

Behavioral Health Sub-Committee

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

January 7, 2016

9:00 – 11:00 am

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

Agenda

In attendance: Magdalena Lekarczyk, David Rentler, Monte Radler, Loel Meckel, Brian Austin, Sally Zanger, Martha Brown, Craig Burns, Louise Pyers

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of October 1, 2015 meeting were approved
3. Additions to agenda – CIT news
4. BH program updates
 - A. Forensic funds initiatives – DMHAS will expand the JDSA Program – diversion at arraignment to residential detox, residential SA treatment, or rapid admission to SA IOP, currently in the Hartford Courts - to the New Britain and Manchester Courts.
 - B. SCYA – initiative continues
 - C. Other – nothing reported
5. DOC BH updates
 - A. General – CB reported that reassignment of resources will allow Garner Correctional Institution to increase the number of MH5 beds; all facilities are increasing efforts to identify potentially suicidal inmates and intervene early; Tom Kocienda is now providing coverage for CB.
 - B. Discharge planning – nothing reported
 - C. BHSC workgroup to review substance abuse services for inmates and for discharging inmates – nothing reported
6. CJPAC Next January 28, 2016
7. Interest Area updates
 - A. BH Services/system barriers – nothing reported
 - B. Raise the Age – Juvenile court changes – LM reported that the Juvenile Justice Policy Oversight Commission has started discussion about the Governor's proposal to include defendants over the age of 17 in Juvenile court and this would require legislative changes.
8. Other agency updates –
 1. LM reported that the CT OPM submitted a proposal for phase 2 of the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge grant to reduce jail census and reduce racial disparities in the criminal justice system; he attended meetings with two large police departments that are seeking treatment alternatives to arrest for low level offenders who usually have addictions; the DMHAS Division of Forensic Services has posted a position to refill a vacancy; current news about the state budget indicates that the DMHAS SFY16 budget is being reduced.
 2. LP reported that CHR and the Windsor Police Department were awarded a SAMHSA grant to expand CIT activity and they are now looking into options to increase access to medications for discharged inmates and options to reduce incarceration.
 3. LP reported that interest among police departments for CIT training has increased and the May 2016 training already has 70 people registered. Seven CIT trainings are scheduled in SFY16.
 4. LP reported that the SCYA grant initiative has shown that police generally do not have the ability to differentiate between many presentations of mental illness and other issues that result in police contacts.

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- 9. Other Items – MR will continue to pursue effort to limit unwarranted recommitments of PSRB client.

- 10. Quarterly Meetings:
 - April 7, 2016 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus
 - July 7, 2016 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus
 - October 6, 2016 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus