



CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE

**Center Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting - April 27, 2017 (1:00-3:00)
Richmond, Virginia [Draft Minutes]**

Executive Leadership	Deputy Secretary Victoria Cochran (PSHS), Deputy Secretary Joe Flores (HHS), Fran Ecker(DCJS), Dr. Michael Schaefer (DBHDS), Alexis Rogers (Lt. Governor’s Office)
Note Taker	Jana Braswell (Center Coordinator)
Attendees:	Stephanie Arnold, Ann Benner, Mason Byrd, Bill Dean (designee for Jim Cervera), Varun Choudhary, Bruce Crusser, Kit Cummings, Robyn deSocio, Catherine French-Zagurskie, Jonathan Green, Donna Harrison, Lynda Hyatt, Maria Jankowski, Pam Kestner, Mandy Lambert (designee for Keith Shuster), Matt Leslie, Denise Malone, Tracy Russillo, Aileen Smith, Jackie Ward-Talevi (via Conference Phone), LaBarbara Williams
Absent:	Kevin Birdsell, Jim Cervera, Sherry Confer, Brian Dawson, Bill Hazel, LaBravia Jenkins, Dee Kirk, Brian Moran, Gabe Morgan, Sandy Mottsheard, Dan Murray, John Newby, Kathy Roberston, Bobby Russell, Keith Shuster, Kristin Szakos, Allyson Tysinger, Mike Wade

I. Welcome/Introductions (Executive Leadership)

II. Updates

Approval of January 10th Meeting Minutes

- Minutes were approved

Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Updates

- JMHCP Grant Application
 - Notice of award will be made September 2017
 - Purpose of Grant – 1) provide regional train the trainer trainings across local and regional jails on the Brief Jail Mental Health Screen (BJMHS) and Correctional Mental Health Screen for Women (CMHS-W); 2) statewide cross system collaboration training and technical assistance; 3) modifications to LIDS/CORIS; 4) statewide evaluation/fidelity review of screening tool implementation in the jails.
- 2017 budget, legislation, studies - updates/status
 - No money in the budget for MH screening and assessment in jail, however, budget language directs the State Compensation Board to require local and regional jails use a DBHDS designated screening instrument starting July 1st. The Comp Board will include aspects of MH screening in their next training which is under development
 - Expanded GAP- additional Medicaid funded services can be provided by CSBs and private providers
 - SJ47 is continuing for 2 more years
 - DBHDS will perform a study on state hospital beds and Forensic Discharge Planners in Jails
 - The Comp Board will perform a study on staffing standards for jails, which encompasses med/treatment/records, broad staffing standards
 - The Board of Corrections (BOC) has been revamped - 9 member board will be comprised of professionals, a medical doctor, a forensic specialist, a MH practitioner, an auditor, etc. (see code section) – and added responsibility for reviewing suspicious deaths. Staff person will be hired to support that.

- HHR and PSHS are tasked to study Peumansend Creek Regional Jail closing and whether it can/should be used for statewide local mental health correctional facility.
- DBHDS, DCJS, local/regional jails, and other stakeholders will develop a comprehensive model for the use of alternative transportation to safely transport people under an ECO or TDO to treatment as an alternative to transportation by law enforcement.
- Permanent supportive housing money was included in the budget, a workgroup will be convened including NAMI, VA housing alliance, VA sheriffs association, and others
- DMAS will perform study looking at the provision of benefits for people leaving jail
- DCJS MH in Jail pilot grants were awarded January 1st

Advisory Group Updates/Discussion

Round room discussion of local initiatives, successes, challenges and topics of interest. Some of the topics/issues discussed include:

- Jail release and access to benefits
- Transitional age groups (keeping 18-25 year olds out of jail, diversion/deflection, resources in the community, transition from criminal justice to foster care, housing)
- Social workers in public defender offices
- Continuity of care
- Workforce retention, development, and training
- Transportation
- Guns in the hands of ECO/TDO cases
- CIT recertification
- Juvenile concerns and work underway (see: Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM))
- Clarifying and defining the term ‘diversion’. How is it used? When is it used? Developing a common language
- issues concerning the dual SA/MH population, particularly around the opioid epidemic

III. Future Direction

Activity Matrix

- Handout (see attached)

Future direction of the Center both structurally and substantively

- A number of themes emerged from the round room discussion which will serve as the work of the Center moving forward. The Executive Team will present a strategy for moving forward based on feedback received from the advisory group.

IV. Center Business/Logistics

The Center Coordinator will send a survey to Advisory Group Members to determine the frequency/duration of future meetings and to gather additional feedback.

Action Items/Next Steps

- ✓ *A scheduler will be sent to identify the best date/time for the next meeting*
- ✓ *A survey will be sent to determine preferred frequency/duration of future meetings and feedback regarding structure, process, etc.*

- ✓ *The Executive Committee will present a strategy to the Advisory Group for moving forward, to include specific action items/objectives*
- ✓ *Denise Malone will send Jana a link to the Red Onion documentary to forward to the Advisory Group*
- ✓ *Jana will forward the 'Save the Date' announcement and registration information for the Office of Attorney General's 'Future Directions in Re-entry: People, Policy and Progress' Regional Trainings*
- ✓ *Jana will send CJ & Homelessness workgroup's 'Funding and Services' Matrix to the Advisory Committee*
- ✓ *Jana will send information about the Governor's Coordinating Council on Homelessness 'Social Determinants of Health: Creating Housing Solutions for Virginia's Vulnerable Citizens' Summit, Monday June 5th, Norfolk, Virginia*

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