

Meeting Minutes
System Barriers Workgroup
Connecticut Valley Hospital, Russell Hall
Second Floor Conference Room
September 19, 2007 9:00 a.m.

Present: Loel Meckel, Workgroup Chairperson, DMHAS; Michael Aiello, CSSD; Martha Brown, UCONN Health Center; Alyse Chin, OPM; Joe Grzelak, DMHAS; Michael Peloso, CSSD; Monte Radler, Public Defenders Office.

Additions to Agenda – None were made

Schedule next meetings: Meetings are held at Connecticut Valley Hospital, Russell Hall, Second Floor Conference Room unless otherwise specified. The upcoming meeting schedule includes the following:

System Barriers Workgroup

Wednesday, October 17, 2007 @ 9:00 AM

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 @ 9:00

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 @ 9:00 AM (CVH, Beers Hall, 3rd floor, Mountain View Room)

Behavioral Health Subcommittee

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 @ 9:00 AM

CJPAC Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2007, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM (Room 410, State Capitol)

Thursday, December 13, 2007 9:00 -11:00 AM (Room 410, State Capital)

Update regarding progress on getting Rx for all inmates upon discharge:

The effort is progressing and the group is working on details.

CSSD Mental Health Diversion Program Proposal: - Brian Coco reports that the proposal has been received well thus far. Specially trained MH probation officers would be assigned by the court to supervise the case; up to two years. CSSD currently has 10 MH probation officers for probationers. Once a consumer has completed the program, there will be no criminal record. Brian stated that CSSD is open to making this a collaborative effort with other agencies. It was clarified that probation officers will not be a part of treatment but will potentially meet at a treatment location if it best suits the client in terms of location convenience. There will be a release in place to get updates. Brian will be presenting on Monday at the LOB, Monte will be present to respond to any questions. Judge does not have to find that the client is "not likely to offend".

Proposal for MH AR option

Monte will defer until details of CSSD proposal above becomes clearer.

Agency/Program updates: - Loel reported that the Mental Health Day Reporting Center has a new name CREST. It is primarily taking pretrial clients. To date 12 people have been accepted, there are eight more in the pipeline, and two discharges were not successful. There is a capacity for 30. CMHC will be providing treatment services. This is funded by PJOC funds to DMHAS.

ASIST is a collaborative putting clinicians with DMHAS in seven or eight locations. Positions filled in three locations, one has started, others have start dates. This is a collaborative with CSSD, DOC.

System Barriers to address: - The List of 10 System Barriers was briefly reviewed.

Other Business:

Discussion re recent new articles about CJS information systems and need for information sharing. Group proposed that "DMHAS be included in any discussion about reducing difficulty in sharing information among CJ agencies."

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.