

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

The specialized consultants at Health Management Associates have hands-on experience with criminal justice and behavioral health systems in urban, suburban and rural communities of every size.

Our team members are experts in strategy development, stakeholder engagement, financing, program design, implementation and evaluation.

We work with healthcare providers, law enforcement agencies, probation and parole departments, counties, communities and health systems to:

- » Integrate diversion and reentry activities with health, human services and justice systems
- » Foster an accountable and whole-person approach to diverting people with mental illness or substance use disorders (SUD) from jail and into treatment
- » Help law enforcement, probation and parole departments deal with the effects of officer burn-out and adjust to changing job demands
- » Train law enforcement to respond to situations involving a person with mental illness and/or substance misuse
- » Improve crisis intervention systems to meet community goals
- » Address the various needs of people involved in the criminal justice system including homelessness, unemployment and mental illness
- » Leverage multiple funding streams to support unified cross-sector partnerships and programs
- » Incorporate reforms in behavioral health and criminal justice systems to establish high-yield partnerships
- » Develop programs and partnerships to address the opioid crisis in the criminal justice system



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HMA is supporting counties across the country with implementation of medication assisted treatment (MAT) in detention settings while also developing a sustainable continuum of care for people after they leave incarceration. This initiative is building on HMA's work in California where the program has been implemented in more than 29 counties. In addition, in California and Delaware, HMA is helping to develop statewide cross-sector, systemic solutions to develop and sustain effective service delivery systems for people experiencing addiction, mental illness, homelessness and criminal justice-system involvement.

● Is your community working to end unnecessary incarceration or facing the prospect of building a new jail?

HMA has designed and supported the implementation of proven diversion models to offer alternatives to arrest or incarceration. Strategies such as utilizing law enforcement screening, pre-booking assessments and court-based diversion to treatment have reduced unnecessary incarceration.

● Is your community challenged by growing numbers of people with mental illness, addiction, and/or homelessness cycling between your jail and community homelessness?

HMA has developed and led crisis intervention training, established law enforcement mental health and homeless outreach teams, as well as other strategies demonstrated to reduce risk and improve outcomes.

● Is your community experiencing an increase in 911 mental health and/or substance-related calls and dealing with mental health and substance use issues in crisis systems?

HMA guided the New York City (NYC) Crisis Prevention and Response Task Force, an effort to improve NYC behavioral health crisis services, using a four-stage framework focused on opportunities and responsible actors to best prevent, address and support people and communities around behavioral health crises.

● Is your community leveraging funding made available by current reforms in healthcare and the criminal justice system to support cross-sector strategies?

HMA conducted an in-depth analysis of four counties that have successfully implemented integrated criminal justice and health strategies which established a comprehensive guide for communities seeking to implement the same model.