

Criminal Justice Workgroup – October 19, 2015

- A) The decision was made to put off reprioritizing needs until they have been more clearly refined
- B) Need 3 (in reference to the last TCCVS report). Assigned to Erin and Dianne. The committee would like to see defense attorneys, pretrial service, VSOs and homeless shelters have access to the jail cards or information and training for their clients to access MVPN
- C) Need 4. Assigned to Todd Jermstad to polish and tighten verbiage. Work on programs within CSCD, including MH/ SA treatment facility in Bexar County for 40-50 veterans on probation and creation of Veterans caseloads (Since veterans caseloads will require a veteran PO, this will increase Veteran hiring- cross over with employment group)
- D) Need 5 Assigned to Lisa Howard with Erin's assistance. Training for parole and probation. To emulate training being created for HB 1338.
- E) Need 6. Assigned to Ted. Said we need DSHS expertise in training Veterans to work with people with PTSD, as well as training of the judiciary on trauma issues
- F) The committee wants to have Correctional Managed Care contract with the VA to do disability checkups for the following reasons:
  - a. -Because the Veteran never filed
  - b. -So new disability rating will kicking right away and with back pay upon release
  - c. -Right to VA services is not suspended because the veteran is in prison
  - d. - transporting inmates for VA visits can be difficult (expensive and or safety issues) since the client will need to visit 3-4 times per disability.

DARS does VA disability exams, will review who does that and give information to Erin.