

## **Justice Involved Veterans Full Task Force**

Meeting Minutes: 10/28/20

Location: Virtual Meeting

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

Members & Guests: Warren Perry, Susan Stearns, Amy Cook, Seth Gahr, John Hattan, Susan Mead, Thomas Groulx, Diane Levesque, Katherine Nicholas Malvey,

### **JIV Chair Update**

Jill shared a revised JIV Fact Sheet. Members reviewed and made suggestions for further revisions. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the most effective wording, the data that can be represented in the information and how to best achieve the desired message.

Once Fact Sheet is revised, JIV will schedule a Round Table discussion for stakeholders in order to make them aware of the current issues.

Next steps outlined by team were:

- Enhance process at every intercept point along the criminal justice continuum.
- Improve access to services for justice involved Veterans that are non-VA-eligible.
- Improve data collection to focus on recidivism and outcomes.
- Expand Veteran Behavioral Health Tracks throughout the state with a focus on rural communities.
- Ensure equal access by reducing the barriers to telehealth and video court sessions.
- Identify potential funding sources for sustainability of Veteran Behavioral Health Track.

### **Action Steps**

- Jill will put final edits on Fact Sheet.
- Members should begin to think about who to invite to Stakeholder Meeting.

### **Next Meetings**

- Data Group—Tuesday, November 24, 2020 9am-11am; Virtual Meeting
- Full Task Force—Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9am-11am; Virtual Meeting