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COVID-19 and Criminal Justice

By: Kysten Palmore, OJACC President

2020, began like any other year, full of promise and exciting possibilities. Then, the second week in March turned Ohio and the International community upside down. We were faced with an unprecedented threat called Coronavirus, or COVID-19. Medical experts from the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, the likes of which the world has not experienced since the 1918 influenza pandemic.



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In the best of times, the criminal justice system grapples with the challenges of prison and jail overcrowding, a heroin epidemic, mental health crisis, budget constraints, and a legislative directive to address community reentry and supervision issues. Today, these systems are confronted with unique challenges as they work to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 for incarcerated people, correctional staff, and those working with individuals returning and living in the community.

There is no doubt, the criminal justice system is navigating uncharted waters and the keys to crossing these waters safely and appropriately requires collaboration and input from all of our criminal justice partners. However, in the midst of these challenges, also lies an opportunity to reconsider policies and procedures introduced during the previous decade. These reforms include, but not limited to evidence-based decision making, bail reform, data collection, data-sharing, and emphasizing rehabilitative and restorative justice aspects for juveniles and adults.

Moreover, the need to provide access to the justice system during social distancing has the legislature and the judicial branch re-examining the vitally important role of technology in our courtrooms, adult and juvenile correctional facilities, parole and probation offices, as well as within community service organizations, and workforce development boards.

How community corrections will be affected by the decisions made during the COVID-19 pandemic remains to be seen.

Finally, on behalf of OJACC, I want to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all of Ohio's correctional staff, community corrections, probation, courts, and law enforcement for coming to work every day never knowing if today will be the day that changes their lives and their family's lives for the foreseeable future.

Please remember to vote. You can still cast an absentee ballot until April 28, 2020. To request an absentee ballot, visit www.VoteOhio.gov Also, if you have not done so, please complete your 2020 Census at 2020Census.gov.

Submissions:

The OJACC Newsletter is a quarterly publication of the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections. Subscription is free to all members.

The OJACC Newsletter encourages submission of articles relating to community corrections. Articles must be relatively brief, and OJACC reserves the right to edit articles for space considerations and to select which articles to publish.

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Not Business As Usual

Since this is not a time of "business as usual" we are taking this opportunity to provide you, and those you serve, with resources that may provide assistance moving through these difficult times.

In this newsletter we have listed a number of resources that may be beneficial. Please let us know if there is additional information we can provide that would be helpful. If we can provide it, we will. Correspondence may be directed to dittmergr@gmail.com.

Court Resources

The Ohio Supreme Court's "Judicial Guide to Public Health" is available online: http://www.sc.ohio.gov/Publications/JCS/PublicHealthJudicialGuide.pdf. The guide provides information about state jurisdiction over public health emergencies; the authority of the Ohio's health agencies; and judicial authority in times of widespread crises.

The National Center for State Courts has a Pandemic Guide online: https://cdm16501.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/facilities/id/194

Additional resources responding to COVID19 are available on the OJC's website, http://ohiojudges.org/Resources/covid-19-emergency-planning including a library of emergency orders, sample continuing operations plans, a no-cash bail policy, suggestions for jails, and sample signs for public spaces.

Response to COVID-19 by Criminal Justice Systems

To assist cities and counties in adopting useful policies and practices, the <u>National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils</u> (NNCJCC) and the Justice Management Institute have gathered information on the responses being implemented by state, city, and county justice agencies to the pandemic as well as resources and guidance from various national organizations. http://www.jmijustice.org/covid-19/. Once on the site, click on the links to view resources by practice area. Each page provides examples of local responses as well as responses and guidance by national organizations.

Governor Signs TeleHealth Executive Order

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine <u>signed an executive order</u> that will allow Ohioans to more easily access telehealth services from individual counselors, social workers, and marriage and family counselors. In normal circumstances, a patient must have had a face-to-face first meeting and counselors and social workers before qualifying for a telehealth appointment; the providers would also be required to take special training in providing telehealth services. This order will enable those requirements to be removed so that patients can more easily access these needed services. "Mental health is just as important as physical health, and in this time of social distancing and stay at home orders, we are trying to ensure that those who need services can access them without leaving their homes," said Governor DeWine.

