

GOAL: Divert individuals from unnecessary incarceration into appropriate treatment					
Strategies	Action Steps	By Whom?	By When?	Allies	Opposition

Jail diversion requires interventions at all stages of the criminal justice system. We have primarily focused on police-based diversion efforts through CIT training but we need to look at strategies we can advocate for that prevent crises from occurring in the first place and, for those who do end up in the criminal justice system, how we can best support warm-hand offs from the jail to the community.

The focus should be on public education, interventions at various stages of moving through the criminal justice system, and housing.

Position Statements:

- 1) NAMI Dane County believes that education about serious mental illness at all levels of the criminal justice system is crucial to the appropriate disposition of civil and criminal cases involving individuals living with serious mental illness. Judges, lawyers, other court personnel, police officers, correctional officers, parole and probation officers, other law enforcement personnel, and emergency medical transport and service personnel should be required to complete training about serious mental illness. Individuals living with serious mental illness and their family members should be a part of this educational process.
- 2) NAMI Dane County supports a variety of approaches to diverting individuals from unnecessary incarceration into appropriate treatment, including pre-booking (police-based) diversion, post-booking (court-based) diversion, alternative sentencing programs, and conditional release to community treatment.
- 3) Housing is critical to recovery and should be immediately available to sustain treatment, resiliency, recovery and community for people with mental illnesses. People with serious mental illnesses especially need a wide array of options for decent, affordable housing based on individual needs and choices.

NOTES

- What needs changing?
 - More community-based treatment options
 - Robust data collection system
 - Public knowledge and understanding about how the criminal justice system works
 - Crisis intervention training so law enforcement has the tools to respond effectively
 - Training for probation/parole officers regarding sanctions violations
 - In-reach mental health and treatment programming in the jail by community providers
 - Buy-in from administration - need decision-makers at the table who can push change forward
 - Add \$ amounts to each sentence; have to figure out the societal cost to frame the issue in terms of what is most cost-effective
- What do we want to ask for?
 - Data collection and dissemination
 - # people in jail who were uncooperative and got extended sentences
 - # in jail for crimes where relatively small cash bail would get them out
 - # in jail for not showing up to court hearings
 - # people with mental illness in jail (booking, psychotropic medications, under psychiatric supervision)
 - More crisis workers to accompany police officers
 - Collaborative task force on CIT
 - More funding for community-based treatment options
 - Stepping Up resolution to be established
 - Survey who is in the jail, why they are there, and what are the alternatives (a lot of them are probation holds – adapt CIT to be for probation officers)
 - Probation/parole relationships; need training at front end (Margie Storm) and when people are under supervision (have Ron present at these meetings), focus on supervisory staff (get data for sanctions due to parole violations) – gets at the overpopulation issue
 - Housing first (2% vacancy for housing and includes all income housing) so when make \$800 more likely to be homeless more likely to have interactions with police; choice to house in the jail or house someplace else and other places are a lot cheaper
 - Educating the public; need to highlight more success stories (banquet as an opportunity to do this)
 - Need to do human interest stories and reaching out to the public to change the public view of the re-entry system for people coming out of jail who have a mental illness

- Who are the key stakeholders?
 - How do the various stakeholders see or frame the issue?
 - Jail: strain on resources and inability to effectively provide mental health and treatment services
 - Jail unfairly burdened; experts in violence and seriously criminal people; get them out of a job not designed to do so that they can do a better job of what they are trained to do (handle that violence)
 - Overhead \$600 to house an inmate/month – could take a lot of people off the street pretty successfully with that dollar amount
 - County board / PPJ Committee: budget hearing scheduled 2nd week of Sept; have a choice to either come up with services to help people stay out of jail or come up with \$150 million to build a new jail
 - Law enforcement: police are first responders how to be best first responders you can be; cut down on revolving door
 - Treatment community: right sizing – make sure people who are in jail really need to be there; treated less expensively and more humanely than putting them in the jail. Appropriate disposition for someone properly treated and significant criminal activity. Individual responses - whatever intervention is appropriate and cost-effective for that person
 - With this population we have to say how much we are wasting to show how much we could save with other alternatives
 - Family members / people with lived experience
 - Fear of police – finding an apartment difficult and expensive while going to jail is free and easy. Have to change whole incentive system.
 - In jail but just glad the person is safe and having basic needs met
 - General public – have no idea how much it costs; # of people in jail who may have committed a crime but I myself wouldn't be arrested if I did the same crime (very true for African American population).
 - Not in my backyard mentality, public perception that don't want low-income housing in their community

- Get people on SSI as an opportunity
- We don't know who's in jail - how many with mental illness?
- We need data about
 - Police data
 - Who's in jail
- Look at how the flow diagram - how do people with mental illness get to jail?
- If we want a community solution, we need a community need
 - We need to know what problem we're trying to fix
- We need to get county sheriff and mayor together
 - Have a visual scheme - based on a 5-Why analysis

- PP&J committee collected data - follow up on
 - Develop specific proposal and set meeting with decision makers
 - September 15 5:30pm or 6pm
- Get 2-3 people together and write out a draft; schedule meeting at Sept. board meeting - “this is the information we need to come up with a system-wide plan” then present to the elected officials
- Gather background info - what county board mandate was and what the MPD report shows and what the jail has; steve schooler; moses
- County presentation to health and human needs committee for proposed budget is tomorrow at 5:30pm room 351 city/county building
- How much is county levy dollar and how much clinical income. For every \$1 services generate how much is siphoned off to other services?
 - If you generate a dollar you should get to keep the dollar
 - CCS dollars are going back to the county; figure out the flow
 - How much have tax levy’s gone up? Not come up with inflation
- What is the funding flow - Fran Genter adult human services in dane county would be able to give information (do a presentation from him) - LINDSAY DO THIS BEFORE NEXT MEETING
 - Where does it come from
 - How much tax levy over last 10 years
 - How much clinical derived income
 - How much goes back

JAIL DIVERSION & DEAN LOUMOS (AFFORDABLE HOUSING) FOR NEXT MONTH