

Council on Mentally Ill Offenders Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2017 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Room
1515 K Street, 5th Floor, Suite 550, Sacramento, CA 95814

I. Welcome, Roll Call

Executive Officer Welch conducted a roll call. The following members were present:

Manual Jimenez, Vice Chair, Former Behavioral Health Director, Alameda County

Mark Grabau, Chief Psychologist, California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) (representing DSH Director, Pamela Ahlin)

Alfred Joshua, MD, MBA, FAAEM Chief Medical Officer, San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Mack Jenkins, Retired Chief Probation Officer, San Diego County

Brenda Grealish, Chief, Mental Health Services Division, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) (representing DHCS Director, Jennifer Kent)

Stephen Manley, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge

Mathew Garcia, Field Training Officer, Sacramento Police Department

By Phone:

Lester P. Pincu, Professor Emeritus of Criminology, CSU Fresno

CDCR Staff Present:

- Diana Toche, DDS, Undersecretary Health Care Services, CDCR
- Stephanie Welch, MSW, Executive Officer, COMIO
- Michelle Grant, Program Analyst
- Norine Occhipinti, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

II. Discussion on Medi-Cal and the Justice-Involved: Dr. Clemens Hong, Director, Whole Person Care Pilot, Los Angeles

Dr. Clemens Hong, director of the Whole Person Care Pilot in Los Angeles, gave a PowerPoint presentation providing the council with an overview of the Whole Person Care Pilot and an update on its progress.

IV. Update on State Budget and Administration Priorities for 2017-18: Diane Cummins, Special Advisor to the Governor, State and Local Realignment, California Department of Finance

Ms. Cummins provided a detailed update on the Governor's proposed budget as it relates to funding for programs administered by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and COMIO's partners.

V. Break

VI. Policy Priorities from COMIO Key Partners

The following COMIO partners provided updates to the council on their current activities, projects, and planned policy priorities for the year 2017.

- Kathleen Howard, Executive Director, Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) noted that the BSCC will hold its Strategic Planning session on February 15, 2017, the Request for Proposals (RFP) for funding through Proposition 47 Public Safety and Realignment Act has been released and proposals are due by February 21, 2017, and the Board's division of Standards and Training for Corrections has revised the CORE training requirements to include improved training on behavioral health and will be contracting with an instructional designer for a behavioral health lesson plan.
- Kirsten Barlow, Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA), noted that CBHDA's executive committee would like to invite Secretary Kernan to attend a CBHDA Board Meeting and that CBHDA's priorities match up with those of COMIO, but they are additionally prioritizing access to treatment while incarcerated. Executive Director Barlow mentioned that CBHDA is pleased to see that the state is maintaining a commitment to state general funded decisions and priorities including the Drug Medical Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) and is writing a letter of support for the increase in CDCR's rehabilitation budget. Ms. Barlow also reviewed the bills that CBHDA will be sponsoring.
- Darby Kernan, Legislative Representative, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), noted that the administration and Secretary Kernan have been meeting and working on the details and regulations of Proposition 57 and have included CSAC and other stakeholders in the process. Ms. Kernan mentioned that CSAC has been heavily involved in helping counties seek reimbursement for people who have received inpatient care in hospital while incarcerated through the Medical Inmate Program (MCIP). CSAC is also participating in a task force regarding Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) and how to address issues around individuals who are IST. CSAC is sponsoring legislation regarding domestic violence to increase the effectiveness of batterer intervention programs.
- Ashley Mills, Senior Researcher, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, noted that MHSOAC supports ensuring that crisis services system is responsive and effective and is also looking at prevention and early intervention in innovation dollars to work toward systems change. MHSOAC is supporting counties and state governments to do data linkage and match work to understand the Mental Health needs of those who are justice-involved. A second round of Requests for Proposals (RFAs) for SB 82 triage grants will be released.
- Carrie Zoller, Supervising Attorney, Center for Families, Children and the Courts, Operations and Programs Division, Judicial Council of California and Arley Lindberg, Analyst, Criminal Justice Services, Operations and Programs Division, Judicial Council of California provided an update on the Recidivism Reduction Fund and Parolee Reentry Court Program. They stated that Reentry Court participants were found to be less likely to recidivate and spent less time in prison than other parolees. They also mentioned that their publications are available on their website.

VIII. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Presentations on Behavioral Health Services: Jay Virbal, Director, Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) and Cynthia Flores-DeLyon, Deputy Director, DRP

Director Virbal explained that DRP is a service model which provides services to offenders inside institutions. The division has taken a different approach this year, going from a reentry hub model, offering Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) or educational programs that would fit their needs at the time, to having CBT at every institution. This has stopped transfer to those programs which allows the family to be more involved in recovery and allows the

inmates to keep their jobs within the institution. There are also transitions classes to prepare people for reentry which are five weeks long and are being offered at 34 out of 35 institutions. Deputy Director Flores-DeLyon, described the new rehabilitative case plan which went live in January. It provides a snapshot of the inmates' information including, but not limited to, when they will be released, any cognitive impairments, mental health and substance use needs, reading level, risk level (risk to reoffend), achievements and completions. This snapshot is to be included in their packet when it is sent to counties and parole agents to help with their transition back into the community. All inmates in prison are given the opportunity to obtain identification, it is part of making sure that they can be enrolled in Medicaid upon release. It is required that the parole agent assist in continuing the enrollment plan upon release that was started pre-release.

