

March 10, 2026 BHP Adult Quality, Access & Policy Committee Zoom Meeting

Meeting summary

Quick recap

The meeting focused on a presentation about Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) in Connecticut, led by Kris Noam from Carelon Behavioral Health Connecticut. The presentation covered the CCBHC model, including its services, requirements, and Connecticut's context through a statewide needs assessment. Key findings from the assessment included gaps in access to quality behavioral health care, workforce shortages, and social drivers of health inequalities. Recommendations were made across four areas: access to care, workforce, care delivery, and prevention, along with specific target populations for focus. The discussion included questions about evidence-based practices, quality healthcare definitions, and how the CCBHC model would integrate with other ongoing system transformation efforts in Connecticut.

Next steps

- [All participants: Scan the provided QR code \(or use the link in the slides\) to rank the focus populations for CCBHCs, as requested during the presentation.](#)
- [Presentation team \(Kris/Carelon\): Share the presentation slides \(including the link to the population ranking survey\) with attendees after the meeting.](#)
- [Co-Chair Sabrina Trocchi: Invite the presentation team \(Kris Noam, Rob Haswell, Alexis Mohammed\) to return and provide updates once Connecticut is in the process of submitting or working on the demonstration grant, to share more details with the group.](#)

Summary

Connecticut CCBHC Implementation Strategy

The meeting focused on Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) in Connecticut, presented by Kris Noam from Carelon Behavioral Health Connecticut. The presentation covered the definition and requirements of CCBHCs, a statewide needs assessment identifying structural barriers and strengths, and recommendations for addressing gaps in care. Key recommendations included expanding access to underserved regions, increasing workforce capacity, improving cultural responsiveness, and focusing on specific populations such as individuals with opioid use disorder, school-aged youth, and those in health professional shortage areas. The demonstration grant expected in 2026 aims to support the implementation of the CCBHC model in approximately three clinics.

CCBHC Model Implementation Discussion

The meeting focused on discussing the Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model, with participants asking questions about service scope, quality standards, and implementation in Connecticut. Kris Noam explained that CCBHCs must offer evidence-based practices and serve all patients regardless of ability to pay, with stringent certification criteria and monitoring requirements. Rob Haswell emphasized that peer support services are required components of the model, and Co-Chair Sabrina Trocchi raised concerns about ensuring the demonstration grant aligns with other ongoing system transformation initiatives in Connecticut. The next meeting on May 12th will focus on Behavioral Health Homes (BHH).