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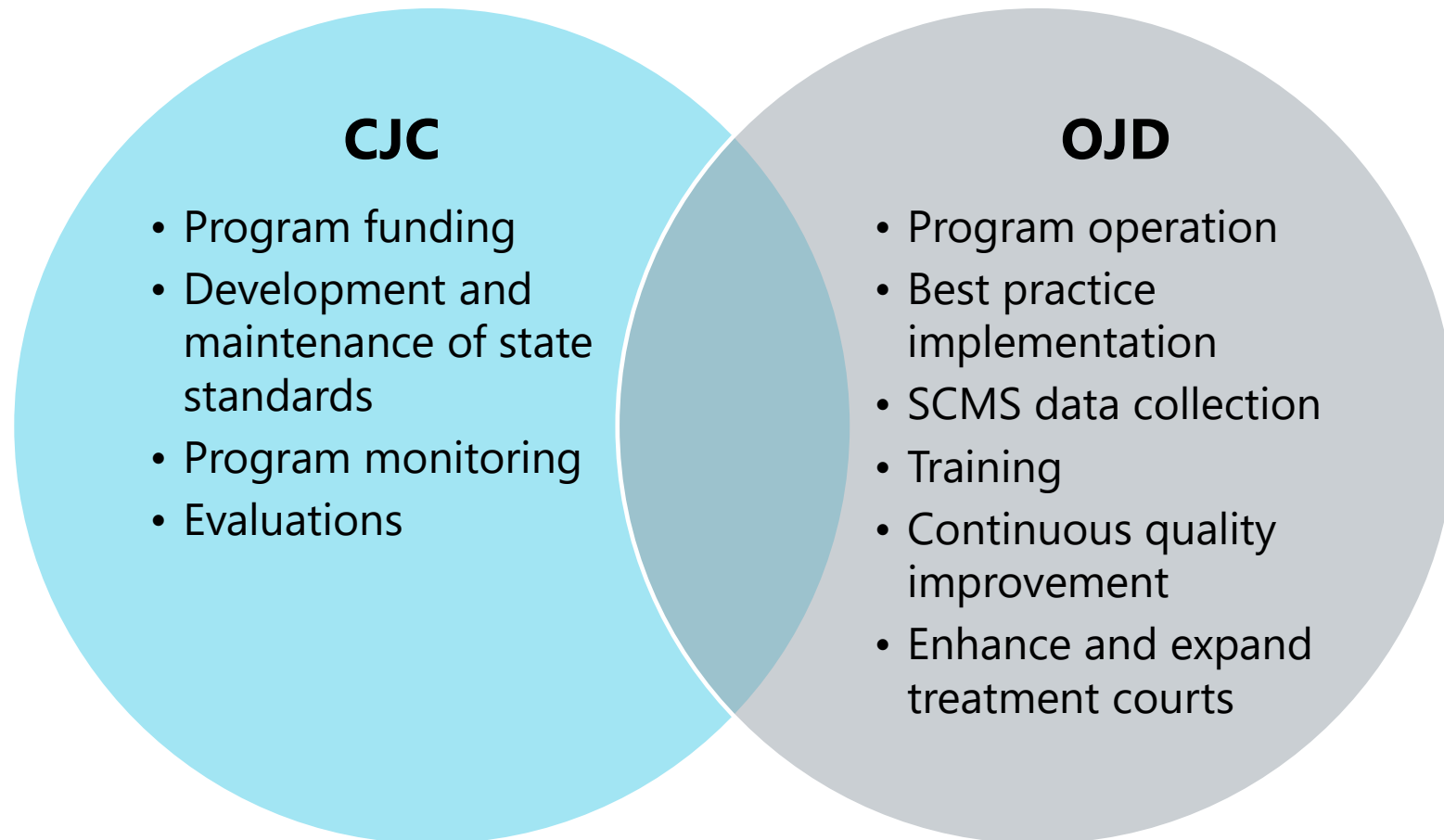
OREGON TREATMENT COURT PROGRAMS: CJC/OJD Administrative Balance



HB 4001 Specialty Court Taskforce
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CJC AND OJD'S WORK IS INDEPENDENT IN SOME RESPECTS AND INTERTWINED IN OTHERS





CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

ORS 137.680 IDENTIFIES THE ROLE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION IN TREATMENT COURT ADMINISTRATION

