Criminal Court Case Processing Learning Collaborative

Improving Caseflow and Outcomes for Defendants with Behavioral Health Needs Going Forward

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Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses (MI) or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (CMISA) who come into contact with the justice system.
Welcome Back

- Pima County, AZ
- Lake County, CO
- Douglas County, KS
- Cumberland County, ME
- Multiple sites in NM, coordinated through the State Administrative Office of the Courts
- Lockport, NY (municipal court)
- Beaverton, OR (municipal court)
- Marion County, OR
- Tarrant County, TX
Session 3 Agenda

I. Welcome Back
II. Screening and Assessment Best Practices
III. Group Discussion of Team Workplans
   i. Improving screenings and assessments
   ii. Improving information collecting/sharing and collaboration across systems
   iii. Developing a specialized mental health docket
IV. Resources Discussion
V. Wrap Up
Screening and Assessment

Best Practices
In a perfect world....

• People with behavioral health needs would be diverted from the criminal justice system entirely

• **IF** they are booked into jail, then **SCREEN** everyone
  
  • Mental Health Screen, such as Brief Mental Health screen
  
  • Substance Abuse Screen, such as TCU-D
  
  • Criminogenic Risk Screen, such as LSI-SV
  
  • Risk and Need Triage: screens for risk *and* need, primarily SUD
What does a screening tell you?

• If an assessment is warranted

• Maybe jail classification implications
What does an assessment tell you?

- Behavioral health assessments indicate treatment needs
  - Suicidality
  - Trauma
  - SUD
  - Mental Health
What does an assessment tell you?

• Risk assessments indicate supervision needs
  • Probation terms/intensity
  • Electronic monitoring, SCRAM, etc.
  • Which domains need interventions, e.g. criminal thinking (CBT, DBT, etc.)
  • Frequent judicial oversight?
  • Problem-Solving Court (same risk only)
  • Dictates court case management, eligibility
Risk-Needs-Responsivity

**RISK>>SUPERVISION**

**NEEDS>>TREATMENT**

**RESPONSIVITY>>HOW** (ensure that participants receive the services they need, do not receive more services than they need, and receive services in the most effective and efficient sequence)
How does this relate to incentives and sanctions?

• It tells you what expectations are reasonable (proximate/distal)

• It informs the magnitude of your response

• It allows you to respond to the PERSON rather than the case
Team Workplans

- Improving screening and assessments
  - Douglas County, KS
- Improving information collecting/sharing and collaboration across systems
  - Lockport, NY
  - New Mexico
  - Pima, AZ
- Developing a specialized behavioral health docket
  - Lake County, CO
  - Beaverton, OR
Resources

• SAMHSA, *Screening and Assessment of Co-Occurring Disorders in the Justice System*

• Stepping Up Initiative, *Implementing Mental Health Screening and Assessment*

• Policy Research Associates, *The Most Carefully Studied, Yet Least Understood, Terms in the Criminal Justice Lexicon: Risk, Need, and Responsivity; Applicability of the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model to Persons With Mental Illness Involved in the Criminal Justice System*

• SAMHSA, *Principles of Community-based Behavioral Health Services for Justice-involved Individuals: A Research-based Guide*
“The Doctor is In” NCSC Consulting Sessions

• Free consulting sessions available with NCSC to discuss issues concerning behavioral health and the courts

• Available October 1st through October 16th

• Email Patti Tobias (ptobias@ncsc.org) if you are interested in scheduling a session
NCSC Behavioral Health Alerts

• Everyone will be signed up for NCSC’s Behavioral Health Alert Emails!

• Please contact Patti Tobias if you do NOT want to receive the email alerts
NCSC Mental Health Initiative

https://www.ncsc.org/mentalhealth
CSG Justice Center Resources

• Stepping Up Initiative: https://stepuptogether.org/


• Mental Health Court Resources: https://csgjusticecenter.org/projects/mental-health-courts/
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