

CJPAC Research Workgroup Meeting

CVH, Page Hall, Middletown Room 212

October 14th, 2009

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

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

Present: Carol Salsbury, Deputy Commissioner (DOC), Lynn Milling, Acting Director (DOC), Kitty Dudley, Counselor Supervisor (DOC); Mary Lansing, Associate Research Analyst (DOC); Michelle Altomare, Associate Research Analyst (DOC), Ivan Kuzyk, Lead Planning Analyst (OPM), Loel Meckel, Asst. Director Forensic Services (DMHAS); Dr. Linda K. Frisman, Director of Research (DMHAS), Fred Watton, Parole Officer (BOPP); Lois Desmarais, Planning Specialist (DPS), Chris Reinhart, Esq., Senior Attorney (OLR)

Excused: Patrick Hynes, Director of Program and Treatment (DOC); Judy Lee, Case flow Management Specialist (Court Operations); Brian Hill, Manager (CSSD), Susan Glass, Program Manager (CSSD); John Lahda, Executive Director (BOPP); 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)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS and DELIVERABLES	DATE
Accept Minutes:	The Minutes from the July meeting were accepted as written.		
Monthly Report:	The October 2009 Monthly Indicators was discussed and to be completed shortly	DRAFT distributed for review.	
Recidivism	SAC Director Ivan Kuzyk solicited input for the upcoming Annual report and asked workgroup members to email him with their recommended areas of analysis.		
Agency Updates:	<p>BOPP: In September there were 23 regular hearing dates with an average of 10 cases per hearing. There were also 4 hearing dates held for Parole Violations (revocation and rescissions). There were 206 parole grants and 34 denials (240 total heard) . The grant rate was 86%. In addition, there were a total of 84 violation hearings of which 77 cases were reparaoled (57 revoked and re-paraoled) and 20 cases were rescinded and re-paraoled).</p>		
	<p>DMHAS: The CJPAC Behavioral Health subcommittee has identified a number of system barriers that present obstacles to success in the community for offenders with mental illness and/or addictions. For nearly two years, OPM coordinated a committee that included DSS, DOC, UConn Correctional Managed Health Care, DMHAS, and CSSD to implement a pilot program to address one of these issues - providing medications to inmates with unplanned discharges from DOC. Starting September 21, 2009, New Haven court defendants who have been in jail and are released from custody by the court will be able to go to a local pharmacy to obtain the medications that they were prescribed in jail. A similar pilot will start soon in Waterbury. If successful, Connecticut will have resolved a problem that has not been resolved in any other state due to multiple legal, regulatory, funding, and logistical barriers. Reduced SFY10 funding for DMHAS community forensic programs will not require reductions in staff for any of the service programs. DMHAS and CSSD have started meeting to streamline continuity of care for CSSD clients who require mental health and/or substance abuse services..</p>		
	<p>CSSD: Judicial-CSSD wrapped up statewide meetings with field operations staff to introduce the Risk Reduction Initiative and Results Based Accountability in August 2009. Over 1,400 CSSD and contractor employees took part in 28 meetings held across the state. Executive Director Bill Carbone spoke at each meeting to kick off the initiative. CSSD research staff finalized Risk Reduction Indicators reports for each of six operating disciplines. Reports are generated quarterly for field and management staff. Adult Probation special projects evaluations will be completed in December 2009/January 2010. Final reports will be presented by CCSU at that time.</p>		
	<p>Judicial Court Operations: E-signature legislation has passed. No report.</p>		

Agency Updates Continued:	<p>DPS: CT Dept. of Public Safety, Div. of State Police, Crimes Analysis Unit The 2006 Crime in CT report was posted to the website in August. The Crimes Analysis unit (CAU) is currently working on the 2007 Crime in CT report. New Haven is up-to-date on their NIBRS reporting for the first time in over two years. The CT Family Violence (FV) Homicide report for 2008 has been completed and is currently being reviewed by the Crimes Analysis staff. The other two 2008 CT FV reports cannot be completed until we receive about a dozen case reports from Middletown and a handful of corrections from West Haven. Hate crime data from UCR towns are now submitted to the FBI in a paperless format. In the past all hate crimes from UCR towns were faxed to the FBI; the information is now emailed as PDF files. Once we receive seven hate crime reports from New Haven, we will be able to generate the CT Hate Crime report for 2008. Darrin Moor from the FBI conducted a regional NIBRS training at Post University in Waterbury, CT on October 7th. There were approximately 50 attendees representing 26 different police departments.</p>		
	<p>DOC: There was a decrease of 88 in the overall incarcerated population for the month of September 2009 with a total of 18786 on 9/30/09. The Pretrial male population began and ended the month with the same total of 4049. The sentenced male population decreased by 117 for a total of 13504. The Pretrial female population increased by 17 to 397 and the sentenced female population increased by 12 to 836. The Transitional Supervision population increased slightly by 4 to 1094 and the Parole count increased by 47 during the month for a total of 1585.</p>		
BOPP Monthly Report Update	<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. Eric Ellison will most likely be taking over from Jerry Stowell in producing these reports. The historical data is 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.</p>		
Evaluation Studies	<p>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</p>		
New Business	<p>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</p> <p>JRSA/BJIS Computerized Criminal History (CCH) RFP and Re-entry Studies No updates have been received from Dr. Cox on these projects.</p>		
Meeting Schedule:	<p>Nov 18, 2009 – CVH/Russell Hall, 2nd flr Conf. Rm Dec 09, 2009 – DOC, MacDougall-Walker, Suffield Jan 13, 2009 – TBD</p>	<p>Regular Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon</p>	