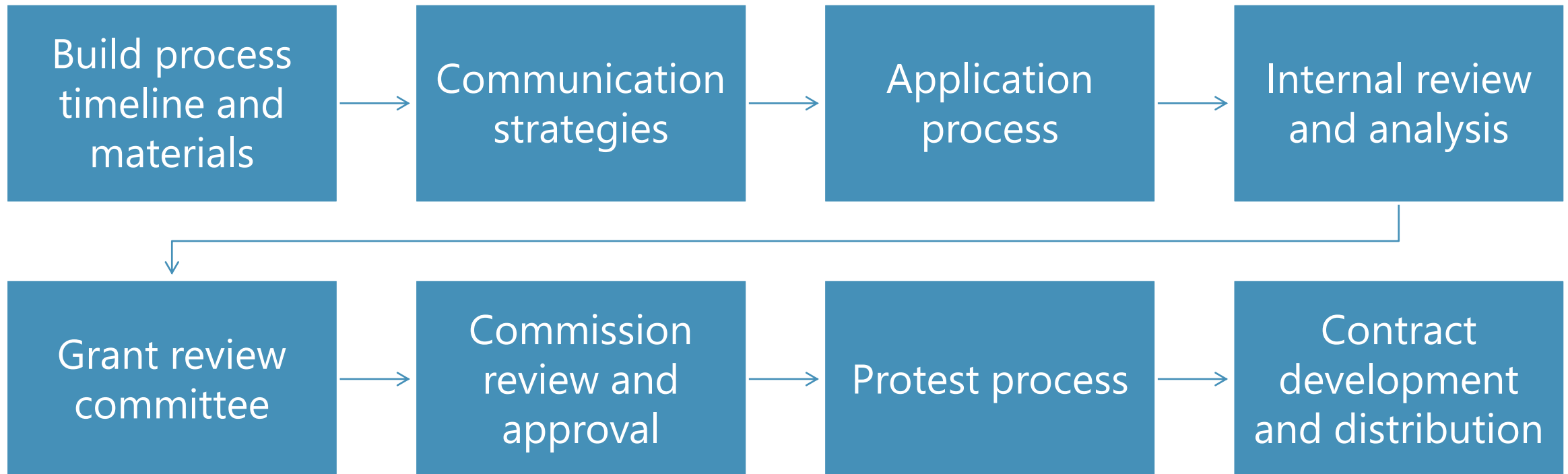
(2)(a) – The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall serve as a clearinghouse and information center for the collection, preparation, analysis and dissemination of the best practices applicable to specialty courts.

(2)(b) – After consulting with the Judicial Department, the commission shall develop evidence-based standards that may be applied to specialty courts. The standards must:

(2)(b)(A) – Be designed to reduce recidivism in a cost-effective manner; **and**

(2)(b)(B) – When appropriate, target medium-risk and high-risk offenders.

