

Developing a System of Evidence-Based Practices for Persons with Mental Illness in Jail

A Workshop for Grantees Receiving Jail-Based Mental Health Services Funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health

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Albany, New York 12208
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Workshop Agenda

Monday – May 5, 2014

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Plenary Session: Welcome and Overview of the Project

*Donna Hall, Associate Commissioner - Division of Forensic Services, NYS
Office of Mental Health*

*Robert Maccarone, Deputy Commissioner and Director - Office of Probation
and Correctional Alternatives, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services*

New York State executive staff will open the workshop and frame the goals and expectations of both the Justice Mental Health Collaboration Program and the Jail-Based Mental Health Services Funding Project.

**10:20 a.m. Plenary Session: Introductions and Review of the Workshop Goals,
Agenda and Materials**

Lori Torgersen, Division of Forensic Services, NYS Office of Mental Health

During this workshop opening session, the workshop goals, agenda and materials will be outlined and all participants will have an opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and outline what they hope to achieve from the workshop.

10:45 a.m. Plenary Session: Jail-Based Mental Health Services – Framing the Issue

*Donna Hall, Associate Commissioner - Division of Forensic Services, NYS
Office of Mental Health*

This session will set the stage for the presentations and group sessions to follow by framing the scope of the issue of mental illness among the local justice involved population. Statistics will be presented outlining prevalence and demographic information.

11:30 a.m. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Evidence-Based Practices in Screening and Assessment

12:15 p.m. Plenary Session: Overview of Evidence-Based Screening Tools for Mental Illness and Co-Occurring Disorders & Risk Assessment Protocol for Individuals with Mental Illness

Merrill Rotter, Director of Forensic Services - Bronx Psychiatric Center, NYS Office of Mental Health

Mike Steinbacher, Unit Chief - Sing Sing Satellite Unit, Central New York Psychiatric Center, NYS Office of Mental Health

This session will outline the importance of utilizing a standardized screening and assessment process, discuss the difference between screening and assessment and describe the various targets of assessment that are relevant in a jail setting. Additionally, the presenters will discuss the intersection of criminogenic needs, mental health treatment needs and substance abuse and outline a comprehensive framework to consider and respond to these often overlapping and confounding factors.

1:00 p.m. Team Session #1: The Landscape of Services in Your County and Local Practices in Screening and Assessment

During this first team session, in order to provide a foundation for teams to plan strategically, counties will discuss the fundamental goals and desired outcomes of their service system as well as the structure of the team that will be working on this project. Additionally, counties will begin to discuss current local practices in screening and assessment and to identify best practice gaps and areas for enhancement.

Evidence-Based Practices in Service Provision

1:30 p.m. Plenary Session: National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) Standards as a Framework for Jail-Based Mental Health Care

Edward Harrison, President, National Commission on Correctional Health Care

Alan Schramm, Correctional Mental Health Care Consultant, National Commission on Correctional Health Care

This session will provide a brief overview of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care and describe the accreditation process as it pertains to jails. In addition, the session will provide a high-level overview of the 2014 standards revision with an emphasis on those standards pertaining to mental health.

2:30 p.m. Plenary Session: Central New York Psychiatric Center Admissions

Maureen Bosco, Executive Director- Central New York Psychiatric Center, NYS Office of Mental Health

Peter Russell, Director of Corrections-Based Operations - Central New York Psychiatric Center, NYS Office of Mental Health

In this session, executive staff will provide an overview of two distinct CNYPC admission processes. Specifically, the session will describe the admission, treatment and discharge practices for individuals transferred to the hospital for acute psychiatric care during their local jail stay. Additionally, the OMH screening process for admission from local jails to state prison will be described with a particular emphasis on critical information needs at intake.

3:00 p.m. Plenary Session: Effective Information Sharing – The Westchester Experience

Mark Giuliano, Director of Community Support, Westchester Department of Community Mental Health

The provision of timely and evidence-based services to persons with mental illness who are involved in the local correctional system requires collaboration between many different stakeholder agencies. Information sharing across these agencies, while critical to effective service delivery, is often challenging in light of legal and technical limitations. In this session, Westchester County will describe the real-time data sharing process that has been developed between mental health and corrections.

