

Community Reintegration Meeting

8/7/20, 1pm

Attendees:

Erica King (USM), Mara Sanchez (USM), Jill Ward (MCJPAL), Jess Mizzi (MCJPAL), Sue Nee (DOC Region 2 RCA), Jesse Pettengill (Aroostook County Youth Programs), Margaret Micolich (Restorative Justice Project Maine), Galan Williamson (DOC Region 3 RCA), Autumn Rose McGee (YAP Program Manager), Andrew Kirkman (Regional Leader and Acting Director YAP), Julia Sleeper (Tree Street), Betsy Boardman (Judiciary), Malory Shaughnessy (Alliance for Addiction and Mental Health Services), Kim Deering (LCYDC Recreation Director), Jay Pennell (Maine JJAG), Christine Thibeault (ADA Cumberland County), Helen Hemminger (Maine Children's Alliance), Kelsey Park (RJIM), Osgood (Portland Outright), Margot Fine (Maine Inside Out), Stephanie Netto (LCYDC Volunteer Coordinator), Victoria Morales (Legislator), Linda Barry Potter (JJAG Compliance Monitor), Robyn Thurber (VocRehab Cumberland County), Missy Cormier (Day One), Asia Bowman (Vera Institute), Anwar Whiting (DOC)

Agenda:

Quick introductions/check in

- Update on emerging Housing Voucher for JJ youth program! -Victoria Morales
- Legislature not back in session; not sure when/if that will happen

Co-chair's update (task force)

- Once a month, co-chairs connect with each other to figure out where they are on next steps with the task force.
- Mike Brennan's Bill (LD 2151) passed by the CJPS Committee with one no and some amendments.
 - Set of reforms: remove the purposes of detention section the "care" has effective date of Jan 2021
 - Benchmarks of reducing detained & committed youth retained in the bill.
 - Appropriation of \$1M to DHHS for community based programs. And \$2.5M for MDOC for community based investments.
 - Provision removed: MDOC environmental scan for a smaller more therapeutic setting even if they continue to be secure. MDOC committed to do this.
 - Implementation section of the bill: JJAG would be the oversight entity for the task force.
 - Another co-chair's call in August. Need to discuss what an implementation plan would look like. Maybe sub work groups.

Update on each regional care team

- 2 public documents on the Task Force website at <https://www.mainejjtaskforce.org/our-work>. The idea is to concurrently cross-collaborate to help youth AND identify systemic barriers.
- Meeting Guidance document. Modeled off of the CPPC case de-identified case consult in child welfare and includes Proposal Based Decision Making Model integrated into the document and these meetings. Aiming for consensus.

- Mara went over the JJAG emergency funds process chart.
- Christine Thibeault: What is the referral process? Important for LCYDC staff to know.
 - Emergency JJAG funds and Regional Care Teams are not one in the same; can access either.
 - Emergency JJAG funds cannot be used for someone that is currently incarcerated. Needs to be for getting out of LC, keeping youth from returning to LC, and keeping/preventing the youth from going to LC in the first place.
- Region 1
 - Had a successful case consult last week!
- Region 2
 - Sue Nee: Off to a slower start.
 - The team is cautious, wants all processes worked out before launching ahead.
- Region 3
 - Galan: 2 meetings with RCT members (process and developmental oriented). Items like universal release form.
 - 2 initial requests for funds came in (one for IOP and another for rental assistance). RCT didn't need to approve funds because they found grant money through Maine Behavioral Health for IOP, and found Covid specific funding for the potential eviction.
 - Connecting re-entry youth: hard thing to do.
 - Jesse Pettengill: service deficit in the Region 3 community. There needs to be a strategy to meet this need.
 - Victoria Morales shared some CAP links:
 - <https://www.accessmaine.org/TipSheets/CAPAgenciesTS.htm>
 - <https://www.mainehousing.org/charts/maine-community-action-agency-contacts>
- FFPSA (Family First)
 - JJ kids need to be part of the definition.
- Meetings will continue at a point of check-in until there is an implementation plan. Continue to Email Mara to get calendar invite – they will be sent in one block for the balance of 2020.
 - September 11, 1-2pm
 - October 9, 1-2pm
 - November 13, 1-2pm
 - December 11, 1-2pm