

Stark County Sheriffs' Office



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Stepping UP

~~Psychiatric~~ Vital Prescriptions
Upon Release

4500 Atlantic Blvd NE – Canton, Ohio 44705

Stark County Jail



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- Full-Service Jail located in Stark County
 - 24 hour a day booking facility for all law enforcement agencies in Stark County
- The jail operational capacity is 501 inmates
 - 9,154 individuals were booked in 2013
 - 6,939 males
 - 2,215 females
 - Average Length of Stay is 19 days

Components of the Jail

(Contracted)



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- Full-Service Medical Department—24 hours/day
 - 11 Nurses (FT & PT)
 - 1 HSA (Takes call 24hours/day) and 1 Secretary
 - 2 Physicians (5 days/week) and 1 Dentist (once/week)
- Mental Health Department
 - 2 Counselors
 - 1 Psychologist—Takes call 24hours/day
 - 1 Psychiatrist (once per week & on-call)

Grant Personnel



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- 2.5 Inmate Liaisons—**Assist in transition from corrections to community**
 - 1.5 from TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities) (<25 years old)
 - 1 from Coleman Professional Services (≥ 25 years old)
- Job duties include (but not limited to) meeting with inmates that need appointments for community mental health services
 - F/U appointments
 - F/U medications
 - Referrals come from
 - Medical
 - Mental Health
 - Inmates
 - Corrections
- Grant awarded to Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery (StarkMHAR)

Psychiatric Medication Study



Stark County Jail Discharged Psychiatric Medications July 1, 2014 - August 31, 2014

	14-Day Cost	Annual Yearly Cost
70 Inmates Total		
#1 = 24 Inmates	\$1,424.46	\$37,035.96
#2 = 4 Inmates	\$378.42	\$9,838.92
#3 = 42 Inmates	\$2,327.71	\$60,520.46
	<u>\$4,130.59</u>	<u>\$107,395.34</u>
Level 1: Private Insurance & Cannot Pay		
Level 2: Has Private Insurance & Cannot Pay (doesn't cover meds)		
Level 3: Has Government Insurance and Cannot Pay (VA, Medicaid, Medicare, etc.)		
Level 4: Yes Government Insurance and Can Pay		
Level 5: Yes Private Insurance and Can Pay		
Level 6: Yes Does not have Private Insurance but Can Pay		
Level 7: Yes Does not have Insurance but Can Pay		
Level 8: Other		

H.O.P.E. Committee



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- H.O.P.E. Program (Helping Offenders Psychologically and Emotionally)
- H.O.P.E Program was originally established in 2001 as the Mental Health Track
 - In Common Pleas Court
 - History of mental health issues
 - Will enhance the probability of stabilization and reduce the likelihood of re-offending

Members of H.O.P.E.



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- The H.O.P.E. Program is made up of 40 representatives of the county's criminal justice system and pertinent community agencies. In addition, the H.O.P.E. Program (ISP Probation) cooperates with: Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) Adult Parole Authority, Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County, Stark Regional Community Correction Center, Stark County Day Reporting Program, Community Services of Stark County, Families First of Stark County, Stark County Department of Jobs and Family Services, The Employment Source, Melymbrosia Associates, The Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) Program and Quest Recovery Services.

Prescription Assistance Network



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- *Mission Statement:* The Prescription Assistance Network of Stark County, Inc. (PAN)
 - 1) Provides access for the most vulnerable populations to pharmaceuticals and education through the PAN Charitable Pharmacy, and
 - 2) Collaborates with other health care providers and community organizations to maximize resources and provide effective and efficient services.
- <http://panpharmacy.org/>

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- The Prescription Assistance Network of Stark County, Inc. was opened November 18, 2002, through initiative grants from the Austin Bailey Health and Wellness Foundation, the Sisters of Charity Foundation and the Health Foundation of Greater Massillon
- In December 2009, PAN opened the Second charitable Pharmacy in Ohio! Since opening, the PAN Charitable Pharmacy has filled more than **111,000 prescriptions** that have a value of more than **\$9,000,000.00**

Inmate Prescriptions



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- Under the guidance of the Honorable Judge Taryn L. Heath (HOPE Judge), Sheriff George T. Maier and Jo Ann Edwards (Deputy Court Administrator), Community Mental Health (StarkMHAR, TASC and Coleman) and in partnership with PAN, the Stark County Sheriff's Office would give or call in prescriptions to inmates who could not pay for them beginning in October 2014.
- Originally, just psychiatric, but moved to all vital meds in summer of 2015.

