

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

**Minutes**

**February 7, 2008 9:00 – 11:00 am (Russell Hall, CVH)**

**In attendance:** M. Peloso, D. Bannish, A. Chin, B. Coco, G. DesBiens ( for M. Radler), J. Grzelak, G. Holley, L. Meckel, L. Pyers, E. Mattison, S. Zanger, E. Leavitt-Smith, M. Norko, J. Dowd, J. Rossi

**1. Introductions:** None were made, as there were no new members/guests.

**2. Review of November 14, 2007 minutes:** Minutes were reviewed and accepted and will be distributed electronically omitting the “draft” watermark.

**3. Additions to agenda:** None were offered.

**4. BH program updates:** Erin Leavitt-Smith reports that an RFP to expand TCM is out and reviews will take place in March.

**5. DOC MH Infirmiry Bed utilization data**

Dr. Bannish presented data about the numbers of people with various mental health scores, and various bond levels in Garner. It is still taking at least 6-7 weeks for those of smaller bonds to be moved, but overall it is better. Judy Dowd suggested a meeting to discuss budget options for the new beds being proposed.

**6. CJPAC**

- a) Follow-up report [informational] on progress re SO registry in other venues: Judith Rossi reported that the Connecticut response to the Adam Walsh Act is not yet fully resolved and work continues.
- b) BH Subcommittee Recommendations from 12/13/07: A copy of the memo that was sent to the full CJPAC of recommendations was distributed to the group and reviewed
- c) Standardized ROI – update: The idea is to have a model release form that will meet HIPPA standards but also a MOU among the agencies stating that they will accept each others’ ROIs and that a statement to that effect would be included on the agency ROIs.

- d) Police Custody Rates – Update: Loel Meckel spoke with Linda DeConti and it was decided that most of the data need to come from the police departments. He will meet with Linda further on this matter.

## **7. Workgroup updates**

### **a) Housing/employment**

Ed Mattison aired concerns that some persons are not being served by community programs, leading to institutional placements. He stated that some programs have good ideas but are not yet in place. Loel and Megan Goodfield will take a closer look at specific program utilization.

### **b) BH Services/system barriers**

Mike Aiello discussed a plan to create a document for judges as a guide to the various programs available for defendants.

Louise Pyers cited a need for residential AICs for persons with serious mental illness, stating that she would like to see it revisited despite zoning barriers. Scattered site housing would be another option

## **8. Legislative & Budge Updates**

Judy Dowd reviewed the Governor's midterm budget adjustments. Hard copies were distributed

## **9. Other Items: None**

## **10. Quarterly Meetings (CJPAC mtgs scheduled for, 6/12, 9/11, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11)**

- A. May 15, 2008 – @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, CVH Campus**
- B. August 14, 2008 - @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, CVH Campus**
- C. November 6, 2008 - @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, CVH Campus**