

## SPECIAL POPULATIONS WORKGROUP MEETING

July 20, 2015

### AGENDA:

1. RESTART update
2. Women's programming
3. Software Committee update
4. Quality Assurance and Workflow Committee update
5. Providers update
6. New Business

### PRESENT: Chief Ronald Knapp—Chairperson

Kevin Warwick, Consultant

Bill Eckert, Shirley Adams, Colleen Feroe, Martin Lynch, Margaret Hirst,  
Hon. Frank Mora, Kevin Hazucha, Mary Ellen Still, Bill O'Neil, Tom Angell,  
Gary Christensen, George Krom, Jon Heller and Onaje Benjamin

The meeting began with introductions of those present.

RESTART Update—George stated that we are moving along, but starting the program requires moving inmates from one area of the facility to another. George plans to speak with the COC again about Classification. We have 21 on the program unit with 15 more either pending admission or screening. George also indicated that we need to file for a variance for the PODS every 90 days with the COC.

Kevin stressed that consistency among the programs (both in-jail and community) is critical. Colleen noted that ITAP has added Seeking Safety and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) to their program and that we have a trainer for Seeking Safety. Transitional Housing is also adding programs that will be consistent with those offered at the jail. Having RESTART and community providers doing this is a great step forward for the county.

Bill O'Neil thanked committee members for their work which required a great deal of planning and data analysis as well as time and effort outside the formal committee meetings. Our next steps are critical as we execute the plans put into place. He stressed the importance of working together and looking at planning from a systems' perspective. As we approach the fall, we will need to look at outcomes as plans are implemented and site plans and costs are outlined.

Kevin mentioned that we will need to test our model in relation to outcomes. Gary spoke about the need to streamline procedures and identify potential participants early

in the process. Those with a Proxy score of 4 to 6 are potential candidates. Probation would be able to provide Proxy scores.

Kevin stated that this is a new process, but that it is needed to become part of the culture and flow smoothly. We need to have consistent criteria and procedures in place. Onaje is screening inmates. Implementing a program of this scope is a learning process for everyone involved. Gary spoke about the importance of having Corrections Officers be a part of the process and understand it. Kevin stated that the PREA Research Center has information available for individuals working in corrections and he will e-mail the website and the training materials.

Women's Program—the workgroup will meet later today.

Software Committee—the group drafted items they felt are important for the case management system. They are meeting later today in an effort to finalize information regarding next steps to obtaining case management software for RESTART.

Quality Assurance and Workflow Committee—policies are being finalized Bill Eckert has a working draft that the group will go over today and will develop a final draft for the next meeting.

Providers' update—Bill Eckert and the quality assurance team presented the in-jail curricula to a number of community providers. Continuity was stressed for a smooth transition from jail-based to community programming. Nicole from the Community Transition Center (CTC) informed the group about the Ready, Set, Work program and Colleen spoke about evidence-based programming. The information was well received by the provider and there was discussions about additional training in the coming months.

New Business--George mentioned that inmates will have tablets available to them for educational purposes. There may be an ability to provide some curricula information on the tablets to support their learning in the RESTART program.

Ron stated the first CIT training has been completed and had very good reviews. Future classes are being planned and we will have people trained to deliver the curriculum.

At our next meeting, there will be further discussion on program implementation as well as reports from the workgroups and committees.

**FUTURE MEETINGS: MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**  
Public Safety Building, Poughkeepsie