

**DUTCHESS COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL
SPECIAL POPULATONS COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes—October 29, 2018

Present: Jonathan Heller, Chairman, D.C. Probation & Community Corrections
Dr. Gary Christensen, CJC Consultant
Shirley Adams, Catharine Street Center, CIC
Winifred Milkovich, D.C. Jail
Sam Busselle, Citizen Representative
Charles Robitaille, DBCH
Martin Lynch, Project M.O.R.E.
Honorable Frank Mora, Poughkeepsie City Court
Michael Miano, HVMH/FSI
Dawn Hawley, CJC Coordinator

1. Approval of June Minutes – The minutes of October 1, 2018 were approved on a motion by Judge Mora, seconded by Marty Lynch.

2. RESTART update – Charlie reported that there is a new screening process for RESTART. Inmates are being interviewed at preclassification as they come into the jail. Probation and a clinician are using motivational interviewing and explaining the process. The clinician can evaluate whether someone is ready to participate in the RESTART program. This also helps identify people with serious mental illness. People with serious mental illness are not excluded but must be able to participate in the program. Charlie did not have a monthly report today but said that the numbers are increasing for Hudson Valley Mental Health in terms of outpatient appointments. We are making sure people are keeping appointments in the community.

Charlie said they are looking for space to accommodate case managers who will work full time in the community starting in January. In addition to the CORE program with Linda Woodbine, we will have case managers working in the community with various programs.

There was a MRT facilitators meeting that went very well. Everyone involved wants to be sure that there is fidelity to the model.

3. Quality Assurance Update – Jon reported that in order to better serve the courts, we made changes to the intake process. We will screen and vet people who have the proper proxy score. We will have a contract developed for the court and individual. We will communicate with the court at prescribed intervals regarding their progress in RESTART. They can be released on interim probation supervision to complete RESTART in the community. Their commitment and level of participation in the program will drive their favorable outcome in court.

Jon reported that the Special Needs subcommittee meets every other month. They meet to explore options and possibilities. Steve Miccio was doing a survey to find out if other jails are having the same issues with people who have severe mental health issues. At this meeting specific inmates are discussed with the intent to move them along in the process. Mike Miano from HVMH participates in the Wednesday flow meetings. Within the last three months there has been an increase in referrals. HVMH is following up on community referrals to their agency. Judge Mora said he thinks it would be great to have bench marks. Jon said this is targeted recidivism reduction. Gary added that they are working on what those bench marks will be.

4. Opioid Task Force Update -

The Opioid Task force is working on a new track for people that are addicted. The goal is to get them connected to the CORE program at Lexington as quickly as possible. A CORE representative will be at the jail to screen and interview them. They will meet again this week.

5. New Business –

Sam asked about the process for reviewing the plans for the jail. Shirley said there is a presentation November 27th at 230 North Road on the jail design and layout. The public is invited. Jon said that Special Population was consulted regarding the design for RESTART. Our goal was to insure that there was adequate programming space within the RESTART unit.

6. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Robitaille, seconded by Winnie Milkovich.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 3, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.