

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

March 7, 2019
9:00 – 11:00 am
(Russell Hall, CVH, Middletown)

Minutes

In attendance: Michael Aiello, Michael Norko, David Rentler, Joann Norman, Loel Meckel, Joseph Grzelak, Kim McKeon

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of January 3, 2019 meeting approved
3. Additions to agenda - none
4. Proposals for dually-diagnosed, high-need, justice involved adults
 - Deferred to next meeting
5. BH program updates – no report
6. DOC BH updates – The addiction services staff has been reviewing discharge referral practices and will report to the subcommittee at a later meeting.
7. CJPAC: Next meeting March 28, 2019
8. Interest Area updates
 - A. BH Services/system barriers – none discussed
9. Other agency updates – State agencies are reviewing the proposed SFY20/21 budget
10. Other Items –
 - A. Discussed OPM Undersecretary Marc Pelka’s request for an update of BH Subcommittee activities for the next CJPAC meeting. The CJPAC Behavioral Health Subcommittee (BHS) was established under Public Act 04-234 to make recommendations to the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission (CJPAC) concerning the provision of inmate behavioral health services. The scope of the BHS has expanded to include all aspects of the adult criminal justice system. In 2004 DMHAS and the state criminal justice agencies had already implemented a number of important collaborative initiatives. Since then the quantity and effectiveness of communication and collaborations has increased significantly with DOC and other criminal justice agencies. At this time projects continue to be developed through numerous informal and formal interagency relationships. The BHS has evolved from an originator of projects to a regular venue for the core state agencies to communicate with other state agencies and private community providers about the evolution of the collaborative service system.

The BHS plans to continue discussing ways to improve services for individuals involved in the criminal justice system who have mental health and substance use diagnoses (dually diagnosed); and the potential benefits of data-sharing arrangements/technology to identify and better serve clients served by both DOC and DMHAS.
11. Bi-monthly Meetings: 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus

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May 2, 2019

July 11, 2019

Sept 5, 2019

Nov 7, 2019