

CJPAC Research Workgroup Meeting

CVH, Page Hall, Middletown Room 217

July 8th, 2009

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Chair: Linda DeConti, Research Unit Manager (CJPPD/OPM)

Present: Ivan Kuzyk, Research Unit Assistant Manager (OPM), Marissa Presbury, Research Unit Intern (OPM), Kelsey Opozda, Research Unit Intern (OPM), Loel Meckel, Asst. Director Forensic Services (DMHAS); Dr. Linda K. Frisman, Director of Research (DMHAS), Susan Glass, Program Manager (CSSD); Fred Watton, Parole Officer (BOPP); Kitty Dudley, Counselor Supervisor (DOC); Patrick Hynes, Director of Program and Treatment (DOC); Mary Lansing, Associate Research Analyst (DOC); Lois Desmarais, Planning Specialist (DPS), Judy Lee, Case flow Management Specialist (Court Operations); Michelle Altomare, Associate Research Analyst (DOC), Chris Reinhart, Esq., Senior Attorney (OLR),

Excused: John Lahda, Executive Director (BOPP); Lynn Milling, Acting Director (DOC), Al Bidorini, Director of Planning (DMHAS), Rebecca Fleming, Parole Manager (DOC), Cheryl Cepelak, Director (DOC), Rich Sparaco, Parole/Community Services Manager (BOPP); John Forbes, Assistant Division Director (OPM), Alan Calandro, Section Chief (OFA)

Guest: David Rentler, Psychologist (BOPP)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS and DELIVERABLES	DATE
Accept Minutes:	The Minutes from the May meeting were accepted as written.		
Monthly Report:	The July 2009 Monthly Indicators was discussed and to be completed shortly	DRAFT to be sent. Due Mon, July 13th	
SJS Grants:	2009 Award confirmed for upcoming fiscal year.	COMPLETED	
What Kinds of Research Should We Be Doing?	Dr. Patrick Hynes, Director of Program and Treatment, DOC will provide and update. Dr. Linda K. Frisman, Director of Research for the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will also provide an update if available. Based on new data available for monthly criminal arrests totals that included totals from each arresting police agency - SAC Director Ivan Kuzyk will lead a discussion on the concentrations of arrests in the cities and monthly arrest trends.	Discuss "Partners in Progress" page 7 and follow the process as outlined by Dr. Hynes	
Parole Intern Project Update	Discuss issues related to the time lag in offenders making it out to parole, including the cueing of offenders and preliminary findings on 195 parolees with VTP dates in January 2009. Also may include information on revocations and special parolees with a VTP date in January 2009.	Presentation by Interns and Ivan	
Recidivism and Mental Health Scores	SAC Director Ivan Kuzyk will discuss further analysis to be done with the assistance of Loel Meckel, Asst Director DMHAS and Alfred Bidorini, DMHAS Director of Planning.	DRAFT report to be distributed at the next meeting.	
Agency Updates:	BOPP: In June there were 26 regular hearing dates (up from 22 prior month - still need to cross-check for accuracy) with an average of 13 cases per hearing. There were also 4 hearing dates held for Parole Violations (revocation and rescissions). There were 290 parole grants and 46 denials. The grant rate was 86%. In addition, there were a total of 126 individual violation hearings of which 87 cases were re-paroled (55 revoked and re-paroled and 32 cases were rescinded and re-paroled). Transfer Parole numbers for the month of June are 428 Total Reviewed (57 Approved, 230 Denied and 141 Continued (Denied with New Transfer Parole Review Date)).		
	DMHAS: DMHAS has coordinated development of a draft MOA for DMHAS, DOC, BOPP, DDS, DCF, and the Judicial Branch to accept each agency's Release of Information. This effort was identified by the CJPAC Behavior Health Subcommittee as necessary to reduce a significant barrier to the flow of information among these agencies to permit continuity of care for shared clients. Line staff of these agencies were often not familiar with other agencies' Releases and reluctant to honor them which then delayed information sharing. The next step is for review of the draft MOA by the Attorney General's office for the Executive Branch agencies and the Legal Office of the Judicial Branch.		

