



THE
STEPPING UP
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**Douglas County
Quarterly Workplan Packet
October 24, 2024**

Stepping Up Agenda

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Updates:
 - Mental health addition to the jail
 - New jail medical/mental health provider Wexford Health Services
 - Information Sharing Project
 - In-Reach for those waiting for Competency Restoration
 - Other?
3. Quarterly Data and Strategies Packet
4. Next Meeting is January 2025 (Thursdays do not work for Lindsey Bitzes)
5. Conclude

Douglas Co Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Priorities (May 2022)

- Collaborative software for information and data sharing across CJ and BH systems. **In Process**
- Increase access to direct inpatient acute psychiatric care and circumvent ED waits/front door.
- Centralized Assessment Center process to identify potential diversion options for law enforcement, crisis response, etc. (Yellow Line Project in Blue Earth County, MN) **Exploration Phase**
- Collaborate and communicate on a more standardized crisis response system and increase who can/how crisis response can be activated and non-law enforcement crisis response.

Stepping Up 4 Key Measures-Douglas County

Goal 1	Reduce the Number of People with a Serious Mental Illness Booked into Jail		
Strategy		Target	Notes/Updates
Objective 1	The DCSO, OPD and 911 Call Center will work toward increasing the number of identified staff completing Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).		
	a. OPD will work toward having 50% of identified staff trained in CIT.	Ongoing	Lindsay Sends Data
	b. DCSO will work toward having 70% of identified staff trained in CIT.	Ongoing	Jared Sends Data
	c. The 911 Call Center will work toward increasing the number of Operators and Dispatchers trained in CIT.	Ongoing	John Jackel
Objective 2	DCSO, OPD and 911 Call Center will increase the number of designated staff trained in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).		
	a. OPD will increase the opportunities for officers to receive MHFA training by providing 3 internal MHFA classes to officers (using trained trainers).	Ongoing	
	b. OPD will work toward having 30% of identified staff trained in MHFA.	Ongoing	Lindsay Sends Data
	c. DCSO will work toward having 95% of identified staff trained in MHFA.	Ongoing	Jared Sends Data
	d. The 911 Call Center will work toward increasing the number of identified staff trained in MHFA.	Ongoing	John Jackel
Objective 3	Law Enforcement will activate Mobile Crisis Response when needed.		
	a. Analyze Mobile Crisis Response utilization data by law enforcement agency.	Ongoing	Region 6 has Data
Objective 4	Law Enforcement Agencies will work toward increasing the number of completed Behavioral Health Incident Tracking Forms (BHITF).		
	a. Track the number of mental health coded calls versus completed BHITF	Ongoing	Lindsay Sends Data
	b. Explore DCSO completing the BHITF-file format issue resolved?		Need Data
Objective 5	Better understand the frequency and nature of those incarcerated due to being charged with “assault on a healthcare worker.”		
Objective 6	Monitor number of individuals with an SMI booked into jail with a misdemeanor charge.		
	a. Identify data available, collect and analyze baseline data.	In Process Steering Comm.	Heidi sends data to Justine
Objective 6	Explore the Yellow Line Project (YLP) as a diversion to jail strategy.		
	a. The Steering Committee will research YLP and determine feasibility.	In Process	Steering Committee

Goal 2	Shorten the Average Length of Stay for People with a Serious Mental Illness in Jail		
Strategy		Target	Notes/Updates
Objective 1	DCDC will work to have 40% of Corrections Officers trained in CIT and 90% trained in MHFA.		
a. Collect and review baseline data; identify opportunities; establish benchmarks/targets. DCDC exceeds goal`		Ongoing	
Objective 2	Utilize data to drive improvements with Competency to Stand Trial/Competency Restoration practices.		
a. Collect baseline data on the amount of time individuals are waiting to access competency restoration treatment at LRC (days between receiving the court order and transferring to LRC).		Ongoing	Chris Sweney sends data
b. Form a workgroup to identify opportunities to develop a “CST/CR Guidelines” document to be used by CA’s office, PD’s office, LRC and bench. Document is with CA’s office for review.		In Process	Steering Committee
c. DCDC will partner with LRC/DHHS for in-reach to stabilize individuals in jail waiting for competency treatment at LRC.		In-reach began March 2024	Meeting Nov. 6, 2023
d. Determine if re-evaluations can be completed virtually in the DCDC.		Justine looking into this.	
e. Sam Douez, Public Defender’s Office, will cc Heidi Altic (Jail) on all competency orders that are filed on clients represented by the Public Defender’s Office who are at DCDC.		Martha made this happen.	Effective Oct. 7

Goal 3	Increase the Percentage of Connection to Care for People with a Serious Mental Illness in Jail		
Strategy		Target	Notes/Updates
Objective 1	Identify opportunities to improve information sharing between criminal justice and behavioral health systems (SIM Priority).		
a.	Understand flow of information between the Douglas County Community Mental Health Center and DCDC. Is further attention needed here?	Workgroup developed July 2023	No Data Needed
b.	Partner with Law Enforcement agencies (OPD, DCSO, DCDC, SCSO, SCDC), Jails (DCDC, SCDC), the Community Mental Health Center and Omaha Fire Department to identify and purchase data sharing software (RFP).	Information Sharing Project-In process	Region 6 and Partners
c.	Partner with UNO Grace Abbott School of Social Work to identify training needed for implementation of LB50 (Mental Health Practitioners sharing information consistent with HIPAA).	PAUSE	
Objective 2	Collect baseline data on the number of individuals who are connected to Type 1 and Type 2 services prior to re-entry.		
a.	Analyze data to determine if individuals with SMI have connections to care prior to release.	Data received as of April 2024	Justine will send Data
Objective 3	Monitor implementation of LB921; Medicaid Enrollment, Assistance to those Incarcerated.		
Objective 4	Partner with BAART to explore opportunities to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as appropriate.		
Objective 5	Explore the Yellow Line Project (YLP) as a diversion strategy.		
a.	The Steering Committee will explore the YLP to determine feasibility.	PAUSE	Steering Com.

Goal 4		Lower the Rates of Recidivism for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness who are in Jail.	
Strategy		Target	Notes/Updates
Objective 1	Identify a pathway to restart Familiar Faces Program.		
a.	Utilize workgroup; research other FFP models, strengthen the Douglas Co FFP model. There is a connection to the FUSE project.		
Objective 2	Collect baseline data on the number of probation violations and custodial sanctions that impact this measure.		
a.	Analyze baseline data.		Heidi Sends Data
Objective 3	Utilize Long Acting Injectables (LAI) when clinically appropriate.		
a.	Collect and review baseline data on the number of individuals receiving LAI's		Justine is working with Wexford
b.	Ensure continuity of care with LAI's for individuals leaving LRC and returning to jail.	On-going	
Objective 4	Individuals with an SMI are released with medication necessary to bridge to their appointment with a community prescriber.		
a.	DCDC will work with Wexford.	Ongoing	No Data Needed
Objective 5	Clarify the process for EPC requests from the Jail and the Sheriff's role/response		
a.	Justine and Jared will meet to problem-solve.	Ongoing	No Data Needed
Objective 6	Explore if client-level data for this population could be made available to fully understand those that recidivate (age, race, gender, zip code) and by primary charge (felony or misdemeanor).		
a.	Justine will see if she can obtain this data.	Ongoing	No Data Needed

Do we have information about the format or quality of discharge plans that Wexford uses when doing reentry planning with individuals who have an SMI?

Do we know how many individuals with an SMI have a re-entry plan developed? (Some will be in & out too fast for that to happen.)

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