

El Dorado County Stepping Up Initiative

A BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM

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Mental Health Services Act

Purpose: To reduce the negative consequences of unserved or underserved mental illness through a consumer driven, recovery oriented, and holistic approach to wellness and wellbeing.



1. Community Services and Supports (CSS)
- Full Service Partnership (FSP) Program
2. Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)
3. Workforce Education and Training (WET)
4. Capital Facilities and Technology Needs (CF/TN)
5. Innovation (INN)

THE STEPPING UP INITIATIVE

Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails



Measured By:

- ↓ Jail Bookings
- ↓ Jail Length of Stay
- ↓ Recidivism
- ↑ Connections to Treatment

Current Activities

Stakeholder Driven Process

- ▶ Regular Work Group Meetings

Assess Current Landscape

- ▶ County Reports and Plans
- ▶ Key Informant Interviews
- ▶ Data Analysis

Sequential Intercept Model

- ▶ Mapping Workshop Jan. 22, 2020

Project Objectives and Workplans

- ▶ Workplans for 3 Priority Strategies Identified



Client centered views need varied program designs and data to inform it

El Dorado County has started to merge data for analysis across systems:

Sheriff:

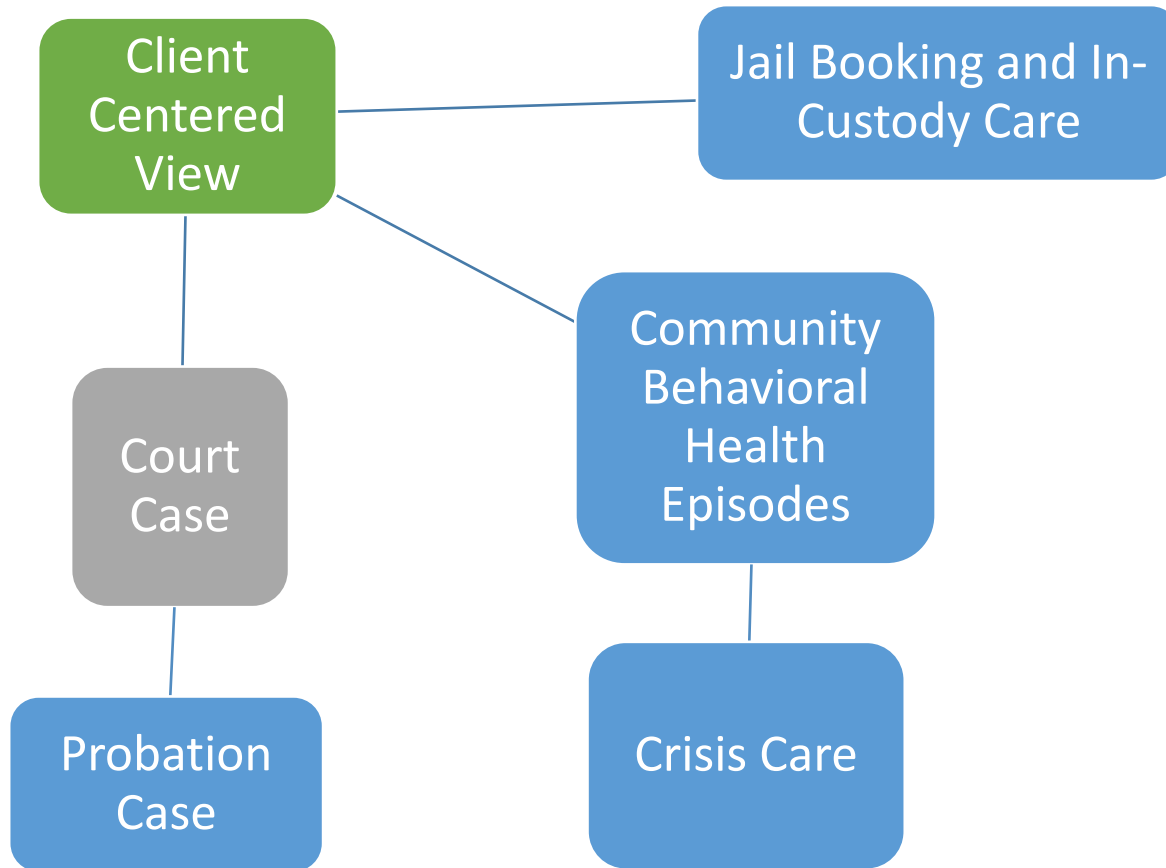
- Jail Booking and Release File for 5 years
- Brief Jail Mental Health Screen(2019)

Behavioral Health:

