

Marion County Mental Health - Public Safety Collaborations:

A long term commitment to quality community care

Testimony to Ways and Means Human Services Sub-Committee

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The successes of our nearly two decades of collaborative work between Mental Health and Public Safety in Marion County have been presented in a number of venues by the Sheriff, District Attorney and Health Department staff. The major features of the joint services we have developed and timeline are displayed on the last two pages of this testimony. This morning, I wish to address some of the factors necessary for such a successful collaboration and some of the benefits Oregon can expect by investing in, and maintaining, community-based collaborations.

Perhaps the key factor contributing to the success of the mental health-public safety collaboration in Marion County are the long standing relationships among multiple community partners. Our long history of two decades of collaboration maintains good relationships and essential understandings among partners and allows for trusting discussions and a cohesive response when difficult issues do arise. Frequent contact provides a good understanding of the resources and capabilities of different community agencies and provides an understanding of the limitations or restrictions that other partners face. Collaboration allows for the mutual advocacy necessary to promote what will be effective for individuals in our community.

A common vision that individuals with addictions and mental health problems are best treated in the least restrictive level of care has led us to develop a system focused on engaging people in treatment where ever appropriate:

- Crisis Intervention Training provides law enforcement personnel with the tools they need to provide an open door to engagement and treatment for individuals they may encounter in the community.
- Jail Diversion seeks to break the cycle of multiple, low-level, "nuisance" violations by providing treatment and positive opportunities for individuals with addictions or mental health problems.

- Treatment Courts provide opportunity for individuals to become engaged with treatment which reduces future crime.
- Respite placements avoid unnecessary hospitalization and re-traumatization.
- The 24/7 Psychiatric Crisis Center diverts nearly 3000 screenings a year away from the hospital emergency room.
- The Community Outreach Response Team follows up on law-enforcement reports and contacts individuals who may benefit from mental health or addictions treatment while they are not in crisis.
- Mobile Crisis outreach teams provide law enforcement and mental health personnel on-scene for incidents involving individuals with mental health problems. They also provide consultation to other law-enforcement responses.
- Jail Mental Health staff link those with mental illness to effective community outpatient treatment upon release, including housing with wraparound supports.

Closing thoughts

The success of our collaboration:

