Task Force on Community Justice and Mental Illness
Early Intervention

July 11, 2016
Meeting Agenda

• Welcome and Review of Task Force Goals

• Introduction to Policy Development—Goals, Promising Practices, Charge to the Subgroups

• Working Lunch: Subgroup Scheduling

• Public Input

• Subgroup Breakout Session: Brainstorming and Information Requests

• Next Steps
Task Force Goals

• To improve public safety and the treatment of people with mental illness in contact with the criminal justice system through appropriate evaluation, intervention, diversion, and supervision.

• To more effectively identify mental illness in people coming into contact with the criminal justice system, through improved training in local criminal justice systems, better use of screening tools and skills, and expanded response and diversion options in communities for law enforcement and the courts, all while holding offenders and government more accountable.

• To better allocate limited local resources in order to improve early intervention services and preserve limited jail and prison resources for violent, chronic, and career criminals.
Task Force Process

Understand the problem
Consider best and promising practices and successes from other jurisdictions
Develop tailored policy options for SD

Stakeholder engagement
Introduction to Policy Development
Review of Challenges

• **Law Enforcement Contact/Options**
  - No data collected on number of encounters that involve people with mental illness
  - First responders are generally law enforcement trained, not mental health trained
  - Some communities do not have CIT or Mobile Crisis--two key statutorily authorized diversion options
  - Crisis beds are only available in a very limited number of communities

• **Initial Detention/First Appearance**
  - No early identification of/screening for mental illness (therefore, no data on people coming in with mental illness)
  - People with indicators of mental illness are less likely to be released pretrial
Review of Challenges

• Court Processing/Jails
  • Cases with commitment history take longer to move through court process; are more likely to be held in jail pretrial, and stay longer in pretrial detention; and are more likely to have a future criminal case
  • Defendants detained in jail who access mental health services stayed longer than those who don’t access these services, are more likely to have disciplinary issues and more of them, and are less likely to be released pretrial
  • Number of competency evaluations tripled (but are down in FY16) and there are long wait times for forensic evaluations
  • Cost to counties is lower for evaluations done at HSC but may cost counties more due to long wait times in jail
  • Jails report inadequate access to MH professionals and services and little training on MI for jail staff
Review of Challenges

• Jail Reentry and Probation
  • Only 9 of 24 jails report any type of reentry services for people with mental illness
  • Chief CSOs report challenges around lack of services in rural areas, specifically case management, medication management, dual diagnosis/co-occurring programs, psychiatric and psychological services

Continuum of Treatment Services

• Access to services and cost of care are issues in some parts of SD
• Psychiatrist staffing challenges are significant compared to US and border states
• Wait times for psychiatric services
• Differing reports of availability of services for criminal justice-involved populations
Goals for Policy Reform

• **Identify Mental Health Issues Early:** Train first responders to recognize mental illness, and screen and/or assess people for mental illness who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

• **Expand Diversion Options:** Ensure options are available at different points of the criminal justice process to better serve people with mental illness while holding them accountable.

• **Shift Investments to Community-based Alternatives:** Better allocate limited local resources to effective alternatives and preserve limited jail resources for violent, chronic, and career criminals.
Goals for Policy Reform

• *Increase Timeliness of Court Processing:* Reduce barriers to timely court processing for people with mental illness

• *Ensure Access to Services:* Reduce barriers to accessing comprehensive, effective mental health treatment for those involved in and exiting the criminal justice system

• *Hold Government More Accountable:* Improve oversight and measure performance
Identify Mental Health Issues Early

First Responder/Law Enforcement Training

• Rhode Island
  • Police academy includes Mental Health First Aid course
  • A 2016 law will require all police officers statewide to be trained in Mental Health First Aid

• Indiana
  • SB 380 directs the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to establish a CIT Technical Assistance Center (TAC)
  • The TAC will be responsible for creating a statewide CIT advisory committee, providing technical assistance to local CIT coalitions, and identifying grants and other sources of funding for CIT training
Identify Mental Health Issues Early

