

# MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT REFERRAL PILOT PROGRAM

## PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

TARGET POPULATION	SCREENING, REFERRAL(S) AND SUPPORT	EVALUATION, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES	CASE DIVERSION OPTION	PILOT COUNTIES			
Mission/Outcomes	Within 24 to 48 Hours of Jail Commitment	In the Community ( <i>after pretrial release</i> )	Prosecutorial Discretion and Possible Legal Eligibility				
	24- 48 hours After Arrest						
<p><b><u>Mission:</u></b> Develop a pilot program, using this framework, for individuals with mental illness that are subject to Criminal Justice Reform (CJR) and committed to the county jail.</p> <p><b><u>Identified Outcomes of the Pilot Program:</u></b></p> <p>-Reduce the number of defendants with mental illness in jail and the length of incarceration.</p> <p>-Identify opportunities to dismiss and downgrade criminal and/or municipal charges for these persons.</p> <p>- Link individuals to treatment and services at earliest intercept points.</p> <p><b><u>Identified Targe Population: "CJR" Defendants</u></b></p> <p>CJR Defendants: Individuals charged on a complaint-warrant and committed to the county jail and no detention motion has been submitted. These defendants are subject to Criminal Justice Reform, (CJR), including the Public Safety Assessment (PSA).</p>	<p><b><u>Screening</u></b></p> <p>-Uniform Screening Tool will be administered by a nurse at the jail.*</p> <p>-Establish a means for Law enforcement to share knowledge about MH history and/or current medications.</p> <p>-Establish means for family members/peer support to communicate with jail.</p> <p>-Establish information sharing, to include parties, providers, system navigators, courts, law enforcement, jails, probation/parole (will help identify "familiar faces").</p> <p>*confidentiality considerations to be determined.</p> <p>*NOTE: The results of the designated screening tool <u>cannot be considered diagnostic</u>, that is, they will not provide a medical diagnosis, and should not be considered medical or treatment advice.</p>	<p><b><u>Referral(s) / Support</u></b></p> <p>-Case coordinator/Resource Specialist and a peer integrated in the courts to support the individual released on Pretrial. These individuals are familiar with the county and available services.</p> <p>-Triage highest priority of need, for example – housing, substance use, medical, mental health, etc.</p> <p>-Determine insurance/access to services/medication. (Medicaid)</p> <p>-Access to technology/Smart phone</p> <p>-Immigration Status</p> <p><b><u>Service Models</u></b></p> <p>This effort will primarily entail leadership from and partnership between the local court and the community-based service providers to make the necessary care and services accessible to the target population.</p>	<p><b><u>Service Models (cont.)</u></b></p> <p>The Judiciary will work with the DMHAS to develop the best possible service model for each of the pilot counties. Efforts to identify existing infrastructures as well as the development.</p> <p><b><u>Evaluation</u></b></p> <p>Screening results that are deemed "positive" for possible mental health issues will indicate that one or more referrals for a professional mental health evaluation may be warranted.</p> <p>With a referral for a mental health evaluation, a.k.a. psychosocial assessment, a defendant will be encouraged to see the appropriate medical professional(s) to diagnose his or her mental disorder(s) or illness(es) and to recommend treatments and/or support services.</p>	<p><b><u>Treatment / Support Services</u></b></p> <p>Defendants who pursue treatment to manage their condition(s) will take advantage of community-based services such as the following, available in all counties, depending on their needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crisis Intervention</li> <li>• Inpatient Treatment</li> <li>• Outpatient Treatment</li> <li>• Rehabilitative Services including Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)</li> <li>• Self-Help</li> <li>• Linkage/Other Support Services</li> <li>• Wellness Centers</li> </ul> <p>If needed, the Judiciary will develop relationships with community resources to assist in addressing needs of individuals who do not qualify for DHS "clinical" eligibility of mental illness.</p> <p>It is possible that certain individuals will not be eligible for DHS funded management or MH Diversion but may be eligible for PTI.</p>	<p><b><u>Diversion</u></b></p> <p>The Judiciary will seek to collaborate with Attorney General's Office and local prosecutors to develop acceptable criteria for possible diversion of designated defendants, toward no criminal record or a lesser criminal conviction., who benefit from mental health services.</p> <p>Diversion Guidelines, such as, but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment method (voluntary or not)</li> <li>• Application</li> <li>• Legal eligibility</li> <li>• Clinical eligibility</li> <li>• Case adjournment/ treatment monitoring period</li> <li>• Timing for enrollment</li> <li>• Case management standards including clinical status updates</li> <li>• Success and outcome measures</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Mental Health Diversion Model</u></b></p> <p>Program participation is voluntary.</p> <p><b>MH Diversion Team:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jail</li> <li>• Pretrial Services</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Case Manager/System Navigator</li> <li>• Peer Specialist</li> <li>• Prosecutor/Public Defender</li> <li>• MH Diversion Officer</li> <li>• Judge</li> <li>• Judge Support/Staff</li> </ul> <p><b>Court creates MH Diversion Track</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision by MH Diversion Officer in coordination with treatment provider, BH case manager and peer recovery specialist.</li> <li>• MH Officer will supervise in accordance with ORAS criminogenic risk level.</li> <li>• Supervision is primarily through Diversion Officer or prosecutor along with treatment providers. Judge will address serious noncompliance and successful completion ceremony.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Four Key Measures:</u></b></p> <p>-Reduce the number of people who have mental illness booked in the jail.</p> <p>-Shorten the length of stay in jails for people who have mental illness.</p> <p>-Increase connections to treatment for people with mental illness.</p> <p>-Reduce recidivism for people who have mental illness.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Data Analytics will be developed to quantify and evaluate key aspects of the pilot program including participation, compliance, outcomes.</p>