Safety and Justice Challenge

Strategy Updates December 9, 2019



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Local Public Safety Coordinating Council MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Agenda

- SJC grant updates
- SJC Strategy Updates
- Diane Wade House Update
- Community Engagement



An initiative to reduce overincarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jail



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Implemented and monitoring:

- 1. Reduce Time to Probation Violation Hearing
- 2. Decrease Jail Time for "Interfering with Public Transportation (IPT)" Charges
- 3. Decrease DCJ Sanction Length
- 4. Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
- 5. Decrease Jail Use by Inmates with Drug Charges / Treatment First
- 6. Decrease Jail Stays for Inmates Undergoing Aid and Assist Evaluation
- Ensure Access to Jail Alternatives for Women with Mental Health Issues (Diane Wade House)



Reduce the amount of time to adjudicate a Probation Violation Hearing

- Increase the number of hearings at the justice center
- Create and implement additional release policies
- Progress





Decrease Jail Time for "Interfering with Public Transportation (IPT)" Charges

- Reduce the number of IPT charges filed from 500-600/yr to 100-125/yr
- Individuals who do not use trimet without paying will not spend time in jail
- Progress





Decrease DCJ Sanction Length

- Decrease average jail sanction length from 10 to 7 days
- Reduce disparities in jail sanctions
- Progress





Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD®)

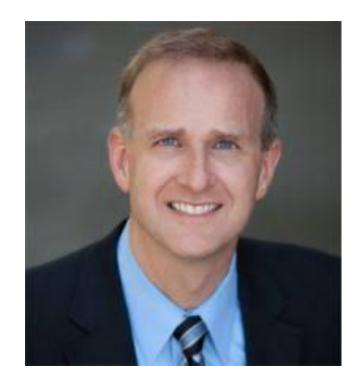
- LEAD® is a pre-booking diversion program that allows police officers to redirect people engaged in low-level drug activity to services and resources instead of jail and prosecution
- Started in Multnomah County in 2017
- Currently 221 referrals have been made to LEAD® and there are 175 active participants
- Progress





Treatment First

- Alternative case processing for drug possession
- Assesses offenders and matches services/supervision to risk/need
- May result in dismissal
- Progress, successes, challenges





Aid and Assist

- Launch Aid & Assist competency docket
- Complete rapid assessments locally (rather than OSH)
- Progress and challenges





Diane Wade House

- Opened in December 2018 to respond to disparities in jail sanctions for African American women
- Accepts referrals from DCJ and Forensic Diversion
- Provides housing and culturally-specific programming





Strategies still under development:

- 1. Presiding Judge Order (PJO) Reform
- 2. Reduce Failures to Appear
- 3. A: Pretrial system assessment (non-assessment impacted)
 - B: Pretrial system assessment (assessment impacted)



Presiding Judge Order

- Review PJO to identify opportunities to safely release individuals
- LPSCC created a dashboard to review outcomes/risk levels for individuals held on PJO holds
- Pretrial assessment will review PJO and offer recommendations





Reduce Failures to Appear

- Original strategy: Increase Use of Cite in Lieu of booking
 Data showed extremely high FTA rates
- Group began to explore text notification opportunities
- Currently working to engage social service providers to share information about how to support clients navigating the court system



Strategies eliminated due to excessive obstacles:

- 1. Release to Treatment
- 2. MH Diversion
- 3. Move Bench Probationers to DCJ
- 4. Establish Best Practice Sanction Length and Frequency



Pretrial System Assessment

- 1. Pretrial system assessment underway by Justice System Partners
- 2. Report should be complete at the turn of the year
 - a. Local interviews
 - b. Court data provided
- Results of the assessment will inform how temporary FTE will be allocated for the upcoming grant cycle



- Racial & Ethnic Disparities
- Decision Point Analysis
- Sequential Intercept Mapping (September 20, 2019)
- Community Engagement



- 1. Support & expand the judicial listening sessions
- 2. Launch and manage the Diane Wade House Advisory Board
- 3. Host community-based LPSCC Executive Meetings



Questions?



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