

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

April 3, 2014
9:00 – 11:00 am
(Russell Hall, 2nd Floor Conf Rm, CVH)

Minutes

In attendance: Craig Burns, Loel Meckel, Louise Pyers, Monte Radler, Sally Zanger, Magdalena Lekarczyk, Martha Brown, Tara Dean, Debbie Henault

1. Introductions – New attendees, Tara Dean, MSW intern with UCHC-CMHC, Debbie Henault, DOC
2. Review of minutes of January 2, 2014 meeting - approved
3. Additions to agenda - none
4. BH program updates
 - A. Forensic funds initiatives – new initiatives possible per 1/2/14 minutes pending state budget
 - B. SOAR Initiative – no update
 - C. Other
 - a. Alternative to incarceration for high cost inmates – M. Brown reported that they may refer pretrial clients to 60 West SNF
 - b. 17a-693 Order for examination for alcohol or drug dependency – DSM 5 update & testimony at Public Health Committee – no update
 - c. Consideration of MAT/methadone in jails for short term prisoners – D. Henault reported that NHCC is at maximum capacity, APT Foundation staff facilitate groups in NHCC twice a month; plans are progressing to implement in BCC
 - d. Request from Chief State’s Attorney’s office for guidance with people whose hoarding leads to unsafe living conditions – no update
 - e. Workgroup to improve coordination between CSSD, the Office of Forensic Evaluations, and CVH Addiction Services Division to increase utilization of residential substance abuse treatment beds – L. Meckel reported that CVH/ASD implemented a dedicated phone line for CSSD phone screens, CSSD is notifying CVH/ASD when defendants are not released, court clerks with notify OFE who will notify CVH/ASD when SD defendants are not released. These changes will permit others to use unused reserved beds.
5. DOC BH updates
 - A. General – C. Burns reported that DOC is interviewing to refill the Director of Psychological Services, and APRN positions.
 - B. Discharge planning – D. Henault reported that in the near future residents in DOC-contracted half way houses will receive medical care from community providers using Medicaid rather than UConn Health Center. This will enhance reentry.
 - C. BHSC workgroup to review substance abuse services for inmates and for discharging inmates.
 - D. Henault discussed current programs including DUI home confinement, inreach and post-release services for inmates returning to Bridgeport, and the federal Second Chance grants that have increased post-release supports.
6. CJPAC – the March 20 meeting featured a presentation on Trends in the CT Criminal Justice System, PowerPoint available at http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcpac/judiciary_presentation_march_2014_rev7.pdf
7. Interest Area updates
 - A. BH Services/system barriers
 1. Rx for d/c'd inmates/detainees: – no update
 - B. Raise the Age – Juvenile court changes – no update

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- 8. Other agency updates –
 - DMHAS – L. Meckel reported 1) the state Results First initiative used data from DOC, CSSD and DMHAS to determine that the programs analyzed provided a favorable cost-benefit to the state, 2) per the 2013 crime bill state agencies are implementing processes for the Deadly Weapon Registry, and 3) more municipal police departments are asking for CIT training and the services of DMHAS-funded CIT clinicians.
 - CABLE – L. Pyers reported that DOC staff attended the recent CIT training for police officers. A similar curriculum has been developed and used in other states for correctional officers

9. Other Items – none

10. Quarterly Meetings:

Thursday, Summer meeting date TBD 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus

Thursday, October 2, 2014 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus