

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

Minutes

May 15, 2008 9:00 – 11:00 am (Russell Hall, CVH)

In attendance: M. Peloso, D. Bannish, B. Coco, G. Holley, L. Meckel, S. Zanger, E. Leavitt-Smith, M. Norko, J. Dowd, J. Rossi, F. Storey, M. Aiello, M. Radler

- 1. Introductions:** None were made, as there were no new members/guests.
- 2. Review of November 14, 2007 minutes:** Minutes were reviewed and accepted with minor change in the spelling of Mike Peloso's name, and will be distributed.
- 3. Additions to agenda:** None were offered.
- 4. BH program updates:** Erin Leavitt-Smith reports that RFP proposals to expand TCM were reviewed, candidates were selected, and are now in negotiations. The goal is for funding to be available by July 1 with the programs up and running by the end of the summer, hopefully providing services in the prisons by Fall. Erin agreed to meet with probation officers to explain the program. Brian Coco will provide Erin with further details.

CORP's new funding for expansion is not yet decided; due to this, the expansion may have to wait until next fiscal year. The expansion to Osborn is starting to produce referrals. Groups are likely to start next month; they have already started screenings. Dan Bannish stated that UConn Health Center will provide Erin with a list of DMHAS eligible clients by May 23, 2008. Mike Norko stated that he and Loel will meet with DMHAS Fiscal staff to discuss plans for the \$910,000 allocated to DMHAS for services to forensic clients in Public Act 8-51.

- 5. DOC MH Infirmery Bed utilization data:** Dan Bannish stated that there has been a reduction in bed days. He is currently researching the number of actual inmates with serious mental illness in DOC infirmery beds. The plan is to limit bed days for inmates who present a low risk to the community and as quickly as possible reconnect eligible clients back to LMHAs.
- 6. CJPAC**
 - a. Follow-up report [informational] on progress re SO registry in other venues: Judith Rossi reported that the Connecticut response to the Adam Walsh Act is not yet fully resolved and work continues. The interface for the registry is being redesigned; it is now more user-friendly. Mike Aiello will bring a copy of what the registry will look like to the next meeting.

Dan Bannish is putting together a list of 35 MH 3 or MH 4 inmates who are sex offenders and are leaving DOC facilities next year. There will be a specific person to work on homeless issues of SOs six month prior to their release. Dan is also pursuing a grant to study program gaps on a global level.

- b. Police Custody Rates – Update: Loel Meckel will continue to work with Linda DeConti.

7. Workgroup updates

a. Housing/employment

Dan discussed the feasibility of combining this group with one that is already convened. He suggested that the FUSE group may be a good place to start for housing updates. Mike Peloso will provide inventory for housing data.

b. BH Services/system barriers

Loel proposed steps to be taken in order to begin the process of ensuring that Executive and Judicial Branch agencies accept each others' Releases Of Information. The group was in consensus in support of this. Loel will write a memo, circulate to the committee for presentation to full CJPAC.

8. Legislative & Budget Updates

Work continues to develop a plan to provide medications in the community for all inmates discharged from DOC

- 9. Other Items:** Judith Rossi announced a cross-training workshop to be held on July 10 and September 4, where each agency will participate in a forum four times each day to share with each other the nature of the agencies' criminal justice programs.

10. Quarterly Meetings (CJPAC mtgs scheduled for, 6/12, 9/11, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11)

- A. **August 14, 2008 - @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus**
- B. **November 6, 2008 - @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus**