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

Minutes  
August 14, 2008    9:00 – 11:00 am (Russell Hall, CVH)

In attendance:  D. Bannish, B. Coco, G. Holley, L. Meckel, E. Leavitt-Smith, M. Norko, J. Rossi, A. Woodsby

1. Introductions: None were made, as there were no new members/guests.

2. Review of May 15, 2008 minutes: Minutes were reviewed and accepted, and will be distributed.

3. Additions to agenda: None were offered.

4. BH program updates:

Loel reports a funding increase to the PJOC in addition the crime bill provided new funding as well. These funds will be used for the following:

1. CIT training will be extending to five (5) which will accommodate training for an additional 140 officers. With regards to Judicial Marshalls being trained, Alicia Woodsby will contact Louise Pyers to inquire about the status.
2. A CIT clinician will be added to the Bridgeport site.
3. Womens Jail Diversion will be adding a contracted bed.
4. TCM awarded the RFP to SCAAD for New London/Norwich and Wheeler for New Britain/Bristol.
5. Jail Diversion will add 2 additional positions to CRMHC.
6. ADI added one clinician to contracted services with Yale.
7. CORP will be expanding to Waterbury and New London/Norwich and at some point they may also expand to Torrington/Danbury.
8. Another position will be in Middletown for services to cover three DOC facilities. The expansion to Osborn is producing referrals. Groups are likely to start next month; they have already started screenings.

Loel further reports that multiple programs are seemingly receiving fewer referrals. Dan Bannish suggests review in DMHAS-DOC-CSSD Oversight Committee.

Dan Bannish stated that DOC is reviewing use of contracted beds in the community. Dan further stated that DOC continues to have difficulty with placing sex offenders who complete their sentence.
5. DOC MH Infirmary Bed utilization data:
   a. Follow-up report re: pilot analysis project
      Dan Bannish stated that a survey conducted in New Haven
discovered that out of 39 MH4s with a bond over 250,000 only 1
was identified as having a serious mental illness. Dan will retrieve
stats for the entire state.

      Dan supplied stats as follows:
      MH 4s – EOS less than one year
      60 have less than 6 months
      18 of the 60 have probation
      42 with serious mental illness will likely come out
      with no parole

      MH5s – Unsentenced
      16 have bonds less than $25,000
      5 have bonds less than $5,000

      MH4s 34 have bonds less $25,000
      14 have bonds less than $5,000

6. CJPAC
   a. Follow-up report [informational] on progress re SO registry in other
      venues:
      Judith Rossi reported that the group has not met since May, and
      will reconvene soon.

      Mike Norko reports that the state is working on a three tier risk
      system for sex offenders. There is also effort in place to include the
      nature of crime on the SO registry.

7. Workgroup updates
   a. Housing/employment
      Loel stated that a meeting will occur with with DMHAS Housing
specialists on August 28, 2008 to discuss what is needed and the
restrictions that exist for forensic clients.

   b. BH Services/system barriers
      The BH Subcommittee is collaborating with the ADPC Information
Committee to develop a recommendation to allow increased
information exchange among state agencies.

      Effort is progressing to provide medications in the community for all
inmates discharged from DOC

8. Other Items: The group set a February meeting date of February 5, 2009.
9. Quarterly Meetings (CJPAC mtgs scheduled for, 9/11, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11)

A. November 6, 2008 - @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus

B. February 5, 2009 - @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus