

SIM Priority Group Progress Update—11.02.2023

Priority Name: Reentry – Dr. Shanna James presented the update

<p>Goals/Objectives to be accomplished:</p>	<p>Strengthen reentry and continuity of care planning</p>
<p>Challenges/Issues for progress:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need Representative from Potter County Jail 2. Where and from whom to get data 3. Getting everyone together at the same time. <p><i>Note: of the identified challenges/issues above- number 1 and 2 are continued challenges from last PBHA Justice Forum Update on 5.16.23.</i></p>
<p>Milestones accomplished since PBHA Justice Forum (May 2023)—<i>Examples: regular meetings, pilot projects, changes in policies or procedures, and other.</i></p>	<p>Milestone No. 1- Reentry Community of Practice DOJ Pilot Program (Amarillo is one of only 5 sites nationwide). This was completed in December of 2023.</p> <p>Milestone No. 2- Collaborating with the Continuum of Care to complete City Plan City of Amarillo, TX City Plan Housing Preference Survey</p> <p>Milestone No. 3- Toured Potter and Randall County Jails, learned about intake to exit process. <i>Jails coincide with Intercept 3 on the SIM map.</i></p> <p>Milestone No. 4- Toured mental health specialty court and accountability courts. <i>Accountability court coincides with Intercept 4 (reentry on SIM Map).</i></p>
<p>What data or outcomes are being gathered/tracked to assess progress?</p>	<p>Re-entry- Recommended Variables and Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ # and % of persons receiving assessment(s) to shape reentry plan ○ # and % of persons with mental or substance use disorders released annually ○ # and % of persons released with psychotropic medications ○ # of days of psychotropic medication or prescription coverage in possession upon release ○ Average # of days between release and contact with community-based prescribing treatment provider ○ # of persons discharged to homelessness, a shelter, or an unknown address ○ # of persons released with health insurance coverage (reactivated Medicaid, private insurance, etc.) ○ Rate of linkage to reentry services

- Rate of recidivism after release

Jail - Recommended Variables and Measures: -

- # and % of individuals with a history of or currently experiencing a mental or substance use disorder (either self-reported or confirmed through health records)
- Average length of incarceration among people with mental illness versus the general population ○# of individuals connected to supportive services and programming (faith-based groups, employment training, education, etc.)
- # of suicide watches and # of days the facility is on suicide watch, annually
- # and % of individuals receiving facility-based behavioral health treatment services
 - # of individuals seeing a psychiatrist
 - # of individuals receiving psychotropic medications
 - # of individuals receiving withdrawal protocol, by type of substance
 - # of individuals placed or continued on medication-assisted treatment
- Capacity of mental health and substance use treatment staff to provide services

**Will reach out to Judge Board to see if he is able to obtain these measures:*

Courts - Recommended Variables and Measures:

- General:
 - Annual caseload of the court system
 - Caseload processing rate
 - # and % of persons sent for evaluation of competency to stand trial
- Specialty courts:
 - # of referrals to each treatment court
 - % of referrals accepted into each court Current capacity of each court
 - Rate of successful program completion (“graduation”) of each court
 - Rates of recidivism after program completion (define in accordance with National Association of Drug Court Professionals recommendations)

<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"> - Recidivism rates- how does our county/city measure and track mental health rates in the jails. - Follow up to TPC from the jails (amount of people, avg time to follow-up). - National Reentry Resource Center (nrrctaportal.org) is where the National Re-entry Assessment was submitted.
<p>Milestones planned before the next PBHA Justice Forum (May 2024)</p>	<p>Goal No. 1- Begin tracking recidivism rates.</p> <p>Goal No. 2- Complete Reentry Practices Capacity Assessment (completed on 11/14/23)</p> <p>Goal No. 3- Create an action plan from capacity assessment (prompted within the online survey)</p>
<p>ASK/NEEDS : What support or clarification does this group need from PBHA or other SIM groups to advance this priority?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Past data collected from Justice League and other information on processes etc. (Unsure how to interpret the data- need to ask a representative from HHSC to explain the data)
<p>OTHER:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Janell Menahem with 211 is interested in being more involved with reentry. She will be presenting at the next reentry group meeting on November 14th. - Currently, Reentry group is focusing on reentry resources for local jail releases since there are fewer resources available to them. (Prisons have more resources available to them)

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Other online resources provided by Heather Erwin (Amarillo Coach assigned by National Re-entry Pilot Group)

- [Resource Community for Higher Education In Prison](#)

- fhi360.org

- [Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Court Services](#)

- [National Center on Restorative Justice](#)

- [Incarceration Nations Network](#)

- [Common Justice](#)

- [AIR Center for Addiction Research and Effective Solutions](#)

- [National Reentry Resource Center](#)

