**Criminal Justice Capable (CJC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**03/18/15**

Attending: Mark Ames, Tony Folland, Karen Gennette, Jane Helmstetter, Debra Hopkins, Monica Hutt, Jennifer Jones, Erin O’Keefe, Kim Owens, Trish Singer, A.J. Ruben, Ed Riddell, Michael Mcadoo, Michael Murphy, and Mark Young

Annie Ramniceanu was unable to attend physically but provided an update by email below.

Welcome:

Welcome Michael Mcadoo of Vermont Health Access and Michael Murphy from the Department of Corrections.

Discussion:

* CJC History:

The Tri-branch Task Force (TBTF) was developed by the judiciary in 2007 for the continued development of evidence based practices in substance abuse and mental health populations. The TBTF began the work on the sequential intercept model which is a concept about serving Vermonters with mental health issues at risk of being involved in the criminal justice system. CJC is a working group for the TBTF. The TBTF holds the vision about the topics discussed in the CJC meetings.

* Focus areas:

The current focus areas of the CJC are case management, access to services, housing, and employment and addiction cravings. The CJC team is the appropriate group to deal with the issues facing the criminal population.

* Case management for the mentally ill:

Studies in other states looked at the failure rates of re-hospitalization of the mentally ill and how they failed. Success for those who were not re-hospitalized or re-arrested was attributed to having had a case manager. Investing in the cost of case management for this population may offset the cost of re-hospitalization and incarceration.

General Updates:

* Annie Ramniceanu indicated she has begun to hire pre-trail monitors throughout the state.
* Social impact bonds are a new funding stream design that may perform as an invest and save model or be philanthropic in nature. Harvard recently offered a bond and received 100 applicants with 5 chosen. Although VT was not chosen Harvard would like to work off line with VT. A local team of people are currently exploring this with Harvard although there has yet to be a commitment. The topic areas are youth homelessness and recidivism.

Legislative Updates:

* It was reported that H221- an act relating to criminal justice reform - may not cross over this session.
* Connie Schultz has been hired as the grant manager for the 2nd Chance Act.
* Bill H20 would allow licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors to bill Medicaid outside of a designated agency. It is projected to pass which would be a first step in reducing barriers to practice.
* It does not appear that state Recovery Center funding will be cut this year. A new center may be funded in Newport.
* The Department of Public Safety has contracted with Crime Research Group (CRG) to apply for two grants; one to research law enforcement access to data, and the other about criminal justice data quality.

SIM Chart Review and Update:

* The chart will require additional work before a final draft review. Links to organizations need to be restored and included in the final version.

Respectfully Submitted,

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