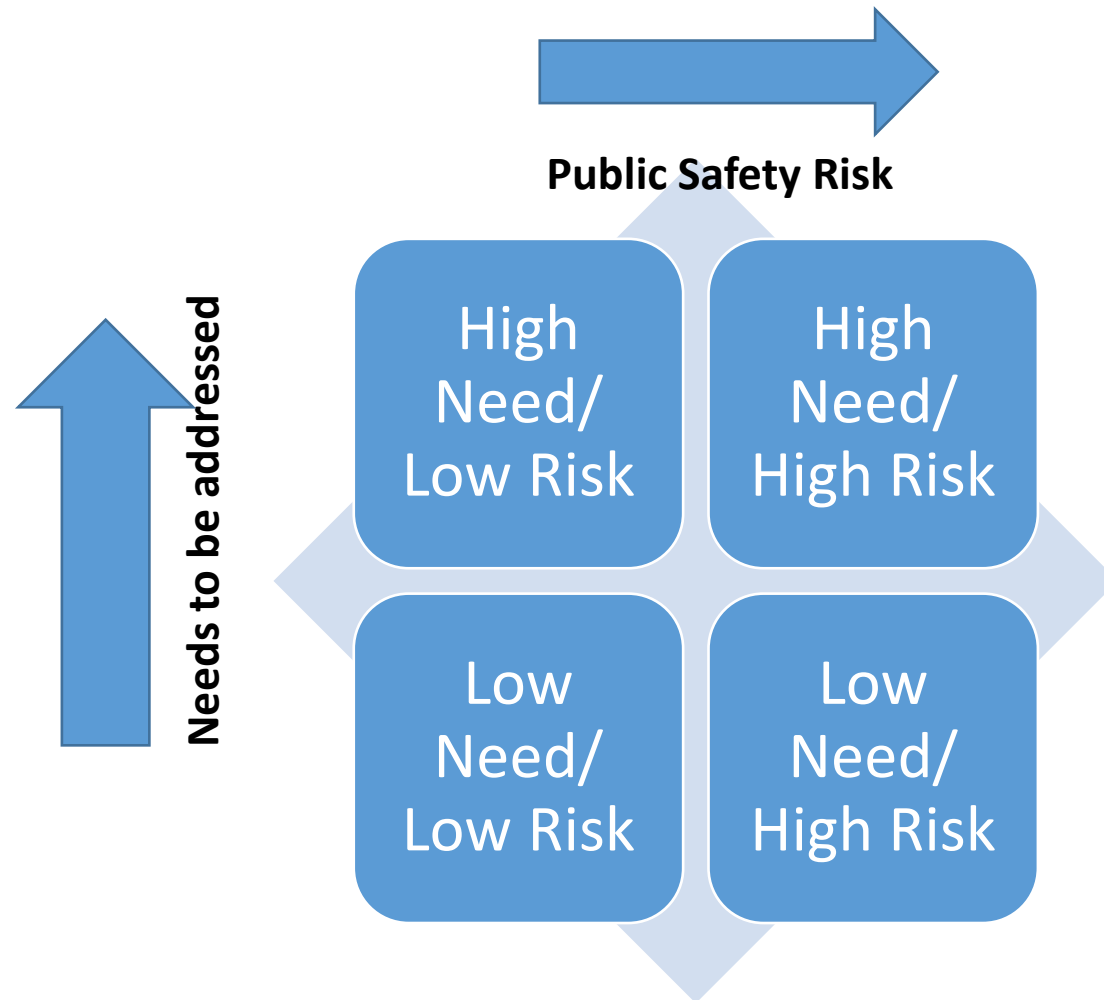
- Diagnosis and Assessment
- Episodes and Services
- Crisis Services

