

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

January 3, 2019
9:00 – 11:00 am
(Russell Hall, CVH, Middletown)

Minutes

In attendance: Michael Aiello, Michael Norko, David Rentler, Joann Norman, Loel Meckel, Joseph Grzelak

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of November 1, 2018 meeting approved
3. Additions to agenda - none
4. Proposals for COD, high-need, justice involved adults
 - Discussed Sierra Pretrial Residential; most residents have an SMI; approx. 80% complete. With additional resources Parole could be added as a referral source.
 - David Rentler discussed efforts by parole officers and the Board of Pardons and Paroles to use administrative processes to avoid long remands for parolees with SMI since the “waiver” process was discontinued. The preliminary hearing for a remand requires a “defense” attorney if the parolee is not able to understand the proceedings; an attorney is rarely needed due to SMI, rather it is cognitive limitations that are the usual barrier.
 - The CORP program could serve more discharging inmates with SMI with additional resources.
 - Another option is to create special therapeutic units in DOC for inmates with moderate – serious mental illness but this would require substantial resources.
5. BH program updates- no report
6. DOC BH updates
Commissioner Semple retired as of 1/1/19. Cheryl Cepelak is the Acting Commissioner. Rollin Cook, from Utah, has been chosen as the new Commissioner of DOC.
7. CJPAC Next meeting dates TBD
8. Interest Area updates
 - A. BH Services/system barriers – no report
9. Other agency updates – no report
10. Other Items – no report
11. Meetings held 9:00am – 11:00am, CVH Campus, Russell Hall, Room 217A, 2nd Floor:
March 7, 2019
May 2, 2019
July 11, 2019
Sept 5, 2019