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