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Thursday, November 11, 2021

OPEN SESSION

SEMINAR: Psychiatric Disorders in Incarcerated Populations: Challenges for Correctional Facilities and the Public Health System

This Seminar will provide the Committee on Law and Justice (CLAJ), invited guests, and others with a forum to explore and discuss psychiatric disorders in incarcerated populations and challenges for correctional facilities and the public health system. Mental health and substance use disorders are common in youth and adults in correctional facilities. Services are insufficient. After release, there are many barriers to linkage to services in the community. We will hear from researchers and practitioners about: (1) services needs and service utilization during incarceration – in jails, prisons and juvenile detention centers; and (2) linkage to community services. The objective of the seminar is to address how we might improve the systems that provide care.

Moderator: Linda Teplin, Northwestern University (committee member)

2:00pm – 2:50pm

Services Needs and Service Utilization

Tisha Wiley, NIDA Services Research Branch

Nneka Jones Tapia, Chicago Beyond

Leo Beletsky, Northeastern University

Guiding Questions:

- How does service provision vary state and jurisdictions?
- How can we measure the quality of services provided in corrections? How can we link the quality of services to health and behavioral outcomes?
- Are there model programs for service provision and service utilization? How might they be disseminated?
- What is the role of corrections in mandating treatment? What are the implications of the expansion of for-profit jails and prisons on mental health services?

2:50pm – 3:30pm

Linkage to Community Services

Steven Belenko, Temple University

Gail Wasserman, Columbia University

Shira Shavit, University of California, San Francisco

Guiding Questions:

- How can we measure the quality of linkages that connect individuals to community-based services?
- How can we link the quality of services to health and behavioral outcomes?
- How do healthcare policies (e.g., reimbursement, Medicaid) affect linkages to community-based services?
- Are there model programs for service provision and service utilization? If so, how might they be disseminated?

3:30pm – 3:45pm

BREAK

3:45pm – 4:30pm

Facilitated Discussion: Improving Correctional Systems of Care

Guiding Questions:

- What are the most pressing issues in the field? What do policymakers need?
- What are key research gaps? What are data infrastructure needs?
- How is CLAJ uniquely positioned to contribute in this area?

4:30pm

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