

ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY COUNCIL (ADPC)

Criminal Justice Sub-Committee

Meeting of March 1, 2023

Virtual TEAMS Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Katie Farrell, Sandra Violette, Barbara Lanza, Jack Lu, Christine Hauser, Donna Fletcher, Carmen Hernandez, Fiona Firine, Lisa Deane, Michelene Longo, Gail Hardy, Benjamin Howell, Francisco DeJesus, Michael Hines, Daena Murphy, Julia Horan, Brian McManus, Christopher Cardella, Brian Delude, Jenifer Yarsawich, Danielle Ebrahimi, and Inés Eaton

Topic	Discussion	Action
Introductions:	Michelene Longo, the new Narcan Coordinator was introduced.	
Additions to Agenda/ Review Minutes:	No agenda items added.	The February meeting date will be updated and minutes will be resent. Minutes approved.
Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI) of CT: SUD and SBIRT Presentation	<p>CHDI presented on improving early substance use care for youth. Youth substance use is common and widely untreated. 2.8% of youth needing treatment actually received services. In addition, disparities exist in LGB youth, and while substance use rates are similar across races, there are disparities in treatment access and outcomes. Barriers to care include stigma, bifurcated systems, legalization of marijuana, and reimbursement rates and inclusion of other essential direct service staff.</p> <p>Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) training will be offered at outpatient clinics. This will offer opportunities to treat substance use with mild/moderate youth within the clinics. Youth with positive mental health treatment have a 60% higher rate of engagement in substance use treatment.</p> <p>Recommendations include expand availability of SBIRT reimbursement codes to outpatient staff, increase rates to match SAMHSA's recommendations, expand training to implement and sustain A-SBIRT, screen universally, formalize localized collaborations, and invest in a continuum of care for youth.</p>	

	<p>For details on the brief, please visit: https://www.chdi.org/index.php/publications/issue-briefs/issue-brief-87-improving-early-substance-use-care-youth</p>	
<p>Substance Screening, Treatment, and Recovery for Youth (SSTRY) Presentation:</p>	<p>SSTRY offers SBIRT for screening, as well treatment and recovery services for youth through the age of 24 inclusive statewide. Agencies include CHR, Children's Center of Hamden, and Child and Family Guidance of Bridgeport.</p> <p>SBIRTs are conducted in the community (approximately 30 minute appointments) for youth with substance use concerns and help to motivate and engage those who are recommended for treatment. Toxicology is collected. When treatment is recommended, SSTRY will directly connect them to treatment. A report is generated for the youth and the referral source. Referrals are open to anyone.</p> <p>SSTRY uses Community Reinforcement Approach-Assertive Continuing Care as the treatment and recovery approach. The CRA portion is approximately 4 months followed by 4 more months of ACC. CRA sessions include the youth alone, caregiver or significant other alone, or all together. In addition to substance use treatment, SSTRY offers connections to MAT (as needed), case management, and life skills. ACC continues with recovery supports and case management to increase recovery capital.</p> <p>Youth are not turned away because of inability to pay. For additional information, please visit: https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/Substance-Use/Home#Services</p>	
<p>Recommendations: ESI MAT at DOC</p>	<p>ESI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The States Attorney's Office presented at appropriations meeting to expand ESI to remaining courts. • ESI is looking to standardize protocols and criteria. <p>MAT at DOC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates 	

<p>Workgroup Updates:</p> <p>Recovery Coaches and the CJ population</p> <p>Evaluate/Review training requirement for CJ professional</p>	<p>Recovery Coaches This workgroup is being established to evaluate and assess who in the CJ population has access to recovery coaches and develop best practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workgroup developed a survey to find out where recovery coaches are located and how they are used. • The workgroup plan to develop best practices on hiring and supervision of recovery coaches within the justice involved population. <p>Training This workgroup is being established to assess trainings offered to CJ professionals (police, DOC, DMHAS, CJ providers, etc.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DOC, POST, DMHAS, and DCF curriculums have been reviewed. • The CSSD trainings will be reviewed next. 	<p>Members should send the survey. To those organizations By March 17th Workgroup to consider compensation practices. Contact Brian with questions or suggestions.</p> <p>Any members interested in joining a workgroup should contact Danielle.</p>
<p>Plans for next meeting:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from newly established workgroups. 	<p>Email Danielle with new ideas, initiatives, and suggestions for CJ sub-committee recommendations and/or agenda items.</p>
<p>Next meeting:</p>	<p>April 5th at 1 pm via TEAMS</p>	
<p>Next ADPC meeting:</p>	<p>April 18th 10am - 12 pm</p>	