

Behavioral Health Sub-Committee

Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission
Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division
Connecticut Office of Policy and Management

**October 5, 2017
9:00 – 11:00 am**

(Page Hall, Conference Room 213)

Minutes

In attendance: Michael Aiello, Martha Brown, Craig Burns, Angela Harris (by phone), Michael Norko, Monte Radler, Yanike Whittingham

- 1. Introductions: Yanike Whittingham, DOC Addiction Services
- 2. Minutes of July 6, 2017 meeting approved without change
- 3. Additions to agenda - None

4. Substance abuse services for justice involved adults
 This was a follow-up of the special topic discussion begun at the last meeting focused on re-entry from jail/prison. Michael Norko summarized the reports of individuals who had experienced the need for re-entry supports for discharging inmates with substance use disorders and their families. Michael Aiello reported on the results of an interim meeting with Carl Lewis of DOC, Loel Meckel of DMHAS and himself to further that prior discussion. They are hoping we can arrange meetings with DMHAS, DOC, CSSD staff and representatives of re-entry roundtables and the city re-entry offices in New Haven and Hartford; Monte Radler also asked to be involved. Craig Burns will determine if DOC has formal orientation/training for families. Darryl McGraw was not available to report on his contact with DOC administrators about options for in-reach and assistance from persons with lived experience for re-entry support. Further reports will be made at the next meeting of the sub-committee.

- 5. BH program updates –
 - A. DMHAS PNP service providers were instructed to cut 5% from budgets per the Governor’s executive order issued because we don’t have a budget. Funding for some PNP Jail Diversion (JD) programs has been reduced, which has reduced staff time devoted to JD. The clinicians will continue to go to court every day but may have to reduce the number of clients they assist with case management services. We expect that this will affect non-SMI clients primarily.
 - B. SAMHSA Opioid grant to all states – DMHAS received \$5.5 mil 5/1/17-4/30/18, year 2 to be decided by US Dept HHS. The CT State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis fact sheet was distributed, and will be sent electronically to all members.
 - C. The Alcohol and Drug Policy Council recently implemented a Criminal Justice Subcommittee. The Charter was distributed and will be sent electronically to all members.

- 6. DOC BH updates – no updates at this time
- 7. CJPAC Next meeting October 26, 2017
- 8. Interest Area updates – no updates at this time
- 9. Other agency updates – no updates at this time

10. Other Items – CCSU Electronic Defense Weapons report for 2016
 M Norko noted that Ken Barone of CCSU IMRP presented the data at the Sept 28, 2017 CJPAC meeting. Findings of interest to the BHS are that 38% of adults involved in taser incidents were described as emotionally disturbed, and nearly half of those under age 18 were so described. The full report and data files will be available at www.ccsu.edu/imrp. DMHAS will be looking at the data on emotionally disturbed subjects by town/city and comparing to data on CIT training in those locations.

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11. Quarterly Meetings:

- January 4, 2018 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus
- April 5, 2018 “
- July 5, 2018 “
- October 4, 2018 “