

Stepping Up

Reducing the number of people with mental illness in jail





Stepping Up actions

- -November 15, 2016: Board of Supervisors adopts resolution to join Stepping Up
- January 2017: Stepping Up California Summit
- -May 2, 2017: Board of Supervisors directs CAO to work with Sheriff and DA to develop an alternative custody pilot program for sentenced offenders with mental illness

Stepping Up: Strengths and gaps

- County Behavioral Health system of care serves justice involved population with serious mental illness (jail transitions and community programs)

- Identified gap in services and support for justiceinvolved population with mild/moderate mental illness

Stepping Up Framework

- Reduce the number of people with mental illness arrested and booked into jail
- -Shorten the length of stay in jail for people with mental illness
- Make sure people released from jail are connected to services
- Reduce the recidivism rate for people with mental illness

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

- Laura's Law Related Services
- Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT)
- Project One For All (POFA)

Ensure people released from jail are connected to services; reduce the recidivism rate for people with mental illness

- Collaborative Courts
- Defense Transition Unit (DTU)
- Project In-Reach
- Training Center

PROGRESS: Programming for Reentry Support and Stability

- Alternative Custody program
- Misdemeanor offenders with mild to moderate mental health issues
- Programming and links to community treatment

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- 60 to 90 day program
- 24 participants at a time
- Assessments and tailored programming on site
- Phased program with community linkages including psychiatry and healthcare through health plans, mental health clubhouses, and supportive services
- Housing navigation
- GPS for community safety and accountability

Recommendations to Board of Supervisors Approved 7/18/17

- CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
- 1. Establish appropriations of \$1,153,437 in the Sheriff's Department for Salaries and Benefits (\$1,097,579) and Services and Supplies (\$55,858), based on State of California, Local Revenue Fund 2011 allocated to the County Local Revenue Fund 2011, Community Corrections Subaccount. (4 VOTES)
- 2. Approve and authorize the Sheriff's Department to add nine (9) staff years to support an alternative custody and community transition pilot program and direct the Department of Human Resources to classify the positions at the appropriate levels.