

HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

DIVERTING POPULATIONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS FROM JAIL

Counties across the country are struggling to ensure public safety while reducing incarceration of people with mental illness or substance use disorders. Each county has unique public safety, judicial, behavioral health and medical approaches to address mental illness and addiction based on history and public opinion. Some counties have joined initiatives such as Stepping Up, the White House Data Driven Justice Initiative, and 21st Century Policing.

Jail diversion and reentry programs are gaining attention and funding, but each community must tailor an approach to its own unique environment. Designing, implementing, operating and evaluating criminal justice diversion and community reentry strategies requires strong leadership, skillful stakeholder engagement and technical knowledge of criminal justice, clinical and financing issues. Health Management Associates

(HMA) is uniquely equipped to help any county or city move forward with criminal justice diversion and reentry strategies and services. Whether you are just beginning to think about jail diversion or have been working toward a program for years, HMA has the skills to advance your goals.

Our experts have hands-on experience with criminal justice and behavioral health systems in urban, suburban and rural communities of every size. Our team includes experts in strategy, stakeholder engagement, financing, program design, implementation and evaluation. We integrate diversion and reentry activities with health, human services and justice systems to foster accountable, whole-person approaches to diverting people with mental illness or substance use disorders from jail and into treatment. Contact us. We can help.

HMA Model For Consultation and Technical Assistance In Jail Diversion



BUILDING BLOCKS OF EFFECTIVE JAIL DIVERSION

SERVICES	STAKEHOLDERS	FUNDING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Information Exchange / Data Analytics + Sobering Sites + Crisis Intervention + Mental Health Assessment and Treatment + Addictions Assessment and Treatment + Housing + Transportation + Specialty Courts + Healthcare + Recovery Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Courts and Judges + Sheriffs and Jails + Police and Public Safety + Probation/Parole + Health Plans + Mental Health Providers + Hospitals + Advocates + Prosecutors + Public + County Commissioners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Public Safety + Medicaid + Public Mental Health System + State Funding + Federal Mental Health Funds + Federal Substance Use Disorder Funds + County/Local Funds + Grants + Foundations/Philanthropy + Judicial Funds + Discretionary Funds

Our expert consultants have worked on a diverse array of projects across the country. Here are some examples of work we've done in New York, Louisiana, California, Illinois, Michigan, Texas, and Colorado.

Worked with law enforcement and county officials to develop and deliver Crisis Intervention Team curricula and training to police, sheriff deputies, and first responders in several states

Created post-arrest diversion opportunities for substance users with low-level offenses

Evaluation of a state-wide jail behavioral health program

Developed behavioral health screenings law enforcement and court officials use to help divert individuals in need of treatment away from the criminal justice system based on available resources in the community

Designed projects to establish hundreds of units of permanent and transitional housing for formerly incarcerated individuals who have serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders

Developed and administered programs in nationally recognized county diversion model that provide law enforcement with behavioral health disposition/drop off center and serve the community with crisis intervention, short-term crisis residential treatment, sobering, residential detox, and comprehensive clinic- and community-based behavioral health services

Helped a large state prison system develop a comprehensive approach to pre-release screening, assessment for co-occurring disorders, Medicaid enrollment and community reentry support within specialized hubs located in cities where stakeholder planning efforts are now addressing gaps in access to appropriate care, especially Medication Assisted Treatment for addictions

Improved efficacy of components in a county public mental health system to expedite movement of justice-involved persons, alleviate wait lists for crisis mental health services, and enhance access to psychiatric services

Worked with states, counties and large cities to develop reentry services for complex medical and social services needs, psychiatric needs and drug and alcohol treatment

Developed probation services with in-house behavioral health teams that screen and assess the needs of individuals on probation and connect them to clinical and community-based services

Worked with multiple court authorities to develop Mental Health and Drug Courts, facilitate Treatment Court Collaboration, and streamline access to behavioral health care and services to address the social determinants of health

Provided jail-based direct services and integrated care coordination and services for Drug Court participants. Experience with other specialty courts includes those for Veterans with behavioral health issues, parents involved in child protective services and juveniles.

Worked with many counties, cities and states to implement Medicaid application assistance process for prison and jail detainees and to build real-time links to community-based medical, mental health, and drug and alcohol treatment at release