

ILLINOIS MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

Justice Committee Agenda for Thursday, December 5, 2019 @ 2:00pm

Council Chairs: Shirley Davis & Margo Roethlisberger

Committee Chair: AJ French

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Meeting Minutes

I Roll Call

- Present: Sharon Coleman, AJ French, Fred Friedman, Diana Knaebe, Judy Rushton, Sue Schroeder
- Absent: Dr. Melvin Hinton, Keri Barker

II Report on SAMHSA's Competency Restoration Learning Collaborative

- This agenda item was unintentionally carried over from the last Justice Committee meeting, but we did have some discussion related to competency restoration. Sharon shared that DMH has an upcoming NOFA. AJ inquired about opportunities for peer-operated organizations to be awarded funded. Sharon responded that we could look at the NOFA this time around. Director said we could encourage those individuals to look at WRAP. Fred brings up the trouble with relying on consent decrees and people began to talk over one another, but the meeting was quickly brought to order.
- Fred talked about competency restoration as defined by law. Sharon says that when we're talking about competency restoration it has nothing to do with consent decrees.
- AJ asked for simple explanation of competency restoration. Director said intent is to provide services so folks who don't need state operated psychiatric care. When we talked with the GAINS Center [referencing collaborative held in Bloomington April 30-May 1, 2019], we were hoping folks would move into community-based care. Sharon said those who have undertaken community restoration will have opportunity to apply.
- AJ brought up the Grant Accountability & Transparency Act (GATA) training. Director said people can apply to become vendors. Each NOFA includes what it's designed to do and who is eligible. Fred asked if the Director meant "people" or "organizations" when she used the word "people." Director clarified it could be individuals such as personal assistants or 501(c)3 organizations. She gave the example of a peer-run organization operating a living room service. Director said "We're trying to encourage people to think outside the box."
- AJ asked if there could be something in the RFP that would require involvement of a peer operated organization. Sharon said she didn't know how that would fit with competency restoration, how it would be specific to treatment. She would need to look at CRSS, but a subcontract for a peer run organization. AJ gave examples of Whole Health Action Management (WHAM) and Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) as

services that can be provided by a peer-operated organization. Sharon said restoration is court ordered, pre-trial learning about court system which DMH trains providers to provide. It's not about negotiating house arrest. It's about understanding the court system. State provides this training to clinicians for individuals whose ability to understand is compromised by mental illness or developmental disabilities.

- Fred asks if these are people who are arrested. Sharon responds that they are arrested, may or may not be in custody, declared or adjudicated by court, court orders restoration, remanded to DHS for services to restore competency,
- AJ asks if Sharon will forward the legal statute. Sharon agrees.

III Review of 2019 work

- There was the SAMHSA Competency Restoration Learning Collaborative
- AJ called the Lt. Governor's office and learned that Paul Jones has moved on. The assistant AJ spoke with believes the Justice, Equity & Opportunity (JEO) report has been issued, but was not certain. AJ requested an introduction to the most appropriate staff member and committed to emailing notes from the 06-24-19 IMHPAC Justice Committee meeting to the assistant.
- AJ reported Gift of Voice has presented WRAP Orientations at several IDOC facilities during re-entry summits to individuals who will be returning to the community within six months. The following information has also been shared on the CRSS Steering calls
 - DMH Regional Recovery Support Specialists has been communicating about WRAP with an IDOC facility in central Illinois.
 - Illinois Mental Health Collaborative has provided a basic recovery training, including some information on WRAP, to staff at an IDOC facility in southern Illinois.

