



Promoting Wellness and Recovery

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Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Linkages Grant Overview

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CJ/BH Overview

- A significant percentage of individuals incarcerated in jails have diagnosable mental illness and/or substance abuse disorder.
- Many of these individuals repeatedly shift between the criminal justice and the behavioral health system and experience poor outcomes.
- The ability of jails to treat inmates with behavioral health disorders is limited.



CJ/BH Needs Identified

- Divert appropriate individuals from the legal system and into behavioral health services
- Identify and treat inmates with behavioral health problems while incarcerated
- Promptly link them to behavioral health services upon release to improve both health and legal outcomes for these individuals



CJ/BH Objectives

- Reduce state and local correction costs
- Reduce recidivism
- Promote public safety
- Promote behavioral health treatment
- Support local partnerships
- Increase/develop community capacity



CJ/BH Funding

- \$1.5 million for FY14 and \$1.5million for FY15
- 12 projects will be funded in FY14
- Serving 24 counties





CJ/BH Summary of Proposals Received

Thirty-five (35) proposals received from a total of thirty (30) boards

- Five (5) proposals were from multiple board areas;
- Twenty-three (23) proposals would expand services within a jail or detention center;
- Twenty-nine (29) requested additional staff or additional staff time to provide services;
- Nine (9) proposals requested funds for staff training programs;
- Five (5) proposals were specific to serving youth;
- Twenty-eight (28) would serve adults (two of these target young adults); and
- One (1) project would serve both youth and adults.

CJ/BH Summary of Proposals Received

Services and/or Populations:

- Seventeen (17) proposals were specific to providing mental health services;
- Five (5) were specific to provision of alcohol or drug services;
- Thirteen (13) would provide both;
- One (1) would serve youth through mental health and developmental disability programming or services;
- Three (3) proposals included an expansion of an existing TASC program;
- One (1) proposal indicated provision of gender specific programming;
- Two (2) proposals asked for funds to expand their tele-health capacity; and
- Three (3) programs would expand access to medication.



CJ/BH Review Process

Review Process

A team consisting of Medical Director's Office, Forensic Office, Research, Office of Children and Families and Fiscal Office reviewed and scored each application. The review criteria consisted of:

Feasibility – Likelihood of success – linkage and leveraging existing resources and collaboration with partners.

Sustainability – How would project continue after funding is gone?

Overall impact/Priority – what influence or impact on population served and community.

Fiscal Review – Does budget align with current state guidelines?

Outcomes – what will you measure? - are they relevant and do they measure efficiency?

We are working with our research office to develop project outcome measures that could promote additional funding in the future.

A letter will be going out for those who did not meet the first round of funding. The Department will provide Technical Assistance to those applications in areas that need developed/corrected/elaborated. Remaining Funding will be available to these grantees.





CJ/BH Next Steps and Contacts

Projects Funded October 2013: Monitor Outcomes, share findings, identify future support options and present outcomes.

Unfunded Projects: Provide technical assistance to strengthen projects.

Next Funding Cycle : July 1, 2014

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