**Criminal Justice Capable (CJC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**05/20/15**

Attending: Ed Riddell, Jennifer Jones, Michael Murphy, Emily Hawes, Ed Paquin, Julie Tessler, Jane Helmstetter, Michael McAdoo, Tony Folland, Monica Hutt, Laurina Fullam, Mark Young, Bobby Sand, Kim Owens

Legislative Updates:

* Funding for the Washington Collaborative Systems Integration Project (CSIP) was included in the Department of Mental Health Budget. Department of Corrections (DOC) funds were reallocated for this project.
* S.7 (Act No. 43) An act relating to bail determinations concerning a defendant charged with lewd and lascivious conduct with a child contained a DOC housing study specifically for individuals otherwise eligible for release but who lack housing. Advocates present suggested DOC housing standards may be too high. The portion of the act related to housing requires the Department of Corrections adopt rules regarding increasing community housing options for offenders who have served at least their minimum sentence for a nonviolent offense and are eligible to be released on furlough and requires the Department to report to the Corrections Oversight Committee regarding a plan for reducing the growing number of nonviolent offenders being held past their minimum sentence because of the lack of community housing and regarding its proposal for rulemaking. The report must include data for offenders who are held past their minimum sentence for lack of housing, the offenders’ risk levels, and whether they were released and reincarcerated due to violating conditions. The community housing plan is due on or before Oct 15, 2015.
* H.20 An act relating to licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors as participating providers in Medicaid passed. This will allow licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors who are in private practice to participate in Medicaid.
* H.270 (Act No. 12) A bill proposed to codify definitions used for pretrial screenings and assessments initially employed by 2014 Act and Resolves No. 195 passed.

 This act codifies existing definitions of “clinical assessment,” “needs screening,” and

 “risk assessment” as those terms are used for purposes of screening pretrial

 defendants and strikes language that requires a defendant to communicate with his

 or her pretrial monitor regarding the person’s compliance with conditions of

 release. The act also permits a State’s Attorney to dismiss a citation issued to a

 person who has been accepted into a precharge program and to reissue a new

 citation with a later court date. The new citation is contingent on the person’s

 performance in the program and is dismissed if the person successfully completes the

 program. The pretrial monitor is permitted to serve the person with the citation on behalf of

 the State’s Attorney. Effective Date: May 1, 2015

* H.62 (Act No. 22) An act relating to prohibiting a sentence of life without parole for a person who was under 18 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense has passed.
* H.16 (Act No. 1) An act relating to requiring an inmate to report to the Sex Offender Registry prior to release from a correctional facility passed. This act requires a sex offender who serves his or her maximum sentence to register with the Department of Public Safety as a sex offender prior to the offender’s release from a correctional facility or within 24 hours of being released from probation, parole, furlough, or a supervised community sentence. Effective Date: February 25, 2015
* S.115 (Act No. 36) An act relating to expungement of convictions based on conduct that is no longer criminal passed. This act expands the scope of the expungement statute in three ways.
1. Expands the list of crimes which qualify for expungement to include burglary not into an

occupied dwelling.

1. Allows for expungement petitions for convictions based on conduct that is no longer

criminal.

1. Provides a mechanism to petition for expungement after five years when the petitioner

committed the underlying offense prior to reaching 25 years of age, and when he or she has completed a term of service as approved by the Community Justice Network of Vermont. Effective Date: May 26, 2015

General Updates:

* An efficiency study is being conducted at the Agency of Human Services (AHS) including an inventory of all AHS grants to demonstrate that they are outcome based.
* Funds for a Newport Recovery Center were provided from the VDH budget. The new center is in the process of securing a location and is expected to open soon
* Paul Dupree, Care Management Director for the Department of Mental Health, is retiring on June 12.
* Jackie Corbally of AHS will be leaving to become the Clinical Director of Maple Leaf Farm. Cindy Thomas will be the new Division Director of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP).
* ADAP has level funded treatment courts for FY16. In addition the Memorandum of Understanding will be expanded to include funding exploration of future projects.
* An estimated half or $244,000 of flexible and service coordination funds have been cut from the Department of Mental Health’s budget. This includes cuts to developmental disability funds.

Work Group Update:

* Identify baseline services we would like to see in each county by intercept point in preparation of Doug Marlowe ARK work. (see attachment)

* Prepare to discuss intercept 2 baseline service in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Owens

Programs Manager, CAO

**Work Group Attachment**

**Pre-intercept 1 public system** - **accessible to all**

Police diversion programs (pre-prosecution)

Target high users of system before they enter the CRJ system

ACT one mental health 101 training team

Team two training

**Intercept 1 baseline services – available statewide**

Access to mental health treatment: level of care

Access to substance abuse treatment: levels of care

Developmental services

Crisis services (MH & DD)

Employment services/supports/voc-rehab

Peer services/recovery centers

Housing and housing supports (shelter plus care, homeless services)

Medical care

\*Local police/social work program

Community service centers

Transportation

Economic Services

Supported structured community placement

Field Services Directors (w/service coordinators & flexible funds)

Vermont Chronic Care Initiative (for high end Medicaid users)

\**more data required*

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**Intercept 1 Baseline Services – currently inconsistent statewide**

Public inebriate programs

Mobile crisis

Withdrawal management

Intensive outpatient (SA & MH)

Mental health outpatient (non-CRT)

Positive reinforcement

Evidence based policing

Systemic multi system structure including; case managers, service coordinators, lead managers, non-categorical generalists and flexible funding.