

MILWAUKEE COUNTY SAFETY & JUSTICE CHALLENGE UPDATE

December 2017

Timeline

Year(s)	Activity
2007	Community Justice Council (MCJC) Established
2007, 2012, 2017	Treatment Alternatives and Diversion
2009, 2013, 2015	Bureau of Justice Assistance – Adult Drug Treatment Court
2011	National Institute of Correction’s Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) - Phase II - Among 7 selected sites
2011, 2013, 2014, 2017	EBDM Phases III-VI
2011, 2013, 2015	Bureau of Justice Assistance Justice Reinvestment
2015	MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge - Phase I - Among 20 sites selected from 191 applications
2016	MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge – Phase II - Among 11 sites selected from 20 applications

Safety & Justice Challenge

Overview

- Safety & Justice Challenge (SJC) Goals
 - Implement reforms to safely reduce overreliance on jails
 - Address racial/ethnic disparities in the justice system
 - Increase community engagement
- Grant provides funding & technical assistance to help jurisdictions achieve the goals

SJC Implementation Sites*

- Ada County, ID
- Charleston County, SC
- Cook County, IL
- Harris County, TX
- Los Angeles County, CA
- Lucas County, OH
- Mecklenburg County, NC
- Mesa County, CO
- Milwaukee County, WI
- Multnomah County, OR
- New Orleans, LA
- New York, NY
- Palm Beach County, FL
- Pennington County, SD
- Philadelphia, PA
- Pima County, AZ
- St. Louis County, MO
- Shelby County, TN
- Spokane County, WA
- State of Connecticut

** Additional 20 Innovation sites added in 2017*

Local Strategies*

- Book & Refer
- Crisis Mobile Team, CART, and Crisis Resource Centers
- Post-Booking Stabilization
- Trauma & Family Violence
- Expanding Data Capacity / Information Sharing

* Additional strategies could be introduced, pending JFA analysis

Book & Refer

- Background
 - **Before SJC:** Individuals booked at Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) district station, transferred to jail, and rebooked
 - **Under SJC:** Created process to divert individuals to district station for booking, release, and referral to the DA's Office
- Benefits
 - Provides non-custodial option to handle charges
 - Eliminates “double booking” to cut processing time
 - Mirrors current suburban practices

Book & Refer

- **Goal:** Reduce number of defendants with non-violent misdemeanors booked into the jail by MPD
- **Lead Agency:** MPD

Progress	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Created and updated Standard Operating Instructions• Training for commanders, supervisors, and bookers• Pilot launched	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citywide implementation

CMT, CART, and CRC

Team	Description
Crisis Mobile Team (CMT)	Behavioral health clinicians assist law enforcement (LE) to determine on-scene treatment needs
Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART)	LE officer and behavioral health clinician respond to mental health crisis calls
Crisis Resource Center (CRC)	Locations where LE officers can transport individuals for mental health-related triage services

CMT, CART, and CRC

- Background
 - 35% individuals within Milwaukee County Jail and House of Correction receive psychotropic medication while in custody
 - Competency raised for many in pretrial status
- Under SJC:
 - Adds third CART Team to Milwaukee County
 - Provides training and outreach to law enforcement (LE) about community-based mental health resources
- Benefits
 - Expands available services
 - Directs individuals into community-based services
 - Increases non-custodial options and training for law enforcement

CMT, CART, and CRC

- **Goals:** Reduce number of individuals with mental health conditions entering the justice system; Expand non-custodial options for LE
- **Lead Agencies:** Behavioral Health Division (BHD), DA's Office, MPD

Progress	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established baseline measures, based on past CART team performance• 100% MPD patrol officers received Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)• CART Team launched	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public messaging• Ongoing law enforcement outreach

Post-Booking Stabilization

- Background
 - Under SJC, created process to divert individuals with mental health conditions from jail into community-based support services
- Benefits
 - Connects individuals to treatment and support
 - Avoids in-custody decompensation and need to restore competency

Post-Booking Stabilization

- **Goal:** Reduce number of individuals with mental health conditions cycling through the justice system

Progress	Lead Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implemented screening tool• Program launched• 46 individuals currently enrolled; 13 discharged• Ongoing capacity building• Evaluating results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Attorney's Office• Public Defender's Office• Milwaukee County Circuit Courts• Milwaukee County Housing• Behavioral Health Division• Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office• JusticePoint

Trauma & Family Violence Education

- Background
 - High rates of trauma in the justice system
 - Families often reunite in family violence situations
- Under SJC
 - Provide trauma training to system stakeholders
 - Conduct trauma audit of court system
 - Require BHD vendors to provide trauma-informed care
 - Allow diversions and deferred prosecution agreements in family violence cases, requiring evidence-based trauma-informed care
- Benefits
 - Increased recognition and improved response to trauma
 - Interrupt cycle of family violence by connecting families to support

Trauma & Family Violence Education

- **Goals:** Build trauma-informed system; Expand trauma-informed options in response to domestic violence
- **Lead Agencies:** Milwaukee County Circuit Courts, DA's Office, BHD, CJC

Progress	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 trauma trainers• 350+ system stakeholders trained• 65+ DPAs entered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trauma training for judges & commissioners• Trauma audit• Improve criminal justice complex signage• Expand trauma programming

Additional Milestones

- Received grant-funded technical assistance
 - Burns Institute
 - Policy Research Associates
 - Vera Institute of Justice
- Hired Project Manager
- Developed communications plan
- Established Data Use Agreement

Next Steps

- Community engagement and outreach
- Review system data and measure impact
- Sustainability planning

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