

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

Minutes

August 14, 2008 9:00 – 11:00 am (Russell Hall, CVH)

In attendance: D. Bannish, B. Coco, G. Holley, L. Meckel, E. Leavitt-Smith, M. Norko, J. Rossi, A. Woodsby

- 1. Introductions:** None were made, as there were no new members/guests.
- 2. Review of May 15, 2008 minutes:** Minutes were reviewed and accepted, and will be distributed.
- 3. Additions to agenda:** None were offered.
- 4. BH program updates:**

Loel reports a funding increase to the PJOC in addition the crime bill provided new funding as well. These funds will be used for the following:

1. CIT training will be extending to five (5) which will accommodate training for an additional 140 officers. With regards to Judicial Marshalls being trained, Alicia Woodsby will contact Louise Pyers to inquire about the status.
2. A CIT clinician will be added to the Bridgeport site.
3. Womens Jail Diversion will be adding a contracted bed.
4. TCM awarded the RFP to SCAAD for New London/Norwich and Wheeler for New Britain/Bristol.
5. Jail Diversion will add 2 additional positions to CRMHC.
6. ADI added one clinician to contracted services with Yale.
7. CORP will be expanding to Waterbury and New London/Norwich and at some point they may also expand to Torrington/Danbury.
8. Another position will be in Middletown for services to cover three DOC facilities. The expansion to Osborn is producing referrals. Groups are likely to start next month; they have already started screenings.

Loel further reports that multiple programs are seemingly receiving fewer referrals. Dan Bannish suggests review in DMHAS-DOC-CSSD Oversight Committee.

Dan Bannish stated that DOC is reviewing use of contracted beds in the community. Dan further stated that DOC continues to have difficulty with placing sex offenders who complete their sentence.

5. DOC MH Infirmery Bed utilization data:

a. Follow-up report re: pilot analysis project

Dan Bannish stated that a survey conducted in New Haven discovered that out of 39 MH4s with a bond over 250,000 only 1 was identified as having a serious mental illness. Dan will retrieve stats for the entire state.

Dan supplied stats as follows:

MH 4s – EOS less than one year

60 have less than 6 months

18 of the 60 have probation

42 with serious mental illness will likely come out with no parole

MH5s – Unsentenced

16 have bonds less than \$25,000

5 have bonds less than \$5,000

MH4s 34 have bonds less \$25,000

14 have bonds less than \$5,000

6. CJPAC

a. Follow-up report [informational] on progress re SO registry in other venues:

Judith Rossi reported that the group has not met since May, and will reconvene soon.

Mike Norko reports that the state is working on a three tier risk system for sex offenders. There is also effort in place to include the nature of crime on the SO registry.

7. Workgroup updates

a. Housing/employment

Loel stated that a meeting will occur with with DMHAS Housing specialists on August 28, 2008 to discuss what is needed and the restrictions that exist for forensic clients.

b. BH Services/system barriers

The BH Subcommittee is collaborating with the ADPC Information Committee to develop a recommendation to allow increased information exchange among state agencies.

Effort is progressing to provide medications in the community for all inmates discharged from DOC

8. Other Items: The group set a February meeting date of February 5, 2009.

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

- A. November 6, 2008 - @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus**
- B. February 5, 2009 - @ 9:00am – 11:00am, Russell Hall, 2nd floor, CVH Campus**