

**Criminal Justice Capable (CJC)
Meeting Minutes
12/17/14**

Attending: Mark Ames, Emily Hawes, Ed Riddell, Debra Hopkins, Trish Singer, Julie Tessler, Laura Dolgin, AJ Reuben, Jane Helmstetter, Karen Gennette, Monica Hutt

Introductions

Emily taking a new position at DMH and leaving her role with CJC – Trish Singer will step in to represent DMH

Practical Steps Workgroup Meeting

CJC was concerned that their work was duplicative of the SIM inventory that we were doing in response to S. 295- based on that discussion, Practical Steps has decided to work with us and to get their necessary info from the inventory work we are doing- they will be part of the review process to finalize the community mapping of the SIM to ensure that the mapping effort is comprehensive

Elements Workgroup

Talked to George Mason University about their survey tool - they seemed positive about their ability to work with us and help to create a more robust mapping product - George Mason will be talking to their team and determining how they can use their tool to assess the quality of our programming- waiting to hear back from them re: specializing the tool, cost of the service- the idea is to use VT as a petri dish to trial the tool vs paying them for services

Might work with AHS to see what other data might be available to add to flesh out the results

Crime Research Group has staff working with Pew Trust to do a cost benefit analysis on the cost of providing services in the traditional criminal justice world- have good cost data for traditional services nationally, could use that info to determine return on investment (ROI) in VT

Legislative Updates

Want to ensure that legislative updates are on the agenda throughout the session -

Julie—For the VT Council: the obvious issue on the table is the budget and budget cuts- concern that more people will not receive the services they need and be driven into the criminal justice system

Another issue for the Council is the integration of services with health care- ensuring that the Act 48 health reform statute supports community based services

AJ- Disability Rights Vermont – major issue for us is Olmstead compliance - believe that AHS is out of compliance with institutionalizing people that don't need to be incarcerated but are there only because they lack the necessary supports - have seen inadequate movement on the part of the state- that will be the legislative agenda for DRVT-

Lawsuits against DMH and DOC related to offenders in facility - but all are AHS issues

Housing Discussion: Housing appears to be the primary issue for so many of these constituents- do we want to reach out to NEK to see what they are doing to integrate services - from a criminal justice perspective? The population appears to be a low priority because they are not eligible for traditional, public funding

Doug Marlow and ARK: Karen to get back in touch with Doug Marlowe to determine when he can schedule a trip to VT for the conference and ARK work to finalize a gap analysis

Pre-Trial Services

Annie R. working to develop a database or spreadsheet option that will meet evaluation needs- could they use the black box project that Dr. Simpatico had been working on specific to Veterans?

Tom Simpatico project: structured decision making for law enforcement - specifically for Veterans, "black box" database with access to treatment history and info for Veterans - need to get an update on where that project is and whether or not it is in use

Evaluation plan submitted to the legislature (Corrections Oversight) - some training has happened for court staff and public defenders- the pretrial monitors need to be hired and prove their value to the public defenders in terms of an additional resource to support defenders

SIM Charts

Charts have all been updated by the Field Directors - would like to create a small group to review the county charts and bring them back to the large group in January for review

small group: Karen
Monica
Jane
Heather or Becky
Annie

Karen will organize the small group to review the charts

Update on CJC S. 295 Work Plan

Field Directors have completed the SIM mapping by county- Need to adjust the dates corresponding to the completion of SIM mapping

Team began the review of the Statewide SIM Map; Karen will work to complete the edits and bring it back to the January CJC meeting

Mapping is about where we are now; the ARK gap analysis and best practice work will take us to the next step in describing what we want as an ideal system

CJC Facilitation

Discussed ongoing facilitation of the group with Karen in her new role- Team discussed whether or not there is a conflict of interest in Karen continuing her facilitation and chair role- we agreed that we didn't see a conflict and Karen agreed to continue to facilitate.

Happy Holidays All!