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

Minutes
November 14, 2007   9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Russell Hall, CVH)

In attendance: M. Aiello, D. Bannish, A. Chin, B. Coco, G. DesBiens, J. Grzelak, G. Holley, L. Meckel, L. Pyers, E. Mattison, S. Zanger,

1. **Introductions:** Roundtable introductions were made by everyone attending today's meeting; sign-in sheet was passed around to sign-in and to update any information on roster.

2. **Review of August 29, 2007 minutes:** Minutes were reviewed and changes noted. Corrected minutes will be distributed via e-mail.

3. **Additions to agenda:** MHAR; CJPAC Recommendation meeting, Diverting data, Update proposals from Alcohol & Drug Policy Council

4. **BH program updates**

   a) Project ASIST report
      i. Kick off meeting held, went well. The program has received referral even though not yet officially open. The hiring process is continuing. More training will be scheduled for December.

   b) Jail Re-interview report

      i. Reports indicate that there has been more work done this year in six months than in the entire past year alone.

   c) Probation and Parole

      i. Every case is being reviewed by parole. Violent offenders are not being paroled. Discussion ensued regarding end of sentence offenders. This will be discussed further at DOC meeting. Mike and Brian will discuss with their bosses to set up possible meeting.

      ii. DOC applied for grant money to lead co-occurring project for whole behavior health system. DMHAS has federal co-occurring state incentive grant and is assisting DOC.

5. **DOC MH Infirmary Bed utilization data**
   Dr. Bannish presented data about the numbers of people with various mental health scores, and various bond levels in Garner. Questions were raised

regarding those people who are DMHAS target, when did they decompensate. Dan will review data. [data sheets attached]

6. **Request by CJPAC to review Adam Walsh Child Protection Act**
   a) Follow-up report [informational] on progress re SO registry in other venues: Draft report completed.

7. **Workgroup updates**
   a) **Housing/employment**

   This group has not met recently. Dan Bannish stated that housing limitation is being identified in multiple venues with no tie ins. Loel stated that the group needs to come up with recommendation to CJPAC regarding coordination of topics being address by all the task forces.   Dan will speak with Barbara Geller regarding the sharing of housing information.

   b) **BH Services/system barriers**

   Discussion ensued concerning ability to implement recommendations. Mike and Loel will put together a condensed list of recommendations and solutions to forward to this group before passing on to the commission.

8. **Other Items**

   Loel presented the group with a handout he compiled that looks at the number of criminal cases and lock-up cases. Data indicate there may be significant differences among police departments in proportion of persons charged with criminal offences who are taken into custody vs. given summons. Loel proposed, and the group agreed to make recommendations to CJPAC to look at the data more closely and determine if police need more options.

   The BH Subcommittee will present three recommendations to the CJPAC. Loel will create a draft to be circulated prior to the Dec 13 CJPAC meeting. #1   inventory and coordinate initiatives by multiple committees, commissions, task forces etc. regarding criminal justice and behavioral health #2   investigate what appears to be wide differences in custody rates across police departments for individuals charged with criminal #3   A coordinated state-level initiative to address system barriers for behavioral health clients in the CJ system based on the barriers identified by the System Barriers workgroup

9. **Quarterly Meetings**

   A. Feb 2008 – To be held February 7, 2008 @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus
   May 2008 - To be held May 15, 2008 @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus