

Meeting Minutes  
System Barriers Workgroup  
Connecticut Valley Hospital  
Mountain View Room  
December 5, 2007 9:00 a.m.

**Present:** Loel Meckel, Workgroup Chairperson, DMHAS; Martha Brown, UCONN Health Center; Alyse Chin, OPM; Monte Radler, Public Defenders Office, Fred Storey, DMHAS, Judith Rossi, Chief State's Atty, Sally Zanger, CLRP, Judy Dowd, OPM,

**Additions to Agenda** – None were made

**Acceptance to the minutes of the prior meeting:** Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**Schedule next meetings:** The committee agreed to one (1) meeting per month.

Meetings are held at Connecticut Valley Hospital, Russell Hall, Second Floor Conference Room unless otherwise specified. The upcoming meeting schedule includes the following:

System Barriers Workgroup

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 @ 9:00 AM – Page Hall – Conference Room A

Wednesday, February 27, 2008 @ 9:00 AM – Russell Hall

**Update regarding progress on getting Rx for all inmates upon discharge:**

The effort is progressing and the group is working on details.

**Proposal being considered for CJS-involved persons with psychiatric disorders:** - Discussion took place regarding added provision for this objective. A major concern discussed regarding police determining if someone was granted approval into the program. The concern would be that pre-judgment as well as an excessive amount of force being used would be an issue. Will ask police whether or not having access to information would change response; would the police take the time to look it up during a routine call; what information would be useful; and the range of effect on all police if they get information. Individuals would only be allowed to access the system twice.

**Crisis Intervention Teams**

NAMI website for CIT will be on CABLE website. CIT Training dates have been sent out.

**Agency/Program updates:** - CREST census is at 20.

ASIST is pairing DMHAS with AIC. Four programs starting to take referral, Hartford, New London, Waterbury and Bridgeport. There are three – four more people to hire

**System Barriers to address:** The BH subcommittee presented a recommendation to the CJPAC for state level directives to address system barriers. The CJPAC supported an effort to develop a standard Release of Information Form for all state agencies to avoid concerns of line staff and supervisors that another agency's form is not valid. Loel will form workgroup to develop a draft document.

The CJPAC also supported an effort to determine custody rates across police departments for individuals charged with criminal offenses. Loel will form a workgroup to guide this.

**Other Business:**

Alyse Chin requests that any electronic hand-outs are forwarded to her for placement on the website.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.