

Attendees: AJ French, Tracey Hopkins, DMH Director Diana Knaebe, Tracey Hopkins, Council Co-Chair Matt Perry, Judy Rushton, IDOC Liaison Jeff Sim (filling in for Dr. Melvin Hinton)

Absent: Fred Friedman (without notice), Sue Schroder (excused)

Topic	Context	Discussion/Decisions	Action Steps (include who does what)
Justice Committee Composition	CURRENT COMPOSITION: IMHPAC’s Justice Committee includes: AJ French, Fred Friedman, Melvin Hinton, Tracy Hopkins, Diana Knaebe, Matt Perry, Judy Rushton and Sue Schroder.	AJ – Julius Mercer has expressed interest in joining this committee. Matt – recommend Eleshare Nightingale from Access Living regarding potential committee membership.	Matt -will reach out to Eleshare Nightingale.
Committee Responsibilities	<p>HISTORY: IMHPAC’s Justice Committee did not meet for many years. This was discovered by AJ when she previously served the Development Committee. Initially, Fred Friedman chaired the Justice committee and now AJ French chairs. The bylaws governing the Justice Committee are believed to be developed by former council member Mark Heyrman.</p> <p>Per IMHPAC’s bylaws, this committee has three responsibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devising a monitoring plan for persons with mental illnesses in the criminal justice system • Interacting with and advising the relevant state, county and municipal entities which provide services for persons with mental illnesses in the criminal justice system • Recommending to IMHPAC advocacy priorities for persons with mental illnesses within the criminal justice system <p>We reviewed these responsibilities and discussed devising a monitoring plan.</p>	<p>AJ – We’re not going to devise a plan today, but we are going to have an initial discussion about what components we would like to include in a monitoring plan.</p> <p>Tracy - What is a monitoring plan?</p> <p>Diana – A monitoring plan addresses <u>what</u> is being monitored and <u>how</u>. Since the consent decree provides information to a court monitor, suggest we focus our efforts on informing the Lt. Governor’s Justice, Equity and Opportunity initiative instead of devising a monitoring plan.</p> <p>Jeff – I’m sitting in for my boss [Dr. Melvin Hinton] and my job focuses on the mental health quality improvement process. There is a federal monitor with the current consent decree.</p> <p>Matt – There is value in tracking the number of people incarcerated within IDOC that have a mental illness, the number of individuals involved with the Rasheo consent decree, etc.</p> <p>Judy – What is a quality plan? What are the components we want in our system?</p> <p>Jeff – The federal monitor comes out 6-8 times per year and measures the</p>	<p>Jeff-will speak with legal department to find out if he can provide most recent monitoring report and reply back with his findings.</p> <p>Diana-will email Town Hall schedule for Justice, Equity & Opportunity once it becomes available.</p>

following.

- Effectiveness of service
- Quality of psychiatric services
- Is the level of care comparable to community care?
- Adherence to the settlement agreement

There is also a Lippart consent decree which focuses on medical.

Tracy – If there is already a federal monitor, why do we need to devise a plan?

AJ – The federal monitor is specifically for the IDOC consent decree. Our responsibility is devising a plan for persons with mental illnesses in the criminal justice system. This may include IDOC, but it also includes DMH and other systems.

Diana – It's important to think about how you want to spend time on this committee. Right now, there is some intersection between criminal justice and behavioral health

Tracy – I agree with Director Knaebe, that we should invest our time informing the Lt. Governor's Justice, Equity and Opportunity initiative.

AJ – Speaking now, not as a committee chair, but instead as a member of this committee: We need to capitalize on the Justice, Equity & Opportunity initiative, but there is value in developing a monitoring plan.

Judy – I agree. Both would be useful to spearhead additional conversation.

AJ – Should someone reach out to the Lt. Governor's office and invite them to brief us on their activity?

Diana – I think it's a bit premature. The Secretary asked me for information. This committee may want to develop some talking points for Town Hall meetings which are being planned. Also, we may want to

		designate someone to attend any Open Meetings held by the Justice, Equity & Opportunity committee.	
<p>Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP®)</p>	<p>WRAP® is an evidenced based mental health education curriculum that DMH has effectively implemented in community mental health agencies and state hospitals.</p> <p>Previously, there was discussion about having DMH Deputy-Director Nanette Larson present a brief WRAP® Orientation to the IMHPAC Council.</p>	<p>AJ – inquired about the status. Matt – Don’t recollect. Tracy – Perhaps this conversation occurred in January, as that was the only month I was not able to attend a Council meeting. AJ – How many people on call are familiar with WRAP®? Diana – I am. Judy – I am. We used WRAP in the school system. AJ – Was this WRAP Around Services that is utilized by DCFS when attempting to stabilize a foster/adoptive child placement? Judy – Yes. AJ – That is different than the WRAP® we’re discussing. Both are important, but we’re talking about an 8-12 week mental health education curriculum. Tracy – I am certified as a WRAP® Facilitator. AJ – Gift of Voice has been trying to get WRAP® in IDOC. We were able to secure grant funds to have a WRAP Class in a northern, central and southern Illinois IDOC facility. There was a stipulation that IDOC would pay for a two day WRAP® Symposium. We submitted a program proposal which was declined. Just yesterday, I had a conference call with Dr. Anita Bazile-Sawyer and Alyssa Williams Schafer. Dr. Bazile Sawyer said that staff and resources is the reason the proposal was declined. I respectfully disagreed with the committee decision and asked what recourse I could take, especially knowing the committee makes decisions based on behavior modification, life skills and workforce development. Dr. Bazile-Sawyer</p>	<p>AJ-will review previous meeting minutes and forward to Council co-Chair Matt Perry. AJ-will follow up with IDOC Assistant Director Gladys Taylor.</p>

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Evaluation	What worked well in today's meeting?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -discussion about monitoring plan. Good discussion. Good start. -having new folks involved. Great that IDOC is on board! -agenda went smoothly. All opinions and questions welcomed. -very productive for a Council in Strategic Development stage. -Thank you. I enjoyed the solid, strong discussion. -very grateful for everyone's participation, especially being a newer committee, embarking on a new task. 	
	How can we improve the next meeting?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -I don't know. -Invite others as guests, seek out regular participants. -Send documents so we can read and prepare ahead of time. -Email any questions to Council Chair before the meeting. -Send documents to read ahead of time. 	

Attachments: WRAP Overview