THE SPECIALTY COURT GRANT PROGRAM REQUIRES INITIAL DEVELOPMENT PRIOR TO PROGRAM AWARDS



THERE ARE GRANT
PROGRAM
CONSIDERATIONS
THAT IMPACT
TIMING AND
WORKLOAD

Number of Applications

Amount Requested vs. Amount Available

County Applicants Need Coordinator Involvement

Timelines of budget finalization

Grantee Communication

Daily support to grantees

Reporting from grantees

- Financial
- Data
- Semi-annual narratives

Reporting to funders as required

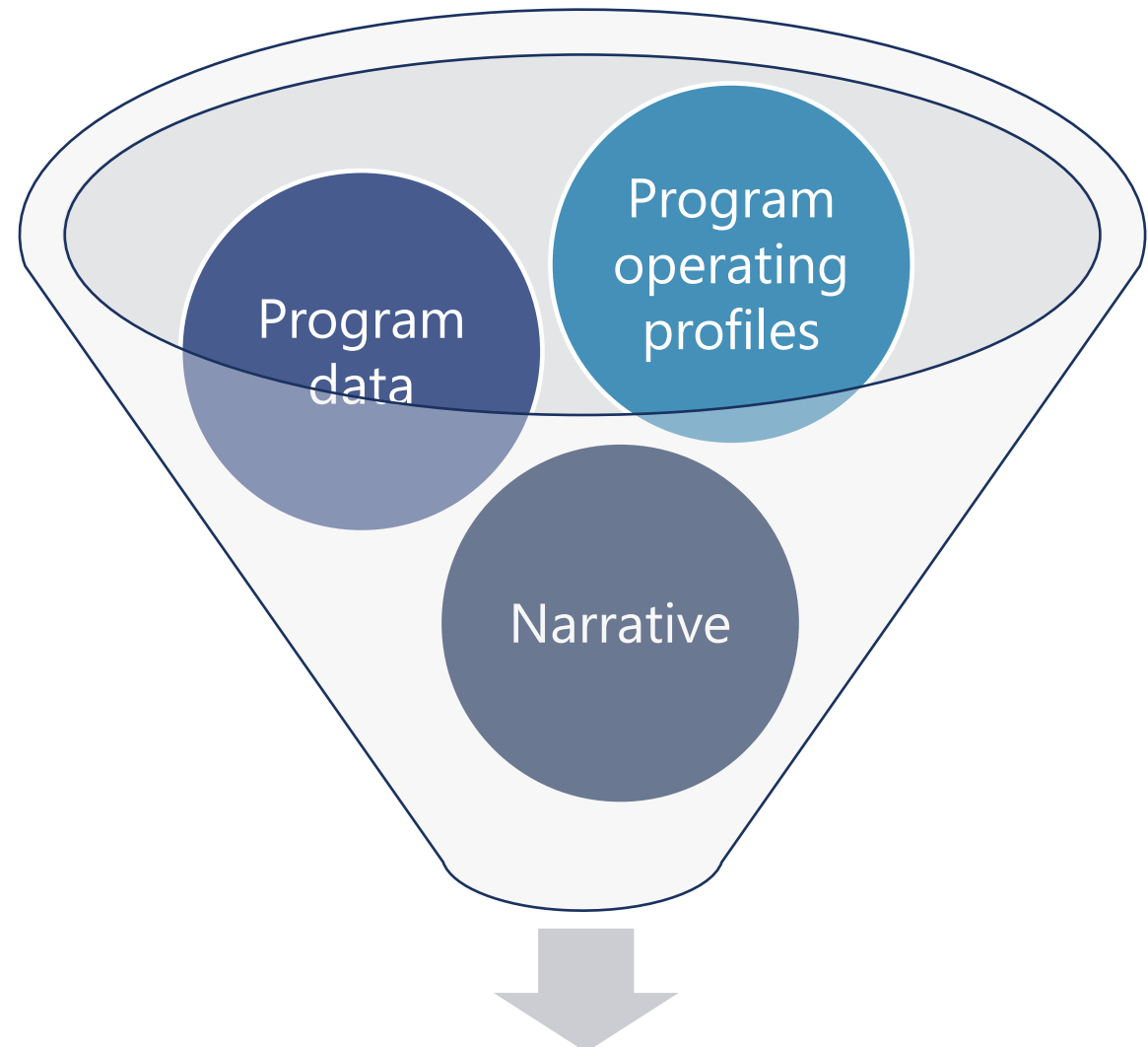
Contract management & payment

- SCMS
- Reconnect
- Statewide training funds
- County contracts
- OJD Interagency Agreements

External communications, support, and advocacy as needed

GRANT PROGRAM
MAINTENANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION
REQUIRE INTERNAL
RESOURCES
THROUGHOUT THE
BIENNIUM

CJC MONITORS,
ANALYZES, AND
PROVIDES FEEDBACK
ON ALIGNMENT TO
OREGON &
NATIONAL
STANDARDS WHICH
CAN EXPAND TO ALL
PROGRAMS



Scorecard: Areas identified as opportunities to improve

Feedback Letters: Recommended areas of focus

Funding: Tied to critical operations or improving/maintaining adherence

CJC PROVIDES INDEPENDENT EVALUATION TO MONITOR OUTCOMES, EFFICACY TO THE MODEL AND EFFECTIVENESS OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Monitoring
program
outcomes
(Recidivism Study)

Statewide project
evaluations as
requested
(RANT Project)

Use of standards
to evaluate grant
applicants and
provide feedback

THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT AND STABILIZATION

Specialty Court Grant Program (SCGP)

- Guidelines to increase predictability, address barriers, and use of indirect costs
- Partnership with OHA for efficient treatment billing and responsible stewardship of funds
- Consider statewide drug testing contract to address varying costs and testing quality

Specialty Court Standards

- Update to align with current research and guidance
- Expand guidance and nuance across program types

Program Oversight

- Continue recidivism study
- Expand program analysis from SCGP for all programs
- Data sharing and reporting
- Treatment fidelity monitoring specific to treatment courts



OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

OJD'S 2024-2027 JUSTICE CAMPAIGN INCLUDES TREATMENT COURT IMPROVEMENT

Commitment: We will collaborate with community partners to improve services and access for people who are underserved, vulnerable, and marginalized.

