

**Michigan Partners in Crisis (PIC): The Justice-&-Mental Health Coalition**  
**Report on 2016 Initiatives – December 5, 2016**

1. Educate the public and policy-makers on mental health issues and justice systems. *Ongoing process.*
2. Promote and procure legislative and executive branch attention to problems identified in PIC-stimulated studies of correctional mental health and juvenile justice released by the University of Michigan and the Mental Health Association in Michigan in 2010 and 2015. *Ongoing process.*
3. Oppose section 298 in the executive FY-17 DHHS budget proposal, calling for transfer of CMH Medicaid clients and funding to the state's 11 Medicaid HMOs by September 2017. *Through its connection to the Mental Health Association, PIC has had involvement with this issue all year. As of this writing, it appears the Governor's proposal (which was significantly revised by the Legislature for FY-17) will not be in a plan that DHHS must submit to the Legislature in 2017.*
4. Analyze and react as appropriate to the work and reports of the state's Mental Health & Wellness Commission and the Governor's Diversion Council. Stimulate broader stakeholder participation opportunities regarding the latter entity. *We were represented on three Diversion Council task forces – assisted outpatient treatment, guardianship, and MH Code Chapter 4A re children). The first of these led to 2016 adoption of a revised version of "Kevin's Law" in Michigan.*
5. Conduct follow-up monitoring and analysis to assure appropriate implementation of Public Act 452 of 2014, requiring state policy for suspension (rather than termination) of Medicaid for those incarcerated or detained. *We met with State Medicaid officials in August and pointed out the State Medicaid Plan needs revision for compliance with this law. Michigan Medicaid agreed and committed to State Plan revision.*
6. Seek state funding for expansion and periodic independent evaluation of Michigan's mental health courts. *Accomplished.*
7. Establish corrections anti-segregation language in both state budget and statute regarding adults and children with mental illness/emotional disorder, with an oversight board, including citizens from outside the Department of Corrections, on segregation and security issues. *Budget language accomplished. We were unable to procure a legislative sponsor for a statutory bill on this item.*
8. Ensure continued state budget funding level for Legislative Corrections Ombudsman Office. *Accomplished.*

9. Seek new state statute re-defining “drugged driving” so that persons driving with medications of prescribed amounts and frequencies in their systems are not at risk of impaired driving charges. *We were unable to procure a legislative sponsor for this item.*

10. Ensure existence of an adequate safety net of state-operated secure residential facilities for juvenile corrections cases, including continued operation of Shawono & Bay Pines Centers. *Shawono and Bay Pines remain open after the state’s unfortunate closing of Maxey.*

11. Analyze and react as appropriate to expected study report from DHS and U-M on prevalence of substance use and emotional disorders among juvenile justice detainees in Michigan. *We have analyzed the report and are working to set up related meetings with legislative staff.*

12. Seek legislative language improving discharge planning and implementation, including linkages to community services and medication, for state corrections inmates slated for release. *We were unable to procure a legislative sponsor for this item.*

*Additional Activity* – Analytic and advocacy work undertaken on HB 4793 (MH records confidentiality) and HB 4966 (DOC segregation of youth inmates). Both products were improved.