

Meeting Minutes
System Barriers Workgroup
Connecticut Valley Hospital
Page Hall, Conference Room A
January 23, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Present: Loel Meckel, Workgroup Chairperson, DMHAS; Martha Brown, UCONN Health Center; Alyse Chin, OPM; Monte Radler, Public Defenders Office, Judith Rossi, Chief State's Attorney's Office, Michael Aiello, CSSD, Michael Peloso, CSSD, Brian Coco, DOC, Amanda Alves, OPM, Louise Pyers, NAMI

Welcome and Introductions – Introductions were made.

Additions to Agenda – Alyse Chin announced that she is co-teaching a NAMI 12 week Family to Family Education Course to be held at the River Front Community Center in Glastonbury. This will start March 13, 2008 on Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. She is currently looking for class participants. Persons can be referred to her.

Release of Information will be added to the agenda.

Acceptance to the minutes of the prior meeting: Minutes were reviewed and accepted with changes to include location of future meetings.

Schedule next meetings: Future meetings are as listed below:

System Barriers Workgroup

Wednesday, February 27, 2008, @ 9:00 AM

Wednesday, March 19, 2008 @ 9:00 AM

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 @ 9:00 AM

Meetings are held at Connecticut Valley Hospital, Russell Hall, Second Floor Conference Room unless otherwise specified.

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

The effort is progressing and the group is working on details. Very close to finalization.

Proposal being considered for CJS-involved persons with psychiatric disorders: Loel will forward to everyone the Bill that was passed. Highlights were reviewed. Discussion took place as to what will be posted on website.

Crisis Intervention Teams

CIT Training dates are April 21 – 25, 2008 at the Middlebury Fire Department in Middlebury and June 9 – 13, 2008 to be held in the LOB room 2E. Should room 2E not be available due to a special legislative session it will be held in the Old Judiciary Room.

Agency/Program updates: - CREST is doing well.

ASIST has 12 clients. There remain vacant positions yet to be filled.

A new women's JD has been started at Yale/CMHC.

System Barriers to address: With regard to the compilation of a standard release of information document, there is no representation from DCF or DDS. These agencies will be contacted. Contacts have been made to review other agencies and federal government releases. Loel will prepare a draft release and distribute it once it is together. Then each agency is to include four or five standard sections

and their own release information and the bottom of the form to read uniformly "by memorandum of agreement...it is accepted".

Police Custody Rates: Loel is getting together a detailed list of data needed from the police departments. Linda DeConti and Loel will figure out what data they have available and then present it to the group, decide what else is needed and where to get more.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM.