Stepping Up to Address Mental Illness in the Judicial System

Pettis County Mental Health Coalition
Missouri Rural Health Association
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Why?

- Emergency department utilization for MH and substance use in Pettis County increased by 22% and hospitalizations increased by 5.3% from 2013-2014
- 14% of Pettis County inmates have mental illness, with a recidivism rate of 95%
- Probation and Parole has 5 times more clients classified as MH clients in need of MH services with only 9 funded slots available through the community mental health program.
Why?

- From 2014-2015, Drug Court participants increased by 30%, probation/parole and prison admissions for drugs increased by 14% and 25%, respectively.
- Pettis County performs in the bottom quartile for hospitalizations for self inflicted injuries for age groups 15 and older.
- Bothwell Regional Heath Center’s community health needs assessment found Mental Illness and Substance abuse as the 4th most important health issue in the county.
Leadership

- Sheriff Bond convened community partners to explore the Stepping Up Initiative [https://stepuptogether.org/](https://stepuptogether.org/)
- Initial steps included using the evidence-based Correctional Mental Health Screen (CMHS) to assess arrested individuals for MH issues
  - sharing arrest reports with MH providers
  - reinvigorating the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) local chapter
Creation of the Coalition

- **Members:**
  - Sheriff Department
  - Sedalia Police Department
  - Compass Health
  - Burrell Behavioral Health
  - Pettis County Health Center
  - Katy Trail Community Health
  - Probation and Parole
  - County Judge
  - Bothwell Regional Health Center
  - Division of Senior Services
  - Community Organizations dedicated to Mental Health and substance Abuse
  - Sedalia Public Schools
Developed a Plan

- Pettis County was one of five communities nationally selected to participate in Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) as a result of Stepping Up Initiative involvement.

- SIM Mapping Four goals
  - Mental health Diversion Program
  - Crisis Intervention Team
  - Crisis Action Center
  - Mental Health Care Management
Mental Health Care Management

Non Violent, MI or SU suspected by screening by BSW

Arrest Made

Warm Hand off to KTCH for assessment

KTCH Continues to coordinate care

Low MI/SU KTCH Manages

High MI Burrell Manages

High SU Compass Manages

PCHC Gathers data from all partners to assess outcomes
Mental Health Care Management

- PCHC will hire a bachelor’s level social worker to administer the program and conduct initial screening.
- Katy Trail Community Health will see patient in the primary care setting to assess both primary care and mental health issues.
- Upon completion of assessment, KTCH will either manage patient’s care in the Primary care setting or refer Compass Health or Burrell Behavioral Health.
Department of Justice Grant

- Coalition applied for Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program in June.
- If approved, funding will start on September 1, 2017.
- Funding will support the BSW at PCHC and LCSW at KTCH.
Thank You!

Questions?

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