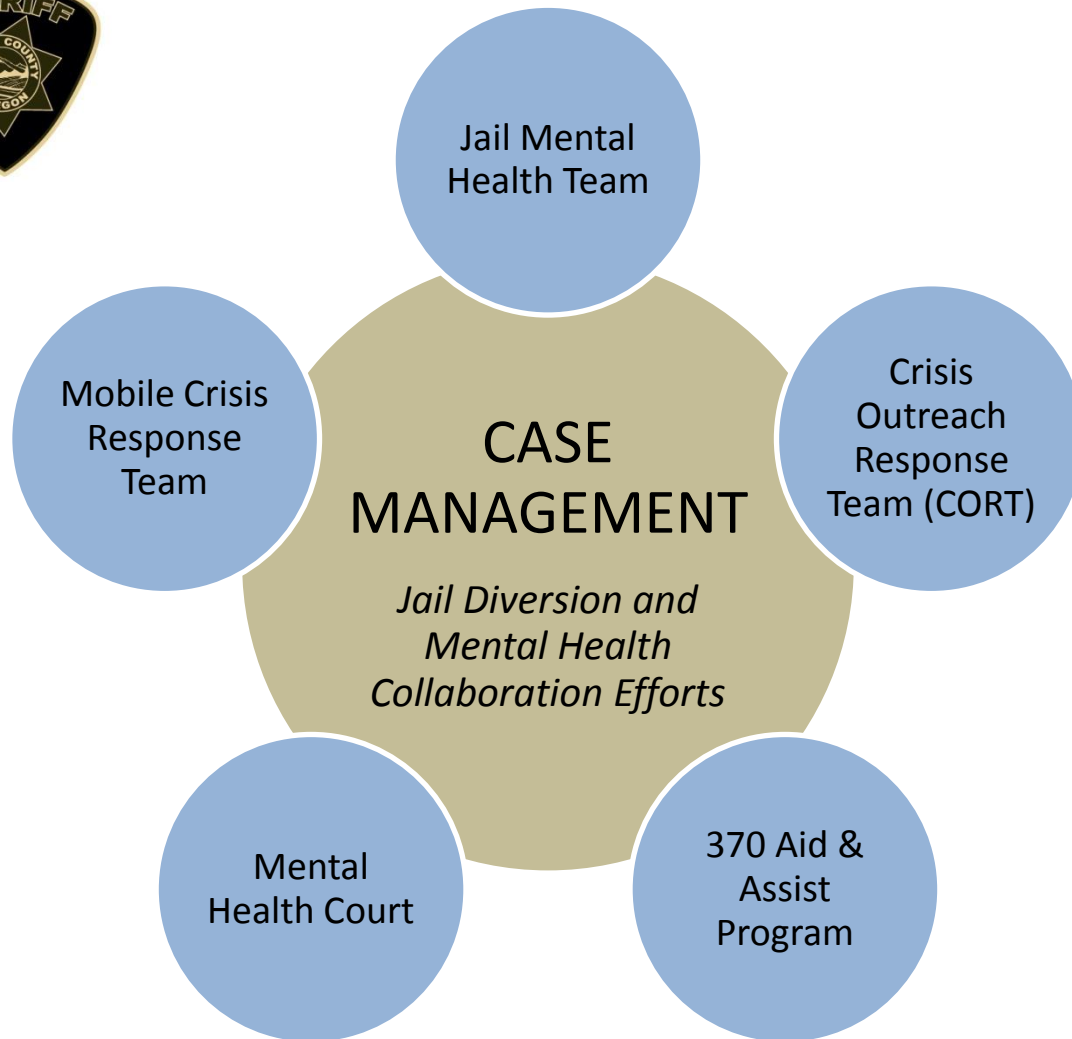
- is relationship based
- is data-driven
- relies on evidence-based practices
- focuses on what an individual and the community need to be safe
- is oriented toward engaging individuals with addictions or mental health problems in treatment rather than placement in an institution whenever possible.

Investments in community-based collaborations can pay large dividends in terms of addressing overcrowding at institutions, including hospitals and jails; can provide a reentry glide path for those returning from incarceration which ensures less recidivism; and can help maximize the use of scarce public safety and health resources.

Thank you.



Marion County Mental Health Collaboration & Jail Diversion Programs



Services Offered:

Transition Case Management
 Coordination of Care Services
 Crisis Prescriber
 Crisis Associates
 Wraparound Money for Medications & other needs
 Bus Tickets / Transportation

Other Benefits:

Consultation with officers on duty
 Coordination with Acute Care & Law Enforcement

Results:

Mobile Crisis calls April-Dec 2014 & : **455**; 22 taken to the Jail (most on outstanding warrants)

CORT received **2348** LE reports in 2014; **930** encounters were made from those reports.

Average number of crisis screenings a month by PCC Staff: **458**

Jail Diversion Case Management clients provided resources in 2014: **43**, 14 more are being monitored in the jail or work center, and 10 refused services

24 hour Crisis Services

not attached to hospital or law enforcement

- Psychiatric Crisis Center (Crisis Screenings & Services)
- Crisis Respite 24 / 7 placement and services

Marion County Mental Health Collaboration & Jail Diversion // Timeline

1995 Psychiatric Crisis Center (PCC) created

1999 Respite Program initiated

2005 Crisis Prescriber added

2006 Jail Mental Health Staff added part time at Marion County Jail
Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) launched (40 hour training program)

2007 Jail Mental Health Staff schedule expanded to 7 days, 8 hrs a day

2008 370 Aid & Assist Case Manager Position created
Mental Health Court established

2009 Mental Health Task Force created at Marion County Sheriff's Office

2010 Memorandum of Understanding between Marion County Health Dept and law enforcement; Crisis Outreach Response Team (CORT) created

2012 BJA grant is awarded; added A&D Mentors to "CORT"

2014 Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) created from OHA funding; Jail Diversion Case Manager Position added



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