



THE
STEPPING UP
I N I T I A T I V E

**Sarpy County
Quarterly Workplan
January 18, 2024**

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Stepping Up Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Updates
 - o Board of Mental Health Coordinator (Arrow Caryl)
- 3. Workplan and Goal 4**
4. Next Meeting: April 18th at 10:30am
5. Conclude

THE STEPPINGUP INITIATIVE

 <p>1. Reduce the number of people with mental illnesses booked into jails</p>	 <p>2. Shorten the length of stay in jails for people who have mental illnesses</p>
 <p>3. Increase connection to treatment for people who have mental illnesses</p>	 <p>4. Reduce recidivism rates for people who have mental illnesses</p>

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

1. Create a Sarpy Co specific Emergency System Team to focus on solution to challenges within the Emergency System.
2. Improve collaboration among providers serving individuals from both the criminal justice and behavioral health system.
3. Communicate upcoming Board of Mental Health changes.
4. Improve Data Sharing between criminal justice and behavioral health systems.

Sarpy County Steering Committee Priorities and Updates as of October 2023

- ✔ Engage Bellevue Police Department with Stepping Up (Intercept 0-1; SU Goal 1)
Completed Aug.2022 and Updated April 2023
 - ✔ Create Bench Notes for Competency to Stand Trial/Restoration (Intercept 3; SU Goal 2)
Completed Nov. 2022
 - ✔ Reviewed/Updated Stepping Up Team Members
Completed Sept. 2022
 - ✔ Stepping Up on County's Website
Completed Summer 2023
 - ✔ Identify STP beyond 90 days Option (Intercept 4, SU Goals 3, 4)
Completed Feb. 2022
 - ✔ Medication Post-Release (Intercept 3; SU Goals 3, 4)
Contract with Pharmacy in place; Effective August 8, 2023
 - ✔ Reconcile NRS 38-2136 with HIPAA, LB337 drafted (All Intercepts, All SU Goals)
Completed June 2023; LB55
 - ✔ Explore Crisis Stabilization-like Service with Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare (Inter. 0-1; SU Goal 1)
In Process Sept.2022
1. Share Competency Bench Notes Document with Judges
In-Process March 2023
 2. Learn About Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) (Intercept 3; SU Goals 3, 4)
In Process March 2022
 3. Identify Collaborative Software Platform to Improve CJ-MH Information Sharing (All Intercepts, All SU Goals)
In Process Aug. 2022
 4. Specialized Transition Planning (STP)-Explore Opps for Enhancement (Intercept 4, SU Goals 3,4)

In Process June 2022

5. Advocate for Co-Responder position with Sarpy Co Sheriff (Intercept 0,1; SU Goal 1)

In Process 2020

6. Sarpy Co to receive Technical Assistance through MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge-IMPACT Network

In Process April 2023 through April 2025

7. Partner with Grace Abbott School of Social Work, Douglas Co and others to develop training plan for LB55 MH Practice Act Information Sharing

In-Process July 2023

8. Explore connection with DD/ID System.

Stepping Up 4 Key Measures Sarpy County

Goal 1	Reduce the Number of People with a Serious Mental Illness Booked into Jail.		
	10% Reduction or an Average of 2 Less People Each Month.		
Strategy	Target	Notes/Updates	
Objective 1	Each Law Enforcement Agency in Sarpy Co. will work toward having 100% of sworn officers trained in either CIT, MHFA or both.		
a. Review CIT and MHFA data for each law enforcement agency, develop strategies as needed.	Ongoing		
b. Engage all Law Enforcement Agencies, each represented at Stepping Up quarterly meetings.	Completed		
c. Sarpy County Sheriff's Office will explore in-house MHFA trained trainer.	Exploring		
d. MHFA training will continue to be provided during new hire training at the Sarpy/Douglas County Training Academy.	In Process		
Objective 2	911 Call Center, County Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and Probation will have 100% of identified staff trained in MHFA or CIT.		
a. Collect and monitor baseline data; develop strategies as needed.			
Objective 3	Law Enforcement agencies will provide the best possible response to calls involving a mental health related crisis.		
a. Region 6 leading CJ-MH information sharing project/data warehouse (Douglas Co, Sarpy Co. and OPD collaboration).	RFP released 7/24/23		
b. Track baseline data Mobile Crisis Response utilization by LE agency.	Ongoing		
c. Sarpy County and Region 6 partnering to develop Crisis Stabilization Center	Fall 2023		
d. Sarpy Co Sheriff's Office will add Co-Responder position to MH Unit.	Fall 2023		
Objective 4	Monitor number of individuals with an SMI booked into jail with a misdemeanor charge.		
a. Collect baseline data on individuals with SMI booked into jail with misdemeanor charge; develop strategies as needed.	Ongoing		

