

SIM Priority Group Progress Update—11.02.2023

Priority Name: Diversion – Kraig Stockstill gave update

<p>Goals/Objectives to be accomplished:</p>	<p>Expand crisis options through the development of a diversion center.</p> <p>Diversion Center is focused on pre- arrest diversion at present. I.e. Keeping people out of the CJ system to begin with.</p>
<p>Challenges/Issues for progress:</p>	<p>1. Safe, affordable housing for the underprivileged in high demand resulting in a shortage overall in Amarillo.</p>
<p>Milestones accomplished since last justice forum (May 2023)—Examples: regular meetings, pilot projects, changes in policies or procedures, and other.</p>	<p>Milestone No. 1- TPC was awarded 1.4 million in grant money to go towards creating a diversion center.</p> <p>Milestone No. 2- A building has been identified to house the diversion center; Bivins Pointe at 6600 Kilgore Drive.</p>
<p>What data or outcomes are being gathered/tracked to assess progress?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data from CIT officers reflecting numbers of arrests resulting in Class B and Class C misdemeanors.
<p>What data does this group need to know to be more effective in data-driven decision making?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 211 will need guidance from diversion center to help them identify candidates for diversion from calls received. - Current criteria being used by Call Center Priority Group is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Someone who reports being in active mental crisis 2. Someone off their mental health medication who needs/wants to get back on them. 3. Anyone who expresses a need for mental health counseling. 4. At this time MCOT and CIT will be the first responders to the Diversion Center. 211 will be working with DC Staff to develop a way to coordinate referrals and resources for people who accessed the DC through MCOT and CIT.

<p>Goals planned before the next PBHA Justice Forum (May 2024)</p>	<p>Goal No. 1 – To have more open connections to partners in the community so that when diversion center reaches out, there will be follow through.</p> <p>Goal No. 2 – Identify how to make diversion center a useful service to the community. This will help ensure longevity.</p> <p>Integration and collaboration will ensure the usefulness to the community. I think the diversion strategies will need to be strongly integrated within the law enforcement/justice agencies and continued strong collaboration with partnering agencies is needed to break down any existing (or unknown) barriers for those who will be diverted by coming to the center.</p>
	<p>No needs currently. As Design team gets going, some needs may arise.</p>
<p>Other:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next priority group meeting: November 13th 9AM - 211 expected to play a big part in identifying candidates for diversion center. - First Design Team meeting is December 4th, 2023 at 10am.

Project Lead(s): Libby Moore, TPC. Kraig Stockstill, RHN. **** Diversion Taskforce is disbanded as of 11/13/2023 focus will now shift over to cultivating a design team to structure the operations of the diversion center.**

Committee Members:

- Steve White, Sheriffs Office Potter County Jail
- Bri Albracht, Intercept Team, TPC
- Richard Cox, Intercept Team, APD
- Sgt. Jonathan Gates, Crisis Intervention Coordinator, APD
- David Bustos, MCOT, TPC
- Joshua Crawford, Specialty Court Program Coordinator, Potter County
- Judge Jennifer Cates
- Judge Laura Hamilton

Design Team:

Next Meeting: December 4th, 2023 10:00am- 11:30am.

- Libby Moore
- Kraig Stockstill
- Janell Menahem
- Ross Womble
- Judge Laura Hamilton
- Officer Richard Cox
- Noel Higgins (APD)
- Sgt. Jonathan Gates
- Sgt. Rudy Montano
- Brianna Albracht
- David Bustos
- Gaye Reynolds
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