First Responder/Law Enforcement Training

• Illinois
  • HB 4112 mandates a standard certified training program in crisis intervention addressing specialized policing responses to people living with mental illness

• Maryland
  • SB 321 requires Baltimore city and county police officers to create behavioral health units with a minimum of 6 officers trained to understand mental health conditions, substance use disorders and co-occurring conditions by 10/1/16
  • The unit will respond to emergency calls involving persons with mental health or substance abuse disorders to divert them into treatment and prevent unnecessary use of force
Identify Mental Health Issues Early

Early Screening in Jail

• Montgomery County, MD
  • Medical and suicide screenings are conducted at jail intake
  • If there is an indication of mental illness, a referral to Clinical Assessment and Triage Services (CATS) is made
  • CATS conducts assessment and provides recommendations for treatment and diversion
Identify Mental Health Issues Early

Early Screening in Jail

• Cook County, IL

- Team of mental health professionals conduct evaluation when individual is dropped off by police
- If mental illness is identified, defendants may enter into a Mental Health Transition Center
- To qualify, jail inmates:
  - Must have a bond of $100,000 or less
  - Be charged with a nonviolent offense
  - Have no disciplinary infractions for at least 30 days in custody
- If eligible, packet is prepared and given to the defense attorney to ask the judge for diversion
- Participants undergo 2.5 hours of therapy/5 days a week, along with job readiness training and other enrichment
Specialized Pretrial Release

• Second Judicial District, Florida
  • Pretrial release program administered by the court monitors defendants with mental illness and connects them with service providers
  • Staffed by mental health specialist who reviews conditions, monitors defendants, and helps them access services
  • To be eligible, defendants must:
    – Have a diagnosis or diagnostic impression of mental illness, developmental disability, or traumatic brain injury
    – Not appear to be a risk to public safety and may be safely monitored outside jail (court decision)
    – Meet other required pretrial release criteria
  • From 2008-2011, 28,673 jail bed days were avoided
Deferred Prosecution Programs

• Washington
  • Misdemeanor defendants can petition the court for entry into a deferred prosecution program if the crime was the result of mental health problems for which he/she needs treatment
  • Defendant must complete 2 years of treatment and 3 years abiding by court-ordered conditions to have charges dismissed

• Highlands County, FL
  • Behavioral Health Deferred Prosecution offers community treatment to defendants with mental illness who are charged with non-violent crimes
  • Charges are dismissed after successful completion of the program
Expand Diversion Options

Diversion Program

- Connecticut
  - Multi-pronged community forensic services program
  - Diversion program
    - Staffed by clinicians from local mental health centers
    - Arraignment list checked daily against Department of Mental Health statewide information system for possible candidates
    - Treatment plan presented to judge, who may accept or reject
    - At later hearings, case may be dropped or pled to probation with treatment as condition
  - Also provides an array of other services, such as:
    - Communicating with jail staff about clients’ psychiatric needs
    - Reentry services
Shift Investments to Community-based Alternatives

Community-Based Programs

• Forensic Assertive Community Treatment
  • Serves clients with criminal histories and SMI
  • Referrals often from jail or other criminal justice source
  • Uses legal leverage/court sanctions to encourage participation
  • Addresses criminogenic needs and behavioral health needs
  • Multidisciplinary staff/team approach
  • Integrated services, includes medication management
  • 24/7 access

• One randomized control study from the California Central Valley showed significantly fewer jail bookings, and that higher outpatient mental health service use costs were offset by lower inpatient use and costs
Shift Investments to Community-based Alternatives

