

Summary of Justice System Nexus Meeting May 20, 2024

Presentation: Supporting Pre-Release Medi-Cal Enrollment, Behavioral Health Links, and 90-day Pre-Release Services for Justice-Involved Individuals

Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan, Justice-Involved Health Officer, Medical Care Services (MCS)

Nilanie Ramos, Assistant Medical Services Administrator, Healthcare Oversight Team, Behavioral Health

Presentation offered participants detailed information about future implementation of this important benefit for incarcerated persons, serving to enable strong linkages to behavioral health services. Specifically:

Behavioral Health Link

- Ensure continuity of treatment for individuals who received behavioral health services while they were incarcerated.
- Includes referrals to community providers.
- Bi-directional data sharing is required between correctional facilities, providers, and health plan.
- Services delivered in the pre-release period are covered through fee for-service.

Enhanced Case Management will be offered through managed care plan once a person is released from jail.

CalAIM Data Collection on People of Color (POC) Disparities

Concerns expressed by participants re: lack of demographic data.

Jerry Hall (Community member):

- Previously had a specific in-reach program, and saw these programs reached to certain demographics (i.e., Hispanic, or African American)
- Advocated for more data transparency for the public to see the impact on certain populations.

Amanda Berry (BHAB-D4):

- CalAIM Exclusions: Expanding the workforce for people who have been previously incarcerated because they have lived experiences.

Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Teams Grant-Nilanie Ramos

- It is now Proposition 47 Grant Program. Requires funds to be awarded to public agencies to provide mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and/or diversion programs for those in the criminal justice system.

Robin Sales (Chair): Can this be implemented for pre-incarcerated population?

Nilanie Ramos: Still working on the scope of work and it's not ready on BuyNet. Hope to have a grant proposal by June 2024

SB43 Implementation

Concerns expressed re training of Law Enforcement to protect civil rights of individuals and to prevent incarceration of those who resist being placed on 5150, and also on challenges feared by ED's and other entities.

Invited all participants to BHAB meeting on 6/6/2024 for SB43 panel discussion where BHAB members will be able to dialogue with panel.