Goal 2	Shorten the Average Length of Stay for People with a Serious Mental Illness in Jail. Shorten by 5% or 6 Fewer Days for Each Person		
Strategy	Target	Notes/Updates	
Objective 1	Corrections will work to have 100% of Corrections Officers trained in CIT, MHFA or both.		
a. Collect and review baseline data; identify opportunities; establish benchmarks/targets.	Ongoing		
Objective 2	Collect and analyze Mental Health Diversion Data and Pre-Trial (Mental Health) Data.		
a. Collect and review baseline data; identify opportunities; establish benchmarks/targets.	Ongoing		
Objective 3	Utilize data and best practices to drive improvements with Competency to Stand Trial/Competency Restoration (CST/CR) processes.		
a. 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.	Completed but not implemented	Document has been finalized, Tom S. and Bonnie M. will discuss with Judges.	
b. Sarpy Co Jail will continue to partner with LRC/DHHS for in-reach to stabilize individuals in jail waiting for competency treatment at LRC.	Ongoing	Jo leads this	
Objective 4	Improve information sharing between CJ-MH systems.		
a. Form workgroup to reconcile LB337 with HIPAA as recommended by J. Petrila (Jan. 2019).	Completed!	LB50 Passed June 1, 2023	
b. 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).	In Process	Douglas Co, Sarpy Co, Region 6 and UNO.	
c. Region 6 leading CJ-MH information sharing project/data warehouse (Douglas Co, Sarpy Co and OPD collaboration).	In Process	Decision-Making Team meeting Oct. 25, 2023	

Goal 3	Increase the Percentage of Connection to Care for People with a Serious Mental Illness in Jail.		
	Increase by 10%		
Strategy		Target	Notes/Updates
Objective 1	Ensure all individuals with a SMI have a connection to care made prior to release.		
a.	At least xxx people with an SMI will be connected to a Type 2 Connection to Care.	Ongoing	
b.	At least xxx people with an SMI will be connected to a Type 1 Connection to Care	Ongoing	
Objective 2	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 Manage to discuss MAT-opioid continuing for those who were receiving it prior to incarceration.	Completed Meeting was on 10/5/23	
Objective 3	Monitor implementation of LB921; Medicaid Enrollment, Assistance to those Incarcerated.		
a.	Collect and review baseline data on the number of Medicaid application being completed and submitted while individual is incarcerated.	Ongoing	

Goal 4		Lower the Rates of Recidivism for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness who are in Jail.	
Strategy		Target	Notes/Updates
Objective 1	Use Specialized Transition Planning to decrease recidivism.		
a.	Collect baseline data, develop report, share with team.	Pause	
b.	Explore funding for STP beyond 90 days.	Ongoing	
Objective 2	Utilize Long Acting Injectables (LAI) when clinically appropriate		
a.	Collect and monitor baseline data to better understand the utilization of LAI's	Ongoing	
Objective 3	Provide up to 30 days of medication to individuals with an SMI at the time of release.		
a.	The Jail will identify a solution that allows individuals with an SMI to leave jail with medication to bridge to their next medication management appointment.	Completed August 8, 2023	Jo developed contract with Gretna Community Pharmacy

Sarpy County Stepping Up Team Members

*Jo Martin-Corrections Administration
*Sgt. Rob Hillabrand-Sarpy County Sheriff
*Ashley Berg- Public Defender's Office/Social Work
Tom Dargy-County Administration
Kate Gatewood-County Attorney's Office
Taylor Stanton-Public Defender's Office/Social Work
Carisa Gosda-Mental Health Diversion
David Soto-Mental Health Diversion
Jacob Berst-Community Corrections
Ashlie Weisbrodt-Pre-Trial Mental Health Case Management
Jeff Jennings-Probation
Creston Ashburn-Specialty Courts
Capt. D. J. Barcal-LaVista Police Department
Capt. Tim Melvin-Bellevue Police Department
XXXXX-Papillion Police Department
Christy Barge-Reentry/Corrections

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare Contacts

Arrow Caryl-BOMH Coordinator
Nick Chadwell-Data Analyst/Quality Improvement
Curt Vincentini-Emergency System
Miles Glasgow-Network Services
Kim Kalina-Quality Improvement
Vicki Maca-Criminal Justice/Mental Health

*Indicates Stepping Up Steering Committee Member