

Update on The Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

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Evolution of the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

- April 8, 2014 - Governor McAuliffe signed EO12 to continue the work of the task force established the previous December
 - help improve Virginia’s mental health crisis services and help prevent crises from developing
 - review existing services and challenges in the mental health system and make recommendations for critical improvements to procedures, programs and services

Evolution of the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

- October 1, 2014 – Task force delivered its report with 25 recommendations to the Governor
- Recommendations in three major areas:
 1. Expanding Access
 2. Strengthening Administration
 3. Improving Quality

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Evolution of the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

The Center for Behavioral Health and Justice (CBHJ)

- Identify and utilize Virginia's resources (both public and private) to more effectively address behavioral health needs within the Commonwealth
- Address the behavioral healthcare needs of individuals involved in all aspects of the criminal justice system
- Serve as a coordinating center among state agencies and communities
- Serve as a means to support evidence based programs and develop data resources

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Establishing the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

- Governor McAuliffe established the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice under Executive Directive 4 (2015) directing
 - CBHJ pursue collaborative, multi-systems approach
 - Data collection and analytics
 - Evidence-based programs and practices
 - Education, outreach and training
 - Technical assistance and resource development
 - First work of the Center shall be development of the organizational structure and an implementation plan

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Establishing the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

- Initial structure to be developed by an Executive Leadership Council convened by Secretaries Hazel and Moran
 - Council included leadership from state agencies and representation from the Office of the Lt. Governor
 - Also represented was the Office of the Lt. Governor
- Structure and initial action plan development submitted July 1, 2015

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Structure for the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

- Executive Committee established - First meeting held August 25, 2015
 - Lt. Governor
 - Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
 - Secretary of Health and Human Resources
 - Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
 - Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services

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Structure for the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

- Center Advisory Group – to be established over the coming weeks – First of planned quarterly meetings anticipated in November, 2015
 - Leadership from 25 to 30 agencies, organizations and entities will be asked to participate in this group
 - Provide input, identify issues and concerns, share information, successes and challenges
 - Identify and advise on needs for ad hoc and standing workgroups on particular issues and areas

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Initial Priorities for the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

- Establish an inter-agency data work group (underway)
- Hold first CAG meeting and Cross Systems Mapping workshop (underway)
- Operationalize ad hoc and standing workgroups
- Work toward development of a sustainability plan
- First annual report to be submitted July 1, 2016