For questions related to changes to OhioMHAS interactive videoconferencing policy as well as questions related to clinical and technical implementation of telehealth, please e-mail COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov.

Questions about the Medicaid coverage, billing, and reimbursement under the new policy can be submitted to BH-Enroll@medicaid.ohio.gov.

Additional Telehealth Resources:

Center for Connected Health Policy: https://www.cchpca.org/telehealth-policy/current-state-

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laws-andreimbursement-policies/ohio-medicaid-live-video-eligible-sites

Upper Midwest Teletherapy Resource Center: https://www.telehealthresourcecenter.org/umtrc/

SAMHSA Guidelines: https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-42-cfr-part-2-guidance-03192020.pdf

Resources for Adults, Parents and Families

During this challenging time in our state, it can be easy for anyone to become overwhelmed. Stress and anxiety can make it hard to cope, and sometimes many of us may question where we can get the help we need. The Ohio Department of Health has set up multiple pages with resources for anyone who is looking for help and guidance. On Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov, there are resources for adults, parents, and families on how to cope with COVID-19 related anxiety.

These resources include, but are not limited to the following:

- online support groups,
- recovery support apps,
- guidance on tapping into financial support, and
- various hotlines for those who may be in a crisis or need someone to talk to.

COVID-19 Housing Resources

The following COVID-19 resources are available on the OhioMHAS Housing Resources web page:

Special Population Isolation Activities During COVID-19

Supporting Providers in Group Living Situations During COVID-19

Supporting Residents in Group Living Situations During COVID-19

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit <u>coronavirus.ohio.gov</u> or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For behavioral health-specific information, visit: https://mha.ohio.gov/coronavirus. For behavioral health-related questions, email covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov. For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email COVID19@mha.ohio.gov. For Housing questions, email COVID19@mha.ohio.gov, for Housing questions, email COVID19BHTele-health@mha.ohio.gov.

Crisis Text Line provides free support at your fingertips, 24/7. It is a free, confidential service available via text on mobile devices. It is intended to broaden the options available through current community crisis hotlines. Crisis Text Line's goal is to move people from a hot moment to a cool calm. For more information, click here.

To reach a Crisis Counselors, text 4Hope to 741741.

Other Online Resources

Stay Connected-Teleservices

Online AA 3-19-20

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Emotions Anonymous: https://emotionsanonymous.org/

Anxiety Support Group: https://support.therapytribe.com/anxiety-support-group/

NAMI Press Release: https://www.nami.org/getattachment/Press-Media/Press-Releases/2020/COVID-19-and-Mental-Illness-

NAMI-Releases-Importan/COVID-19-Updated-Guide-1.pdf?lang=en-US

Support Groups: https://www.caregiver.org/support-groups

Helping Families Cope with COVID-19

https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources/fact-sheet/outbreak_factsheet_1.pdf -

Social Distancing Quarantine Isolation: https://nasadad.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/tips-social-distancing-quarantine-

isolation-031620.pdf

Virtual Recovery Resources

Ohio Association of Food Banks: http://ohiofoodbanks.org/

Grant Opportunities

Office of Criminal Justice Services

Due to the current outbreak of COVID-19, the 2020 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant RFP deadline has been extended until 4/30/20.

Please contact Deborah Daniels at <u>dadaniels@dps.ohio.gov</u> or Melissa Darby at <u>mbdarby@dps.ohio.gov</u> with any questions or concerns.

