

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

July 5, 2018
9:00 – 11:00 am
(Page Hall, Conference Room 213)

Minutes

In attendance: Michael Aiello, Monte Radler, David Rentler, Sally Zanger, Ed Mattison, Loel Meckel

1. Introductions:
2. Minutes of October 5, 2017 meeting approved without change
3. Additions to agenda – Future of the BH Subcommittee
4. Substance abuse services for justice involved adults
Loel Meckel reported that SMHSA grant funds to DMHAS are being used for a variety of treatment and prevention initiatives including 1) Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion programs in Hartford and New Haven, 2) expansion of the DOC Living Free re-entry program in the New Britain/Bristol area, and 3) expansion of the CSSD Treatment Pathways Program court diversion in New London, Torrington, and Waterbury.
5. BH program updates –
 - A. Addressed above.
 - B. No report
6. DOC BH updates – DOC BH staff not present
7. CJPAC Next meeting Thursday, September 27, 2018, Legislative Office Building
8. Interest Area updates – no updates at this time
9. Other agency updates
Michael Aiello reported that an RFP was released on 6/29/18 to choose a new provider for the ASIST provider in New London.
10. Other Items – Future of the BH Subcommittee
Extended discussion about the future of the behavioral health subcommittee (BHS). It has been many years since BHS meetings have led to action on services for justice involved people with behavioral health disorders. Other formal and informal interagency communications have developed since the BHS was formed and have taken on this task. We will devote extended time to this topic at the next meeting. Question – Is there a unique topic, not addressed elsewhere in the state, that the BHS can address in a manner that leads to meaningful services for the CJ population?
11. Quarterly Meetings: 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus
October 4, 2018
January 3, 2019
April 4, 2019
July 11, 2019
October 3, 2019