

Milwaukee County Community Justice Council
Mental Health Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

February 3rd, 2014 at 2:00pm
Safety Building 405Q

Attended: Nate Holton (CJC), Edward Warzonek (BHD), Colleen Foley (Corporation Counsel), Peter Hoeffel (NAMI), Gena Sousa (BHD), Eric Collins (BHD), Kent Lovern (DA), Tom Reed (SPD), Paige Styler (SPD), Adam Oldenburg (WCS), Nick Sayner (JusticePoint), Karen Dubis (MPD), Jim Kubicek (BHD), Sue Eckhart (Justice2000), Erin King (DOC), Jody (?)

I. CCP Update from BHD

- Gena Sousa updated the group that BHD will be scheduling the training for Case Managers and Providers in March. The ongoing project to provide long-term care coordination for the chronic consumer list (80 people) will be separate than other BHD Initiatives and the Medical Authorization Form will be processed into their medical records.

II. Consent Form Edits (SPD)

- The group had a conversation about the current state of the consent form with edits from SPD. The group discussed putting the consent form through each legal department of the various agencies that are working with it. They discussed the extent to which each organization is aware of the CCP initiative so that the policy will be effective in practice. That would require training for treatment providers and case managers to better prepare themselves for how to use this document. The group discussed adding that component into the March training with BHD.
- Colleen Foley observed that the medical authorization form should provide language such as 51 Commitments.
- The group had a discussion about information sharing; who would be responsible for sharing the bulk of information about clients. The group discussed having a mechanism within where information would be shared immediately with all other agencies. Based on specific needs this could problem solve what service would be appropriate for what client. Sue Eckhart also suggested that we find a way to connect with the Municipal Warrant System so that people are not rebooked after release due to existing warrants.

III. Collaboration within the CJS / Case Studies

- The group heard about a specific case where a parole officer had a conversation with their client about the CCP Initiative and signing the Medical Authorization Form. This client was struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues and agreed that his participation and signature in this project would be beneficial to his well being. The probation and parole officer suggested that this could be a potential pilot case for the CCP Initiative.

IV. U.S. Department of Justice Mental Health Grant

- Nate presented information about the Federal Mental Health Second Chance Act Reentry Program Grant. This grant would be used for screening and assessment in a pre-release setting and deliver evidence-based programming in a pre-release and post release setting. This grant would award up to \$600,000 dollars in a 24 month period. What is required through this grant is a project abstract, program narrative, budget narrative, and project deadline. The deadline for the application is just a few weeks away so the group discussed finding a grant writer as soon as possible.
- The group had a discussion on what this grant could do for the committee's initiatives and discussed the role of an organization that would oversee this initiative. Gena Sousa commented on a project she had worked on with the HOC that was largely successful. It was called Windows to Work, and with the grant they received they were able to fund a majority of their efforts including finding Housing and employment opportunities for the men eligible.

V. Next CIT Meeting will be on March 3rd at 2pm in the Safety Building Room 607