Medical/MH Screening



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- After booking, all inmates are screened by the nurse
- During the screening process, the inmates are queried if they have insurance or can they pay for medications upon release

Medical/MH Screening



■ Insurance Categories:

- Has no insurance and cannot pay for meds upon release
- Has private insurance but it does not cover the meds and inmate cannot pay
- Has government insurance (VA, Medicaid, Medicare, Buckeye, etc.) which will be suspended while in jail and cannot pay (upon release)

Jail Liaison Importance



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- Will coordinate with Mental Health, Medical, Probation Officers, and community programs
 - If unable to secure appointment within allotted time (14 days), will ask physician to extend timeframe.
- Can pick up medications for inmates
- Inmate's can request to see counselors (kites)
- Follow-up with POs for coordination of care
- **They are the grease that make everyone else work well together!**

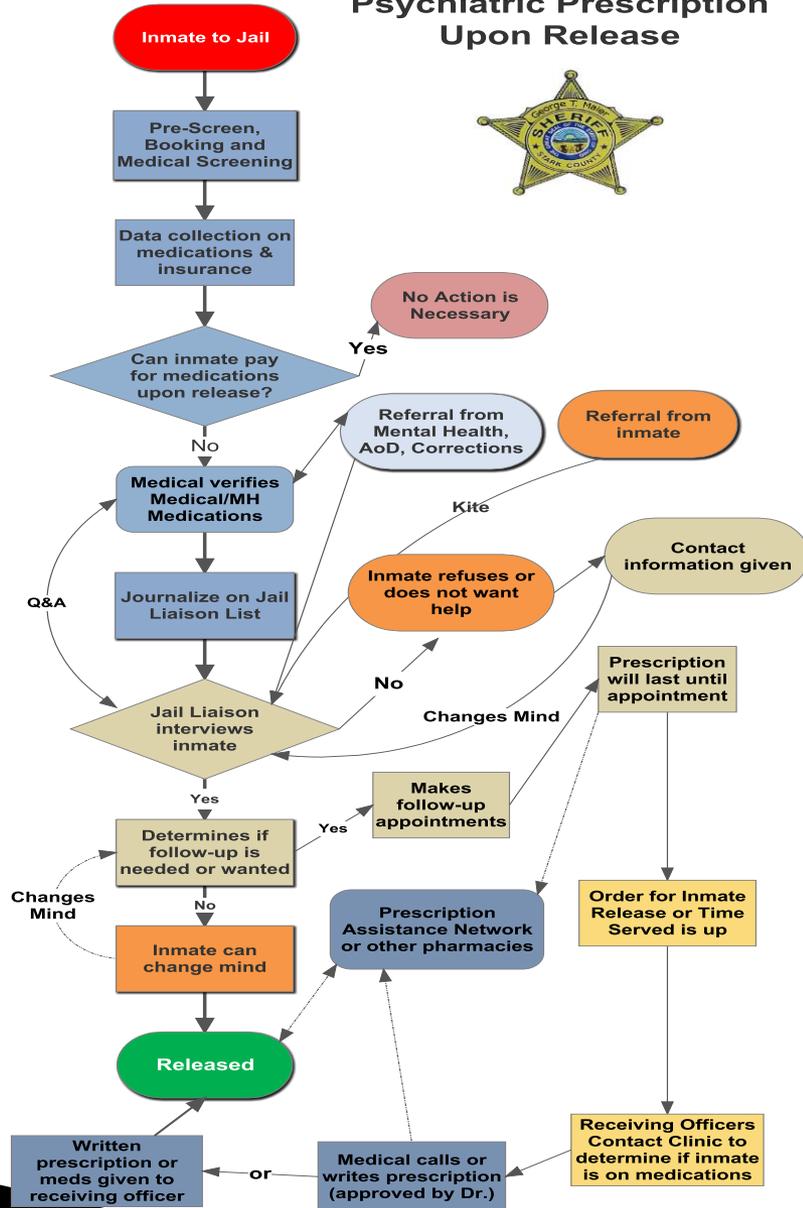
Upon Release of Inmate



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- Upon release, Clinic is notified of release
- Clinic identifies if inmate is on any current prescriptions
 - If no, inmate is released
 - If yes, inmates are either given a physical prescription (non-narcotic) or it is called into their pharmacy of choice or PAN.
 - If inmate brought medications in, the remaining medications are returned before leaving
 - If insurance was used to purchase medication while in jail, those are returned to inmate before release

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Any Jail Can Do...



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- A system to identify inmates who need help with prescriptions (costs) upon release
- A system to notify medical upon release to check for medications and to determine:
 - If meds are returned to the inmate prior to release
 - If a prescription needs to be written or called in
- A semi-patient release officer
- Observant Probation Officers
- Can be done with electronic or paper records

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- Jail's must talk to Courts, Probation Officers, Community Services, etc. on a **Regular Basis**—not only when there is a crisis.
- Jail does not need Liaisons, but it sure helps
- Community does not need a PAN, but it sure helps
- POs are the glue that keeps everything together
- Always remember that a part of recidivism is because current inmate's stop taking their meds upon release—give them a chance to succeed!

Questions?



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