

Behavioral Health Subcommittee
System Barriers Workgroup

System Barriers To Address:

1. Non-standardized Behavioral Health/Medical Release of Information Form
2. Provision of medications upon discharge of pretrial inmates from DOC Facilities
3. Difficulty sharing information among DMHAS, DOC, CSSD
4. Difficulties for criminal justice-involved clients to access mental health and substance abuse treatment services
5. Mental health and substance abuse treatment system need assistance in implementing services that provide clients with skills to improve ability to succeed in the community
6. Difficult to monitor effectiveness of all mental health and substance abuse programs at reducing recidivism/incarceration
7. Insufficient use of civil commitment rather than inpatient restoration services for persons with serious psychiatric disorders who are found “not competent to stand trial” but are restorable
8. Disparities (racial, ethnic, gender, etc) in the criminal justice-involved population referred to the service system
9. Insufficient understanding of defendants with serious psychiatric disorders and co-occurring serious psychiatric disorders and substance use disorders by judicial and law enforcement personnel
10. Difficulty maintaining continuity of care for sentenced inmates re-entering the community

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