

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

**November 7, 2019**  
**9:00 – 11:00 am**  
**(Russell Hall, CVH, Middletown)**

Minutes

In attendance: Michael Aiello, Brian Austin, Joseph Grzelak, Loel Meckel, Monte Radler, David Rentler, Sally Zanger, Craig Burns, Thomas Burr, Michael Norko

1. Introductions
2. September 5, 2019 meeting minutes approved with additions
3. Additions to agenda – included below
4. Proposals for dually-diagnosed, high-need, justice involved adults
  - Sierra Pretrial Center – the provider has divided oversight between their criminal justice division and their behavioral health division and this has improved service provision; additional funds provided to increase 2<sup>nd</sup> shift staffing; CSSD and DMHAS conducting regular audits and client interviews; resources sometimes limit timely discharge.
5. BH program updates
  - ASIST – Managed by CSSD, DMHAS, DOC. New London court provider ended contract; program rebid statewide; provider selected for Norwalk court, services (including bilingual Spanish) started recently.
6. DOC BH updates
  - New legislation permits APRNs who are employed by DOC to issue a written Emergency Certificate for a person with psychiatric disabilities who is a danger to himself or herself or others or gravely disabled and in need of immediate care and treatment. The Emergency Certificate authorizes and directs that a person be taken to a general hospital for purposes of a medical examination and possible hospitalization. This would be used when such a person must be discharged from DOC custody.
7. CJPAC: Next meeting November 21, 2019
8. Interest Area updates
  - A. BH Services/system barriers –
9. Other agency updates –
  - NAMI-CT has a new Executive Director, Lisa Winjum

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10. Other Items –

- Program funding – options are limited due to the state budget. Keep the Promise Coalition was formed by advocates to generate support for “a comprehensive, community mental health system is created and sustained across the lifespan (children, adolescents, emerging adults, adults, older adults and families in Connecticut).”
- Criminogenic training for behavioral health staff – discussed options for making training available to providers. CSSD’s trainings may be an option.
- CPA SAMHSA grant for re-entry - DOC, CPA, and Intercommunity are working collaboratively on the CPA Resettlement program. The program provides pre and post release peer-to-peer case management, treatment and support services to individuals diagnosed with a Substance Use Disorder and/or Co-occurring Mental Health who are returning to the Greater Hartford Community.
- Low charge/low bond defendants found not competent/restorable ordered to inpatient restoration – Monte Radler discussed options to provide other options to the court.

11. Bi-monthly Meetings: 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus

January 9, 2020

March 5, 2020

May 7, 2020