

DFP Committee
December 19, 2019
9:30-11:30
Hadley Bldg. Westboro/Conference 150
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Upcoming meeting dates:

January 16, 2020
February 6, 201=20
March 19, 2019
April 2, 2020
May 7, 2020
June 4, 2020

Members Present: Ira Packer, Ph.D. Naomi Leavitt, Ph.D., Stephen DeLisi, Ph.D., Helene Presskreischer, Psy.D. Paula Noroian, M.D., John Brown, Ph.D., Julie Reiss, Psy.D.
Guests: Joyce Perrotta, Ph.D. attended as orientation, official term starts Jan 2020

Items discussed/reviewed:

1. DFP Training plans reviewed.
One Plan- approved, letter sent.
Second plan- requested waiver of some of the training site visits. All members agreed not to waive any of the required site visits. Requested as per 104 CMR 33 the addition of visit to a county jail or prison and MASAC and one other section 35 facility. After the meeting amended plan was submitted with all suggested changes and approved, letter sent
2. Input from FMH Supervisor's regarding possibility of candidates submitting both the unsupervised and supervised reports for mid training reviewed by the Committee:
Ira reported that 18 FMH Supervisors participated in the survey the majority said submitting unsupervised reports for review was best practice. The Procedure manual will be updated to reflect this change. Notification will be sent to all DFP candidates, DFP's and FHM Supervisors.
3. Remedial status update: Mary O'Regan, Ph.D. submitted a six month status update for an inpatient DFP under remedial supervision. The update was very thorough. No changes in remediation plan are indicated. Some of the issues identified have been addressed. They will continue to work on other issues and will report back no later than 6 months.
4. Progress report of court clinician under supervision- Committee reviewed and made the following recommendations:

- The DFP be formally notified that they are in remedial status and can continue for 6 more months.
- The Committee will ask to review reports either when Supervisor thinks work meet standards or that further remediation will not result in adequate remediation, no later than 6 months.
- The number and types of reports will be decided by the Committee. The Committee may seek additional information. The reports submitted need to be unedited drafts.
- All evaluations should continue to be supervised prior to testimony and all reports should be reviewed as soon as practical
- Recommend the supervisor submit an addendum to the progress report commenting on process of section 35 evaluations
- Due to limited number of CR referrals, recommend that they consider doing evaluations in other courts.

Mid Training Reports for Review:

Candidate "U"

Reviewers: Helene and Steve

Not reviewed due to time. Both reviewers noted that the reports were problematic and would require lengthy discussion and feedback. The candidate left the State in October. Ira will read the reports and send feedback letter.

Final Reports for Review:

Candidate "V"

Reviewers: Mio and Paul

Reports unanimously approved, FMH Supervisor form reviewed. All training requirements met. DFP appointment recommendation to sent to Assistant Commissioner

For discussion at future meeting:

15a & 15b Care and Treatment sections continued discussion on how to convey risk.

15a Care and Treatment discuss any changes recommended for 15(a) screening and also developing a template for 15(a) extended evaluations.

Development of FMH Supervisors manual

June In-service training topics