FY20 DOJ/BJA Solicitations

- Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) FY 2020 Competitive Grant Solitation: https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/bja-2020-17023.pdf
- OJJDP FY 2020 Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program FY 2020 Competitive Grant Solicitation: https://oijdp.oip.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh176/files/media/document/oijdp-2020-17927.pdf
- Improving Reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders Program FY 2020 Competitive Grant Solicitation: https://bia.oip.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/bia-2020-17106.pdf
- National Community Courts Site-based and Training and Technical Assistance Initiative FY 2020 Competitive Grant Solicitation: https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/bja-2020-17249.pdf
- Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities ProgramFY 2020 Competitive Grant Solicitation: https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/bja-2020-17210.pdf
- Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative: Outcomes-based Contracting To Lower Recidivism and Address Substance
 Use Disorders Through Reentry and Housing Services FY 2020 Competitive Grant Solicitation: https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/bja-2020-17237.pdf

University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI)

Many have reached out to the UCCI team about how to continue delivering quality services during the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing requirements. In this way, we offer these general guidelines and resources to support your continued efforts through these extraordinary times.

Community-Based Services

Thank you for your dedication and continued efforts during this period of uncertainty. While public safety continues to be our number one priority, sometimes the best way to reduce reoffending is to remove barriers. In these times, remember that it is acceptable to focus on a person's basic needs. The economic impact of COVID-19 will likely affect many people under supervision, so providing education around government responses and resources may be necessary. While some sessions may involve practicing emotion regulation skills, others will focus on crisis intervention rather than criminogenic needs.

Many will use alternate methods such as phone or video to maintain contact with individuals on their caseloads. If you plan to remotely deliver group interventions, preferably choose options with video so that you are able to monitor role plays and other practice opportunities and provide constructive feedback. Please see below for additional resources.

In-Custody Services

Thank you to those individuals who continue to maintain safety, security, and programming in jails, prisons, and residential facilities. As we adjust to this "new normal", please consider the following CDC recommendations around social distancing and group activities from https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html

- Limit the size of group activities
- Increase space between individuals during group activities
- Suspend group programs where participants are likely to be in closer contact than they are in their housing environment
- Consider alternatives to existing group activities, in outdoor areas or other areas where individuals can spread out
- Note that if group activities are discontinued, it will be important to identify alternative forms of activity to support the mental health of incarcerated/detained persons.

Additional Resources

There are many online COVID-19 resources to support the correctional community:

American Probation and Parole Association COVID-19 Community Corrections Resources https://connect.appa-net.org/resources/covid-19

CDC Interim Guidance on Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Correctional and Detention Facilities https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html

The Council of State Governments COVID-19 Resources for State Leaders https://web.csg.org/covid19/

National Council on Crime and Delinquency COVID-19 Resources for Child Welfare and Justice Agencies https://www.nccdglobal.org/blog/covid-19-resources-child-welfare-justice-adult-protection

National Institute of Corrections Coronavirus Information

https://nicic.gov/coronavirus

Remote Best Practices for Community Supervision https://app.hubspot.com/documents/5054670/view/70763617?accessId=fdcbce

SAMHSA Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19

https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/training-and-technical-assistance-covid19.pdf

The Stepping Up Initiative: https://stepuptogether.org/the-problem

Ohio Legal Help: Navigate Housing and Other Rights During the Pandemic: https://www.ohiolegalhelp.org/

SAMHSA- Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19

MHTTC Resources

MHTTC Pandemic Response Resources: https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/global-mhttc/responding-covid-19

Responding to COVID-19: highlight products and resources that can be useful when coping with the effects of widespread public health crises such as:

- Psychosocial Impacts of Disasters: Assisting Community Leaders
- Supportive Practices for Mental Health Professionals During Pandemic-Related Social Distancing

Recorded webinars:

Substance Use Disorder Services in the Days of a Pandemic: You Need A Bigger Boat!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRGZO7LaAgo&feature=youtu.be

Upcoming webinars:

Telehealth Learning and Consultation (TLC) Tuesdays - Mountain Plains MHTTC, Mid-America MHTTC, and MidAmerica ATTC

https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-mhttc/event/telehealth-basics-tlc-tuesdays

April 21, 11-12pm ET: Telehealth with Children & Adolescents https://und.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qdmr33pSRq2-pu8W6WzQvQ?

