

TCBHPC Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 10, 2023
1 p.m.
LOB Room 2C

Attendance:

Rep Tammy Exum
Sen. Ceci Maher
Claudio Gualtieri
Sen. Saud Anwar
Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey
Jeanne Milstein
Rep. Jillian Gilcrest
Sen. Lisa Seminara
Rep. Liz Linehan
Sen. Catherine Osten
Rep. Toni Walker
Dr. Derrick Gordon
Rep. Tammy Nuccio
Dr. Javeed Sukhera
Tammy Freeberg
Rep. Kai Belton
Shari L. Shapiro
Dr. Yann Poncin
Howard Sovronsky
Mike Meyer
Commissioner Manisha Juthani

Ashley Hampton
Michael Patota
Edith Boyle
Commissioner Vannessa Dorantes
Dr. Thomas Kocienda
Lorna Thomas-Farquharson
Deputy Commissioner Sinthia Sone-
Moyano
Mr. Gerard O'Sullivan
Dr. Kimberly Karanda
Deputy Commissioner Dr. Jody
Terranova
Ms. Yvonne Pallotto
Dr. Deidre Gifford
Sarah Eagan, Esq.
Ms. Catherine FoleyGeib
Steven Hernandez, Esq.
Anne Smith
Alice Forrester
Christopher Trombley

TYJI Staff:

Erika Nowakowski
Donna Pfrommer
William Carbone
Danielle Cooper
Shauntaye Monroe
Paul Klee
Brittany LaMarr

Other:

Taylor Hyde
Michelle Zabel
Deborah Harburger

Welcome and Introductions

TCBHPC Tri-Chairs Representative Tammy Exum, Senator Ceci Maher, and Claudio Gualtieri, Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary, OPM, welcomed the committee members and those in attendance at the inaugural meeting of the TCB. They provided opening remarks on their excitement about getting the committee started and what they hope to accomplish toward improving systems, access, and equity in children's behavioral health. Rep. Exum asked for a role call and for committee members to introduce themselves.

Committee Introductions

Each of the committee members and/or their designees who were in attendance introduced themselves and their role in the arena of children's behavioral health.



Introduction to Tow Youth Justice Institute

Rep. Exum introduced the Tow Youth Justice Institute (TYJI) as the staffing and facilitating entity for the committee. Erika Nowakowski, Chief Operating Officer, shared her experience with the JJPOC and how the Institute will operationalize the work of this committee in the same way. She gave an overview of what the process will look like and what they can expect from the TYJI. She introduced Donna Pfrommer and explained that staff are being hired to help facilitate the work. She asked Michelle Zabel and Deborah Harburger from the UCONN Innovations Institute to introduce themselves as they will be the research partners in this project. Nowakowski also introduced Dr. Melissa Whitson from the University of New Haven who will serve in a consultation role in research, Dr. Karl Minges who was not able to attend, and consultant Karen Snyder who was out of the country.

Working Goals

Erika Nowakowski described the strategic planning process and how the goals and objectives will be defined and asked members to think about serving on a smaller committee to move the planning process forward.

Next Steps

Representative Tammy Exum asked that those who had not completed the survey for their preferred meeting dates and times do so and the schedule for the monthly meetings would be finalized soon. The Tri-Chairs thanked everyone for their commitment to improving children's behavioral health and serving on the committee.

Questions

The meeting was adjourned with no questions from the members.

**Next Meeting: 6th September 2023
2 pm -3 pm, LOB Room 2C**

