

ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY COUNCIL (ADPC)

Criminal Justice Sub-Committee

Meeting of December 7, 2022

Virtual TEAMS Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Sandra Violette, Katie Farrell, Gail Hardy, Kyle Baudoin, Christopher Burke, Milagros Sinclair, Brian McManus, Patrick Carudo, Bisrat Abebe, Megan Slipp, Jen Yarsawich, Bobby Lawlor, Daena Murphy, Richard Doyle, Tyler Anderson, Anna Gasinski, Karolina Wytrykowska, Danielle Ebrahimi, and Inés Eaton

Topic	Discussion	Action
Introductions:	New attendees were introduced.	
Additions to agenda/ Review Minutes:	No agenda items added.	Approved
ESI Data Presentation:	<p>Early Screening and Intervention is the only prosecutor lead diversionary program. It started in 2017 and has expanded to Hartford, Norwich, New London, Waterbury, Bridgeport, and New Haven GA's. ESI is a voluntary program where dedicated ESI prosecutors and resource counselors review low level offenses and identify services instead of having numerous court appearances.</p> <p>Benefits include reduced number of court appearances and clients engaged in services. Plan is to extend ESI statewide and develop consistent practices among the different courts. Data shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower number of case reviews in 2022. Case volumes is increasing in some court.• 60% male defendant involved in ESI compared to 72% in court population - more female defendants in ESI compared to the court population.• 32% Black, 37% White, 27% Hispanic of defendants accepted ESI - similar breakdown to court involved defendants.• Preliminary recidivism data requires additional time in order to review. Needs a 3-year window. 1600 defendants had cases disposed in 2019.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 70% were not re-arrested	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall cohort recidivism rates (new arrest within 3 years of ESI completion) is 30% (n=478). Black defendants had slightly higher recidivism rate. 	
CHR MAT Program at HHC and Court Process Discussion:	<p>Community Health Resources offers medication assisted treatment to inmates released from DOC. Suggestions were requested to identify inmates released from court (instead of directly from DOC) that need continued MAT services.</p> <p>The challenge is that DOC and court may not have anticipated knowledge of discharges from the court. Suggestions offered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court to ask defendant if on MAT and have a designated court staff connect them to CHR or designated agency. • DOC to flag defendants in MAT. While this is documented in form RT77, court staff/public defender staff may not have access. • On a pretrial basis, the public defender social worker can connect the defendant released from court to MAT providers. • Court staff should be given information on the community agencies have same day MAT services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra to follow up regarding availability to share list of inmates in MAT using the RT 77 screen/form.
Recommendations: ESI MAT at DOC	MAT at DOC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCC and Osbourne are starting to offer suboxone. • 10 facilities offer methadone and Vivitrol. • DOC is in the process of obtaining full accreditation in NCCHC for all facilities. 	
Workgroup formation: Recovery Coaches and the CJ population Evaluate/Review training requirement for CJ professional	Recovery Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This workgroup is being established to evaluate and assess who in the CJ population has access to recovery coaches and develop best practices. • Workgroup has met twice and is focusing on developing a plan to gather information. • The next meeting is scheduled for January 10th at 2 pm. Training	Any members interested in joining a workgroup should contact Danielle.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This workgroup is being established to assess trainings offered to CJ professionals (police, DOC, DMHAS, CJ providers, etc.). • The workgroup has met twice and is planning on meeting every two weeks until all curriculums are reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DOC curriculum has been reviewed. ○ POST curriculum will go next, then DMHAS. • The workgroup will identify a way to track ongoing trainings. 	
Plans for next meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from newly established workgroups. 	Email Danielle with new ideas, initiatives, and suggestions for CJ sub-committee recommendations and/or agenda items.
Next meeting:	January 4 th at 1 pm via TEAMS	
Next ADPC meeting:	December 20 th 10am - 12 pm	