**Criminal Justice Capable (CJC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 17, 2015 1:30 – 3:00**

**Attending: Kim Owens, Monica Hutt, Jane Helmstetter, Erin O’Keefe, Michael McAdoo, Christine Chandler, Deborah Hopkins and Michael Murphy. Phoning in were Lorena Fulham, Mark Young, Jennifer Jones-Callin, AJ Rubin, and Ed Riddle. Merrick Grutchfield (scribe)**

**General Updates**

* Team 2was awarded a Department of Public Safety grant. This grant will increase Christine Chandler’s hours and add 8 more regional trainings for mental health crisis responders, law enforcement and crisis workers. In addition to this, there will be 4 more half day trainings for dispatchers only. There is a long list of police departments who have not sent officers. This may be due to not having completed act 80, which is a pre-requisite. A new group of trainers will be trained. Those who have attended have reported a big impact on their work. Next trainings are scheduled for September and October.
* Pretrial services has hired ten of eleven monitors: one in Franklin /Grand Isle, two in Chittenden, one in Caledonia/ Essex, one in Washington/ Orange, one in Lamoille/Orange,  one in Windsor,  one in Rutland, one in Bennington, and  one in Windham. Eight have completed training. Two more will complete in July. They are interviewing in Addison County and hope to complete hiring and training by mid to late July. Other general areas of work are: ongoing development of data collection systems, data sharing and evaluation; PTM training; ongoing court coordination; ongoing coordination with SA’s; and community education and outreach.
* Monica Hutt is assuming the role of Commissioner of the Agency of Aging, Disability and Independent Living. She will no longer be attending CJC meetings.
* Frank Reid is the interim commissioner at the Department of Mental Health (DMH) while the search continues for a new commissioner.
* The Agency of Transportation has awarded funding for the continuation of the Windsor DUI program through a grant from the Governors Highway Safety Program.
* The Chief Justice Tri Branch Meeting scheduled for Friday, June 19 has been cancelled. They will meet next on September 18 at 1:30.
* The VDH/ADAP and DMH/AHS are applying for the CCBHC grant. AHS is the lead and DMH and ADAP are both involved along with Vermont Care Partners in developing the grant to advance a MH and SA system that utilizes a federally qualified health center and SBIRT (screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment). SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders, and for those at risk of developing disorders.

**SIM Chart Finalization Process**

Any final changes to the SIM chart should be emailed to Karen Gennette by July 1 for consideration. The final chart will be presented at our next meeting on July 15.

**Group Work**

The group clarified their original intent to identify a baseline of core services from the comprehensive list of desirable services produced at the last meeting. Each was challenged to choose their top five intercept one baseline services. Once a baseline of core services are identified within each intercept point the group will assess capacity and accessibility.

There was discussion about how core services can pull in other resources creating a broader service range. After some debate, some baseline services were grouped together from the original list. These include:

* crisis services/mobile mental health / developmental disability response capacity
* co-occurring mental health/substance abuse/developmental disability comprehensive services

Consideration was given to the factors that bring or return people to the courts. These factors include the lack of medical, economic and psychological supports and the challenges of moving from a highly structured system to one with no structure at all. Housing and housing supports were further defined as the group considered whether the overall baseline support should be for temporary or permanent housing. The challenges of establishing and maintaining a halfway house in Vermont were discussed. In order to be efficient they must be large, which creates another institution from which residents would need to be de-institutionalized.

How to navigate people from one intercept to another was discussed. A model combining services at one location would be efficient and serve those with multiple needs well, but would not address how to reach those with high service needs who do not seek them out. Mobile and peer support resources were identified as ways to reach people where they are at. Strengthening existing first point of contact resources such as law enforcement, courts and police social workers were identified as potential solutions. Embedding MH crisis professionals with law enforcement was proposed. Schools were acknowledged to be an excellent model and existing resource serving those with permanent housing. Court social workers currently serve as resources for those going through the courts. The Brattleboro mobile crisis team was effective in moving people through services however is no longer in operation. Further research on the former crisis team may provide additional insight for consideration.

Respectfully submitted by

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