



Corrections and Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Behavioral Health Consortium

Date: 3/27/24	Location: Virtual Meeting
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm	ID: 894 8544 1639
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Attendees: Co-Chair Chuck Sawchenko, Franny Marti, Kim Kirk, Gregory Farrington, Bernadette Cawlo, Madison Keller, Courtney Quattrone, Freddie Najdek, Brian Faulkner, Colleen Kearns, Paul Shavack, Philisa Weidlein-Crist, Shane Troxler, Angela Lloyd, Paresh Perry Patel, Anthony “Joey” Damiano, Jessica Cline, Heather Doncaster, Michael Records, Jerome Herlihy.

Staff: Laura Rapp, Alexia Wolf, Riley Feinour

Topic 1: Welcome and Introductions

Presenter – Co-Chair Chuck Sawchenko

- Co-Chair Sawchenko called the meeting to order.
- Co-Chair Sawchenko welcomed attendees.
- Co-Chair Dr. Debra Mason is unable to attend the meeting.

Topic 2: Review and Approve Minutes

MOTION: Co-Chair Sawchenko called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

- Jerome Herlihy made a motion to approve the minutes.
- Minutes Approved.

Topic 3: BHC Updates

Presenter – Laura Rapp and Alexia Wolf

- The Changing Perceptions and Stigma Committee has a new initiative for the Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative.
- The Education and Prevention Committee is working on initiatives for Fentanyl Awareness Day on May 7th.
- Relevant notes from listening sessions.
 - Participants highlighted the needs of individuals during incarceration and/or returning to communities after incarceration. These needs include:
 - Trauma responsive services
 - Mental health services treatment for gambling disorders
 - Participants also mentioned that trusted people serve as a valuable resource during times of crisis and gaps in care.
- The BHC was present at the Delaware Business Economic and Development Summit and the Sussex County Health and Wellness Fair on March 16th.
- The BHC was also present at the Safe Screen Summit on March 21st.

Topic 4: Delaware Correctional Reentry Commission

Presenter – Jessica Cline, DOC

- Timeline of the DCRC
 - November 2021: DCRC formally launches its working groups and convenes its executive committee.
 - December 2021-January 2022: Co-Chairs meet to identify priority objectives. All work groups host inaugural convenings.
 - December 2022: The first annual report for DCRD is released with information about progress towards objectives.
 - January 2023: The annual reporting process exposed a need for improved data collection and tracking which is undertaken in 2023.
 - February 2023-now: Monthly work groups meetings are reconstructed around programs towards explicitly outlines improvement metrics.
- Status of Blueprint Objectives as % of total: of 59 DCRC blueprint objectives, - 80% are either completed or in progress.
- DCRC Key Achievements
 - Implemented successful Peer Support Certification Training at HRYCI, BWCI, and SCI
 - Created Commercial Driver's License Vocational Program and launched Auto mechanical and Welding Apprenticeships
 - Advanced James T. Vaughn vocational skills center
 - Launched associated degree program and fast track GED program.
 - Improved user experience of probation and parole through hybrid caseloads, comprehensive discharge planning, policy changes, and training
 - Improved data collection and analysis
- Objectives
 - Compile a recommendation regarding a single platform to share case management information.
 - The work group should produce a recommendation about what data is critical to share, what state agencies and partners need access to the data, and whether DTRN is suitable to fulfill this recommendation.
 - Ensure that DSAMH-funded partnership for peer training of incarcerated individuals occur.
 - Clarify DOC's policy on peer access to the prison in relation to security clearance and the appropriate process for requesting special consideration of peers with criminal histories.
 - The work group should advocate for funds to be earmarked by the State for oversight of peers by a community-based organization so that the work of certified peer support coaches can be integrated into the DOC reentry infrastructure.
 - The workgroup should investigate whether a prison-based program should be created to serve individuals who are gang involved or who have histories of firearms offenses and/or histories of being a shooting victim. Consider specific programming to address these risk factors and consider coupling the program with a peer support component.
 - The workgroup should support coordination among DOC, Managed Care Organizations, and DSAMH to streamline services and increase efficiency in service delivery.
 - The workgroup shall produce an annual report-out on how many reentrants with behavioral health conditions release from correctional facilities are referred for services post-release and how many individuals access the services for which they were referred.
 - The workgroup should continue supporting DOC's Naloxone education and distribution efforts.
 - Evaluate whether the State's working definition of recidivism is appropriate.
- Inmates may choose to not participate in the programs, but they may face consequences. The programs set up inmates for reentry into the community.
- There has been positive feedback from the peer support program, the program helps the inmates from the start.

Courtney Quattrone discussed the initiative of expanding access to patients that need care. Their program administers antipsychotics and provides substance use disorder treatment.

Co-Chair Chuck Sawchenko mentioned Courtney Quattrone and their team should return for another meeting in the future.

Next Corrections and Law Enforcement Committee Meeting is Wednesday, April 24th at 1:00pm.

Adjourn: 2:02pm