



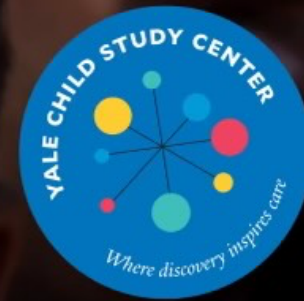
News & Updates From the *Connecticut Psychiatric Society*

You're Invited!

The [Yale Child Study Center](#) (YCSC) is launching the first of its kind Black Youth Mental Health Clinical Case Conference Series beginning next week. Six mental health clinical case conferences will be held in person and virtually from January through June 2024. Email blackyouthccs@gmail.com to register for this series.

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BLACK YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL CASE CONFERENCE SERIES 2024



A CONFERENCE SERIES FOR
EMPOWERMENT AND INNOVATION

JAN 16

APR 10

Start 6:00PM -

FEB 28

MAY 8

8:15PM ET

MAR 13

JUN 12

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(IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

REGISTER NOW:

EMAIL: BLACKYOUTHCCS@GMAIL.COM

Urgent: Your Feedback Needed!

Two documents are attached to this email for your review and comment by tomorrow, **Wednesday, January 10th**. We would like to make you aware of proposed changes that can have a significant impact on our current work and future opportunities as Psychiatrists in the state.

One important observation I would like to point out first is that both of the proposed changes below are items that we highlighted and advocated for with our written and verbal testimonies

and individual meetings with the public health and insurance committee chairs in 2022 regarding HB 5001: An Act Concerning Children's Mental Health.

There is a period of public comment that ends tomorrow, on Wednesday Jan 10th, to the dept. of social services about the proposed changes (see attached) to go into effect retrospectively as of Jan 1st. I have attached the entire proposal here (pdf) and highlighted the changes pertaining to the Hospitals and FQHCs (word doc), specifically regarding payment which provides incentive for collaboration between us and medical - specific to those on Medicaid.

See the attached documents or for those short on time- here is my feedback I would share with them without any additional input. Please respond back with your additional feedback or objections to initial comments below:

Collaborative Care model (CoCM)

- Payment to CT FQHCs for CoCM is an important step to support Behavioral Health Integration into medical. They serve a large population of CT residents- focused on the underserved but open to all. The pediatricians and PCPs are in need of collaboration from expert psychiatrists like those within our membership.
 - We would ask that you clarify further what the code G0512 for 60 minutes per month covers. From the wording of the proposal it seems the expectation is that all levels of collaboration and care coordination happen within this time frame. Including psychiatric consultation.
 - Realistically to incentivize collaboration a minimum of 3 hours a month would be ideally covered so that there is adequate time for care coordination by care coordinator, payment for consultation from psychiatry experts and account for the time required for implementation of the Psychiatrists recommendations by PCP for those patients who need it.
 - Any psychiatrist could be impacted by this change if they are interested in lending their expertise to the CoCM model. This is a common sense approach that focuses on safer and higher quality care rather with our existing workforce for safe prescribing.

Child and Adolescent Psych Inpatient bed Funding

- The inpatient child psych bed funding increase pertains to those who are practicing inpatient child psych.

Increased funding we can always support. My question is does the amount go far enough – Please chime in here.

I would like the comments from CPS to reflect our diverse membership as you practice in various settings. This is why we are seeking out your feedback about the proposal to incorporate into a unified CPS response. We are also asking members who are in leadership in other physician organizations to share and ask them to respond. Finally we have also shared this with NAMI as they share this access mission with us so collaboration with the community continues to be in full gear!

- CPS President, Tichianaa Armah, MD

Join Tomorrow's General Membership Meeting

These meetings are held in the odd numbers months on the **2nd Wednesday at 6 p.m.** and are open to all members. Please join to hear the latest association news and updates. Reminder emails are sent to members along with the Zoom link, but you can also access from the [website's calendar of events](#).

The webinar recordings of past meetings can be accessed on the website. Click below for the latest.

[Meeting Recordings](#)

Member Benefit Highlight: CPS Career Center

Whether you are looking for a job or have to post a position, CPS now has a career center that offers discounted pricing for members. This career center is integrated with ZipRecruiter for maximum exposure.

[Visit Career Center](#)

Complete Your CPS Profile

As a reminder, your username to login is the email address in your APA profile.

[Adding Your Cell Phone Number to Your Profile](#)

In our continuous effort to enhance communication and connectivity within our community, we invite you to update your profiles with your cell phone numbers in the newly added field. This information is confidential and used exclusively for CPS-related communication only if you opt-in.

To update your profile, please log in to your account and navigate to the profile settings. Your participation will make a significant impact on our ability to foster a stronger and more responsive psychiatric community in Connecticut.

To opt in to CPS text messages to receive infrequent updates and reminders from our organization, please [click here](#).

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If you want to be included in this directory, you must opt-in. To do this, [login to the website](#) to access your member profile. Then, click on the 'Edit Profile' button. Complete the fields that will update your member profile for the search filters, include a bio and your headshot. Be sure to click save when you are done!

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Members, Share Your News!

CPS would love to hear about exciting changes and achievements of members and their colleagues by highlighting them in our communications. If there is anything you or a colleague have accomplished or experienced that we should be aware of, let us know! Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Open a new practice
- Publish a new paper
- Win an award
- Provide testimony
- Having a band debut (yes we are versatile!)
- Will be in the news or providing a public training
- Deserve an award you want us to nominate a colleague for as a district branch

Catch up on the latest in CPS member news on our website [here](#).



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