


DPW Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) Justice-Related Services Initiatives and Projects



OMHSAS Advisory Committee

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OMHSAS Justice Related Goals:

- Divert people from the criminal justice system whenever possible
- Ensure timely and appropriate assessment and treatment for people who are incarcerated
- Provide comprehensive planning and support services to people returning from incarceration to ensure successful return to her or his community and prevent recidivism

Statewide Collaboration Initiatives



- Developed a Comprehensive, Statewide Strategic Plan to improve Pennsylvania's response to people with mental illness involved in the criminal justice system
- http://www.parecovery.org/documents/Adult_Justice_Strategic_Plan.pdf

Statewide Collaboration Initiatives

- Adopted the Sequential Intercept Model (Munetz/Griffin, 2006) as a statewide tool to identify points of interception where we can divert justice involved individuals with experience of mental illness or co-occurring disorder from the criminal justice system

Sequential Intercept Model

- 5 Points of Interception
 - Police and Emergency Responders
 - Initial court/Initial Detention
 - Courts, Jails, Prisons
 - Re-entry (into the community)
 - Community Corrections/Community Supports

Statewide Collaboration Initiatives

- In collaboration with PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, created Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC)
- http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.page/community/advisory_committees/5385/mental_health_and_justice_committee/596976

Statewide Collaboration Initiatives

MHJAC

- Center of Excellence for the Development and Improvement of Programs Serving Adults with Mental Illness Involved in the Criminal Justice System
- Partners: Drexel University Department of Psychology, University of Pittsburgh's Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic.

<http://www.pacenterofexcellence.pitt.edu>

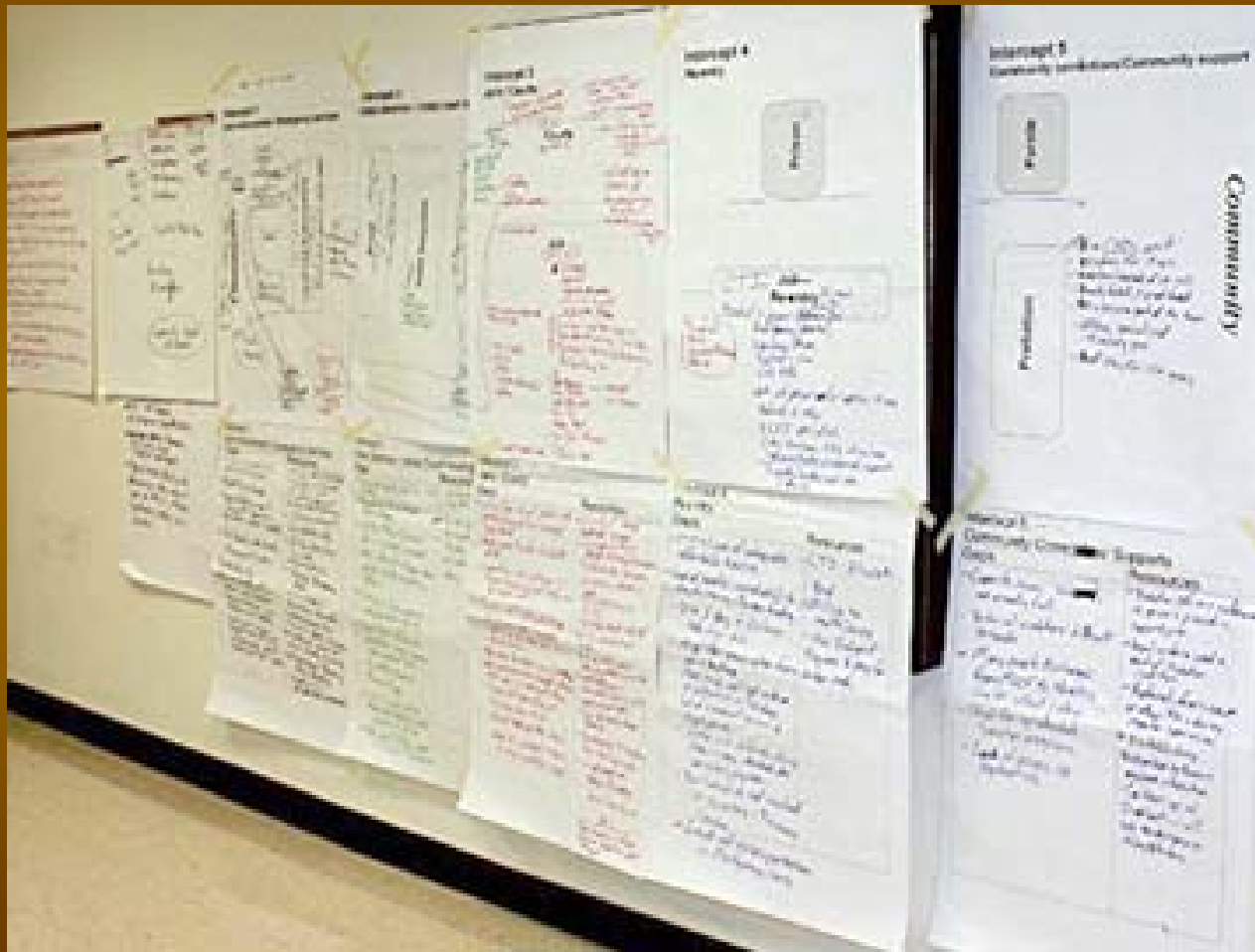
Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence (CoE)

- Advance the development of local, innovative jail diversion and re-entry programs
- Provide technical assistance to PCCD grantees
- Provide technical assistance and training to facilitate implementation of evidence-based practices and promising practices
 - Systems Mapping workshops
 - Intercept 1 conference
- Develop a central repository for data and information on mental health/justice initiatives

CoE: Cross-Systems Mappings

- Visually depicts how people with mental illness and often co-occurring substance use disorders come in contact with and flow through the criminal justice system
- Brings together key stakeholders to tap into local expertise
- A local map is created using the Sequential Intercept Model developed in conjunction with the CMHS National GAINS Center
- Opportunities and resources are identified for diverting and linking people to treatment
- This collaboration in turn improves the early identification of people with co-occurring disorders coming into contact with the criminal justice system, increase effective service linkage, reduces the likelihood of recycling through the criminal justice system, enhances community safety and improves quality of life

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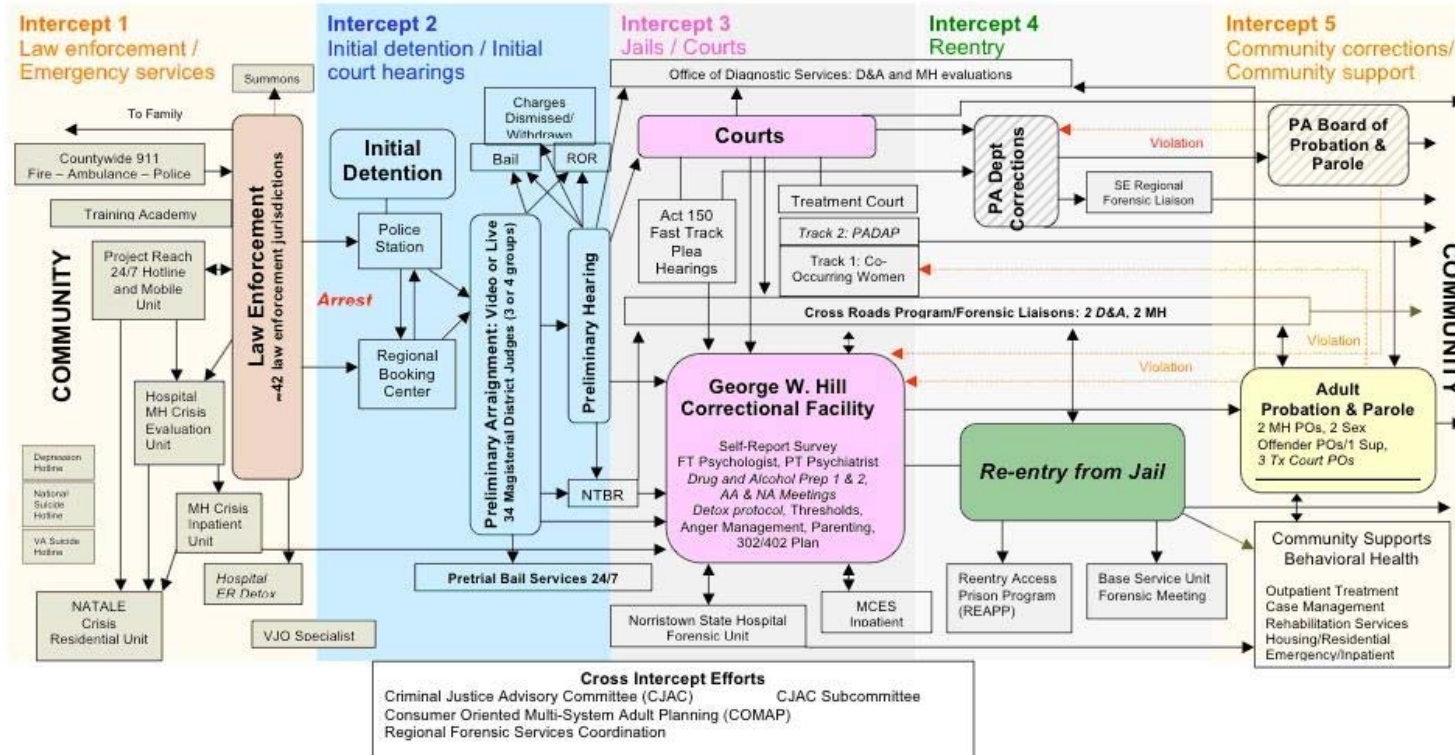


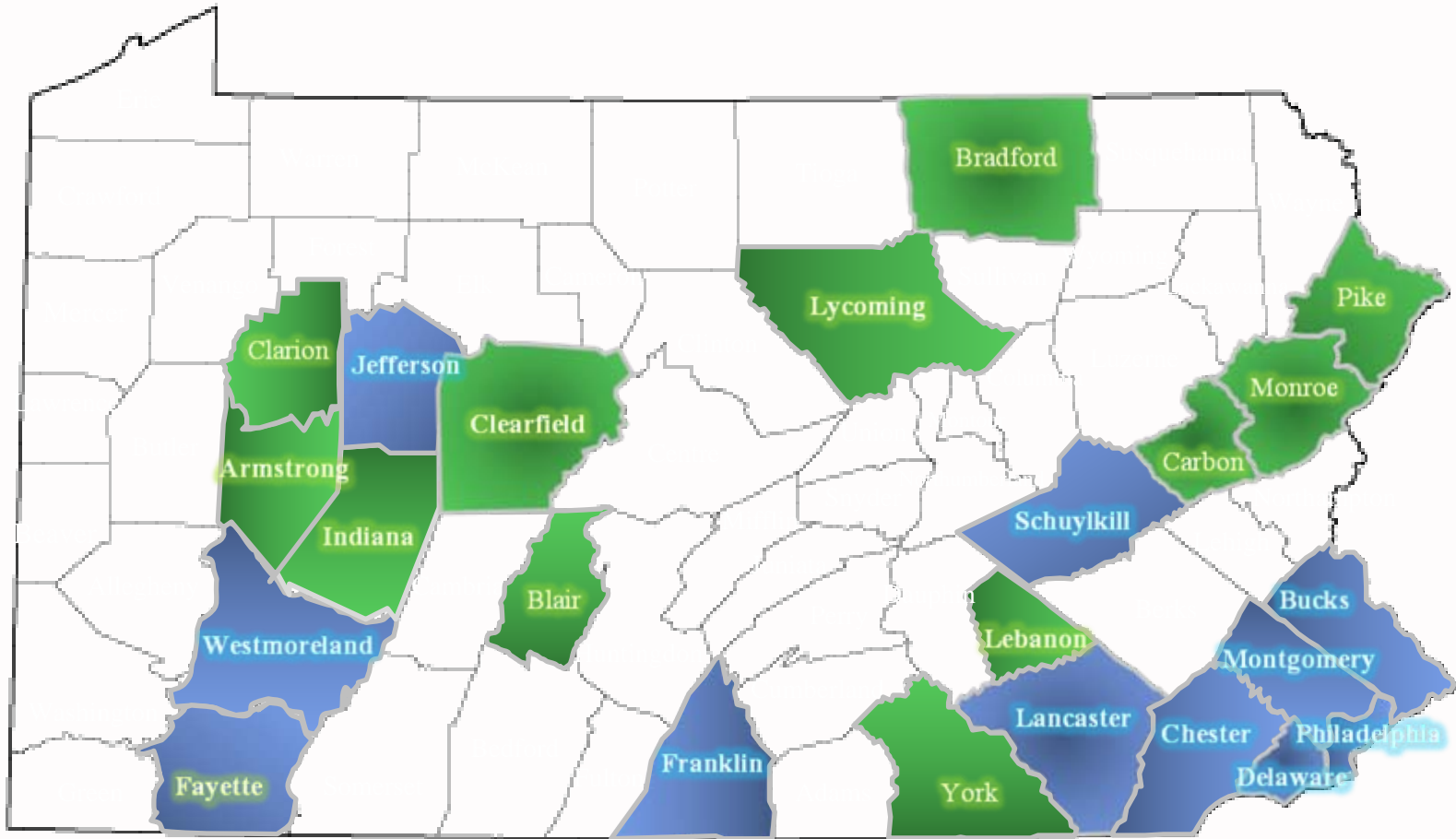
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Delaware County, PA Sequential Intercepts for Change: Criminal Justice - Mental Health Partnerships May 2010





Key:

Cross-Systems Mapping Completed

Cross-Systems Mapping Scheduled

Statewide Collaboration Initiatives- MHJAC

Law enforcement training

Identify and develop training needs and opportunities for police officers when interacting with individuals experiencing mental health crisis

Center of Excellence, State Police, Borough Police,
Drexel University

- Identify opportunities for training development
- Increase safety of all parties
- Decrease arrests/justice involvement at Intercept 1

SAMHSA Grant

Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Initiative for Veterans

*Prevent/Divert veterans from the criminal justice system
through trauma informed care and diversions*

Allegheny and Philadelphia Counties, CoE, OMHSAS

- Develop a 5 yr plan to divert veterans from the criminal justice system statewide beginning with 2 pilot sites
- Allegheny: develop and widely disperse trauma informed care training to providers that serve veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress
- Philadelphia:- develop diversion programs to reduce justice involvement of veterans (veterans court, mentors)

Statewide Collaboration Initiatives- MHJAC

Mental Health Procedures Act (MHPA) Training

Consistent cross-systems training about the MHPA

Drexel Behavioral Health, Center of Excellence, PCCD,
OMHSAS

- Provide uniform training about the MHPA to all stakeholders
- Reduce unnecessary and/or inappropriate incarceration/Hospitalization of individuals experiencing mental illness or mental health crisis

Statewide Collaboration Initiatives

Re-entry initiatives

Assist incarcerated individuals in State Correctional Institute in increasing successful community re-entry

Department of Corrections, PA Board of Probation and Parole, and other state and county agencies

- Transfer state inmates with MI/Co-occurring disorder to county of residence facility when eligible for community re-entry

Statewide Collaboration Initiatives- MHJAC

Forensic Peer Support

Statewide Peer Support within the Criminal Justice Training

Drexel University/PMHCA/OMHSAS/PCCD

- Train 25 CPSs to facilitate the training
- Offer at least 8 trainings throughout PA
- Create specialized employment potential for people who offer peer support

Statewide Collaboration Initiatives- MHJAC

CPS Training for incarcerated individuals

Incarcerated individuals employed as CPSs

Department of Corrections, OMHSAS, PCCD

- Train 100 incarcerated individuals to offer peer support within 5 State Correctional Institutions
- Employ incarcerated individuals and increase employability of persons re-entering the community from SCIs

Statewide Collaboration Initiatives- MHJAC

Housing for Justice involved individuals

Identify strategies to access housing options for justice involved individuals

MHJAC, DCED, PHFA, Counties

- Decrease time spent incarcerated
- Cross-system understanding of housing barriers and options

Helpful Web Links

- www.parecovery.org
- www.dpw.state.pa.us
- www.pccd.state.pa.us
- www.pa-co-occurring.org
- www.networkofcare.org
- www.justicecenter.csq.org/
- www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov
- www.consensusproject.org/
- www.reentrypolicy.org/
- <http://www.pacenterofexcellence.pitt.edu>