

Behavioral Health Sub-Committee

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

April 7, 2016

9:00 – 11:00 am

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

Minutes

In Attendance: Monte Radler, Loel Meckel, Tom Kocienda, Ed Mattison, Orlando Wright, Martha Brown, Craig Burns, Louise Pyers

1. DMHAS Problem Gambling Services (PGS) presentation
Jerry Wampler, Shirley Hoak, Fred Fetta
Bettor Choice Programs are gambling-specific treatment programs funded by the State of Connecticut. Services are offered at more than 16 locations in Connecticut through community agencies. PGS participates in training for probation officers, will be training Public Defender Social Workers, and will soon start working with DOC staff to incorporate services into the residential substance abuse treatment programs in DOC.
2. Minutes of January 7, 2016 meeting were approved with corrections
3. Additions to agenda – state budget
4. BH program updates
 - A. Forensic funds initiatives – LM reported that the JDSA program is expanding to Manchester and New Britain courts.
 - B. SCYA – LP reported an increase in the number of participants and in the number of young adults who are attending support groups initiated by the NAMI Young Adult Specialist
 - C. Other – LM reported that, in response to a grant for the 2016 BRSS Policy Academy: Building and Enhancing Sustainable Recovery-Oriented Systems & Services, DMHAS convened a multi-agency committee that is producing a plan for incorporate peers into service provision.
5. DOC BH updates
 - A. General – DOC is continuing to formulate a plan to reduce recidivism for offenders on Special Parole and young adults.
 - B. Discharge planning – no report
6. CJPAC Next April 28, 2016
7. Interest Area updates
 - A. BH Services/system barriers – no report
 - B. Raise the Age – Juvenile court changes – LM reported that Governor’s Bill #18 includes sections that will bring 18, 19, and 20 year olds into Juvenile court in 2017, 2018, and 2019, respectively. If passed, the language will need to be resolved in the 2017 legislative session to address additional details
8. Other agency updates
 - A. LP reported that NAMI CT provided “Understanding Mental Illness” to 22 State’s Attorneys on March 16. The presentation included DMHAS, MH Probation, MH Parole, a Peer.
 - B. LP reported that CABLE sponsored a Mindfulness training for police officers, firefighters, and other uniformed services staff. The training was conducted by Brattleboro Retreat’s Uniformed Services Division.

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- C. LP reported that a Police Wellness Committee was started by Fairfield Police Chief Gary McNamara for the CT Police Chiefs Association.
- D. EM reported that Continuum of Care has a large Peer Services program that has expanded to providing services to forensic clients.

9. Other Items –

10. Quarterly Meetings:

July 7, 2016 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus
October 20, 2016 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus