

Behavioral Health Sub-Committee

Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission
Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division
Connecticut Office of Policy and Management

January 3, 2013

9:00 – 11:00 am

(Russell Hall, 2nd Floor Conf Rm, CVH)

Minutes

In attendance: Dan Bannish, Martha Brown, Linda DeConti, Erin Leavitt-Smith, Ed Mattison, Loel Meckel, Michael Norko, Colette Orszulak, Louise Pyers, David Rentler, Sally Zanger

1. Introductions – no new members/attendees
2. Review of minutes of October 4, 2012 meeting: approved, with edits offered by Loel Meckel, David Rentler
3. Additions to agenda: One item that was no longer current was deleted from the agenda
4. BH program updates

A. Forensic funds initiatives: Loel Meckel reported that the Division of Forensic Services has not been informed of changes to its budget; the comptroller reports a \$40m deficit in SFY 13. Data analysis continues on Jail Diversion; quality of data continues to improve. Nearly all of the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) certificates have been allocated; we are tracking a small number of incarcerated or hospitalized individuals. Efforts continue to fill the New Haven CIT position. As of Oct 2011, 83 individuals were diverted in the first 12 months of the Jail Diversion Substance Abuse program in Hartford, out of approx 200 people who were screened.

B. SOAR Initiative: Loel Meckel gave updates on program sites

C. Other

a. Alternative to incarceration for high cost inmates: Dan Bannish reported that these inmates are a major focus of attention, including meetings with OPM. Better utilization data are now available. DOC is pressing for jail diversion and jail re-interview for medically compromised inmates, as well as for benefits through SOAR. They are trying to document the number of people affected, and the alternative revenues that could be utilized. They are also trying to identify medically ill individuals on admission to jail to see if there are better placements for them, in which they can receive medical care eligible for reimbursement in appropriate cases. There are concerns, for example, about persons who receive parole violations who have extensive medical needs. DOC is working on obtaining a dedicated SOAR staff person; they are preparing data on the costs of not having such a person.

b. 17a-693 Order for examination for alcohol or drug dependency: resolved

c. Request from Chief State's Attorney's office for guidance with people whose hoarding leads to unsafe living conditions: nothing new to report

d. DMHAS provided a major response to the shooting in Newtown. Gov Malloy designated Commissioner Rehmer as the coordinator of the state's mental health response. DMAHS crisis staff were present in Newtown that afternoon and about 70 staff were working in Newtown in the weeks since.

5. DOC BH updates: Dan Bannish reported on a ValuOptions pilot to increase skills for inmates regarding their role as consumers of health care. A Sex Offender Manager position has been approved, which will enable the development of a strategic plan for managing this population. DOC is seeking bonding funds for electronic health record (EHR) development, which may be connected to the EHR system being developed by DMHAS. Work on the nursing home project continues, with development of policies and procedures, stipulations for individuals to be on parole or probation. Dementia cases will be the first priority.

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Monte Radler discussed the lack of services for autism spectrum individuals in the criminal justice system. David Rentler discussed a model for dealing with criminogenic needs, not focused solely on Mi/SA treatment. Loel Meckel noted that START NOW is an example of such a program.

6. CJPAC: 2013 schedule not posted yet

7. Interest Area updates

A. BH Services/system barriers –

- 1) Updates re ROI – six month meeting of the group was held in November.
- 2) Rx for d/c'd inmates/detainees: Martha Brown reported that the voucher program expanded to Osborne in November, and is working well

B. Raise the Age – Juvenile court changes: The work of the JJPOCC is completed and a final report was approved.

8. Other agency updates – Louise Pyers reported that NAMI & CABLE are examining training related to trauma-informed curricula. SAMHSA staff will hopefully be coming to do a local training. Five CIT training weeks have been set for April to August 2013. The CIT International Convention in Hartford in August anticipates 1200 attendees.

9. Other Items – no report

10. Quarterly Behavioral Health Subcommittee Meetings:

April 4, 2013	9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2 nd floor, CVH Campus
July 11, 2013	9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2 nd floor, CVH Campus
October 3, 2013	9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2 nd floor, CVH Campus