



Dogwood Trust Grant - Jail & Prison Re-entry Project

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Overview

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Purpose

- ❑ **Improve public health outcomes for justice involved individuals** by implementing data-driven strategies to **safely reduce jail populations**. This is the key to addressing jail population management, ensuring public safety and deterring the need to build another detention facility.
- ❑ **Reduced pretrial population** in the Buncombe County detention facility, which **lowers county costs by reducing variable expenses such as inmate health care**.
 - ❑ Through peer support linkage to care, this grant also aims to assist in **reduction of overdose deaths, as well as ER visits for those released from incarceration with chronic mental and physical illness**.



Background



The Problem

- From January-April 2020, 2,310 CIWA-A or alcohol withdrawal protocol and 2,436 on the COWS protocol, or opioid withdrawal protocol
 - Approximately 65 unique individuals a month who were on a detox protocol and 63 on psychotropic medications released from BCDF without adequate follow-up services
- From January-April 2020, 24 individuals in BCDF were in chronic care for heart disease, 11 for asthma/COPD, 9 for seizure disorder, 12 for Hepatitis and 5 for Diabetes
 - Roughly 15 releases a month from BCDF of individuals with serious chronic physical disease (Diabetes, Heart Disease, etc.) without adequate follow-up services



Background

Considerations

- Buncombe County has a robust array of diversion and jail-based services
 - Jail Diversion Services (Justice Services Department)
 - MAT in Jail (Buncombe County Detention Facility)
 - Community Linkage to Care (Health & Human Services)
- There is no program currently for community follow-along and linkage to care for those with chronic physical health conditions, mental health conditions or non-opioid substance use disorders after initial re-entry referrals.



Service Delivery Model

Community Linkage to Care & Jail Re-entry Services

Building on existing structures, this grant will increase capacity to support those being released from our local detention and correctional facilities

Public Health

- Expands current Community Linkage to Care program
- Opioid Use Disorders and Chronic Medical Conditions
- Adds 1 peer support/community health worker contract staff

2 Post Release Teams

- One Funder
- Two County Departments
- Two Community Partners

Justice Services

- Expands current jail re-entry services
- Substance Use Disorders & Severe and Persistent Mental Illness
- Adds 4 contracted staff
 - Program Manager
 - Nurse
 - Case Manager
 - Peer support/Community Health Worker



Grant Award

Award Amount: November 15th 2020 – November 14th 2021

- \$ 439,883

Services will be provided through contracted services.

- \$434,881

RHA Health Services awarded the contract for jail re-entry during FY21 Justice Services released an RFP for jail re-entry services.

- \$362,824

Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness contracted public health position will be added to the AA491 contract Re-entry position with Health and Human Services.

- \$72,057

County had no obligation to fund at the end of grant award

- \$5,002 for County equipment



Request for Board Action

- November 4th Board of County Commissioners Meeting
 - Accept Dogwood Health Trust Grant - Jail & Prison Re-entry Project
 - Approve Budget Amendment



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