



**BHH Designated Provider Agency  
Implementation Session  
May 19, 2017 • 1:30pm – 3:00pm  
Beacon Health Options, Huntington Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**



**Attendance:** DMHAS (Jessica DeFlumer-Trapp); BHcare (Sandy Lombardi, Alex Kosakowski, Pat Curley, Kevin McKeithen); Bridges (Trish Kramer, Dawn Silver-DeAngelis, Valerie Mallard); CHR (Donna Wertz); CMHC (Nancy Watsky); CRMHC (Kristen Russell); InterCommunity (Alicia Figueroa); Rushford (Jennifer Williams); RVS (Anne Kiwanuka); Sound (Enrique Juncadella, Diana Joesten, Bryan Trapp); SWCMHS (Anthony Cretella); United Services (Lori Behling); WCMHN (Arlene Arias); ASO (Bonni Hopkins, Jeannie Wigglesworth, Amy Miller, Denise Roberts)

**Call-In:** CMHA (Chris Porcher); Rushford (Valerie Walton); SMHA (Karen Butterworth-Erban)

**1. Introductions**

**2. AmeriCares Presentation**

- a. Guest Speaker – Kristina Meyers, Associate, US Programs
- b. Programs most beneficial for BHH providers: Safety Net Support and Access to Medicine
  - i. Provides free medicine and medical supplies
  - ii. Inventory of supplies updated twice a week (Tuesdays and Fridays)
- c. Provider eligibility criteria
  - i. 501(c)3 or a government organization
  - ii. Authority to dispense medication (if interested in receiving free medicine)
  - iii. Inventory management process
- d. Client eligibility criteria
  - i. Uninsured or underinsured (Medicare and Medicaid qualifies as underinsured or if a client has private insurance that does not cover copays, medicine, etc)
- e. Providers can apply to become a partner at:  
[http://usaccess.americares.org/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=198](http://usaccess.americares.org/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=198)

**3. Updates**

- a. One Key Question Initiative
  - i. Feedback
    1. Like the simplicity – does not seem too tough to implement
    2. Important for population because some clients might experience an unplanned pregnancy with taking strong medications that can harm the baby
    3. Very non-judgmental nature
  - ii. Second training will be more hands on. Those who attended the first training are encouraged to attend the second, in addition to other key staff
  - iii. Must pre-register for the training at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/June2EWCT>

- b. DMHAS statewide services also coordinating with Planned Parenthood for a training on birth control options
  - c. BP, BMI, Tobacco Cessation (TC), and Depression Screening assessments
    - i. Reviewed proposed changes to the health assessment fields for BP, BMI, and Tobacco Cessation, and the addition of depression screening options in the HA.
    - ii. Extensive discussion and feedback on the TC fields, resulting in numerous changes to proposed plan
    - iii. If proposed plan is approved, would not need to enter G codes as a service. Instead, providers could select from a drop down in the HA and would be allowed to select an exclusion for those with an active diagnosis of depression or bipolar disorder.
4. **Upcoming Meetings**
- a. June 2<sup>nd</sup> – OKQ Implementation Session-CT Hospital Assoc-110 Barnes Road in Wallingford
  - b. June 16<sup>th</sup> – IS – Beacon Health Options – Huntington Room