Probation

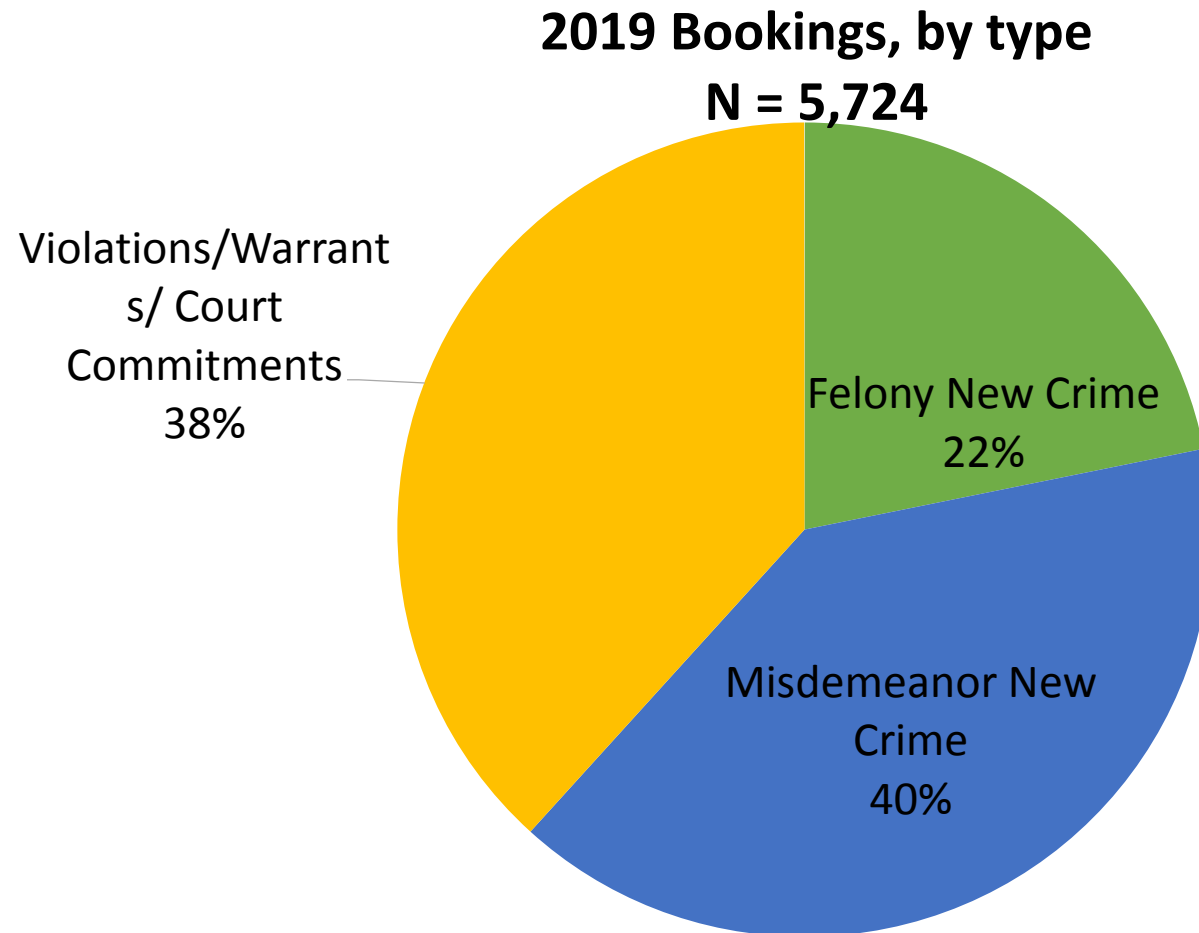
- Caseloads
- Criminogenic Risks/Needs
- Pretrial Assessment
- Violations of Probation



Data analysis between treatment and justice agencies helps drive more segmented strategies



Of those booked in 2019...
62% are for new crimes.



Brief Jail Mental Health Screen:
N = 5,120 (89%)

El Dorado County Jail Summary

5,120 Booked
and Screened
in 2019

- 29%
Screened
Positive

	Adults Booked in 2019	Adults Staying 4 days or more, 2019
	5,724	1,929
Misdemeanor	66%	41%
Felony	34%	59%

Baseline measures based on the Stepping Up Framework (2019)

		Positive	Negative
	Goal 1: Reduce Bookings	2019: 1,158 people 1,504 bookings 1.29	2019: 2,848 people 3,619 bookings 1.27
	Goal 2: Reduce Length of Stay	16 days	14 days
	Goal 3: Increase Linkage to Treatment	PENDING	
	Goal 4: Reduce Recidivism	7 bookings	4 bookings

Key Findings System Review:

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Landscape:

- ▶ 29% of Inmates with Indicators of Potential Mental Health Concerns
- ▶ Readiness and Ripeness for Stepping Up Initiative

Findings:

- ▶ Brief Jail Mental Health Screen is Uniform and Consistent
- ▶ Strengthened Linkages between Custody and Behavioral Health
- ▶ Commitment to Crisis Intervention Teams and Training for Officers
- ▶ Law Enforcement recognizes need for specialized coordinated responses
- ▶ Opportunities exist to increase coordination through Case Flags and Release of Information / Consent
- ▶ Largest Gaps are Diversion and Treatment Opportunities

Strategic Priorities

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1. Strengthening Communication and Coordination

Standardize the use of Release of Information / Consent forms across the system

Establish a protocol-driven, not relationship based approach to coordination



2. Strengthen Criminal Justice System Linkages to Treatment

Formalize the communication and referral processes for custody re-entry.

Build out the Pre-Trial Diversion and Collaborative Court Model.



3. Expand Treatment Opportunities under MHSA funding

Develop a dedicated full service partnership team for the justice involved population

Establish a pathway for case management and programming for certain individuals who do not meet criteria for specialty mental health care (mild-to-moderate)

Actionable Projects

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1. **Standardized Release of Information**
 - No additional costs
2. **Justice Full Service Partnership Team**
 - Funding through Mental Health Services Act, pending Plan approval
3. **Pre-Trial Mental Health Diversion**
 - Cost: Pilot Start-up, Project Coordinator
 - Cost: Pilot Expansion, Dedicated Prosecutor and Defense attorneys
4. **Mild-Moderate Case Management Team**
 - Funding through Mental Health Services Act, pending Plan Approval



Recommended Next Steps

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Check in with Key Stakeholders

- Judiciary
- Community Corrections Partnership
- Behavioral Health Board



Workgroup will draft Project Concepts and Action Plans (Mar/Apr)

FSP treatment team
Case management team
Pre-trial mental health diversion team



Refine research plan and continue with data analysis to inform project implementation

O'Connell Research will guide workgroup in reviewing data and making recommendations.



Present Plan (Q2)

Return Plans for Review and Consideration.

- * MHSA 3-Year Plan
- * Stepping Up Initiative Plan

Questions

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