	<p>CSSD: The Intake, Assessment and Referral Units across the State are being collapsed into the Supervision units – allowing for more continuity of supervision and better allocation of resources. Policy was updated to incorporate the new Risk Reduction Indicators report – and to structure local, regional, and central meetings on the data produced by these reports. Orbis Partners from Ottawa made a 4 day visit – during which numerous focus groups and interviews were held regarding the NIC WOCM project. We hope to have a report from them soon. A re-evaluation of Wheeler ARRC has begun and we hope to produce a report on clients referred to ARRC within the next quarter. As required under Connecticut General Statute 53a-29(g) , the first reports on the term reduction legislation were due: Whenever the court sentences a person, on or after October 1, 2008, to a period of probation of more than two years for a class C or D felony or an unclassified felony or more than one year for a class A or B misdemeanor, the probation officer supervising such person shall submit a report to the sentencing court, the state's attorney and the attorney of record, if any, for such person, not later than sixty days prior to the date such person completes two years of such person's period of probation for such felony or one year of such person's period of probation for such misdemeanor setting forth such person's progress in addressing such person's assessed needs and complying with the conditions of such person's probation.</p>	
	<p>Judicial Court Operations: Regular legislative session has concluded with minimal impact on criminal clerk's offices for July 1st implementation. We continue to review Public Acts for October 1st implementation. Implementation of Public Act 08-102 "Probation Review" is complete. This Public Act has a huge impact on the processes in the clerk's office. The Public Act requires that whenever the court sentences a person to a period of probation of more than 2 years for a class C or D felony or an unclassified felony or more than 1 year for a class A or B misdemeanor, the probation officer shall submit a report to the sentencing court not later than 60 days prior to the date such person completes 2 years of probation for a felony or 1 year of probation for a misdemeanor. The report shall state whether the probation should be continued for the duration of the original period or be terminated. This legislation required a new transaction in the Criminal/Motor Vehicle System, including the filing, continuing and disposition of cases, new dockets, the creation of new forms and notice sent to the attorney of record. Extensive testing of processes with CSSD has taken place over the last several months. It is anticipated that cases will begin to be filed this month for Probation Review hearings.</p>	
<p>Agency Updates Continued:</p>	<p>DPS: <i>CT Dept. of Public Safety, Div. of State Police, Crimes Analysis Unit</i> Final corrections to the CT State Police (CSP) data for 2006 will be included in the May CSP file, which is expected soon. We will then generate the final 2006 Crime in CT report. There are about 550 CSP arrests to be entered for 2007; all of these arrests are locked cases. The Crimes Analysis unit (CAU) cannot enter these missing arrests because the unit does not have access to locked cases. The CAD/RMS unit at CSP will enter these arrests when they can; without overtime it is difficult to find time for this data entry. New Haven has submitted their NIBRS data through February of 2009. Consequently, a trial run of the 2008 Crime in CT report is ready to be generated, but the 2007 report must be completed first. The preliminary Family Violence reports for 2008 will be distributed to the police chiefs soon for their review. The Hate Crime reports for 2008 cannot be generated until CAU receives the hate crime data for July 2008 through December 2008 from New Haven. Darrin Moor from the FBI conducted a regional NIBRS training at the Groton Town Police Department on June 16th. Two research analysts from the Crimes Analysis unit attended Crystal Report training on June 29th and 30th. The Crystal training will enable CAU to perform better data quality reviews.</p>	
	<p>DOC: There was an increase of 115 in the overall incarcerated population for the month of June 2009. The Pretrial male population increased by approximately 162 offenders and the sentenced incarcerated males decreased by 84. The pretrial female population increased by 28 and the sentenced incarcerated females increased by 9. The Community population experienced a slight increase in both Parole and Transitional Supervision with T/S increasing by 31 to 1144 offenders and Parole by 50 to 1364. The DOC closed the overflow unit at Corrigan (gym) during the month.</p>	
<p>BOPP Monthly Report: Training and Documentation</p>	<p>Unfortunately, the BOPP/DOC Monthly/Quarterly reports are not being done by Michelle Altomare on behalf of both DOC and/or BOPP, as planned. Michelle reported that Jerry Stowell is still doing these reports and will continue to work for DOC in a voluntary capacity. It was explained that there are serious legal and labor issues in continuing to use Jerry to perform "FREE" work. OPM has invested a significant amount of time and effort in developing training materials, documentation for how to</p>	

	generate these reports and facilitated a transition plan to address these issues ahead of time. Patrick Hynes offered to look into this matter and to get a resolution within DOC on the issue of Jerry Stowell. A smaller subgroup of CJPAC Research was expected to meet after Michelle Altomare had successfully published these reports independently for a number of months. After acquiring a thorough understanding the underlying data and how these reports are generated, it was thought by this subgroup that a better determination of the key information could be derived. The historical data still being scanned and retained by OPM on a DRAFT webpage at http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2976&Q=433798&PM=1 .	
Reentry in CT: Partners in Progress	Training materials and copies of presentation are posted on the website for those unable to attend. http://www.ct.gov/doc/lib/doc/PDF/PDFReport/StrategicPlanReentry09.pdf	COMPLETED
Other Information:	Criminal History Project – Summary of BJS meeting in DC on April 28th. CCSU Re-entry Studies – Dr. Cox received comments on the Halfway House study from Ivan and Pat Hynes. OPM is still waiting to see a revised draft of changes.	
Prison Forecast Model:	Follow-up on the development of a prison forecasting model with the assistance of Dr. Pablo Martinez, at Texas State University. CTMODEL 1.0	Pending Dr. Martinez's availability and other priorities.
Evaluation Studies	Dr. Linda K. Frisman, Director of Research for the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services recommend two (2) cross agency studies that are underway that would meet the requirements of the CJPPD Evaluation Studies	More details will be shared at our next meeting.
New Business	CJIS Update – CJIS, CIIS and CIDRIS project Updates. Changing Roles. Collaborative Data Requests for Research Purposes Meeting with DOIT/CJIS staff - on hold due to other priorities JRSA/BJS Computerized Criminal History (CCH) RFP and Re-entry Studies No updates have been received from Dr. Cox on these projects.	
Meeting Schedule:	Aug 12, 2009 – DPS, 1111 Country Club Rd, Rm. 252, Middletown Sep 09, 2009 – DOC, MacDougall-Walker, 1153 East St. South, Suffield Oct 14, 2009 – TBD Nov 18, 2009 – TBD Dec 09, 2009 – TBD	Regular Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon