will look into the use of the 2009 DCF Exemption Registry as a potential source of information and OHCA staff will review the process undertaken in the Region 5 study to determine applicability to this process.

	 There was discussion of the use of Federal sources of information (N-SAPs, SAMSHA). Ms. Walkama indicated that there is a national survey (NSDUH) matching unmet need and demand. Discussion circled back to the use of Value Options data repository and how that information can then be vetted against DPH licensure listings of behavioral health providers and SAMSHA. 	
VI. Next Steps		OHCA will contact the participants
		further about the scheduling of the next
		subcommittee meeting and will confirm
		FQHC and Value Options participation.

Attendees: James O'Dey, Dr. Robert Plant, Al Bidorini, James Siemianowski, Sandra Bauer, Dr. Stephen Larcen, Susan Walkama Attendees from OHCA: Kimberly Martone (for introduction of meeting), Karen Roberts, Kaila Riggott, Paolo Fiducia Absent: Jeffrey Walter, Lauren Siembab, Elizabeth Collins