

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

November 1, 2018
9:00 – 11:00 am
(Russell Hall, CVH, Middletown)

Minutes

In attendance: Michael Aiello, Martha Brown, Craig Burns, Michael Norko, Monte Radler, David Rentler, Sally Zanger, Joann Norman, Loel Meckel, Joseph Grzelak

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of October 4, 2018 meeting were approved with amendments.
3. Additions to agenda - none
4. Substance abuse services for justice involved adults – no report
5. BH program updates
 - A. Loel Meckel reported that the Hartford and New Haven LEAD programs are finding that many people being offered diversion from arrest choose instead to get a summons to appear in court. They report that it is easier to go to court and get the case resolved than have to meet with a LEAD Engagement Specialist for an interview/evaluation. Michael Aiello reported that the ASIST RFP for New London did not yield an award. Another RFP will be released to cover multiple locations.
 - B. Other – no report
6. DOC BH updates

Commissioner Semple is retiring as of 1/1/19.
Six DCF Juvenile Parole social workers and one Social work Supervisor recently transferred to DOC Addiction Services and will implement a behavioral treatment track to the service system.
A Mental Health Leadership Team is being created to include Dr. Craig Burns, Chief of Psychiatry, Chief Mental Health Officer, who will also supervise Psychiatrists, Dr. Tom Kocienda, Director of Behavioral Health Services to supervise psychologists and discharge planners, and Andrea Reischerl APRN, Regional Mental Health Administrator, who will supervise APRNs. In addition to the above members of the Leadership team who are currently in place, DOC is still seeking to fill the roles of a two additional Regional Mental Health Directors, one of whom will be deployed specifically to York Correctional Institution.
7. CJPAC Next Thursday, November 29, 2018, Legislative Office Building
8. Interest Area updates
 - A. BH Services/system barriers – no report
9. Other agency updates – no report
10. Other Items

Discussed two possible proposals:

 - 1) Residential program for high need mental health clients: it would use existing CSSD and DMHAS funds and funds from DOC if available. Ideas discussed include: creating a therapeutic milieu; using manualized curricula for recidivism reduction, trauma, substance use, mental health, etc. that could also be used in DOC and the community for continuity of care. Clinical care would be provided by local agencies. Joe Grzelak and Michael Aiello will provide outcome data for the Sierra Pretrial Center. Dr. Burns will determine if DOC has funds for this. Need number of parolees with serious mental illness who return to DOC to determine need.
 - 2) Specialized unit in DOC for sentenced inmates with MH or MH+SA scores of 3 or higher: Development of a proposal will be deferred.

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- 11. Bi-monthly Meetings held 9:00am – 11:00am, CVH Campus, Russell Hall, Room 217A, 2nd Floor:
 - January 3, 2019
 - March 7, 2019
 - May 2, 2019
 - July 11, 2019
 - Sept 5, 2019