

#### STEPPING UP INITIATIVE UPDATE

Community Corrections Partnership Stepping Up Initiative

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### Agenda

**Stepping Up Innovator Application** 

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration (JMHC) Grant Update (2019-2022)

Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (BHJIS)Update (2021-2022)

# El Dorado County Stepping Up Mission and Vision

**Mission:** The Stepping Up Partnership offers resources, leadership, and strategic directions to improve access to services, promote recovery, and reduce justice involvement of the mentally ill in El Dorado County.

**Vision:** Individuals with behavioral health concerns are met by the justice system with dignity and compassion, linked to advocacy and supports, and provided timely and effective treatment.

#### Values:

- Advocacy on behalf of the people of El Dorado County.
- Commitment to create positive change within our justice system.
- Compassion for the lives of people affected by mental health challenges.
- Resolve to act, learn, and grow in response to the needs expressed by the community.

#### FY2020-2022 Stepping Up Strategic Plan Updates



- 1. Implement new Programs
- ✓ Continue development of the MH diversion program
- ✓ Expand mobile crisis units.¹



2. Sustain the Partnership Model



3. Build Out the Infrastructure

- ✓ Collaborative meetings on high utilizers, re-entry, and incompetency to stand trial<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Update system maps, linked to client assessments and resources
- ✓ Assess and submit grant applications.

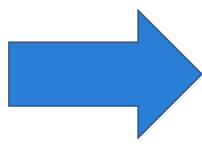
- ✓ Started implementation of integrated data dashboard linked to key metrics. <sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Kicked off data exchange planning project by mapping justice and behavioral health systems, and documented gaps. <sup>3</sup>

- 1. Crisis Care Mobile Units Program (State)
- 2. Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability (State)

- 3. Justice and Mental Health Collaborative Program Grant (Federal)
- 4. Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (State)

## Opportunity: Stepping Up Innovator Application

- National recognition offered to counties that have demonstrated the capacity to identify people in their jails who have mental illnesses and substance use disorders, collect and share data on these individuals to better connect them to treatment and services, and use that data to inform local policies and practices.
- El Dorado County is:
  - Using the Brief Jail Mental Health Screen to refer people in custody to treatment
  - Uses an integrated database of justice and mental health needs
  - Uses data driven strategies to plan and coordinate services



Action: Approve the Chair to submit the required survey and application for El Dorado County to become a Nationally Recognized Stepping Up Innovator County.

https://csgjusticecenter.org/publications/stepping-up-innovator-counties-leading-the-way-in-justice-system-responses-to-people-with-behavioral-health-needs/

JMHC Goal: Create a New Way of Doing Business to better serve people in the justice and behavioral health system



Deliverables: Strategic Plan 2020 and Data Strategy 2021

## JMHC Funding Wrap-up (Ending Dec 22)

Update the 2020 strategic plan with 2 new program priorities

Author a report containing a population analysis as well as future opportunities for leveraging new entitlements like CalAIM or future funding opportunities

Develop an updated data strategy document

Create a public facing program inventory including current capacity and evidence base

Develop caseload and impact projection tools

Playbook for process change and alignment

### BHJIS Grant Project Background

- El Dorado EDCXchange Project: Develop a cross system approach for looking at program opportunities and challenges
  - Round 1: Examine pretrial and mental health diversion (MHD) process and resource needs, and provide a technology plan, including estimates of necessary resources.

Phase 1:

 Document current state of processes, and identify successes and challenges. Map shared process and data elements from case management systems, assessments, and screening tools.



Phase 2:

 Identify priority areas for improving processes and increasing efficiency as well as addressing technical needs around information and data sharing. Also included is aligning policy and resources.

Phase 3:

 Develop a technology plan and scope of work that will enable system partners to support real time information and data sharing

Phase 4:

• Develop estimates of resources and budget impacts for changes noted in Phase 2.

#### Phase 1 Report Overview

#### Report Purpose

• Support County's vision to ensure that only individuals who pose a public safety risk remain in jail during the pendency of their case, and those that meet specific criteria for Mental Health Diversion are offered an accountable pathway to services.

#### **Report Components**

- Review of current processes and practices supporting the pretrial process up to arraignment, including data analysis of current pretrial assessment and release trends, including pretrial release outcomes.
- Review of the current Mental Health Diversion program, including data analysis of current referral, assessment, and diversion trends.
- Table summarizing implementation challenges identified during interviews with system stakeholders.
- Appendix containing draft program logic models, process maps, data dictionaries, and possible case management/assessment applications to address information sharing and gathering.

#### Pretrial: Implementation Challenges Identified by Partners

ID	Phase	Challenge	Issue Type
1	Pre-Arraignment	Partners would benefit from having access to the criminal complaint prior to arraignment.	Process
2	Pre-Arraignment	Current pretrial assessment report does not include all appropriate information to make release decisions at arraignment.	Process
3	Pre-Arraignment	Not all individuals booked complete the VPRAI/pretrial risk assessment.	Process
10	Pretrial	Probation's case management system for pretrial is in transition to a new platform.	Technical
11	Pretrial	Court's new CMS does is not able to send hearing dispositions, minute orders, or fines/fee/restitution updates.	Technical
13	Protrial	Pretrial Services is designed for monitoring, not direct case management. There would need to be continued role clarity to avoid confusion with "supervision".	Alignment

## Mental Health Diversion: Implementation Challenges Identified by Partners

ID	Challenge	Issue Type
5	Sobriety is often an issue for clients with histories of drug induced psychosis, but no current capacity or mandate to report on this.	Resources
6	More standardization for responding to non-compliance for maintaining treatment engagement.	Alignment
7	The role of case managers could use more standardization across private providers and behavioral health.	Alignment
8	Treatment reports are returned to court partners in multiple formats and often via email.	Process
9	Review of documents for next court dates is sometimes too tight with next court dates	Process
12	Behavioral health is reaching capacity for clients given its current treatment resources/funding.	Resources
14	Pathways linked criteria for who is appropriate for which collaborative court programs could be clearer	Alignment
15	There is a high volume of contested hearings for diversion referrals.	Alignment

### Next Steps in 2022

Complete JMHC deliverables and report back to the CCP and Board of Supervisors on progress and next steps for Stepping Up work

Complete Phase 2 of EDCxchange report on gaps and priorities