

Minutes

Special Commission on Substance Addictions Treatment in the Criminal Justice System

Date: Friday, November 6, 2015

Time: 10:30am

Location: Two Center Plaza, Boston, MA

Commission Members Present:

Brian Sylvester	Co-chair and Director of Inter-Agency Initiatives, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Representative
Harry Spence	Co-Chair, Court Administrator for the Executive Office of the Trial Court
Randy Hunt	Representative, House of Representatives
Shawna Andersen	Parole Board Research & Planning Specialist, Department of Correction (DOC)
David Sullivan	Northwestern District Attorney, Massachusetts District Attorneys Association Representative.
Jennifer Queally	EOPSS Representative
Mark Larsen	Committee for Public Council Services (CPCS) Representative
Carol Higgins O'Brien	Commissioner, Department of Correction (DOC)
Robert Harnais	Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) President (via remote participation)

Visitor Attendees:

Sheila Casey	Trial Court Specialty Courts Administrator
Georgia Critsley	Trial Court Intergovernmental Relations Senior Manager
Linda Holt	Trial Court Research & Planning Director
James Kelleher	Chief of Staff, Hampden County Sheriff's Department
Pamela O'Sullivan	Alkermes
Matthew Lieber	Representative Randy Hunt's office

- I **Call to order:** at 10:40 a.m. by Co-Chair Brian Sylvester.
- II **Quorum:** The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Harry Spence at which time Robert Harnais, President of Mass Bar Association joined via conference call.
- III The October minutes were approved.

Introductions: Co-Chair Sylvester asked Commission Members and guests to introduce themselves. He then provided a brief introduction for our guest speakers Marissa Hebble, Director of Opioid Task Force and John Merrigan, Register of Probate.

The presenters gave a brief overview of the Sequential Intercept Model as well as work being done to address the opioid crisis in Franklin County. The Sequential Intercept Model is a framework for making effective connections between the criminal justice system and the treatment system in a community or region. There is a disproportionate representation of people with mental health issues and substance use disorders in the criminal justice system; the Sequential Intercept Model is designed to ensure that people with mental health and substance use issues have their needs identified and are moved into treatment, decreasing their risk of recycling in and out of the system and/or penetrating deeper into the system. The presenters gave an example of how the Sequential Intercept Model has been started in Franklin County through a day-long mapping workshop that brought together 40 key stakeholders from the criminal justice system, treatment system, and human service organizations. They discussed the collaborations and work already underway through the Opioid Task Force and the elements that were important in holding a successful mapping workshop.

Spearheaded by the Trial Court and in conjunction with the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Public Health, a project is underway to bring the Sequential Intercept Model to communities/regions across the state. Chief Justice Paula Carey of the Trial informed the Commission that they have received a 2-year grant from the Legislature to implement the project. CJ Carey reported

that mapping workshops have been done in Franklin, Quincy, Taunton and Plymouth. Lawrence is scheduled for December 11th.

Working Group: Co-Chair Spence asked Linda Holt, Trial Court Director of Research and planning to provide a quick overview of the draft report's survey results. Ms. Holt obtained this information from Drug Court Coordinators and Probation.

She reviewed the results with the Commission members who provided feedback on treatment modalities being utilized, enrollment profiles, and their concerns for offenders that are still awaiting treatment beds especially in the Quincy and New Bedford area. Ms. Holt will refine the charts and work with Sheila Casey, Trial Court Specialty Courts Administrator to find other ways to scale drug courts. All drug courts utilize assisted drug treatment except for Juvenile Court. Only three Drug Courts are currently utilizing recovery coaching.

Co-Chair Spence wrapped up and notified the Commission members that they were on schedule for completing the draft report for December.

Next Steps: The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 4th. The Commission will be at a new time of 11:30a.m. At which time the draft report will be completed by the Working Group and finalized by the Commission.

Adjournment: There being no more order of business Co-Chair Spence declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.