Mental Health Courts

• Anchorage (AK) Coordinated Resources Project
  • Voluntary post-booking court program for any adult charged with a misdemeanor crime or Class C felony diagnosed with a mental disability
  • *Multidisciplinary team* of designated and trained judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and probation officers who consistently participate in court hearings
  • Court orders *individualized case plan* as a condition of bail or probation
  • Court monitors adherence to case plan through regular status hearings and receives reports on the participant’s progress.
    – If treatment non-adherence, court may adjust the plan to motivate adherence or employ non-jail-based sanctions or incarceration
Shift Investments to Community-based Alternatives

• Anchorage (AK) Coordinated Resources Project evaluation
  • Combined institutional savings generated by the ACRP is estimated to be almost two and one-half times the annual operational costs of the program
  • Average daily cost to operate the ACRP estimated at $19.82 per person, substantially less that the average daily cost of incarceration ($121.60)
  • ACRP participants less likely to engage in new criminal conduct after exiting the program than an equivalent group of people experiencing mental illness also involved in the criminal justice system
    – Among those who did engage in new criminal conduct, ACRP participants were less likely than an equivalent group to commit new felonies, violent or drug related crimes.

Increase Timeliness of Court Processing

Professionals who Conduct Competency Evaluations

• Some states allow professionals other than physicians and psychologists, for example:
  • Montana: advanced practice registered nurse (MCA § 46-14-202)
  • Nevada: psychiatric social worker in misdemeanor cases (NRS 178.415)
Increase Timeliness of Court Processing

Time Limits for Forensic Evaluations

• Washington performance targets
  • For evaluations done at state hospital or jail: target is 7 days, maximum time is 14 days
  • For evaluations done in the community: target is 21 days or less
  • Clock starts when following information is received:
    • Court referral and charging documents, discovery, police reports, the names and addresses of the attorneys for the defendant and state or county, the name of the judge ordering the evaluation, information about the alleged crime, and criminal history information related to the defendant
  • Also requires annual report to the legislature on timeliness of competency evaluations
Increase Timeliness of Court Processing

Time Limits for Forensic Evaluations

• Maine time limits
  • Competency exams
    • If the defendant is incarcerated, examination must take place within 21 days of the court's order, and the report of that examination must be filed within 30 days of the court’s order
  • Insanity exams
    • If incarcerated, must take place within 45 days of the court's order and the report of that examination must be filed within 60 days of the court's order
Ensure Access to Services

Coordination between Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems for Reentry

- Douglas County, KS
  - Brings the local mental health staff into the jail to provide services, help with reentry and case management in the community

- Hampden County, MA
  - Jail inmates are assigned a treatment team that addresses treatment, housing and other concerns prior to release
  - Work with same caseworker inside the facility and after release
Medicaid Applications for Reentry

• Expansion of Medicaid among persons incarcerated
  • Cook County, IL: CountyCare application is initiated at intake in the jail allowing all processed inmates a chance to obtain Medicaid.
  • California: In 2013, Assembly Bill 720 allowed staff to assist inmates with Medicaid applications.
Ensure Access to Services

Suspension of Medicaid

• Oregon
  • HB 3536 mandated suspension of Medicaid instead of termination for incarcerated individuals

• Other states also suspend rather than terminate

Source: National Association of Counties
Hold Government More Accountable

Oversight

• New York City
  • In 2014, Mayor de Blasio released an action plan developed by the Mayor’s Task Force on Behavioral Health and the Criminal Justice System
  • Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services and the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice is responsible for:
    • Oversight of the plan, and
    • Convening agency leaders and key stakeholders, including representatives from the provider and consumer communities, to monitor the performance of the initiatives
  • Required to report regularly on the status of implementation
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ON THE STREET
- Expand training for first responders to recognize behavioral health needs
- Open two clinical community public health diversion centers (drop-off centers)

FROM ARREST TO DISPOSITION
- Add 2,500 slots to citywide supervised release
- Develop a scientifically validated risk assessment tool and deploy citywide
- Implement physical and behavioral health screening pre-arraignment
- Identify and divert veterans
- Develop a strategy to reduce reliance on monetary bail
- Develop a strategy to significantly shorten case processing times

