

Justice Involved Veterans Full Task Force

Meeting Minutes: 5/26/21

Location: Virtual Meeting

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

Members & Guests: Diane Levesque, Aaron Dristiliaris, Katie Nichols Malvey, John Hattan, Amy Cook

Jill reviewed the discussions and work that occurred at the last Full Task Force and the April Work Group meeting.

Updates

Manchester—7 total--3 in violation status, but MIA + 4 active (4 domestic violence, drug possession, criminal trespass, drug sales)

Nashua—5 total (all domestic violence charges)

Rockingham—3 total, a 4th just recently graduated

Aaron—just met with Merrimack County and Hillsborough County to see if they are willing to transfer cases

Diane and Katie also met with the same counties this week about increasing referrals. Their focus right now is determining the best way to identify Veterans. Katie shared SQUARES—might be able to give access. Dan Bricker suggested that law enforcement check licenses to see Veteran status (self-reported). The police intercept point is a valid one, but adding an additional step for them in their process might be a barrier.

Old Business

Continued discussion regarding holding a roundtable discussion for stakeholders regarding the status of the Veteran Behavioral Health Tracks.

One event will be held for legislators and a second event will be held for other stakeholders. A fall date is anticipated.

Jill reviewed who would be responsible for sharing what information.

- Unique needs & risk factors—Sheena B.
- Structure and referral process—Diane L.
- Unique needs related to families—John H.
- NH military/landscape data—Amy C.
- National/regional models, best practices and data—Katie N. M.

****Please submit draft of slide info to Jill prior to June Work Group meeting.****

Other topics for presentation:

- Address risk factors—include info re: suicide risk when not connected to VA (everyone needs to help because VA doesn't even have them yet)
- Barriers/challenges to access

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VA is running Intimate Partner Violence group that is getting good results and using an evidence-based practice. Bedford is keeping data and is conducting research. Katie has connections to get more data. Diane often gets positive feedback on the program from participants. Two groups are running at all times in NH.

Next Meetings

- Data Group—Tuesday, June 22, 9am—11am, virtual
- Full Task Force—Wednesday, July 28, 9am—11am, virtual

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