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April 28, 11-12pm ET: Telehealth Troubleshooting https://und.zoom.us/meeting/register/vJcsc-2prjsuov9gAQZzIM-goBLH_1y9oQ?ga=2.45350244.1563304537.1584977286-243781805.1545155325

ATTC Resources

ATTC Pandemic Response Resources - https://attcnetwork.org/centers/global-attc/pandemic-response-resources

Compassion Fatigue and the Behavioral Health Workforce Curriculum Infusion Package - This 5-part Curriculum Infusion Package (CIP) on Compassion Fatigue and the Behavioral Health Workforce was developed in 2020 by the Pacific Southwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (PSATTC). Part 1 provides a brief overview of the behavioral health workforce and associated shortages, and introduces the demands on the workforce. Part 2 focuses on compassion fatigue and secondary traumatic stress. Part 3 provides a brief overview of how organizations can help individuals avoid experiencing burnout. Part 4 focuses on actions that behavioral health professionals can take to prevent compassion fatigue. And Part 5 focuses on self-care as an ethical duty in order to manage compassion fatigue. https://attcnetwork.org/centers/pacific-southwest-attc/news/compassion-fatigue-and-behavioral-health-workforce-curriculum

Telehealth Learning Series - The Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network, the Center for Excellence on Protected Health Information (CoE-PHI), the National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers, and the Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) at the University of Nevada - Reno (UNR) are facilitating a FREE, national online discussion and resource sharing opportunity for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment providers and peer support specialists faced with transitioning their services to the use of telephone and videoconferencing methods in response to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines - https://telehealthlearning.org/telehealth/

PTTC Resources

PTTC Pandemic Response Resources https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/global-pttc/pandemic-response-resources

• **Prevention Practitioner's Role in Disaster Response** The purpose of this checklist is to prepare the prevention practitioner for their role before and after disasters. They have unique skills that can assist and align with disaster response efforts. https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-pttc/product/prevention-practitioners-role-disaster-response

SMI Adviser Resources

SMI Adviser Coronavirus Resources https://smiadviser.org/about/covid

- Resources on COVID-19 and Serious Mental Illness
- Education Activities about COVID-19
- COVID-19 Resources

Recorded Webinars

- Managing the Mental Health Effects of COVID-19 https://education.psychiatry.org/Users/ProductDetails.aspx?
 ActivityID=7256&utm source=SMI Adviser COVID
- Telepsychiatry in the Era of COVID-19 https://education.smiadviser.org/Users/ProductDetails.aspx? ActivityID=7257&utm source=Email&utm medium=WebinarEmail

Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information - Focus-PHI

While the CoE-PHI develops tools and resources to increase healthcare organization and provider awareness about OCR and SAMHSA COVID-19 Guidance and Resources (and what they can do to protect patient privacy while providing SUD and MH telehealth services), we suggest reviewing SAMHSA's COVID-19 Guidance and Resources (https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus) as well as the HHS Office of Civil Rights' Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth Remote Communications During the COVID-19 Nationwide Public Health Emergency (https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/03/17/ocr-announces-notification-of-enforcement-discretion-for-telehealth-remote-communications-during-the-covid-19.html)

PCSS Resources

Tip Sheet

Telehealth Tip Sheet - https://custom.cvent.com/10D3BAE39269457884C1D96DE1DF8D8D/files/cof35116b188481b80df828b226e90c1.docx

Recorded Webinars

- Telepsychiatry's Role in Medication Assisted Treatment: https://pcssnow.org/event/telepsychiatrys-role-in-medication-assisted-treatment/
- Use of Buprenorphine in the Management of Opioid Dependence in Underserved Communities: https://pcssnow.org/event/use-of-buprenorphine-in-the-management-of-opioid-dependence-in-underserved-communities/

Online Trainings

Supporting Providers After Overdose Death: https://learning.pcssnow.org/p/SupportingProviders

Grief and Managing an Overdose Death: https://pcssnow.org/event/grief-and-managing-an-overdose-death/

