

Correctional Treatment Board



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My 20th, 2014
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Members In attendance: Eric Philp, Marc Condojani, Jeanne Smith, Barry Pardus, Dave Walcher, Jim Bullock

Non-Members in attendance: Glenn Tapia – DCJ, Rich Gebhardt – Signal Behavioral Health, Sue Williamson – Signal Behavioral Health, Ken Gaipa – ARTS, Kriston Dixon – ARTS, Jagruti Shah – OBH, Alex Walker - DCJ

Board Co-Chairman

Marc Condojani, Director
Community Treatment & Recovery
Office of Behavioral Health
Department of Human Services

Board Co-Chairman

David Walcher, Sheriff
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
County Sheriffs of Colorado

Board Members

Jim Bullock, District Attorney
16th Judicial District
Colorado District Attorney's Council

Brian Connors, Chief Deputy
State Public Defender's Office

Barry Pardus, Assistant Director
Division of Adult Parole,
Department of Corrections

Eric Philp, Director
Division of Probation Services
Colorado Judicial Branch

Jeanne Smith, Director
Division of Criminal Justice
Department of Public Safety

Board Staff

Tia Mills
Division of Probation Services
Colorado Judicial Branch

Administration

- Jeanne moved to approve minutes with a second from Eric. Minutes were approved.
- The Board reviewed the 2014 CCJC Conference and related feedback. Evaluations haven't been reviewed, but verbal feedback was all positive. There was some follow-up regarding trauma triggers based on conference content and the lack of time/space to process such triggers. A follow-up e-mail with resources to help will be sent.
- Glenn Tapia pointed out that the criminal justice population has a lot of knowledge and experience with Risk and Need while the treatment community has a lot of knowledge and experience with Responsivity. His question was how to marry these two populations in an effort to share all this knowledge and experience. Possible options for future conferences will be discussed.

Upcoming Meeting with BHO Group

The Board discussed the upcoming meeting with the BHO group that will take place on June 12th from 9:00-11:00 at the Ralph L. Carr Justice Center. The Board determined its priorities for the meeting as:

1. List, location and number of staff for all SUD providers in each BHO network.
2. Definition of "network adequacy"
3. What can CJ community do to help link SUD providers with BHO.
4. Medically-necessary designation: who provides and what criteria/evidence.
5. CAC clarification
6. Risk-Need-Responsivity training for providers

Financial Matters

Marc Condojani updated the Board on the fact that for FY2015, the JBC designated \$2.0M of marijuana tax funding to put toward the JBBS program. The money can be used to expand program capacity and also to ensure clients maintain connection with community resources upon release from jail. OBH is now determining a mechanism to distribute the money. All possibilities are being discussed. The Board discussed the issue of tracking offenders because some clients, upon release, move to probation, parole or community corrections. It will be important to be able to track continuing care funds so the criminal justice system doesn't double-pay for community treatment. Marc will provide continuing follow-up on this issue.

Marc also updated the Board on a situation that arose with regard to the use of SSC funds. Some of that funding was going to pay for in-patient treatment at ARTS, Peer 1 and the Haven. OBH has ruled that for FY2015, the SSC money is to be used for out-patient treatment only. OBH supports the continued use of the SSC curriculum within these facilities.

Financial Matters, Continued

OBH doesn't feel it is appropriate to support in-patient services at certain facilities when DCJ is providing community corrections funds at the state's established rates. Jeanne Smith supported this and indicated the state shouldn't be "double-paying" or subsidizing community corrections programs with other funding. The Board has always understood that SSC funds were paying for out-patient services and supports the OBH ruling for FY2015. The hope is that the state's bed rate increase will help mitigate some of the loss of SSC funds for FY2015.

The Board discussed its funding priorities for the upcoming FY2016 funding plan process. A discussion was had as to what the various priorities were used when determining funding. To-date, the Board has kept base funding the same as it was when the Board was established. It is now time to review all funding and determine the best use of the \$20.0M.

The first round of discussion generated the following topics that need to be discussed further in order to develop a complete list of priorities that drive funding:

1. Program outcomes – but get away from recidivism as an outcome. The CJ system has only a limited impact on overall recidivism, so it is important to look at how well the various programs are adhering to RNR and other research principles to help determine where funding should go.
2. Quality Treatment – The Board wants to support programs that use quality treatment. As most of the CJ system uses the same treatment providers, the issue of quality treatment is something the Board needs to address rather than have each program or criminal justice agency pursue this individually.
3. Fund programs that provide clinically appropriate treatment – treatment matching – and get clients into treatment in a timely manner.
4. Fund programs that use valid assessment instruments and are qualified to use the assessment
5. Fund programs that have little or no other funding sources available.
6. Fund programs that do the above and then focus on high risk/high need populations.

The funding requests for Fy2016 will be asked to address the above issues when requesting money from the Board for Fy2016.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45

Next Meeting: May 17th, 2014. 710 Kipling Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Meeting Topics: Review FY13/14 agency spending, Confirm FY2015 appropriation, Discuss FY2015 overhead budget and possible uses, Review any feedback/requests from local boards, Summarize prior year program updates, determine Fy2015 program update schedule and what the focus of those updates will be. Good-Bye to Marc as co-chair.