



# *INTEGRATING HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR JUSTICE INVOLVED POPULATIONS*

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***STEPPING UP:  
REDUCING PEOPLE WITH  
MENTAL ILLNESS IN CUSTODY***

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# Stepping Up Framework

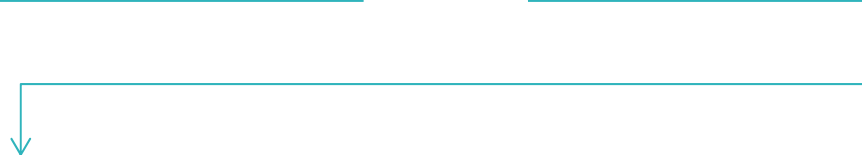


1. Reduce the number of people with mental illness arrested and booked into jail

2. Shorten the length of stay in jail for people with mental illness

3. Make sure people released from jail are connected to services

4. Reduce the recidivism rate for people with mental illness





# Linking Services and Housing for the Justice Involved Population

## Outreach

Psychiatric Emergency  
Response Teams

Homeless Outreach  
Teams

In-Home Outreach  
Teams

Homeless Outreach  
Workers

## Housing and Treatment

Assertive Community  
Treatment/Full Service  
Partnerships

Assertive Outpatient  
Treatment

Collaborative Court  
Programs

Project One for All

Community Transition  
Center

# Stepping Up: Strengths and Gaps



- HHSA's Behavioral Health Services serves people with a **serious mental illness**
- What about those with a **mild/moderate mental illness?**





## Programming for Reentry Support and Stability

Designed to provide intensive services in an alternative to custody setting to help people get to stable housing and ongoing community services

- Housing navigation
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse treatment
- Educational and Vocational services
- Linkage to Physical Health services

# PROGRESS: Program Participants



# *PROPOSITION 47: INVESTING IN COMMUNITY*

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# PROPOSITION 47 GRANT PROGRAM



- On November 4, 2014, California voters approved Proposition 47
  - Reduced certain felony drug and property crimes to misdemeanors
- 65% of State corrections savings reinvested in programs to reduce criminal recidivism





## **Working Together:**

County and City of San Diego developed a joint proposal

- 58 Proposals Submitted
- 23 Awarded
- San Diego Regional Proposal awarded the maximum amount of \$6 Million over three years



# PROGRAMS



- Creation of the County of San Diego's Community Based Services and Recidivism Reduction (CoSRR) program
- Expansion of the City of San Diego's Misdemeanant At-Risk Track (SMART) diversion program



## CONNECTION – SERVICES – SYSTEM CHANGE

### ■ **Connection**

- In-person Behavioral Health intake located at Court to provide immediate screening and linkage to needed services
- For 140 persons annually with misdemeanors offenses in the Central and North Region

### ■ **Services**

- Substance abuse and mental health treatment, linkage to physical health services
- Housing Navigation
- Rapid Rehousing
- Comprehensive care management
- Community based supportive services

## **CONNECTION – SERVICES – SYSTEM CHANGE**

- **System Change**
  - Address a wide range of treatment, support and housing needs
  - An individual focus for the criminal justice population
  - Broader network of community based providers
  - Building capacity of smaller providers

**Reduce Recidivism – Prevent Return to the Criminal  
Justice System**



- Diversion and multiple opportunities to engage for misdemeanor offenses
- Expands current pilot from 10 to 70 – Focused on multiple offenses and complex needs
- City Council approved purchase of hotel for interim housing for participants until permanent solutions identified
- Provides comprehensive case management and linkage to behavioral and physical health services

# PROPOSITION 47 GRANT PROGRAM AND HOUSING



## COSRR

- Housing Navigation
- Rapid Rehousing

## SMART

- Housing Navigation
- Interim Housing



# QUESTIONS

