

ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY COUNCIL (ADPC)
Criminal Justice Sub-Committee
 Meeting of May 14, 2018
 Court Support Services Division

PRESENT: Dr. Kathleen Maurer, Barbara Lanza, Katie Farrell, Bryan Habib, Brian Austin, Sharlene Croteau, Loel Meckel, Mike Dutko

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| Introduction and Review of Minutes | Minutes from the 4/9/18 meeting were reviewed. | Approved |
| Develop Subcommittee Recommendations | <p>The group reviewed all ideas suggested to date. The discussion centered around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of Narcan at discharge from DOC (CSSD has protocols in place through their community based providers) - Dr. Maurer will draft the proposal. • Continued expansion of MAT in DOC facilities - Dr. Maurer will draft the proposal. • Police assisted diversion and police referral for SA services – Loel Meckel will draft the proposal. <p>Recommendations will propose development of plans with protocols and procedures in order to be prepared should funding become available. Discussion identified additional issues: 1) programming needs to be flexible to accommodate changes in statutes, policies/processes, and target populations; 2) duplication in psychoeducation-type programming that results in inefficiencies.</p> | A small group will meet in between meetings to draft protocols and procedures for the 3 identified recommendations. |
| Justice System Inventory of Services | The inventory is not complete yet. No further discussion due to insufficient time. | DOC will provide their inventory. |
| Participant Updates | <p>Bills passed in 2018 Legislative Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 483 - Judicial Branch required to report by 1/1/19 the feasibility of establishing opioid intervention courts in the state. It was noted that drug courts are expensive and CT achieves much of the same impact with existing programming available in court. Some drug court models allow judges to require specific medications which crosses professional boundaries. • SB 483 – ADPC required to convene a working group to evaluate methods of combating the opioid epidemic in the state and report by 1/1/19. • SB 483 – DOC required to report on its MAT pilot and details for possible expansion to all inmates by 1/15/19. <p>Sharlene Croteau announced that the CT State Police are presenting an educational forum on illicit drugs and the CSP's CRISIS initiative to connect people to substance use services. Sharlene Croteau announced that Wheeler Clinic and UConn Health Center have received a mini-grant to assess patient outcomes in MAT. They will implement MyStrength, an evidence based application, which uses CBT, relapse prevention, mindfulness etc. and tracks individual progress.</p> | |

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| Presentation: Early Screening and Intervention Initiative | Brian Austin discussed the Office the Chief State's Attorney's ESI Initiative for pre-arraignment prosecutor review of cases to determine the best course of action for each case. The initiative, funded by the Singer Foundation, has piloted in Waterbury and Bridgeport courts and will expand to Hartford, New Haven, New London, and Norwich courts per PA 17-205. The pilot has diverted some cases from prosecution and also connected some defendants with needed services. See attached initiative description. | |
| Plans for Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the protocol/procedures of the 3 sub-committee recommendations. • Possible presentation by Wheeler Clinic on duplication of psychoeducation programs for justice involved individuals and trends in the substance abuse treatment population • Set dates for meetings after June. | |
| Running Recommendations | <p>The following list includes different ideas brought up the sub-committee members throughout different meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link data between systems to analyze outcomes • Implement pre-arrest diversion • Review service array to analyze duplication • Share discharge/treatment information from DOC to community providers for a seamless transition and avoid duplication • Opioid Fatality Review Task Force to inform state policy regarding opioids • AIC and/or mobile crisis can be resources to assess and evaluate level of care • Use civil citations which require engagement in services • Require question on veteran status for access to veteran services • Use of peer support at different points of justice system • Expand MAT into CT's correctional system • Make suboxone induction available in CT hospitals • Increase access to suboxone and MAT in the community (lack of community resources may limit expansion of MAT in corrections) • Explore transportation challenges to treatment services | |
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| Next Sub-Committee Meeting | Monday, June 25, 2018, 9-10:30 am at CSSD | |
| Next scheduled meeting of the ADPC | Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 10 am location TBD | |