

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant

Awarding Agency: Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance
Awardee: Champaign County
Amount Awarded: \$149,999
Project Period: 24 months

Category 1: This grant will support collaborative County approaches to reducing the prevalence of individuals with mental disorders in jail.

Administration: The project will be jointly administered by Champaign County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Allen Jones and Community Elements CEO Sheila Ferguson to conduct planning activities focused on law enforcement response to persons with mental and co-occurring mental and substance use disorders.

Project Roles:

- Project Coordinator- Celeste Blodgett
- Project Director- Bruce Barnard
- Network Administration- Community Elements Staff
- Maintenance Technician- Community Elements Staff
- Collaboration Consultant- Dr. Thomas Hawkins via MOU
- Data Consultant -Not Identified

Activities include:

- Convening a Crisis Response Planning Committee
- Assessing the current system
- Identifying gaps
- Establishing common definitions required for system-wide outcomes monitoring and measurement of prevalence rates
- Conducting a data-driven analysis of the need for:
 - Improved screening and engagement processes
 - A diversion center
 - Enhanced law enforcement crisis response
 - Targeted information sharing systems
 - Additional strategies

Crisis Response Planning Committee (initial partnering agencies & representatives)	
1. Champaign County Board	Jim McGuire
2. Champaign County Mental Health Board (CCMHB)	Mark Driscoll
3. Champaign County State's Attorney	Julia Rietz
4. Champaign County Sheriff Corrections Administration	Karee Voges
5. Champaign County Health Care Consumers (CCHCC)	Claudia Lennhoff
6. Community Elements Crisis Response Level Personnel	Monica Cherry
7. National Alliance on Mental illness (NAMI)	Nancy Carter
8. Prairie Center	Bruce Suardini
9. Police Administration Representative (UIPD)	Jeff Christensen
10. Police CIT Level Representative (UIPD)	Brian Tison
11. The Judiciary	Roger Holland

State Representative Carol Ammons, the Champaign County Circuit Court Presiding Judge and Court Administrator, Carle Foundation Hospital, Presence Health- Covenant Medical Center, Promise Healthcare, University of Illinois Police Department, and leaders of the University of Illinois, Parkland College, and Villages of Rantoul of Savoy have also pledged their support to assist in the implementation of a crisis response planning process.

Target Population Requirements:

Individuals who have been diagnosed as having a mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and have faced, are facing, or could face criminal charges for a misdemeanor or felony that is a non-violent offense (an offense that does not have as an element the use or attempted use or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another or is not a felony that by its nature involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense).

Goals and Objectives:

1. Determine and recruit representatives from additional constituencies or with special expertise necessary for the collaborative planning process.
2. Draft formal agreements regarding the organization and composition of the Planning Committee.
3. Reach consensus regarding a statement of program goals and objectives.
4. Draft a detailed work plan.
5. Identify services and resources necessary to complete the project.
6. Define the target population.
7. Define system-wide outcome measures.

8. Draft and adopt operational guidelines including the adoption of evidence-based screening and assessment tools which are gender appropriate and trauma informed for identifying persons in need of mental health and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse services and provide emergency crisis response for non-violent persons diverted from jail.
9. Identify key data elements to measure system performance.
10. Gather baseline data from all sources.
11. Develop a data driven decision making strategy.
12. Align current system policies, resources, and strategies to meet the goal of improving the accessibility and efficacy of the community-based services available to persons engaged with the criminal justice system.