

Forensic Forum February, 27th & 28th, 2017

Group Discussion Questions

DAY 1

GROUP/TABLE DISCUSSION: COURT SYSTEM PANEL

- Please discuss how the information shared will benefit interagency relationships.
- What steps are necessary to establish or strengthen the infrastructure for shared cases (RCs, MHCs, PD, DA, Probation and County Mental Health)?
- Please discuss the potential benefits of a partnership with the Mental Health Court system.
- In terms of planning for clients as they transition across systems of care, what methods has your agency identified that have assisted in the most successful transitions for clients?

GROUP/TABLE DISCUSSION: MULTI-AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD (MAAB), LA COUNTY PANEL

Vignette:

John is a 26 year old male that was residing with his mother and siblings. He was found eligible for regional center services at the age of 4. John qualifies for regional center services due to a diagnosis of mild intellectual disability.

Recently, John was arrested and charged with burglary. He is currently incarcerated at the local county jail. According to John's Service Coordinator, he was coerced by gang members to climb in a window of a school and hand computers out of the window to the gang members. John was subsequently arrested while still inside the school. This is his first time being arrested, and John is not a member of a gang. Evidently, he met the gang members while standing at the bus stop on his way home from day program shortly before he was arrested.

- What steps have you taken to strengthen interagency relationships to facilitate the best outcome for John? Based on those interagency relationships, please describe the steps you would take to assist John.

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DAY 2

GROUP/TABLE DISCUSSION: FORENSIC SERVICES AND TRANSITION PLANNING PANEL & SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY PANEL

- Past Forensic Forums have covered group discussions tasked with identifying barriers to providing services to client with developmental disabilities that may also be forensically involved. Thinking about the barriers/challenges you may have in mind today, what resources has your agency developed or identified to address and/or resolve such barriers/challenges?
- Low rates and lack of funding have been identified over the years, as a barrier to serving clients with complex needs including having multiple diagnoses such as DD, mental health, substance abuse, and forensic challenges. If funding and rate structures that may be lacking were not an issue, what models of service, treatment, etc. can you identify that would potentially prove successful in meeting the needs of such complex clients in the community?

Vignette:

Sally is a 46-year-old female that was residing with her boyfriend and children. She was found eligible for regional center services at the age of 16. Sally qualified for regional center services due to a diagnosis of mild intellectual disability. However, Sally's regional center case was inactivated, at her request, when she was 26 years old.

Recently, Sally was arrested and charged with welfare fraud. She is currently incarcerated at the local county jail. According to documentation from the Public Defender's Office, she was arrested along with her boyfriend, mother and sister. They have all been charged with the same crime. This is Sally's first arrest, but her mother and sister have been arrested before for the same crime. The boyfriend has an arrest record but has never been charged with welfare fraud.

Documentation from the courts state that Sally is currently prescribed psychotropic medication due to a diagnosis of schizophrenia. She is being held in solitaire, and heavily monitored, due to aggression and self-injurious behavior.

- Please share with the group your agency procedure after learning of Sally's referral from the Public Defender's Office.
- Please discuss how the panel participant's agencies could assist Sally.