

Reducing the Involvement of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System Through Jail Diversion Programs

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Goals

- Keep people out of jail who don't need to be there and get them into treatment
- Provide constitutionally adequate treatment in jail
- Link to comprehensive and appropriate integrated community-based services

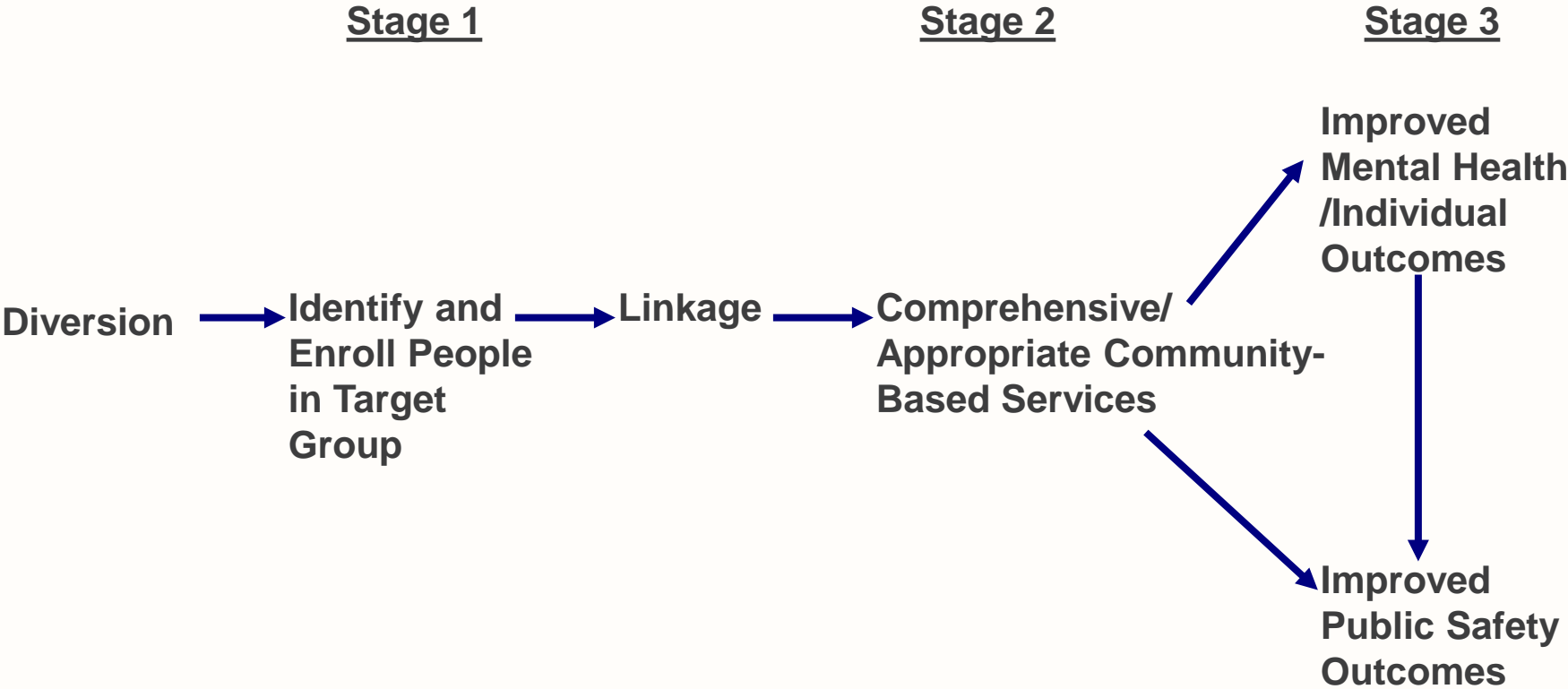
Diversion = avoiding or radically reducing jail time by using community-based treatment as an alternative.

“Diversion”

Criminal Justice → Not filing or dropping charges (ATI)

Mental Health → Not filing
Condition of bail
Deferred prosecution
(stipulate to police report)
Deferred sentencing
Condition of probation

Diversion Logic Model



Essential System of Care

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Phase I

- Forensic Intensive Case Management
- Supported Housing
- Accessible and appropriate medication
- Peer Support

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Phase II

- Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment
- Supported Employment
- FACT
- Cognitive Behavioral Interventions

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Nathaniel Project (NYC) N=53

| | <u>Prior Year</u> | <u>Current Year</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Number of Arrests | 101 | 7 |
| Misd. | 35 | 5 |
| Felonies | 66 | 2 |

CMHS TCE JD: 14 Sites

Changes in Arrests and Jail Days

| | Pre-Enrollment (1 year) | | Post-Enrollment (1 year) | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|------|
| | n | % | n | % |
| Any Arrests | 579 | 100.0 | 293 | 50.6 |
| Arrests (Mean) | 2.3 | | 1.0 | |
| Violent Arrests (Mean) | .23 | | .1 | |
| Jail Days (Mean) | 49 | | 33 | |

Annualized Number of Arrests – 3 MHCs

| | Pre 18 Months | Post 18 Months | % Reduction |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| MHC Mean (N) | 2.2 (436) | 1.4 (436) | 37% |
| TAU Mean (N) | 2.6 (597) | 2.0 (586) | 23% |

Diversion FROM

Diversion TO What?

Michigan

Gov. Executive Order (2013-17) – Governor's Mental Health Diversion Council

- April, 2015 \$3.15 million Jail Diversion Pilot Program
- 8 Jurisdictions
- MSU Evaluation

Florida

CJMHSA Reinvestment Grants

- \$4million (non-recurring) 2007 – \$9 million (recurring) 2017
- 25 Counties & TA Center (\$500,000)

New York

Institute for Police, Mental Health and Community Collaboration

- NYS Senate 2014-2018 \$400-500,000/Annually
- Award without legislation
- System Mapping/CIT Training (week) / TA Follow-Up

Program Themes

- Local options
- Outcome data
 - Program
 - Client
- Centralized Support