Related resource document: https://pcssnow.org/resource/grief-and-overdose-death-2/

Young adult seeking treatment after overdosing: https://pcssnow.org/education-training/training-courses/teenager-seeking-treatment-after-overdosing-part-1/

Partnering with Pharmacists: Naloxone Prescribing and Dispensing to Prevent Overdose Deaths: https://pcssnow.org/ event/partnering-with-pharmacists-naloxone-prescribing-and-dispensing-to-prevent-overdose-deaths-aoaam/

Stress, Relaxation, and Mindful Breathing: A Primer: https://pcssnow.org/education-training/training-courses/9-stressrelaxation-mindful-breathing-primer/

Checklist

Initial Patient Contact about Buprenorphine Checklist

https://opioidresponsenetwork.org/ResourceMaterials/Sample-Initial-Patient-Contact-about-Buprenorphine.pdf

ORN Resources

Recorded Webinars

American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine webinar titled Telemedicine: Getting Started, Regulations and Privacy Issues. https://education.aoaam.org/products/telemedicine-getting-started-regulations-and-privacy-issues#tabproduct tab overview (recorded)

Compassionate Fatigue and Self Care: For Helping Professionals Working with Opioid Related Disorders https:// opioidresponsenetwork.org/admin/ResourceDetails.aspx?resourceID=9338

Manual

Adapting Your Practice: Recommendations for the Care of Homeless Patients with Opioid Use Disorders https://opioidresponsenetwork.org/admin/ResourceDetails.aspx?resourceID=4162





For over 30 years, OJACC has brought together Ohio's criminal justice stakeholders to include judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, pre-trial and probation Justice Alliance for Community Corrections officers, law enforcement officials, corrections officials from adult and juvenile systems, treatment providers, reentry practitioners, and victims' representatives

to promote and support effective community corrections that enhance public safety. Few other states have this type of umbrella organization, and ours represents Ohio's collaborative efforts that have led to Ohio's place as a leader in Community Corrections.

Together we:

- Hold a biennial board retreat to focus efforts of the organization and guide our mission.
- Host a biennial legislative reception with OJACC member organizations to educate legislators on issues vital to the improvement of community corrections. OJACC also takes positions throughout the year on pending legislation effecting community corrections and provides input on the development of legislation.
- Work with state agencies on policy affecting community corrections.
- OJACC's Adult Community Corrections Collaborative, comprised of associations providing state-funded community corrections services, work with the ODRC for the overall improvement of these services and assist in preparing an annual Fact Sheet highlighting benefits and cost savings of community corrections.
- Hold an annual conference to educate and inform service providers and stakeholders on issues of importance to community corrections and provide tools to enhance services.

Please consider membership in OJACC to help support these efforts.

2020 OJACC Membership Application City/State/Zip: E-Mail: Type of Membership (Please Check One) Individual Membership \$25 - Allows an individual in the field of criminal justice or interested citizens to join. Individuals representing private for-profit corporations are excluded from this category. County Membership – Allows county commissioner, judge, prosecutor, chief probation officer and sheriff from a county to join. These offices may designate an employee from that office to represent them, but are specific to the listed positions. Five members from the county receive a \$25 discount for annual conference fees. For counties with a population under 150,000, membership is \$150 and counties with a population of 150,000 or greater, membership is \$250. Government or Private Agency – Allows governmental or private, not-for-profit agencies to join. Membership extends to the director of the agency or the designated employees. Examples of private agency members are halfway houses, private correctional agencies and child caring agencies. Examples of Governmental Agencies include state agencies, courts, CBCFs, Probation Departments. Three members from the agency receive a \$25 discount for annual conference fees. For agencies with a budget of less than \$500,000, membership is \$150 and agencies with a budget of \$500,000 or greater, membership is \$250. ___ Master Card Charge Membership to: Visa email to dittmergr@gmail.com Name on card: ______ Address on card: _____ _____ Expiration Date: _____ 3 #s from back _____ Card

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