

Behavioral Health Sub-Committee

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

July 6, 2017

9:00 – 11:00 am

(Page Hall, Conference Room 213)

Minutes

In attendance: David Rentler, Sally Zanger (by phone), Craig Burns (by phone), Michael Norko, Michael Aiello, Angela Harris (by phone), Ed Mattison, Monte Radler, Lauren Siembab, Daryl McGraw , Loel Meckel, Donna DeLuca

1. Introductions: Donna DeLuca, Community Addiction & Recovery Education & Support
2. Minutes of April 4, 2017 meeting approved without change
3. Additions to agenda - None
4. Substance abuse services for justice involved adults
This was a special topic for this meeting and focused on re-entry from jail/prison. Michael Norko reported that in the Forensic Care workgroup of the recent International Recovery Conference the experiences of participants who had been incarcerated highlighted the need for proper re-entry supports for discharging inmates and their families. Discussion today identified a need to verify inclusion of community organizations, families, and persons with lived experience in re-entry planning. MAiello will contact DOC administrators and city administrators to determine current practices in major cities. CBurns will determine if DOC has formal orientation/training for families. DMcGraw will contact DOC administrators about options for in-reach and assistance from persons with lived experience for re-entry support. Each of these members will report back to the sub-committee.
5. BH program updates – deferred for #4
 - A. Forensic funds initiatives
 - B. Other
6. DOC BH updates – deferred for #4
 - A. General
 - B. Discharge planning
 - C. BHSC workgroup to review substance abuse services for inmates and for discharging inmates.
7. CJPAC Next September 28, 2017
8. Interest Area updates – deferred for #4
 - A. BH Services/system barriers –
 - B. Raise the Age – Juvenile court changes
9. Other agency updates – deferred for #4
10. Other Items – Lauren Siembab reported that the recent SAMHSA grant to DMHAS to address opioid use includes two initiatives relevant to re-entry, 1) expansion of the DOC/Yale Living Free re-entry to another location and 2) initiation of medication assisted treatment for addiction for inmates discharging from Osborn Correctional Institution.
11. Quarterly Meetings:
October 5, 2017 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus