

## Minutes for Criminal Justice/Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board (CJATI)

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**Date:** 2/27/2019

**Call to Order:** 12:04

**Attendees:(29)** Rich John, Henry Granison, Amie Hendrix, Sharon MacDougall, Susan Robinson, Benay Rubenstein, Jennifer Olin, Ray Bunce, Taili Mugambee, Amy Heffron, Bridgette Nugent, Deana Bodnar, Matt Van Houten, Deborah Dietrich, Patricia Buechel, Phoebe Brown, Fabina Colon, Rose, Marus A. Williamee, Marie Boyer, Paul Neugebauer, Dan Cornell, Rebekah Jones, Scott Miller, Mark Dresser, Erin Constance, Elan Shapiro, Camille Doucet, David Sanders

**Excused:** Lance Salisbury, Louise Miller

**Introductions:** Introductions were made.

**Additions/ Deletions/ Announcements:** none

**Minutes (Vote):** January 2019 minutes were accepted

Moved: Deb Dietrich

Second: Sue Robinson

Ayes – All

### **Long Term Jail Statistics: Ray & Matt**

Ray and Matt reviewed the long-term inmate report. Both pointed out that the numbers are very low, (number of inmates unsentenced for more than 6 months). Ray noted that in the past we would select only inmates housed for more than 6 months, currently, we are now reviewing inmates who are five months – adding at some point we might be looking at 4 months as a new benchmark.

### **Probation (Day Reporting/ Reentry) – Pat**

Pat presented the Courage to Change Interactive Journaling system which is an evidence-based supervision/ case management model developed in collaboration with several Probation Offices across the country. The curriculum is a process of interactive journaling. It allows individuals to write down their thoughts and ideas which help to guide interactions with their Probation Officer. The journals feature information and exercises, designed to help people look at their current situation and consider changes they would like to make to better their lives. Pat also provided us Day Reporting's weekly scheduled which includes: ReEntry Theatre, Healthy Family Relations, AA, COTI, Interactive Journaling, Interactive Journaling / Employment Counseling, Cooking, Nutrition and Lunch, Community Service, Employment/ Education, WRAP, Fatherhood, Impact on Crime, and much more.

### **Reentry Program Annual Report - Marie**

Marie provided both an infographic and 2018 RBA Report. Several highlights from the program's first year include 91 clients served, 176 client contacts via outreach. Average client

contact were 4xs' per month. Client outcomes, or a measure of how each client is better off as a result of enrollment in the reentry program include:

Entitlement Benefits includes: Housing, Medicaid, Public Assistance, SNAP, and Social Security

Wellness includes: Mental Health, Substance Use Treatment, and Care Management

Readiness includes: Education and Work Readiness programs

Other Services includes: Health Navigators, OAR, Catholic Charities, Food Pantries, APS, 211, ACP, LAW-NY, Office for the Aging, FLIC, Women's Opportunity Center, Safelink, Loaves & Fishes, TCA, IHA, Advocacy Center, Multicultural Resource Center, NYS of Health, Medicaid Trans., YMCA. Successful referral means the participant followed through with the referral and is either enrolled with that service or actively on a waitlist for the service (waitlists apply mainly to the housing programs referrals). First year program success was 79%, clients who returned to jail were 17 or 21%. All clients who returned to jail were either homeless, unemployed, or both.

### **UA Local 267 Plumbers & Steamfitters Union – Marus**

Marus Williamee spoke to the Advisory Board to help departments, CBO's and ATI programs navigate the criteria for people who might have been formerly incarcerated and who are hoping to make a life altering change by pursuing a career and stable employment. Although each case is different, Union requirements include: GED/ HS diploma, Driver's License, and people who are drug free. There are some exclusions as Unions workers will be placed in a wide range of buildings and environments. Marus provided his contact information so that professionals seeking to refer potential clients have the ability navigate barriers and reach out for additional information.

### **Reentry Community Toolkit – Phoebe**

Phoebe and Fabina from MRC presented the new Tompkins County Reentry Toolkit. With the support of a dozen experienced people, the toolkit was designed by people who have been through the reentry path with quotes, experiences and helpful tips – people with lived experiences. Areas included are First steps, Jobs and Training, Housing, Transportation, Legal Services, Health and Healing, Family, Financial Education and Education. Included, is a resource guide to help people navigate.

### **Update on Sequential Intercept Mapping Awardees – Dave/ Sharon**

Tompkins County was awarded the SAMSHA GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation Sequential Intercept Mapping workshop unfortunately our first meeting was canceled by the Policy Research Associates, we hope a new date will be scheduled soon.

**Medical Assisted Treatment Grant:** Planning Initiative to Build Bridges Between Jail and Community-based Treatments for Opioid Use Disorder – grant through BJA was presented to the board.

**Rebekah Jones** will be working with CJATI Advisory Board in supporting both the implementation of SAMSHA GAINS SIM workshop and with DMC within Tompkins County.

Rebekah is currently working to complete an honors thesis research project investigating how prison reentry experiences vary in upstate New York.

**13-A funding(Vote) Renewal funding to stay with 2018 program College Initiative Update**

Motion: Deb Dietrich

Second: Ray Bunce

Ayes – All

**Next Meeting** March 27, will be held at the Legislative Chambers

**Adjourn** 1:23

**Submitted:** David M Sanders

**Date:** 2.28.2018