**Criminal Justice Capable (CJC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**01/21/15**

Attending: Jennifer Jones, Margaret Joyal, Debra Hopkins, Ed Riddell, Trish Singer, Jane Helmstetter, Karen Gennette, Monica Hutt, Mark Young, Ed Paquin, Kim Bushey, Kim Owens

Introductions

Ed Paquin sat in for AJ Reuben, and Regional Treatment Court Coordinator Kim Owens were present.

Work Plan Updates

Monica Hutt and Kim Bushey reported that utilization of the George Mason Survey tool will help match risk level to programs to support the overall intercept work. Kim provided examples of how it may be utilized for evidence and best practice adherence with fidelity to support risk level and support greater jurisdictional goals. It is expected to help improve efficacy by providing ongoing feedback supporting efforts done well and/or identify missed opportunities within the identified risk population.

It was noted that this survey capacity surpasses the Act 195 legislative intent and that there is a distinction to be made between Act 195 Phase I, Act 195 Phase II and general CJC core team work beyond Act 195 with respect to the work plan and utilization of the GM tool.

* Act 195 Phase I are the legislative requirements which are nearly complete less the final review of mapping now completed by Field Directors and their community partners.
* Act 195 Phase II is the development of a communication system via pre-trial services, and
* General CJC core team work beyond Act 195 includes our work with Doug Marlowe on the Ark.

In addition to supporting the Act 195 work, the GM survey tool will support our work with Doug

Marlowe’s and our Ark model by improving our mapping through matching risk levels with

programs from pre-trial to re-entry. The work plan now reflects this distinction. It was agreed

to delay the GM survey work for 6-9 months to afford time to gain information on pre-trial

services from Anne Ramniceanu.

It was also agreed to delay the Marlowe Innovative Practice Conference originally set for February/March 2015 until March 2016. This will afford time to gather data from the GM Tool to inform the Gap analysis for our work with Doug. It is expected that Pre-trial monitors will be experts and better able to inform the process at this later date.

Additional Act 195 Phase II updates:

The contracts with agency providing the monitors are underway but not yet public knowledge. This is going through the ‘legal maze’ and Annie is expected to announce soon.

The committee emphasized communication and knowledge be incorporated as part of the system development.

Legislative Updates

* Legislature is beginning to use the term “geographic justice” referring to statewide access, which raises the question of costing and designing implementation either regionally or by county.
* A Criminal Code reclassification work group has been formed to revisit the criminal code. They see a lack of sentencing consistency, the penal codes may not be applied the same way and may even be inconsistent within itself, and several statutes conflict with each other. Therefore it was suggested that the code be a piece of the reclassification work. It was noted that the legal community has expressed concern with sentencing guidelines, particularly the federal guidelines. We will invite a representative of this reclassification group to this next meeting to inform.
* There are proposed cuts to the Windsor Sparrow pre-trial program and other integrative projects. This type of project has provided re-entry support. Although some fee for service is involved, the cut is expected to reduce services. It has been a positive program and the local community will try to sustain it without funding as will the Sparrow project. Mark noted that Sparrow is busier than ever and they will turn over every rock to keep it going. We may want to think about using the recidivism money to build re-entry and pre-trial services into the overall system.

AHS priorities

1. Budget
2. S9 child protection – work with legislatures to support child protection
3. Integrative family services
4. Substance abuse addiction – view globally; identify barriers across all AHS services
5. Housing – largest barrier. Messaging is that it’s not just AHS. Subsidies and CM services are good across the agency but there is no ability to build. In a recent housing survey across the state the vacancy rate was 1%. There is little housing available to place people. There needs to be a bricks and mortar component to address this issue.
6. Poverty and early childhood – keep focus on
7. health reform – health care bridges w/early childhood

Additional AHS focus will be to maintain efforts to mental health initiatives. Brattleboro Retreat is on track to make improvements to remain certified.

DOC – 2nd chance grant update:

Tony updated that there are currently two pilot sites dosing MAT; the Northwest Facility and Chittenden Women’s facility. Dosing time are presenting problems. It takes 5.5-6 minutes to completely dissolve dosage strips. For 400 plus people that requires a significant amount of time. Treatment in the facility is voluntary. A discussion ensued regarding views on the use of medically assisted therapies and how mandates viewed from a systems level can become barriers when operationalized. It was noted that as an agency we need to better build in the cost of implementation.

Narcan discussion

The statewide distribution of Narcan was discussed as an example of the need to better build in the cost of implementing mandates. The nasal piece of the ionizer (preferred instrument) is not insurance billable. Currently, the state sends boxes of the injectable form of the drug to local agencies for distribution. The primary data comes from EMS. It is believed there are 100 reversals to date. All agreed there is a need for better data to distinguish medical necessity for those using the narcan other than EMS. One indicator is the request for replacement kits. This is more akin to street level data in which trends will be monitored over time.

SIM Charts

Charts have all been updated by the Field Directors. Changes are indicated in Red on the charts distributed today (no revision date noted). The question was raised whether or not CRASH should be included on the Charts.

Respectfully Submitted,

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