*****Public Comment*****

Heidi Strunk, California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations (CAMHPRO) - Ms. Strunk stated that CAMHPRO would like to formally request that COMIO expand the council to include consumers. She expressed that CAMHPRO has client experts whose expertise address the needs of justice-involved individuals with behavioral health needs. In collaboration with other statewide groups, CAMHPRO is moving forward with a peer certification bill and asking for support from COMIO for the bill.

Dorinda Wiseman, California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) – Ms. Wiseman explained that members of the planning council are concerned about COMIO membership and would like to complement the statement from CAMHPRO for the need for members with lived experience. CMHPC is part of the collaboration to move forward with peer certification bill and is also sponsoring the Workforce Education and Training (W.E.T.) Summit.

Joe Partansky - Mr. Partansky discussed the idea of inmates having sponsors like they would in a 12-step program, now that more programming is being brought into the facilities. He also suggested cross-training, including cross-cultural training, between staff and providers.

VII. Break for Lunch

VIII. **California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Presentations on Behavioral Health Services:** Lisa Heintz, Chief Clinical Program Administrator, Division of Adult Parole Operations

Ms. Heintz explained the mental health continuum within Parole, from pre-release to reentry. She discussed the different classifications of the participants: Enhanced Outpatient (EOP) and Correctional Clinical Case Management System (CCCMS) and the additional services they require, including Integrated Services for Mentally Ill Parolees (ISMIP). The ISMIP program exists in seven counties and provides wraparound services to EOP populations and low functioning CCCMS individuals. The participants go from the Parole Outpatient Clinics (POC) and the ISMIP program to their parole period and many have issues with the transition and tend to decompensate at that point. Ms. Heintz explained the details of the Case Management Pilot Project which was awarded a Federal Second Chance Act Grant. The pilot program was developed for offenders who would benefit from a case management reentry strategy to address homelessness, joblessness, mental health, substance use disorders, and developmental disability. It was implemented in five counties: San Francisco, Sacramento, Kern, Los Angeles, and San Diego. UCLA did an independent evaluation of case management and found that clinicians weren't receiving the information they needed about those being received in POC. For the pilot project, clinicians were given full access to all databases 60 days prior to release so they could identify the needs of the parolee before receiving them.

Carrie Holmes – Policy Consultant to Senator Beall

Ms. Holmes introduced herself to the council and brought to their attention some of the new legislation authored by Senator Beall including the following: SB 8 Diversion: mental disorders, SB 142 Criminal offenders: mental health, and SB 143 Sentencing: persons confined to a state hospital.

IX. Executive Officer Report: Stephanie Welch, Executive Officer, COMIO

Executive Officer Welch informed the council that there will be a brief produced regarding Medicaid enrollment and benefits for the justice-involved. She stated that legislation that is of interest to the work of the council is being tracked through the COMIO bill list and that the 2016 COMIO Annual Report has been sent to several stakeholders, targeting particular legislators as well. A letter was sent on behalf of the council to the Department of Housing and Community Development that included recommendations from the report and supported the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Initiative. Ms. Welch asked for volunteers from the council to attend meetings with key partners and legislators. Mack Jenkins, Manuel Jimenez, and Judge Manley volunteered.

Ms. Welch also reviewed some of the council's goals for the year including:

- Increase opportunities to highlight best practices and innovations
- Use each meeting to dive into a particular county program
- Provide meaningful occasions for input from individuals with lived experience
- Sharpen focus, using meetings to tackle one specific issue
- Expand attendance and partnerships

The Council discussed the Stepping Up Initiative Summit in California, in which 53 counties were represented. The Summit was held in January 2017 and the hosts of the summit made a commitment to return next and continue moving the initiative forward. The council members discussed the white paper, "Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails: Six Questions to Ask" that was released during the summit.

Motion to endorse the white paper, "Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails: Six Questions to Ask", and acknowledge our support as this being a tool for local counties to use in their planning around diversion.

Steven Manley so moved. Manuel Jimenez seconded. None opposed. Diana Toche abstained. Motion approved.

III. Action Items: Adopt Meeting Minutes and other motions

Motion to adopt council meeting minutes from November 2, 2016.

Steven Manley so moved. Alfred Joshua seconded. None opposed. Manuel Jimenez, Diana Toche, and Mark Grabau abstained. Motion approved.

Motion to engage with NaCO and National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDDD) regarding the use of the ACA to address behavioral health needs to prevent incarceration.

Steven Manley so moved. Manuel Jimenez seconded. None opposed. Diana Toche abstained. Motion approved.

Motion to engage with state partners California State Sheriff's' Association (CSSA), County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), and California State Association of Counties (CSAC) regarding the use of the ACA to address behavioral health needs to prevent incarceration.

Steven Manley so moved. Manuel Jimenez seconded. None opposed. Diana Toche abstained. Motion approved.

Motion to communicate to the Legislature and Administration the priority of investigating, identifying, and promoting the need for integrated data systems amongst partners in the Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health systems to achieve improved outcomes.

Steven Manley so moved. Manuel Jimenez seconded. None opposed. Diana Toche abstained. Motion approved.

*****Public Comment*****

NONE

X. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

Joe Partansky – Mr. Partansky stated that he agrees with supporting the expansion of the council to include consumers and asked that COMIO consider users from the public audience when updating their website.

XI. Adjourn