



OMHSAS Justice Related Update

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Cross-Systems Communication Strategies and Training Opportunities

State Level Collaboration

- **Governor's Re-entry Task Force**
 - National Governors Association Re-entry Policy Academy
 - Re-entry Specialist, Governor's Policy Office
 - Re-entry Planning --all State Agencies (Enhanced Re-entry, Psychiatric Review Team [PRT] Timeline)
 - Continuity of Care (DC-551), Access to treatment and benefits, Information sharing



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Commission for Justice Initiatives in PA- Mental Health Initiatives Group

- **Convened by PA Supreme Court Chief Justice**
- **Embraced Sequential Intercept Model as a planning tool**
 - **Intercept 1-Law enforcement/Police Training**
 - **Intercept 2-Magisterial District Courts/Training**
 - **Intercept 3-Trial Courts/Mental Health Courts**

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Legislative Budget Finance Committee (LBFC) Report

- Response to Senate Resolution 125 on fiscal impact of jail diversion
www.lbfc.legis.state.pa.us/reports/2007/296.PDF
- Collaboration with DOC, PA Board of Probation and Parole, DPW/OMHSAS
 - Allegheny, Philadelphia, Chester Counties
 - Findings: early cost shifting, cost savings over time
 - Recommendations: recognize local needs and strengths, reinforce local collaboration, create funding stream with joint agency oversight

Promote MH Participation on local Community Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs)

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD): State level Criminal Justice Planning Agency

- **Promotes CJAB concept at local level**
www.pccd.state.pa.us
- **Sets minimum operating standards for CJABs**
- **Announcement for funding opportunity**
 - **Requires CJAB endorsement**
 - **Requires joint planning, application**



Promote MH Participation on local CJABs

Current CJABs

- 50 counties have some variation
- Not all CJABs have MH participation

Opportunities to participate

- Encourage involvement in local CJAB
- Upcoming CJAB training will highlight collaboration with MH community



Identify best practices, promote development of model programs, encourage local solutions

○ **Intercept 1 –**

- Progress to report – Work to do
- Allegheny CIT, Cambria CIT, Philadelphia RESPONSE

○ **Intercept 2 –**

- Central booking locations, crisis response centers, District Magistrate training

○ **Intercept 3 –**

- Mental Health Courts- 5 in PA
- Treatment services in Jails, State Hospital Forensic Centers

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○ **Intercept 4 –**

- Re-entry Planners, Forensic Case Managers, Liaisons
- Working with State and County Corrections

○ **Intercept 5 –**

- Inclusion of justice-involved individuals in PACT, CTT, Peer Specialists, Housing, Employment initiatives

DPW Request for Proposals for Privatization of State Hospital Forensic Services

- **No decision yet**
- **Proposals will:**
 - **Maintain current capacity of inpatient beds**
 - **Enhance communication, collaboration and flow**
 - **Establish non-hospital residential transition beds**

http://www.dgsweb.state.pa.us/RTA/FileDownload.aspx?file=RFP%2004-07_0.pdf

Supporting Projects

- County Plan Guidelines will require Forensic Services Plan
- HealthChoices contract language change to require Letters of Agreement with state and county corrections and probation/parole
- Continuing the Forensic Evaluator Project with Drexel University
www.pfep.org



Supporting Projects

- Inventory existing specialty services in PA – develop communication strategy to Get the Word Out
- Partner with PCCD for grant initiative targeted to MH Court Development
- Develop Specialty training & resources for Certified Peer Specialists- project with PMHCA

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