

Justice Involved Veterans Full Task Force

11/26/19

In attendance: Co-Chairs: Jill O'Neill, Sheena Bice

Members & Guests: Susan Mead, Katie Nicholas Malvey, Kevin Casey, Sheena Bice, Warren Perry, Dan Wilson, Susan Stearns, Amy Cook, Mike Owen, Lon Weston

NH Military Leadership Update

Warren Perry: The new Department structure is working well. In process of educating legislators about the new Department and how it can serve to benefit the veteran community in NH. Currently tracking LSRs that will impact military/veterans.

Amy Cook: Facilitated the creation of a Veteran Service Provider timeline at a recent DOC meeting. DOC has the draft of the timeline and will be working to add in missing information. Purpose is to help prison case managers and service providers streamline and better align when/how services are provided.

Discussion regarding VRSS took place and how it can help in this process. Commissioner Hanks chairs a new Gov Commission to study services provided to incarcerated individuals who have mental health diagnosis. She will recommend that DMAVS be invited to that committee.

Veteran Track Update

Dan Wilson from the VA was invited to the meeting to learn about the program, its current status, the vision for the future and the resources needed to move forward.

Jill and other members provided an overview for meeting guests including background, what is happening today, what needs to be accomplished for the future and the resources required to get there.

Resources Needed:

- Increase judge capacity & willingness
- Funding to serve non-VA-eligible veterans
- State Coordinator to oversee all programs and ensure consistent, quality programming
- Valid, consistent data from each track
- Stakeholder buy-in to move forward in the future

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the current lack of data—lack of overall data and lack of consistency—and how to resolve the problem. All agreed VRSS can be helpful and used as a comparative set of data when we get to the point of developing some form of a return on investment/cost analysis formula.

Action Steps

1. Establish a Data Workgroup—this will take place of the Advisory Group on a temporary basis. Jill will send out invitations for the 1st Data Workgroup meeting (1/22/20, 9am-11am, 1 Minuteman Way, Concord, Building C conference room). (Continued on p.2)

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Action Steps continued

This will include at least: Jill O., Katie Nicholas Malvey, Diane Leveque, Mike Owen + any other person Jill identifies as necessary.

2. Data Workgroup will determine what needs to be collected consistently in each program. What do we currently collect? What else is needed? How can it be collected & extracted in a consistent format?
3. Begin collecting and tracking identified data.
4. Data Workgroup will develop a Return on Investment/Cost Analysis formula.
5. Analyze data and determine best way to present to stakeholders.
6. Full JIV Task Force meetings will reconvene starting in February (2/26/20, 9am-11am, 1 Minuteman Way, Concord; Bldg 1, JOC conference Room*) and will continue every other month. *meeting space to be confirmed
7. Susan Stearns will make a connection for DMAVS to the Commission that Commissioner Hanks is chairing.

Next Meetings

- New Data Workgroup (replacing Advisory): January 22, 2020 9am-11am, 1 Minuteman Way, Building C, Concord, NH
- Full JIV Task Force: February 26, 2020, 9am-11a; 1 Minuteman Way, Concord; Bldg 1, JOC conference Room* (*location to be confirmed)