



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)
Behavioral Health Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Noon, Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Courtroom 402, Justice Building, County Courthouse

PRESENT: Greg Brigham, *Adapt*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Josh Eggleston, *Sheriff's Deputy*; Kat Griffin, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*; Marion Kotowski, *Up2UsNow/Opiate Task Force*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LSPCC Coordinator*; Michele Moore, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Matt Newey, *ADAPT/Compass*; Paul Robertson, *Adapt*; Lt. Mike Root, *Douglas County Sheriff's Office*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*

ABSENT: Dennis Chrisenbery, *Roseburg police*; Todd Luther, *Mercy Medical Center*; Andrew Renyer, *Sheriff's Deputy*; Tracy Simpson, *Correct Care Solutions*; Tom Sorrells, *Adapt*

STEPPING UP

Douglas County has committed to reducing the number of people with mental illness in our jail by passing a Stepping Up resolution. Below are the latest developments with Stepping Up efforts:

Jail screening pilot: At the direction of Lt. Root, Douglas County Jail staff administered the Brief Jail Mental Health Screen (BJMHS) at booking over a one-month period (March 4–April 4) **as a data-gathering project** to determine how many people with mental illness may be passing through our jail. Names were not noted, but staff did track the numbers of men, women, veterans and tribal members who were screened. The BJMHS consists of eight questions that jail staff ask incoming inmates at booking. If an inmate's answers indicate a possible serious mental illness, that inmate is "referred" for further assessment (Douglas County does not yet have follow-up assessment capacity). Key results of the 1-month trial include the following:

- **Overall screens** - 217 people (159 men and 58 women) were successfully screened. Fourteen additional people refused to answer the questions.
- **Veterans** - 18 of those screened identified themselves as veterans. Of those, 12 were "referred"
- **Tribal members** - 13 stated they were tribal members. Of those, 5 were "referred"
- **Others** – Sixty-two additional people were "referred"

In summary, out of the 217 people who were successfully screened, 79 (**36 percent**) were identified as possibly having a serious mental illness. Names were not captured, so it is possible there are duplicate entries if someone was booked twice within the month. **Sixty-six percent of veterans** screened were flagged as possibly having a serious mental illness.

If Douglas County implements the BJMHS as a **screening tool**, the expectation is that there would be follow-up assessments to confirm whether those "referred" actually have a serious mental illness and to connect them to treatment and medication. Correct Care Solutions (the jail medical provider) and

Compass currently do not have the staff capacity to provide these assessments. **It is a goal of the Behavioral Health Subcommittee to find a way to provide universal screening and follow-up assessments.** Discussion points included the following:

- **OHP suspension** - The challenge for Adapt/Compass in providing mental health assessments in the jail is that inmates' Oregon Health Plan coverage is suspended when they are incarcerated, so services provided would not be reimbursed.
- **Jail information sharing** – It is easier for the jail/police to share information with behavioral health providers than the other way around.
- **Inmate roster** – Greg Brigham said Adapt/Compass staff keep an eye on who has been arrested to see which new inmates are clients. Matt Newey said staff doesn't go through the entire jail roster and cross-reference it with a client database, but that is a possibility in the future.
- **In-reach by Compass** – Compass currently does some mental health in-reach into the jail upon request to connect certain folks to medication and services.
- **Correct Care** – The jail medical provider, Correct Care Solutions, currently has an unfilled position for a part-time (10 hours per week) mental health professional (this info came from a phone conversation after the BH Subcommittee meeting).
- **Services upon discharge** – Matt Newey supports the idea of immediately connecting inmates to services upon their release from jail. These direct referrals could potentially be accompanied by assessment information from jail mental health providers (Compass or Correct Care). Robert Wilson suggesting setting up outside appointments (perhaps regularly scheduled Compass drop-in times) while inmates are still incarcerated. Greg Brigham said inmates could potentially do an in-jail phone screen and have an appointment set for intake by the time they leave jail, although there are challenges to phone use while incarcerated.
- **Case management** – Robert Wilson wondered if there is a way to use Justice Reinvestment grants or other funding sources to provide case management in the jail and achieve “warm handoffs” to help inmates transition into the community/connect to treatment. Matt Newey said case managers could even drive releasing inmates across the bridge to Adapt.
- **OTP** – One idea is to offer doses to opioid-addicted patients the day before they leave jail to help prevent overdose.

JAIL RELEASE

The moment of jail release is a critical time window in which to reach people and connect them to services. The Subcommittee discussed ways to do this. Discussion points included:

- **Using a room in the Courthouse** – Inmates could be directed to a room in the courthouse where service providers could set up shop. Snacks could be provided as incentives for inmates to stop by. Providers could include Adapt/Compass, UCAN, VSO, Opiate Task Force, Umpqua Health Alliance and more. There was concern that inmates could get lost on their way there, but the group thought a map would help. It was also noted that some inmates are required to go straight to parole/probation.
- **Naloxone** - Marion Kotowski said the Opiate Task Force wants to provide naloxone to people releasing from jail. The naloxone (Narcan) would be supplied by the HIV Alliance. Greg Brigham

wanted to know about the requirements for dispensing a kit. Marion said a brief training is required.

- **BPA outreach** – It was noted that Battered Persons Advocacy sets up shop in the cafeteria to help releasing inmates with restraining orders. The group felt that for domestic violence victims' protection, any new outreach should be conducted in a separate location.

ACTION ITEMS: *Melissa will research room availability.*

JAIL RELEASE RESOURCE CARD

The group reviewed the updated draft resource card that will be printed and given to people releasing from jail. Law enforcement officers can also carry it and hand it out in the field. Discussion points included:

- In order to include more resources, the card will be printed on a larger sheet that can be folded to wallet-size
- NAMI has offered to pay for the cards' initial printing
- A "medical" section will be added and will include South River Community Health and Umpqua Community Health. VA and VSO will also be added.

ACTIONS: *LPSCC Coordinator will make the requested edits and provide the resource list to Marie Dixon of NAMI. Marie will print the resource cards.*

MISCELLANEOUS

- **SIM mapping** – The Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) will take place in Roseburg on Wednesday, Oct. 17. Melissa will send out an official invitation shortly.
- **Monthly column** – LPSCC Coordinator Melissa McRobbie-Toll has begun writing a monthly column for the News-Review on behavioral health issues. The first column focuses on Compass ride-alongs and CIT, and will run the week of April 30.
- **NAMI fundraising walk** - Our local NAMI chapter will virtually participate in the upcoming NAMIWalk in Portland on May 17. Donations can be made online at NamiWalks.org under the team name "River of Hope." The money raised will go toward potentially opening a clubhouse for those with mental illness.
- **Adapt update** – All of the programs that used to be located at Annex B are now at the Madrone Building, 621 W. Madrone St. Newcastle will be moving soon.
- **Human trafficking** – Marion Kotowski serves on the Opiate Task Force, but spends most of her time focused on human trafficking. Recently-obtained Victims of Crime grant funding should help with those efforts.

NEXT MEETING: *Noon, Tuesday, May 15, location TBD*