

**Behavioral Health Sub-Committee**

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

**May 2, 2019**

**9:00 – 11:00 am**

**(Russell Hall, CVH, Middletown)**

Minutes

In attendance: Michael Aiello, Loel Meckel, Brian Austin, Amy Bepko, Monte Radler, Sally Zanger

1. Introductions – Amy Bepko is a new Executive Assistant Chief State’s Attorney.
2. Minutes of March 7, 2019 meeting approved with corrections
3. Additions to agenda - none
4. Proposals for dually-diagnosed, high-need, justice involved adults
  - Deferred to next meeting
5. BH program updates –
  - A. Loel Meckel reported that the 2017 SAMHSA State Targeted Response grant for opioid treatment, recovery, and prevention initiatives ended on 4/30/19 and the 2018 SAMHSA State Opioid Response grant continues for two years until 9/29/2020. DMHAS recently received another allocation of federal grant funds to the states and territories. This is a supplement to the SOR grant that provides an additional \$5.8 million for one year. Funds will be used for a range of initiatives including support for the CSSD Treatment Pathways Program and the Office of the Chief State’s Attorney’s Early Screening Intervention program.
6. DOC BH updates – DOC staff not in attendance.
7. CJPAC: Next meeting May 30, 2019
8. Interest Area updates
  - A. BH Services/system barriers – none discussed
9. Other agency updates –
  - A. Michael Aiello reported that CSSD/DMHAS/DOC have released an RFP to expand ASIST to one of the following courts – Meriden, Enfield, Norwich, Norwalk, or Bristol. Proposals are due May 11.
  - B. Michael Aiello reported that the Sierra Pre-trial Center will continue to be funded with existing funds; additional funds are not available for expansion.
10. Other Items –
  - A. Appropriate services do not exist for some justice-involved adults who have intellectual disabilities and this limits ability to manage them properly in the community.
11. Bi-monthly Meetings: 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus
  - July 11, 2019 – may be canceled if vacations prevent sufficient attendance.
  - Sept 5, 2019
  - Nov 7, 2019