

Correctional Treatment Board



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MINUTES

September 17, 2013

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Members In attendance: Brian Connors, Marc Condojani, Kelly Messamore, Jeanne Smith, Dave Walcher, Jim Bullock, Eric Philp

Non-Members in attendance: Jagruti Shah – OBH, Terri Hurst – CBHC, Brenidy Rice- Judicial, Glenn Tapia – DCJ, Alex Walker – DCJ, Gina Shimeall, Carolyn Kampman – JBC, Dan Rubenstein – Mesa County DA's Office, Christie Donner – CCJRC, Kim English -DCJ, Julie Pezze, Kristen Dixon - ARTS

Administration

- Jeanne moved to approve with a second from Eric. Minutes were approved.
- The by-laws were discussed. Eric asked that the actual meeting location be removed from the by-laws so they didn't have to be amended if the location or time changed. The by-laws were approved with this amendment.

FY2015 Funding Needs

The new requests for FY2015 funding were reviewed. The first request was for continued funding for Mesa County's Fast Track program, which has historically received funding from the CTCF. Due to a change in allocation process within Judicial, funding for this program was omitted and the Judicial Branch has committed to covering the \$73,000 cost for FY2014. Mr. Rubenstein from the Mesa County DA's office was in attendance to provide an overview of the program and ask for continued funding beyond FY2014. Further, he wanted to convey to the Board that his desire is for funding not to be tied to a court process/disposition. The Board discussed under what statutory authority the Fast Track program would qualify. HB12-1310 ties funding to a specific court disposition (parole, probation, community corrections, etc.) and not all treatment programs tie directly to those definitions. It was determined that the Board supports the Fast Track program and will discuss this issue of statutorily-designated definitions and funding for non-state programs.

Glenn Tapia then presented an overview of a statewide IRT expansion plan for condition of probation beds. Glenn administered a survey to existing IRT providers regarding the possibility of IRT bed expansion. Based on the survey feedback, it was determined that a reasonable expansion plan would cost \$1.8M and would provide 60 beds statewide.

Kelly Messamore presented on additional needs related to parole/TASC case management. Based on the map of statewide services, it was determined that TASC could benefit from an additional case manager who would travel to rural areas in the center of the state (5th and 11th Judicial districts). Further, parole would like additional funding for synthetic drug testing and to help offset co-pays for clean UA's. The total cost of these requests is approximate \$380,000.

Marc Condojani presented on the SSC funds within the Office of Behavioral Health. In the past, OBH has supplemented SSC funds with federal block grant money that no longer will be available due to federal sequestration. He indicated that without about \$250,000 in additional CTCF resources, the SSC funding line would have to be reduced. The issue of whether OBH should be providing direct treatment funds for offenders was brought up and that maybe this allocation would be better utilized in other state agencies with direct case management oversight of offenders. Marc will provide the Board with outcomes and criminal justice programs that are currently supported by SSC funding.

The Board will review existing appropriations for state programs in October and with this information related to new requests for funding, will determine the FY2015 allocation plan for the \$20.2M in Correctional Treatment funding.

Affordable Care Act

A brief update on the Affordable Care Act was provided. It was determined that no language regarding the ACA would be included in the FY2015 funding plan as its impact on the programs supported by the CTCF was largely unknown at this time. Marc provided a general overview of gaps that will still exist after the ACA is implemented: Comcor clients are classified as “incarcerated” and therefore will not qualify for Medicaid coverage and no residential treatment services will be covered. Tia indicated that policy meetings are taking place regarding implementation of the ACA and no state representation is present. She encouraged everyone from state agencies to attend meetings where process and policy are being discussed so the State can be part of the implementation process. Marc indicated that OBH is bidding for a study regarding behavioral health needs/gaps in the “post-ACA” world. He wanted to make sure the needs of the criminal justice population were included in the study and asked for feedback from criminal justice agencies as to what they would like to see included in the study. He needs the feedback by September 26th.

Neuropsychological Evaluations

Glenn Tapia received a question from one of his providers regarding the use of CTCF for neuropsychological evaluations. These can be considered more of a medical service, but are done to get a sense of IQ and traumatic brain injury. The intent is to provide the right medication for the client so they perform better in treatment. Glenn wanted input from the Board on the use of CTCF for these evaluations. Eric indicated that the 20th probation district uses offender services funding for this diagnostic work and has seen great success. He supports the use of CTCF for this purpose and feels that it falls under the statutory definition of assessment and treatment. Brian Connors indicated that these evaluations can be very costly and it was agreed that no additional funding would be provided, but that providers could use the money as long as they stayed within their budgets. The Board voted and it was approved that CTCF could be used for this purpose. Glenn had no more issues to resolve.

Program Update

It was discussed that the Board will receive monthly Program Updates on programs/services that the CTCF currently supports. The September update was provided by Judicial’s Problem-Solving Court Program Manager, Brenidy Rice. Colorado has 74 problem-solving courts with over 3,000 defendants. The CTCF supports criminal courts where there is a substance abuse/dependence problem and there is evidence that the court is working toward the 10-key components. The target population for problem-solving courts is high risk, high need and a recent evaluation found that approximately 70% of courts were serving the target population. The Board would like to see an increase in the percent of courts serving the target population as well as cost/benefit information as it becomes available and court specific information. Brenidy expects that over the course of the next three years, this information will be able to be conveyed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35.

October Meeting Topics

- Review Existing Agency appropriations and outcome measurements
- Determine Fy2015 funding allocation
- Review/Edit FY2015 funding plan narrative
- JBBS Program Update