

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

August 1, 2016
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Ronald Knapp, Chair, City of Poughkeepsie Acting City Administrator
Kevin Warwick, ASAI, Consultant
Thomas Angell, DC Public Defender's Office, Re-Entry Committee Chair
William Eckert, DC DBCH
Johnathan Heller, DC Probation & Community Corrections
Kevin Hazucha, Hudson Valley Mental Health
Martin Lynch, Project M.O.R.E.
Winifred Milkovich, DC Jail
Mark Sasvary, Hudson Valley Mental Health
Mary Ellen Still, DC Probation & Community Corrections
Kendra Harris, CJC Administrative Coordinator

1. Approval of July meeting minutes

Approval of the July minutes was postponed until the next meeting to give members sufficient time to review them.

2. Updates on RESTART program

Bill Eckert reported things are going well and the program is being implemented as intended. Over the next several weeks, additional groups will be added. Space limitations are challenging, but correctional staff has done everything possible to provide sufficient space for RESTART. Bill also reported that 100 additional Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) manuals were ordered last week. Bill will follow up to ensure the Public Defender's Office is receiving communications. Jon Heller mentioned that a presentation on RESTART was given by the RESTART providers at the July Criminal Justice Council meeting and was well received.

Marty Lynch announced that Project M.O.R.E. has tentatively scheduled a Motivational Interviewing training to be held in Dutchess County on November 4th and 5th. Marty agreed to send out further details about the training to various committee members. Motivational

Interviewing is an important skill for providers.

Kevin Warwick sent a link to an article on gender responsiveness: *Building Gender Informed Practices at the Pretrial Stage: Lessons Learned about Implementing the Inventory of Needs (ION) in Dutchess County, NY* (<http://cjinvolwedwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Pre-trial-Monograph-Final-Designed.pdf>) from the National Resource Center on Justice Involved Women. Kevin suggested that an article about the RESTART program should be considered in the future once we have some additional data on the effectiveness of the model.

3. Quality Assurance Committee update

Kevin reported that the committee met and discussed performance measures which will be reviewed during this meeting. Mary Haight has provided extensive assistance in formulating and adjusting the North Pointe system for data and statistical collection. He reiterated that the recidivism rates will likely show a gradual decrease as the program becomes more refined.

4. Update on jail planning

Kevin reported that the program areas needed for group space will be reviewed. Our committee's recommendations will be taken into consideration in planning and developing the Justice and Transition Center. Kevin and Mary Ellen Still commented how helpful it has been to have Noel Knille, Commissioner of Public Works, present at committee meetings.

5. Update on performance measures

A handout of suggested performance measures was distributed. Jon Heller explained that the performance measures are specific to the processes in the RESTART program beginning with admission through post release. The workgroup was assisted by Dr. Gary Christensen. The committee analyzed and discussed the document and made clarifications and minor modifications. The data analyzed by the consultants and the committee belongs to the county. The workgroup will develop outcome measures for review and approval next.

6. Old Business

Medication Assisted Treatment

Tom requested that the committee continue to discuss ways to incorporate Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) into Dutchess County's system of practices. The committee agreed to continue discussing and evaluating MAT and other options for the county.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: **Monday, October 3, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.**