Initiative: Improve community outreach and engagement, by listening to the concerns of court users and collaborating with stakeholders, **to improve court services and evidence-based problem-solving programs.**

STATUTORY FRAMEWORK FOR OJD'S ROLE IN ADMINISTERING TREATMENT COURTS

ORS 3.450

- Defines "Drug court programs"
- Record maintenance and sharing
- Allows for use of these records by OSCA, ADPC, and CJC to evaluate these courts and develop statistics

ORS 137.680

- Expands definition of Drug Court Programs to Specialty Courts to include other similar court or docketing systems
- CJC role in developing the standards, in collaboration with OJD
- Chief Justice may issue a CJO requiring circuit courts to review the standards

ORS 135.973

- Prohibits denial of entry to treatment court due to prescribed MAT/MOUD

ORS 135.985

- Notice to service members, at arraignment, the court must inform defendants they may be eligible for special programs, (including treatment court)

CHIEF JUSTICE ORDERS ISSUED SUPPORT TO TREATMENT COURT ADMINISTRATION

CJO 18-060 – Designates SCMS as OJD's official Specialty Court case management system.

CJO 17-086 – Orders each circuit court judge presiding over a specialty court to review the Oregon Specialty Court Standards and assess whether the implementation and operation of that specialty court is consistent with these standards, in order to ensure the effective use of available resources and provide the greatest opportunity achieve positive program outcomes and enhance community safety and livability.

OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERS TREATMENT COURTS ON THE LOCAL AND STATEWIDE LEVEL

Local Administration

- 66 treatment courts and growing
- Key personnel:
 - Judges
 - Coordinators
 - Trial Court Administrators
 - Judicial and Circuit Court Support Roles
- Docket time & courtroom space
- Coordinate local governance and community engagement (policy committees, advisory groups, etc.)

Statewide Administration

- Office of the State Court Administrator (OSCA)
- Supports the work of the local treatment court programs
- Statewide partnerships
- Treatment Court Team
 - Three permanent General Fund team members
 - Four limited duration grant funded team members focusing on specific projects

OSCA PROVIDES TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COURTS



Local and statewide support for grant applications, reporting, and collaboration



Data analysis and feedback



National resource connections & legal guidance



Hosting peer spaces (Judges and Coordinators)



Local and statewide training and individualized solution finding



Program monitoring and feedback (program reviews, peer reviews)

STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT GROWTH AND IMPROVEMENT

Family Treatment Court Expansion & Peer Review Pilot

- OJJDP grant & General Funds

Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Assessment and Implementation

- Supported through technical assistance from American University and Center for Justice Innovation (CJI)

Veteran Treatment Court Strategic Plan Development & Implementation

- BJA pass-through from national technical assistance provider (CJI)
- Pending BJA grant application for continued implementation

Validated Screening Tool (RANT) Implementation for Adult Drug Courts

- Began as pilot project in three programs with national technical assistance provider (CJI)
- BJA grant

Participation in National Coordinator Association

- Access to critical network of national experts

OJD UTILIZES LOCAL OPERATIONS DATA TO GUIDE AREAS OF SUPPORT



2023 Specialty Court Operating Profile (SCOP)

* Required

Staffing Meetings and Court Hearings

Report on the frequency of the specialty court staffing meetings and court hearings: (Std 1-4; 2-3;7-7;7-8;

6. How often are staffing meetings held? *

- ☐ Twice per week
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Twice per month
- ☐ Once per month
- ☐ Never

7. How often are court hearings held? *

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GRANT FUNDED TRAININGS IN 2023-2024

Coordinator
Summit (2023 &
September 2024)

Family Treatment
Court Coordinator
Summit (2023)

Judge Primer
(2023 & 2024)

Juvenile Drug
Treatment Court
Trainings (2024)

Eastern Oregon
Training (2024)

Incentive Camp
(2024)

Veteran Treatment
Court Summit
(September 2024)

Family Treatment
Court Summit
(September 2024)

SCMS training
(2023 & 2024)

DUII Treatment
Court Presentation
(2023)

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL PROGRAM OPERATION & ADHERENCE TO THE MODEL

- Data-driven reviews for every program
- Robust, predictable, and accessible training
 - All team & role specific
 - Treatment court model
 - Data entry and data literacy
 - Relevant topics across roles
- Continue shared CJC-OJD responsibilities framework
- Address challenges of county-only grantee/grant administrator structure
- Consider law/rule changes to emphasize team approach
 - Conditional Discharge (ORS 137.532)
 - Transfer of Supervision (ORS 137.570, ORS 137.547)

JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CJC AND OJD



Stable staffing and
funding



Maintain Specialty
Court Grant Program



Stable funding for
SCMS



Consistent use of
SCMS by all team
members



Expand in-state
training



Explore
multidisciplinary
governance



THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?