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

July 6, 2017
9:00 – 11:00 am
(Page Hall, Conference Room 213)

Minutes

In attendance: David Rentler, Sally Zanger (by phone), Craig Burns (by phone), Michael Norko, Michael Aiello, Angela Harris (by phone), Ed Mattison, Monte Radler, Lauren Siembab, Daryl McGraw, Loel Meckel, Donna DeLuca

1. Introductions: Donna DeLuca, Community Addiction & Recovery Education & Support

2. Minutes of April 4, 2017 meeting approved without change

3. Additions to agenda - None

4. Substance abuse services for justice involved adults
   This was a special topic for this meeting and focused on re-entry from jail/prison. Michael Norko reported that in the Forensic Care workgroup of the recent International Recovery Conference the experiences of participants who had been incarcerated highlighted the need for proper re-entry supports for discharging inmates and their families. Discussion today identified a need to verify inclusion of community organizations, families, and persons with lived experience in re-entry planning. MAiello will contact DOC administrators and city administrators to determine current practices in major cities. CBurns will determine if DOC has formal orientation/training for families. DMcGraw will contact DOC administrators about options for in-reach and assistance from persons with lived experience for re-entry support. Each of these members will report back to the sub-committee.

5. BH program updates – deferred for #4
   A. Forensic funds initiatives
   B. Other

6. DOC BH updates – deferred for #4
   A. General
   B. Discharge planning
   C. BHSC workgroup to review substance abuse services for inmates and for discharging inmates.

7. CJPAC Next September 28, 2017

8. Interest Area updates – deferred for #4
   A. BH Services/system barriers –
   B. Raise the Age – Juvenile court changes

9. Other agency updates – deferred for #4

10. Other Items – Lauren Siembab reported that the recent SAMHSA grant to DMHAS to address opioid use includes two initiatives relevant to re-entry, 1) expansion of the DOC/Yale Living Free re-entry to another location and 2) initiation of medication assisted treatment for addiction for inmates discharging from Osborn Correctional Institution.

11. Quarterly Meetings:
   October 5, 2017  9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus