

Behavioral Health Sub-Committee
Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission
Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division
Connecticut Office of Policy and Management

January 5, 2017
9:00 – 11:00 am
(Russell Hall, 2nd Floor Conf Rm, CVH)

Minutes

In attendance: David Rentler, Kim McKeon, Loel Meckel, Brian Austin, Sally Zanger, Martha Brown, Craig Burns, Mike Norko, Michael Aiello, Mark Jenkins, Angela Harris

1. Introductions: Mark Jenkins and Angela Harris of the Greater Hartford Harm Reduction Coalition attended for the first time <http://ghhrc.org/>
2. Minutes of April 7, 2016 meeting were approved. (July and October 2016 meetings were canceled)
3. BH program updates
 - A. Forensic funds initiatives – LM reported
 - i. CT is continuing with planning for the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge grant.
 - ii. DMHAS will be receiving a SAMHSA grant of \$5.5 million for each of two years as a result of the recent 21st Century Cares legislation to address increased use of opioids and increased numbers of overdoses. Grant activities are to be determined and will be guided by the recent recommendations of ADPC and CORE in which community agencies and the public participated. The grant requires activities to include prevention, education, treatment, recovery supports, and overdose prevention.
 - iii. DMHAS is assisting the Hartford PD, New Haven PD/City of New Haven, and State Police Troop E with implementation of Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD).
 - iv. DMHAS is also assisting the City of New Haven with implementing a grant funded re-entry program.
 - B. The SCYA grant ended in September 2016
4. DOC BH updates
 - A. General – CB reported
 - i. Dr. Robert Trestman, Executive Director of UConn Health Center Correctional Managed Health Care will be leaving for a new position at the end of March, transition plans TBD.
 - ii. DOC will be implementing a young adult unit (18-25 y/o) in Cheshire Correctional Institute with operations and programming designed for that age range.
 - iii. DOC is creating a policy for transgender inmates based on guidance from <http://www.wpath.org/> and individuals in the US who have been advocates for this population.
5. CJPAC Next January 26, 2017
6. Interest Area updates
 - A. BH Services/system barriers – no report
 - B. Raise the Age – Juvenile court changes – The Governor's bill #18 to that included sections to bring 18-20 y/o into Juvenile Court did not pass in the 2015 legislative session.
7. Other agency updates – MN reported that the Whiting Forensic Division of CVH has seen an increase in the number of commitments from criminal court for competency to stand trial restoration services. This is driven in part by an increased number of defendants with very low level charges and low bonds. MN will continue to speak with court officials about alternatives for this population
8. Other Items – none
9. Quarterly Meetings:

April 6, 2017	9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2 nd floor, CVH Campus
July 6, 2017	9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2 nd floor, CVH Campus
October 5, 2017	9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2 nd floor, CVH Campus