

JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM GRANT OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

As a collaborative county endeavor, we applied for this grant in 2018 to assist El Dorado County leaders in carrying out the directive given by the Board of Supervisors on January 6, 2016 to support the “Stepping Up” initiative. The resolution stated to convene decision leaders, collect data on the jail baseline, examine capacity, identify gaps and barriers, develop a plan, utilize research-based approaches, and create mechanisms for tracking progress of reducing the number of people who have mental illnesses in jail.

GRANT

The goal of the grant is to develop a system wide coordinated approach to reduce the prevalence of low risk individuals with MI and CMISA in local jails. Our grant application vision was not a new project, but a new way of doing business – a better way. Our grant period is 24 months, starting 1/1/2019. We are one of three California County’s that received this award.

We will work closely with a Technical Advisor from The Council of State Governments (CSG). This assistance will include monthly calls, onsite visits, to ensure we are on target with completing our Planning & Implementation Guide. In addition, Probation has grant funded staff, see below. Probation staff assigned are to coordinate the TA calls and on-site visits, disseminate grant progress to stakeholders, assist coordination of the IT data warehouse project, comply with reporting requirements, contract management, and other required tasks associated with the grant.

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| • Gary Romanko, Deputy Chief Probation Officer | 2 hours /week |
| • Kathleen Hennings, Deputy DPO | 4 hours/week |
| • TBD, DPO II | 6 hours/week |

As stated in our application, “This project is a planning and implementation project by design. Our sustainability model developed as a part of this planning process indicates that once the plan has been developed, adopted, and implemented the sustainable change is a new way of doing business for current resources. Correctional Officers, Probation Officers, Mental Health Clinicians, and Substance Use Counselors will “revise” more than “increase”; there is no increased resource burden.



PHASE 1: JANUARY 2019 – MARCH 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

IDENTIFY COLLABORATIVE PLANNING TEAM (OR USE EXISTING TEAM)



1. Exercise 1 in the Planning & Implementation Guide **April 2019** – to identify Points of Contacts for Mental Health Partners and Criminal Justice Partners. In addition, there are collaborative questions about major developments that have occurred between the time we wrote the application and our February 14, 2019 call within our Departments
2. Exercise 2 in the Planning & Implementation Guide **April 2019**. Section 2 is “Developing Your Collaborative Planning Team.” This exercise further defines the team and the roles and responsibilities to ensure success.

THREE CONTRACTORS

- **Strategic Planning Consultant** – to facilitate a collaborative planning process specific to El Dorado County and completing the required grant’s BJA’s Planning & Implementation Guide for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program.

PROSPECT CONSULTANT: Kayce Rane of Rane Community Development – we have been in contact with her about availability, contractual details, and her experience with countywide implementations. We plan to start the contracting process immediately. She was the Consultant used in San Joaquin County in 2017 for this grant as well.

- **System Research and Analysis** – to facilitate baseline data collection and the process of data mapping for sustainability reporting across the system.

PROSPECT CONSULTANT: Kevin O’Connell of O’Connell Research, Inc. – we have begun securing a contract with him. Kevin has experience with our Jail’s data, as he was instrumental in El Dorado County’s Justice System Change Initiative Jail Utilization Report released April of 2016.

- **Information Sharing Technical Advisor** – to facilitate information sharing protocol expertise and advisement to develop protocols and necessary agreements for information sharing across the system.

PROSPECT CONSULTANT: Undetermined. We are exploring experts in this area.

PHASE 1: APRIL 2019 – DECEMBER 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

DATA WAREHOUSE – CJIS SYSTEM

Explore options; gather information through the Technical Assistance of CSG to build a data warehouse in El Dorado County.

There is a budget line item for an Information Technology Advisor for the Data Warehouse Project to assist. In addition, there is a budget item for an SQL Server. These two items will need planning and attaining late in Phase 1.

PLANNING & IMPLMENTATON GUIDE

The 2019 schedule will be to submit and finalize Section 1 – Section 4 of the Guide at the monthly TA calls.

PHASE 2: JANUARY 2020 – DECEMBER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

ASSESSMENT SOFTWARE

Procure an assessment software to allow assessment to be done electronically, allowing for reporting. This step could include completing the contract, engineering paper assessments into the software, designing reporting, and training.

DATA WAREHOUSE – CJIS SYSTEM

Build it, finalize the mapping, and design the reporting. Document the sustainability plan for the system and data reporting services.

PLANNING & IMPLMENTATON GUIDE

The 2020 schedule will be to submit and finalize Section 5 – Section 7 of the Guide at the monthly TA calls.