

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

January 8, 2015
9:00 – 11:00 am
(Russell Hall, 2nd Floor Conf Rm, CVH)

Minutes

In attendance: Craig Burns, Loel Meckel, Magdalena Lekarczyk, Martha Brown, Michael Aiello, Erin Leavitt-Smith, David Rentler, Tom Kocienda, Fred Morton, Monte Radler, Daniella Giordano, Brian Austin

1. Introductions
2. Review of minutes of October 2, 2014 meeting - approved
3. Additions to agenda - none
4. BH program update
 - A. Forensic funds initiatives – LMeckel reported that DMHAS has selected a provider for a 6-bed transitional housing program for PSRB clients leaving WFD; DMHAS has release an RFP for a second transitional housing program for forensic clients; the Veterans Jail Diversion federal grant for 4 courts has ended and the program is now administered by the Division of Forensic Services, the next step is to work with other 16 courts to increase referrals of vets to regular JD staff; the ASIST program evaluation showed that ASIST clients, relative to a matched comparison group, showed improvements on multiple measures including time to next incarceration; 14 new Rental Assistance Program slots are being used; a new CIT clinician was hired by the Danbury LMHA to serve that town and Newtown; a recent federal grant for the SCYA program is using CIT clinicians and CIT officers to identify young adults with less obvious mental health issues and connect them to services.
 - B. SOAR Initiative – nothing new
 - C. Other
 - i. 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 - For the first time, a JRI referral was transferred directly from DOC to Merritt Hall for admission
5. DOC BH updates
 - A. General – DOC reissued an RFP to establish an 18-bed HWH for males with a MH4 score to replace Rogers House and is reviewing proposals, MH Parole will be gatekeepers; NCI is developing group space for inmates in segregation.
 - B. Discharge planning – nothing new
 - C. BHSC workgroup to review substance abuse services for inmates and for discharging inmates –nothing new
6. CJPAC – next meeting January 29
7. Interest Area updates
 - A. BH Services/system barriers –
 - B. Rx for d/c'd inmates/detainees – MBrown reported that some pharmacies are not accepting vouchers for discharged inmates because they have to hand process the payment. MAillo has also heard this from their providers. M Lekarczyk will talk to her supervisor about this.
 - C. Raise the Age Juvenile court changes – LMeckel reported that the newly formed JJPOC has convened and the results of RtA have been very favorable

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- 8. Other agency updates – DMHAS will examine recidivism data on PSRB clients after they have been discharged from the Board; CSSD expects to be able to select an ASIST provider for Bridgeport as a result of the reissue of the RFP

- 9. Other Items – none

- 10. Quarterly Meetings:
 - April 2, 2015 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus
 - July 9, 2015 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus
 - October 1, 2015 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus