



# Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant Planning Committee

2020-2021 Annual Workplan/ 2019-2020  
Accomplishments Report

# Committee Role & Responsibilities

- Planning, grant preparation, monitoring and oversight of the CJMHSAG Reinvestment Grant Program
- Established in 2007 to guide preparation and planning of initial grant application to DCF. Required by Florida Statute 394.656, it is charged with monitoring implementation of grant funded program.
- Encompasses both Alachua & Bradford Counties  
(2017)

# Committee Role & Responsibilities

- Representation includes persons from the judiciary, law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, consumers of mental health & substance abuse services, social service agencies, and behavioral health.
- Overarching priorities:
  - ♦ Increase public safety
  - ♦ Avert spending on criminal justice
  - ♦ Improve assessment and treatment options for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or have co-occurring disorders and are at risk of or entered CJ system.

# CJMHSAG Mission & Vision:

- **Mission:** To promote a system of identification, assessment and negotiation to effectively divert those with mental illness, co-occurring substance abuse, homelessness and involvement in the criminal justice system from the jail to appropriate services and housing.
- **Vision:** A community that no longer needs jails and courts to serve as the primary provider of mental health and addictions treatment.
- **Collaboration:** AC, ACSO/DOJ, MBHC, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial

# Major Accomplishments:

- Renewal of grant in 4/20 for 3 more years (2020-2023) at \$1.5 million from DCF
- Alachua Match Commitment: \$1.11 million in cash; \$240,000 in-kind services
- 145 clients served between 4/1-9/30;886 during Grant 4
- Diverted 25 individuals from State Hospital through jail and community competency restoration training

# Major Accomplishments,con't.

- Supported implementing the Co-Responder Model through new Mental Health Team at ACSO, following successful GPD/MBHC team
- Providing outreach & diversion services at pre-booking stage for those in MH crisis
- Continued use of Peer Specialists with peer mentoring in specialty courts
- Started mental health and substance use outreach groups in the Alachua County Jails.

# Major Accomplishments, con't.

- Training on evidence-based practices expanded to Community Stakeholders
- CIT Training to 37 L.E. Officers & 911 Dispatchers
- Mental Health First Aid Training to 74 from Stakeholders, LE and CJ professionals
- SOAR Benefits Approval or Reinstatement: 12
- Conducted comprehensive audit of vendor performance: concluded with highly positive report
- Increased community awareness through participation in Alachua Stepping Up Initiative and other forums

# FY 2020-2021 Workplan:

- We monitor progress of the Diversion Team under the grant, ensuring goals and service targets are met. Priorities are established in grant agreement with DCF but follow these goals.
- **Goal #1: To increase public safety**
- Reduced criminal recidivism is being met (data based on 24 months from admission into the program and jail data reviewed):
- Average # charges: 76%↓
- Average # incarcerations: 63%↓
- Average # days jailed: 59%↓



# Workplan Priorities, continued.

- **Goal #2: Increase Assessment & Treatment Options**
- Secure expedited access to forensic treatment for those participants in specialty courts: 49 participants were directly admitted in FY19-20
- **Goal #3: Avert Spending on Jail Incarceration**
- Achievement of continued significant declines in # of jail days for participants and reduction in corresponding costs to public sector

# Workplan Priorities, continued

- During FY19-20, the Program reduced # of jail days of participants, based on one year prior to program admission to one year after admission:
- 10,082 days in jail prior vs. 6,530 days in jail after.

Translates into dramatic cost savings: a range between \$440,205\* in averted jail costs for regular participants vs. \$1,104,785\*\* for psychiatric inmates.

\*cost per day in Alachua County Jail is \$105.59 (ACSO)

\*\*cost per day based on Miami-Dade analysis for psych inmate rate \$265

# Workplan priorities, continued.

- **Goal #4: Avert State Spending for State Forensic & Civil Hospital Beds**
- Program restored 11 ITP clients through competency restoration, effectively diverting their admission to State hospital and/or County Jail.
- Nearly 40% of active program participants are on conditional release orders (ITP or NGI), being monitored by Forensic Team

# Workplan priorities, continued.

- **Goal #5: Enhance Collaboration**
- Comprehensive array of partnerships established with service agencies: 50 separate organizations are aware of Program services, can make referrals, etc.



# Program Yield Success Stories

- These convey in human terms the impact of Program services in helping participants address their MH/SA needs and move forward to productive lives

# Additional CJMHSAG Goals:

- **Other goals for FY 2021 include:**
- Will use technical assistance from USF under grant to help identify grants
- **Questions?**