

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

**Minutes**

**Feb 3, 2011 9:00 – 11:00 am (Russell Hall, CVH)**

**In attendance:** Michael Aiello, Dan Bannish, Martha Brown, Linda DeConti, Michael Norko, Michael Peloso, Louise Pyers, Judith Rossi

**1. Introductions:** No guests or new members were present.

**2. Review of minutes of Nov 4, 2010 - Approved**

**3. Additions to agenda:** None

**4. BH program updates:**

A. Forensic funds initiatives – Michael Norko gave reports for Loel Meckel. TCM was restarted in Waterbury, with the first client discharged from DOC in Dec 2010. Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) has started working with Capitol Region Mental Health Center (CRMHC) to provide a variety of services for those in recovery, including people referred from DMHAS Forensic Services. CORP is beginning at CMHA New Britain/Bristol area, with new hires expected by the end of February. The Residential Supports Program has converted to a Permanent Supportive Housing model for people with SMI. There are 60 RAP certificates (Hartford-30, Bridgeport-10, New Haven-20) that will be used for DFS SMI clients and DMHAS hospital discharges with CJ risk

B. Rapid Treatment Option – Michael Norko reported no new admissions since March 2010. The suggestion was made to consider assessing clients for this option at jail re-interview.

C. Outpatient restoration – Michael Norko reported that we expect to begin a pilot in New Haven this month, using the CompKit as a manualized approach to outpatient education for competence to stand trial restoration. The pilot will use the CREST day reporting center as a base of operations and service for these clients.

D. Retirements update – no new data.

E. SOAR Initiative: Michael Norko reported for Loel Meckel. There is a New Haven initiative located at Columbus House (CH) funded by DMHAS. Case managers there were trained Jan 13-14. CH is reviewing income status of all SMI clients. For statewide SOAR, we will need a Coordinator to implement beyond New Haven.

F. Other: no report

**5. DOC BH updates:** Dr. Bannish reported the following

**A. DOC MH data – general:**

Census reduction options are being analyzed, including assessment of addiction services investments, medical and mental health options (e.g., dementia clients). They have recently learned that Medicaid will pay for Dempsey hospitalization (50%). At current usage, this will add \$4m to the General Fund. In 2014, Medicaid will pay 100%. Another consideration is whether folks with MH5 service needs could be sent to community hospitals for the same kind of benefits. They continue to consider creating step down services from Garner. For re-entry, they are trying to prepare people better by earlier use of half-way house. DSS eligibility workers say that they ought to be able to get Medicaid funding for those on TS or parole to half-way houses, so that they can get health care in the community.

**B. Other DOC f/u reports:**

1. Early release for inmates w/ SMI – no report

2. TBI prevalence – no report

3. SO community beds RFP – no report.

4. CJ-DATS research – Things are going well with Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) Parole officers are being educated re addiction, particularly parolees being on naltrexone or buprenorphine

**C. Discharge planning** – DOC has visited the Hospital for Special Care for ideas about screening folks for TBI.

**6. CJPAC - No report**

**7. Interest Area updates**

- A. Housing/employment – no report
- B. BH Services/system barriers –
  - 1) updates re ROI: Agencies are reviewing ROI documents and MOA. Will be trying to bring the discussion to closure so that the MOA can be signed.
  - 2) Rx for discharged inmates/detainees: no report.
- C. Raise the Age – Juvenile court changes – no report.

**8. Other agency updates – no report**

**9. Other Items –**

Louise Pyers discussed HB 6082. This bill calls for police officers to bring first time offenders who appear to have psychiatric disabilities to a hospital for evaluation of clinical needs. Concerns were raised about the lack of appreciation of how CIT already functions in this regard, or about the difficulties of implementing such a police task.

Louise Pyers also reported on CIT for Corrections Officers. CABLE has now trained 10 COs along with police officers. More training is needed of COs at Garner; warden may need more info that costs for OT are covered in the grant.

**10. Quarterly Meetings (2010 CJPAC mtgs scheduled for 9/9, 10/14, 11/10, 12/9)**

- A. May 5, 2011 [9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, CVH Campus]
- B. Sept 1, 2011 [9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, CVH Campus]
- C. Nov. 3, 2011 [9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, CVH Campus]