INSIDE JAIL
- Implement Crisis Intervention Teams
- Reduce the use of solitary segregation
- Revise the Department of Correction’s use of force policy and update training materials
- Establish four units to provide intensive care to inmates with behavioral health needs
- Provide additional mental health training for corrections officers
- Provide specialized services to adolescents
- Develop a plan to expand substance use disorder treatment
- Develop a plan to reduce idle time and violence

RELEASE AND RE-ENTRY
- Expand discharge programs to serve an additional 4,500 individuals
- Minimize disruption in public health insurance coverage
- Connect eligible individuals to Health Homes
- Establish a working group to coordinate all discharge planning

BACK IN THE COMMUNITY
- Create 367 supportive permanent housing slots
- Launch behavioral health services teams at the Department of Probation
- Create a planning team to increase supportive affordable housing
- Develop a plan to expand supported employment
Data Collection and Performance Measures

• Pennsylvania
  • Created the Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence
  • Purpose is to work with PA communities to identify points of interception at which an intervention can be made to prevent individuals with mental illness from entering or penetrating deeper into the criminal justice system
  • Will function as a central repository for information and data collected on criminal justice/mental health responses
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Mental Health Statistics

| County of Origin for People Admitted to PA State Hospitals During 2010 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Civil           | Forensic        | System*         |
| 13              | 5               | 18              |

Includes LTC and Act-21, not listed


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- Washington
  - SB 5732/HB 1519 – relating to improving behavioral health services provided to adults in Washington state
  - Requires phased implementation of public reporting of outcome and performance measures in a form that allows for comparison of performance and levels of improvement between geographic regions of Washington
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5732-1519 Recommended Performance Measures

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Health/Wellness, Utilization and Disparities

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Health Disparities
To support measurement of disparities and performance differences across service contracting entities, where feasible and appropriate, metrics will be reported by:
- Race/ethnicity or primary language
- Age group and gender
- Geographic region
- Service contracting entities
- Delivery system participation, for example, measuring mental health service penetration for clients receiving long-term services and supports, relative to its own benchmark or the experiences of other disabled clients not served in the long-term services and supports delivery system
- Medical coverage type, for example, persons with disabilities, newly eligible adults
- Chronic physical and behavioral health conditions
- History of criminal justice involvement
- Housing stability

Housing, Employment, Education and Meaningful Activities

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Criminal Justice and Forensic Patients

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Quality of Life

*Measures 2 under Health/Wellness, Utilization, and Disparities and 21, 25, 26, 27, and 31 under Housing, Employment, Education and Meaningful Activities are shared with Quality of Life*
Policy Development
Subgroups
The Task Force will split into 3 subgroups to develop tailored policy options for consideration by the full Task Force.

Subgroups will meet by phone 3 or more times before the August Task Force meeting.

- We will provide staff support for:
  - Scheduling
  - Agenda planning
  - Material development and research

Subgroups will present their recommendations at the August meeting.
1. Early Identification and Diversion
   a) Law enforcement contact
   b) Initial detention
   c) First court appearance

2. Court Processing and Detention
   a) Court processing, including forensic evaluations
   b) Jail mental health services, staffing, training
   c) Jail reentry/coordination with service providers
   d) Probation supervision

3. Continuum of Treatment Services
   a) Mental health services for people in the criminal justice system
   b) Gaps in services
   c) Funding mechanisms
Task Force Subgroup Members

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Task Force Subgroup Charge

• Given what we know about the challenges facing SD, our strengths, as well as promising policies and practices adopted by other states and localities, propose a set of recommendations that help to meet the task force goals

• Note: Funding mechanisms will be the responsibility of the Continuum of Treatment Services Subgroup, so the other groups should discuss ideas and recommendations without concern with potential costs
Next Steps

• Policy subgroups meet by phone before August 18th
• Subgroups report out to Task Force
# Upcoming Meetings

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