

## **Behavioral Health Sub-Committee**

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

**October 1, 2015**

**9:00 – 11:00 am**

**Russell Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf Rm, CVH**

**In attendance:** Magdalena Lekarczyk, David Rentler, Tom Kocienda, Monte Radler, Loel Meckel, Brian Austin, Ed Mattison, Sally Zanger, Michael Aiello

1. Introductions
2. Review of minutes of July 9, 2015 meeting – approved with changes
3. Additions to agenda - none
4. BH program updates
  - A. Forensic funds initiatives – nothing new since last meeting, DMHAS is reviewing budget changes
  - B. Specialized CIT for Young Adults – nothing new
  - C. Other –
    - a. LM reported that planning continues for the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge grant to reduce racial disparities in the CJ system and total number of incarcerated low risk adult pretrial defendants and low risk adults sentenced to less than one year.
5. DOC BH updates
  - A. General – nothing new to report.
  - B. Discharge planning – TK reported that the new HWH operated by Family Reentry in New Haven for parolees with significant mental illness is ready to open. A parole officer will be sited at the HWH and can intervene early to possibly avoid a remand.
  - C. BHSC workgroup to review substance abuse services for inmates and for discharging inmates – nothing new to report.
6. CJPAC Next meeting October 29, 2015
7. Interest Area updates
  - A. BH Services/system barriers –
    - a. Rx for d/c'd inmates/detainees: Some pharmacies were refusing to fill prescriptions for discharged inmates/detainees because of reimbursement delays but MA and LM reported that they have not heard of this occurring in the last few months.
  - B. Raise the Age – Juvenile court changes – LM reported that the JJPOC continues to meet regularly and has recently reviewed DCF services
8. Other agency updates –
  - a. BA reported that the Center for Court Innovation has conducted interviews of court staff in multiple courts and has obtained very useful information to inform their report to the OCSA in late 2015 or early 2016. The report will contain recommendations to improve collaboration in developing diversion plans.
9. Other Items –
  - a. MR discussed a concern the recommitment of insanity acquittees by Superior Court for additional time under PSRB supervision may not be necessary or appropriate in some cases. Group discussed this process, stakeholder positions, and options to modify the process. MR will form a work group with EM, SZ, and others to gather data about the use of information.
10. Quarterly Meetings:
  - January 7, 2016 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, CVH Campus
  - April 7, 2016 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, CVH Campus