



THE
STEPPING UP
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**Douglas County
Quarterly Workplan Packet
January 25, 2024**

Stepping Up Agenda January 25, 2024

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. CJ-BH Information Sharing Update-Use Case Scenarios (Kim K.)
3. Familiar Faces-Staff Update (Sara B.)
4. Emergency System Update (Miles)
5. Harvard Bond/Bail Project Update (Justine W.)
6. Other Updates
7. Data and Strategies Packet
8. Conclude

Douglas County Steering Committee Priorities (Next Meeting Feb. 8th at 10:30am)

1. Use data to better understand "assault on a healthcare worker" charges which lead to incarceration (Team, **Justine Wall**)
2. Improve EPC process between Jail and Sheriff (Jared Langemeier and **Justine Wall**)
3. Streamline Competency Process/Finish Communication Document (Team, **Vicki Maca**)
4. Explore best-practice case management models for Familiar Faces Program (Sara Baker, Lindsay Kroll, Jana Andrews, Justine Wall, **Vicki Maca**)

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

- Collaborative software for information and data sharing across CJ and BH systems.
- 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)
- 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. Set benchmark?	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. Set benchmark?	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."		
a. Identify data available, collect and analyze baseline data.	Steering Committee	Heidi Will Send Data to Justine	

Beginning Nov. 1, 2023, Heidi Altic, DCDC, can collect data on "Assault on a Healthcare Worker" by month. She will also do her best to identify location of alleged incident (hospital, clinic) and whether the alleged assault was on a peace officer or a healthcare worker.

The next question is: How many of those had an SMI (which is data that Justine gets from Wellpath).

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.	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.	Steering Committee	No Data Needed
	c. DCDC will partner with LRC/DHHS for in-reach to stabilize individuals in jail waiting for competency treatment at LRC.	Meeting Nov. 6, 2023	
Objective 3	Improve information sharing between CJ-MH systems.		
	a. 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).	Spring 2024	Douglas Co, Sarpy Co, Region 6 and UNO. No Data Needed
	b. Region 6 leading CJ-MH information sharing project/data warehouse (Douglas Co, Sarpy Co and OPD collaboration).	In Process	No Data Needed

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.	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.	In Process	No Data Needed
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.	DCDC will continue to partner with Network Ninja to work on Objective #2.	Ongoing	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.		
a.	Schedule meeting with BAART, Douglas Co Jail, Sarpy Co Jail and Region 6 Network Services Manager	Meeting occurred Oct. 5, 2023	Should track on number receiving MAT

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.		
Objective 2	Collect baseline data on the number of probation violations and custodial sanctions that impact this measure.		
	a. Analyze 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		Not sure who will send data now
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 Wellpath.	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 talk through this process.		Steering Com.
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).		

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