IV Planning for 2020

- 2020 will be the last year AJ will serve a term to IMHPAC. This year, we need to identify someone who will take notes and plan to be appointed as Chair in 2021.
- Each committee member was asked to share what they feel should be priorities for next year. Fred asked for clarification if chair was referencing a calendar year or fiscal year. Chair confirmed we are talking about the calendar year.
- Fred said he would like to focus on the implementation of police consent decree in Chicago and diversion models. There is a subcommittee meeting next week and the reason this is important is this is a consent decree. The court can choose what it wants to do. We need to keep a strong eye on it. With consent decree, there have been troubling incidents and gave example of someone being body slammed.
- Susan said she was trying to be eloquent, but was disappointed the County had no follow through after the Competency Restoration Learning Collaborative. She hopes the NOFA will be helpful with that. There are things we can be doing in the county jail. Treatment, not jail.
- Sharon said working with counties around diversion (especially with misdemeanor charges) and looking at alternatives to prosecution. She referenced piloting Cook County Bond Court and encouraging:
 - diversion from prosecution by referring/engaging in outpatient treatment setting
 - nuisance crimes/crimes of survival
 - diversion from forensic treatment team

- AJ said we should compare how counties operate. For example Cook County has mental health probation and Madison County doesn't.
- Director said we should work with the GAINS Institute to
 - Try and get more and more triage centers.
 - People being picked up pre-arrest would go to triage
 - There has been initial conversation with the Illinois Sheriff's Association.
 - We may want to have someone from the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority talk about legislative change and how it's applied.
- AJ asked if we would like to reach out to either and invite them as guest speakers to our next two meetings. Director said potentially we could invite the Sheriff's Association, maybe for the 2nd meeting.
- AJ asked if we would like to invite IDOC either to give an update on the consent decree, any progress implementing WRAP or information about re-entry summits.
- Judy thought it was great.
- Sharon thought it was a good idea.
- Sue agreed.

V Meeting Evaluation & Public Comment

- There were no members of the public present to comment.
- **What worked well? How can we improve our next meeting?**
- Director said there was good re-setting boundaries and expectations of whose speaking, good discussion, good to identify potential speakers to reach out to. For improvement, keep sending notices to Sharon.
 - Director also said that in her 4+ years with the Division, this was her last committee meeting. Chair asked for clarification and Director confirmed her time with DMH would soon be ending. Chair directed group to take to respond before moving on with meeting evaluation.
 - AJ said she hopes this is a desired move to bigger and better things. I have seen three Directors come and go. Others have been good but you [Director Knaebe] has been great. You have listened to consumer voice at major events, brought your staff to listen in smaller group dialog and have always made yourself available to me. You will be sorely missed.
 - Fred said it's true that Director Knaebe is the nicest and most accommodating Director I know. He says he is grateful for her years of service and "I owe you a debt I can never repay."
 - Judy said that being relatively new to the committee, she wishes Director Knaebe all the best.
 - Susan said that she too hopes the move is a good one and asks if Director will be at CBHA conference next week. Director says yes.
 - Sharon said it's not surprising, as she had known about it prior to this call, but the staff at DMH are dealing with separation pains.
- Chair directed discussion back to meeting evaluation.
- Fred said he liked the process and affirmed what Director said about helping us understand how to run a good meeting. He liked that we talked about important issues. For improvement, he commented that sometimes he feels work is meaningless and doesn't contribute to fundamentally changing systems. AJ acknowledged his personal feelings and asked if there is something we can do to increase meaningful and positive systemic change. Fred said he didn't know. He didn't have an answer. He didn't think it was a question of management style. He didn't have the power to make fundamental

change. He doesn't know how to win the war. Not only did we not win the war, we are increasingly losing battles.

- Susan said she appreciated everyone had opportunity to talk and what we need to do to focus, holding us to task. For improvement, don't let Director Knaebe go.
- Judy said what worked well was the Chair was focused, on task, organized, making sure everyone had opportunity to participate and that she always enjoys learning. She stated no improvements.
- Sharon thanked us for the invitation and said that boundaries and courtesy work well. For improvement, she suggested being reminded of our goals in 2020.
- AJ adjourned meeting at 2:13pm.
 - Next IMHPAC Council meeting – January 9, 2020 @ 12:30pm
 - Next IMHPAC Justice Committee meeting – February 6, 2020 @ 1:00pm