

Meeting Minutes
System Barriers Workgroup
Connecticut Valley Hospital
Russell Hall – Isaac Ray Conference Room
April 16, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Present: Loel Meckel, Workgroup Chairperson, DMHAS; Martha Brown, UCONN Health Center, Michael Peloso, CSSD, Amanda Alves, OPM, Fred Storey, DMHAS, Michael Aiello, CSSD, Sally Zanger, CLRP, Joe Grzelak, DMHAS, Megan Sopelak, DMHAS, Mark Meolo, DMHAS, Alyse Chin, OPM, Judy Dowd, OPM, Linda DeConti, OPM, Monte Radler, Public Defenders Office

Welcome and Introductions – Introductions were made.

Additions to Agenda – None were made.

Acceptance to the minutes of the prior meeting: Minutes were reviewed and accepted with changes:
Spelling Correction to Linda DeConti's name
Adding Mike Aiello to the attendance

Schedule next meetings: Future meetings are as listed below:

System Barriers Workgroup

Wednesday, June 18, 2008, @ 9:00 AM

Wednesday, August 13, 2008 @ 9:00 AM

Meetings are held at Connecticut Valley Hospital, Russell Hall, Second Floor Conference Room unless otherwise specified.

Updates

Rx for DOC pretrial inmates upon discharge:

Progress is being made. There is possible funding to be put into the DSS budget. There continues to be consumer protection issues around prescriptions. UCONN is drafting procedures for prescription distribution.

Release of Information:

Loel Meckel stated that a memo proposing the approach has been sent to members of the System Barriers workgroup. Plan will move forward and will advise Mike Norko and Dan Bannish to bring up at the CJPAC Behavioral Health Subcommittee meeting.

Police Custody Rates:

Because some data differ in the number of people taken into custody in different geographical areas, Alyse Chin will take a closer look at the data once time is allowable

Proposals being considered for CJS-involved persons with psychiatric disorders:

The Supervised Diversionary Program for defendants with psychiatric disorders was passed by the CGA in Public Act 8-01. CSSD and DMHAS will work together to develop procedures and training for courts.

DMHAS is participating in planning to implement the "Raise the Age" statute that will move 16 and 17 year olds out of Adult Criminal Court and into Juvenile Court. Some of these individuals are likely to be referred to DMHAS services while still under supervision by Juvenile court.

Agency/Program Updates:

ASIST census is now at Forty-three clients.

CREST census is 23 with a few pending referrals. A CREST open house is being arranged by Mike Aiello.

Alyse Chin stated that Steve Cox, CCSU, presented two reports of data. They are trying to get capabilities for hands on analysis, once they have the numbers they will distribute.

Mike Peloso stated that CSSD will prepare for judges a list of programs available to the court. This document will be refined for individual courts and will likely pilot in New Haven to get feedback. Anyone having any suggestion should see Mike Aiello. Loel Meckel will ask Erin Leavitt-Smith to give info about programs in New Haven.

Dan Bannish and Betsy Graziano have been going through the charts of inmates at Williard-Cybulski CI to determine which inmates have serious mental illness.

System Barriers to address: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.