BUNCOMBE COUNTY

JUSTICE RESOURCE PLANNING

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Leveraging best practices to enhance system efficiency, promote wellness and protect community safety
OPPORTUNITY FOR JAIL DIVERSION

Our jail housed more than 7,500 people in 2016

70% low level, non-violent offenses

This population increased 7% from 2015 to 2016
MENTAL ILLNESS & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Nationally...

- The rate of serious mental illness in the incarcerated population is **2 to 6 times higher** than the general public.
- Nearly **70%** of jail inmates meet the criteria for substance abuse.

In Buncombe County...

- **51 jail beds a day** are occupied by individuals receiving medical treatment for a serious mental illness.
- Recidivism rates for people with mental illness are **twice as high** as other defendants.
- Nearly 800 inmates were monitored for substance withdrawal in 2016, nearly a **30% increase** from 2015.
The majority of opioid users are women, and women are the fastest growing population in jail – in Buncombe County, the number of women jumped nearly 30% from 2015 to 2016.

Nationally, 95% of women who have been incarcerated have a trauma history.

Abuse in childhood is strongly correlated with adult victimization, substance abuse, and criminality.

The rate of developmental and behavioral disorders in kids was higher in those whose parent went to jail versus kids who experienced a parent death or divorce.
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

• The conditions in which we are born, grow, live, work and age impact our health risks and outcomes

• Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) – our lives are shaped by experiences in childhood

• Trauma-informed systems and approaches are needed

• Important to create strong links between Justice Resources and Health and Human Services
COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES

Misdemeanors can carry lifelong impacts— even without a conviction. Such as access to...

• Housing
• Employment
• Education
• Financial Assistance
BUNCOMBE IS ALREADY A LEADER

Local programs based on national models:
• Specialty Courts – DWI, Drug Treatment, Veterans
• Crisis Intervention Team
• Jail case management
• High利用er support
• Navigation for High Risk Uninsured
• Pre-Trial release

Recent landmark efforts to coordinate systems:
SYSTEM COORDINATION NEEDED

• Fragmented system
• Lack of coordination & efficiency
• Limited diversion options
• Disconnected from community resources & supports
OUR TESTED APPROACH

- Evidence-based, national models
- Coordinated efforts
- Data-driven decision making
- Smart partnerships
- Outcomes-focused
- Cost avoidance
- Reinvestment of Savings
- Sustainable
OUR STRATEGY

Protect Community Safety:
Public safety is paramount in the current system as well as the proposed model which enhances tools used by law enforcement and the courts.

Formalize Coordination:
Establishment of a Justice Resource Collaborating Council and Coordinator will increase efficiency in a fragmented system.

Invest in System Gaps:
Services and supports will be created for a seamless system, including a Justice Resource Center, Detention-based Prosecution, Victim Witness Legal Assistant, and enhancements to Pretrial Services.

Provide Infrastructure Support:
The new model will be undergirded by a foundation for effectiveness, including a Case Management Data System, Business Intelligence, Planning & Evaluation.
## Justice Resource Coordination

### Coordination
- Justice Resource Collaborating Council
- Justice Resource Coordinator
- Multidisciplinary Teams
- Data & Outcomes Support
- Planning & Evaluation
- Case Management Data System

### Supportive Services & Community Correction
- Justice Resource Center
- Pretrial Services
- Probation & Parole
- Teen Court / Earn & Learn

### Law Enforcement
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Focused Deterrence
- Juvenile Misdemeanor Pre-Charge Diversion
- School Resource Officers
- Community Policing

### Detention
- JUST Jail Diversion Assessment & Treatment
- Re-Entry Planning & Services
- Detention-based Prosecution
- Victim Witness Legal Assistant

### The Courts
- Therapeutic & Specialized prosecution
- Juvenile Justice
- Specialty Courts:
  - DWI
  - Drug Treatment
  - Family Drug Treatment
  - Veterans

= Denotes new or increased investments
EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increased public safety and justice
- Increased system efficiency
- Eliminate duplication
- Treatment focused system
- Diversion of non-violent offenders
- Reduced recidivism rates
- Increased wellness and employment
- Families stay intact
INVEST IN PEOPLE, AVOID COST

- Current capital plan calls for costly new detention facility $45 million
- Targeted investments can delay or even eliminate the need for a new jail $547,000
- Self sustaining model, invests cost savings for system improvement
TRACKING OUR PROGRESS WITH REAL TIME DATA
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