

July 15th, 2025
3:00pm – 4:30pm
ZOOM

July System Infrastructure Workgroup Meeting Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. TCB Administrative Updates**
 - a. TCB Monthly Meeting Updates
 - b. Workgroup Updates
- 3. System of Care in Connecticut Discussion – Guest Speaker, Tim Marshall**
 - a. Q&A



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TCB System Infrastructure Workgroup Meeting Summary

July 15th, 2025

3:00-4:30 PM

Web-Based Meeting - ZOOM

Attendees:

Alice Forrester

Elisabeth Cannata

Tim Marshall

Yann Poncin

Aishwarya

Darcy Lowell

Aleece Kelly

Jennifer Nadeau

Tammy Freeberg

Jason Lang

LaToya Hinton

Robyn Hoffman

Victoria Stob

Jenny Bridges

Susan Israel

Venega T.

Andrea Goetz

Sean King

TYJI Staff

Erika Nowakowski

Emily Bohmbach

Jackie Marks

Stacey Olea

Meeting Objectives:

- TCB Updates
- Systems of Care – Guest Speaker

Meeting Summary:

1) TCB Updates

- a) A member of the TYJI staff discussed the latest TCB updates, including the next monthly TCB meeting that will provide an overview of Carelon's 2018 fiscal analysis, along with an update from UConn Innovations regarding the Children's Behavioral Health Provider Survey (services array).
 - i) There will be no meetings in August for the workgroups, and they will reconvene in September. There will also not be a TCB monthly meeting in August. The next meeting will be on September 16th, also on Zoom.

2) Systems of Care – Guest Speaker

- a) The Workgroup Co-chairs introduced the Systems of Care guest speaker, as well as a brief background of the guest speaker's expertise in the framework of Connecticut's systems of care.
 - i) The guest speaker started with a brief introduction on his history of working in Connecticut and his current endeavors with a judge in Boston to improve skills for staff and workers who are currently working in the foster care system and juvenile justice.
- b) The co-chair of the workgroup and the presenter initiated the conversation about the essential aspects of Connecticut's system of care. The presenter mentioned that all the family-based organizations contribute to sustaining the systems of care, which continue to develop over the years.
 - i) The presenter went on to explain that a positive aspect of family and child-centered initiatives is that each community collaboration typically has a few dedicated advocates who play a crucial role in maintaining motivation and ensuring consistent engagement. However, a drawback is that these individuals are often unpaid or are professionals with this responsibility as an additional part of their role. These advocates can become fatigued, which may lead to burnout. Connecticut encounters challenges regarding community collaborations that lack sufficient funding and support for their infrastructure.
- c) A workgroup member raised the question of what exactly the true definition of mental health for children is especially for children who have intellectual disabilities and Autism due to not being able to get that mental health diagnosis to get their behavioral health addressed and not being able to acquire services, as well as having trained professionals to handle these situations.
 - i) Both the Workgroup Co-chair and the presenter addressed the question by indicating that the definition of systems of care has expanded over time to better support children in this demographic. The presenter further noted that, based on his observations in Connecticut, there has not been a comprehensive and clear directive regarding who is accountable for the IDD population, nor is it evident who will be responsible for fully funding the personnel needed to assist this group.
 - ii) The presenter also assured that Mobile Crisis also gets funding from commercial insurance and Medicaid in New Jersey and would like that to happen in Connecticut as well. Workgroup Co-chair suggested investigating 1527 and discussing it further with the Advisory Board.
- d) Another work group member raised a question on what a Connecticut state referral network would look like for children, which includes primary care and juvenile education. What sort of evaluation criteria would be needed for success.



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- i) The speaker responded to the inquiry by indicating that for Connecticut to thrive, it would be essential to adopt a preventive strategy. He then cited New Jersey as an example, suggesting that by implementing this preventive strategy, families would benefit from receiving services more rapidly.

Next Meeting: **September 16th, 2025 ZOOM**