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JUSTICE INVOLVED WOMEN PANEL

Meeting Date: April 5, 2024

Meeting Time: 1:00-2:30PM

Meeting Place: Microsoft Teams (Virtual Meeting)

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 once a quorum of members had been established.

Present:

Kyle Pelletier, Chairwoman

Rebecca Brink

Daisy Hernandez

Hema Sarang-Sieminski

Sarah Ruiz

Senator Liz Miranda

Corinn Crowninshield

Colleen Stocks

Not Present:

Dr. Nancy Connolly

Rep. Chynah Tyler

Katherine Moran

CHAIR GOAL FOR THIS YEAR- STUDY OF ONE OR TWO AREAS AS DETERMINED BY THE PANEL

Chairwoman Pelletier expressed that for this year the panel needed a succinct goal to ensure the Panel could meet the goal of a meaningful report, and one recommendation. The Panel deliberated and agreed they would narrowly focus on familial connectiveness for those in custodial settings this year.

PROBATION OVERVIEW FROM CORINN CROWNINSHIELD

Corinn Crowninshield, who runs the victim services department at Probation, began a presentation on Probation. Some key takeaways from her presentation:

- Probation sits under the judiciary and does not sit under the executive branch.

- There's a program to help people sign up for MassHealth.
- They have a new commissioner.
- Field services is the supervision staff.
- People do not have to pay probation supervision fees as of this year.
- There are 18 Community Justice Support Centers across the state. They do CBT, GED, career counseling, drug counseling. The new Commissioner has been great about changing the programming at each center to meet the needs of the clients.
- They have an ELMO center which oversees alcohol breath devices and ankle monitors.
- Probation has a warrant management unit, a legal unit also handles expungements, and victim services unit.
- Probation focuses on pro-social behaviors, including making better decisions and managing conflict. They try to be that consistent force for probationers. POs do so much more than overseeing and executing court orders. They refer probationers to services, navigate the judicial system, answer questions, etc. They want them to successfully complete probation. There's a verification mechanism too for programming to ensure attendance. There are juvenile, probate, superior, and district probation officers. She discussed home visits and overseeing conditions. Types of probation- pre-trial (interim since they could be put back on the trial list), OUI, administrative, and supervised. The judge sets the probation conditions. Those are set at disposition by a judge and are the only things they can supervise. Anything they do is set by the court. Administrative cases are not ones where they see the probationers all the time. Supervised probation is one where they are interacting with them. They use an evidence based tool that determines the level of contact they have with them - one for juvenile and one for adults. PICA changes the goals that the probationer may have i.e. open a bank account, get a GED. Exclusion zone means they cannot go somewhere. The SCRAM device means they don't have to come into the court to be tested for alcohol. It takes points in your face to verify identity and it is very accurate.
- Trial court data is available in real time online, Corinn stated in response to a question from Daisy. They talked about the Ohio tool. Senator Miranda asked about the number of women in supervision in each category and how we can get better data. Corinn said she submitted that info for the year end report of this group. Cases sometimes appear high and it is not the number of people, that is cases and people can have multiple cases. Daisy mentioned specialty courts. Corinn said Probation is expanding those courts - family, veteran, etc.

SURVEY DISCUSSION

Panel members discussed that they do not want such an expansive survey. Daisy suggested multiple choice. Kyle said we could use the survey as a jumping off point. Rebecca is going to get a draft of best practices and bring it back in a survey format. Chairwoman Pelletier will draft 3 overarching questions that will guide the conversations. For next meeting, members will email Michaela any questions they want to add to list and a week before meeting EOPSS will pass along a list of all questions received to discuss at the June meeting.

COORDINATION OF SITE VISITS IN MAY/JUNE

Panel discussed potentially going back to places they have already visited as they now will be talking to the women. Michaela will start to send dates for site visits focusing on Hampden, Framingham, and Suffolk. Will have a meeting in June and will work to find a time to go to one of the above in June. Sarah would want to go to Bristol but she isn't sure May would work, panel agreed to meet in June and then look in June/July for facility visits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Colleen made motion to adjourn; Rebecca seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:26.

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