3:10 p.m. BREAK

3:20 p.m. Plenary Session: Crisis Response/Suicide Prevention/Staff Wellness

John Cooney, Captain, Troy Police Department

Deborah Faust, Director of Family Wellness and Suicide Prevention, Mental Health Association in New York State

Carrie Wong, Division of Forensic Services, NYS Office of Mental Health

Response to individuals with mental illness who are in crisis is a critical component of the repertoire of services in local jails. This panel will provide an overview of crisis response resources and strategies including Crisis

Intervention Teams, Mental Health First Aid and OMH suicide prevention and correctional staff wellness training opportunities. Panelists will discuss the potential benefits that can result from informed and innovative responses to mental health crisis.

3:40 p.m. Plenary Session: “What Works” in Criminal Justice Interventions for Persons with Mental Illness

Nancy Andino, Community Corrections Representative II, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

Susan Batkin, Project Manager - Academy for Justice Informed Practice, Center for Urban Community Services Institute

This session will provide an overview of certain evidence-based skills and interventions to achieve behavioral change in a justice-involved population with mental illness. In particular, motivational interviewing and cognitive behavioral treatment will be discussed along with the research supporting the use of these approaches in achieving sustained behavior change.

4:25 p.m. Team Session #2: Local Practices in Service Provision

In this team session, counties will discuss the day’s presentations about service provision including baseline services and care, crisis response and evidence based practices related to sustained behavior change. Counties will begin to discuss current local practices related to these components of service provision and to identify best practice gaps and areas for enhancement.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Tuesday – May 6, 2014

9:00 a.m. Plenary Session: Overview of the Day

Lori Torgersen, Division of Forensic Services, NYS Office of Mental Health

To open the day, this session will invite questions or comments arising from Day 1 and review the remaining workshop agenda.

Important Partners in Working with Justice-Involved Persons with Mental Illness

9:05 a.m. Plenary Session: The Importance of Peer Support

John Allen, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, NYS Office of Mental Health

Peer support is getting help from someone who has been there. People with similar experiences may be able to listen and offer hope and guidance toward recovery in a way that is different from, and a valuable compliment to, professional services. Forensic peer support involves trained peer specialists

with histories of mental illness and criminal justice involvement helping those with similar histories. This session will highlight the importance of forensic peer support and highlight strategies for engaging peers in our work with justice-involved persons with mental illness.

10:00 a.m. Plenary Session: Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) and Healthcare for Re-Entry Veterans (HCRV): Meeting the Needs of Justice-Involved Veterans

Courtney Slade, Albany VA Medical Center Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator

Patrizia Perugini, Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator VA Hudson Valley HCS

Vincent Schillaci, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, Veterans Administration

Jonathan Pollack, VISN 2, Healthcare for Re-Entry Veterans Specialist, Veterans Administration

Cynthia Thayer, VISN 2, Healthcare for Re-Entry Veterans Specialist, Veterans Administration

Valerie Johnson, VISN 3 Healthcare for Re-Entry Veterans Specialist, Veterans Administration

This session will describe current resources and practices related to the provision of services to veterans with mental illness in local correctional systems across NYS. The session will also outline areas for potential enhancement to these services and expansion of collaborative efforts with the Veterans Administration.

11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:15 a.m. Team Session #3: Local Practices in Engaging Partners

In this team session, counties will discuss what they heard regarding the benefits of engaging peers when working with persons with mental illness who are justice-involved as well as the specific resources available for veterans. Teams will begin to consider their local practices with regard to these partners/resources and identify areas for maximizing collaboration.

Evidence-Based Practices in Discharge Planning and Reentry

11:45 p.m. Plenary Session: Reentry Practices for People with Mental Illness Leaving Correctional Facilities

Lori Schatzel, Division of Forensic Services, NYS Office of Mental Health

Wendy Vogel, Division of Forensic Services, NYS Office of Mental Health

This session will outline current evidence-based practices in place for individuals with mental illness who are returning home from correctional systems. This session will also present opportunities for enhancing activities under the NYS Office of Mental Health Transition Management Program.

12:15 p.m. *Pick up lunch and return for working session*

1:00 p.m. **Team Session #4: Local Practices in Discharge Planning and Next Steps**

Counties will begin to consider local practices in discharge planning/reentry and to identify best practices gaps and areas for enhancement. Also, during this final session of the workshop, facilitators will work with teams to outline and begin work on the next grant steps.

1:50 p.m. **Closing Comments**

Donna Hall, Associate Commissioner - Division of Forensic Services, NYS Office of Mental Health

To close the workshop, this session will offer parting thoughts about the work accomplished over the last two days as well as the ongoing support that OMH will provide to counties in their work with persons with mental illness in local jail systems.

2:00 p.m. **Adjourn**