

# Correctional Treatment Board

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## MINUTES October 18, 2016

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Division of Adult Parole,  
Department of Corrections

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Evaluation Unit, Division of Probation Services  
State Court Administrator's Office  
Colorado Judicial Branch

Jeanne Smith, Director  
Division of Criminal Justice  
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### Board Staff

Vacant  
Division of Probation Services  
Colorado Judicial Branch

**Members In attendance:** Deborah Duran, Brian Connors, Sherri Hufford, Marc Condojani

**Guests In attendance:** Kyle Gustafson (Judicial), Chrystal Owin (DCJ), Eileen Kinney (Judicial), Bennie Lombard (OBH), Lesly Smith (DOC)

### **Administration**

Motion to approve September minutes was proposed (Brian), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Marc), minutes approved with one correction, Kyle's name was listed twice. Sherri will update and finalize

### **Subcommittee updates**

#### **CAM- Colorado Assessment Match (Chrystal)**

The CAM project is an interagency effort to improve the treatment matching efforts of the adult criminal justice agencies in Colorado. The CAM is a worksheet to help identify a treatment level for criminally justice involved adults. TxRW is currently used by all agencies except Probation. Christine Adams (ORS) is the point person on the evaluation. Currently the subcommittee is collecting data from the various agencies that are testing the CAM to see if it performs as expected and to determine if adjustments need to be made to the cutoffs. TASC has struggled to get collect usable data (only 3 of 100 met the necessary components) and has changed contracts since the project started. Various agencies are determining ways to continue to collect the numbers necessary to have a sample size large enough to evaluate the CAM. Deb indicated that DOC needs to get the right people in the room to get the numbers necessary to contribute to the study. Chrystal will connect with Lesly. Discussion about expected deadlines and next steps. The Board would like another update in approximately 6 months.

#### **ACA-Affordable Care Act Subcommittee (Marc)**

Marc reports that the group gave assignments to various members. Erin Crites from Judicial is working on a map of providers across the state and how coverage exists- this is intended to help identify the gaps in the system. The group has also worked on a plan to inform various agencies. Terri H. met with probation supervisors and is planning to meet with the Chief Probation Officers. Terri presented to the re-entry specialists recently as well. Lesly has additional information to provide to Erin for the mapping. Marc and Erin will be meeting next week to talk future about the project.

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### **STIRRT Update and Outcomes Discussion- Bennie**

The program has been in existence since 1998 and hadn't experienced any changes until recently. OBH used an advisory committee (open to all stakeholders at OBH) to update the program to align with research and expand services. Primary changes: moved from a 2-week to a 3-week residential program for a total of 10 months in its entirety (see handout on the updates). Bennie also reviewed the data that is collected quarterly on all programs. The data allows the advisory board and STIRRT to see drug trends. Question about the curricula used during the three weeks, it's not enough time for the clients to finish the groups- how is that managed? Bennie indicates STIRRT uses a continuing care model where agencies will work to transition the client at the current place/phase that they are in when they are discharged-it's part of the "warm handoff". Discussion about recent drug trends- heroin and prescription opiate use is one the rise in the southern part of the state. There is an uptake of use along the I-25 corridor, while meth is remaining strong in the northeast. Question about outcomes- what are some of the intermediate outcomes that the program is seeing based on these changes? STIRRT is seeing an increase in the number of referrals, reduced time from discharge to intake in a new local program (continuing care plan). They would like to see participation in quarterly meetings to help provide more information to stakeholders (e.g. that STIRRT is actually a 10 month program, not just a 3-week and done). Community based services are critical. Improved communication with referral agencies is so important. Bennie will send an informational sheet to Kyle, Sherri or Eileen, and Lesly for distribution with their respective groups- problem-solving courts, probation and parole.

### **Funding Matrix Pilot (Chrystal)**

Chrystal piloted the funding matrix with IRT providers (90-day inpatient) run by community corrections facilities. Questions specific to inpatient/outpatient providers were reviewed. All 8 providers submitted responses to the matrix questions. The pilot was to test to see if the questions hit the mark and provided the board with what it needed to make funding decisions.

Feedback from Chrystal- many of the responses were the same as they are licensed by OBH and are under the same scope of work for community corrections. Closed questions evoked yes/no responses. If the board seeks more information then changes should be made to solicit more information (e.g. open questions). Some of the providers needed clarification on what was being asked. There may be a need for more specificity or examples. The excel spreadsheet is a little hard to navigate- some multipart questions were answered fully and completely. Chrystal provided follow-up and clarification to the individuals filling out the matrix.

Discussion: As all of the information is self-reported, how can this information be verified? Q: Are treatment providers utilizing Medicaid dollars? The board would ideally like to use this matrix with existing and new funding.

Sherri will send the full matrix electronically for the group to review. If anyone has any other suggestions for upgrades to the matrix, Sherri will collect all of those and organize the list. Would be a good first assignment for the new coordinator.

### **CTB Coordinator Hiring Update & Discussion**

Received 14 applications so far. Interview panel date scheduled for November, hire date projected to be January.

### **Announcements**

Marc- OBH will be going through a re-organization and OBH staff were informed on Friday of those changes. Largest impact on the CTB and other criminal justice agencies- new work unit that is wholly focused on criminal justice,. The director of that team will likely be the next appointee to the board in the future. They still need to hire for that position, so it will be several months in the future.

**Next Meeting: November Hiring Panel**