

## Criminal Mental Health Diversion Pilot

# Health Services Department August 21, 2018



## **Presentation Outline**

- Background
- Miami-Dade Program Overview
- Orange County Program Overview
- Moving Forward



### **Background**

- During the budget worksession
   Commissioner Thompson suggested \$400K
   in funding for Criminal Mental Health
   Diversion Pilot based off the Miami-Dade
   program.
- Mayor directed staff to bring this back as a work session.



## Background

- Miami-Dade program started in 2000 under leadership of Judge Steve Leifman.
- Diverts individuals with mental illness to community treatment instead of jail.
- Started with individuals charged with nonviolent misdemeanors and expanded to include certain felonies.



## **Background**

#### **Target population**

- Adults with serious mental illnesses who are:
  - Involved in, or at risk of becoming involved in the justice system.
  - Moderate to high risk of recidivism to the justice system and mental health treatment facilities.
  - No significant history of violence and aren't likely to pose a public safety concern.



## **Current Flow**

#### **ORANGE COUNTY**

Law Enforcement

Central
Receiving
Center
Pre Booking
Diversion



MIAMI-DADE CO.

Law Enforcement

CSU or Nearest Hospital

Jail

Post Booking Diversion



## Components to Miami-Dade Criminal Mental Health Project

- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for law enforcement – monthly trainings
- Pre-Booking Diversion
- Post-Booking Diversion



#### **Crisis Intervention Training**

- Trains law enforcement to recognize and respond to individuals with symptoms of mental illness.
- Helps prevent contact with law enforcement from escalating to arrest.
- Reduces use of force incidents and law enforcement injuries.



#### **Pre-Booking Diversion**

- Allows law enforcement to take individuals with a mental illness to a community-based treatment facility instead of jail.
- Typically the individual is involuntarily held for evaluation.
- Allows the individual to be treated in a therapeutic environment and not a jail.



#### **Post-Booking Diversion**

- Identifies individuals who have been booked into jail with a mental illness and transfers them to a community based treatment facility.
- Assist with discharge planning and links to housing, treatment, and support services.
- Monitor ongoing access to care.



#### **Program Outcomes**

- Over 4,700 law enforcement officers and public school personal now CIT trained.
- Of 10,000 calls handled by CIT Officers, 10-20 resulted in arrest compared to 10,000 general law enforcement calls resulted in 700-800 arrests.



#### **Program Outcomes**

- Reduction in annual jail bookings: 1,182
- Reduction in annual jail days: 34,079
- Criminal justice cost avoidance:
  - Pre Booking: \$4.3M
  - Post Booking: \$1.7M



## **Orange County Program**

#### **CIT Training**

- Classes offered to law enforcement and corrections officers
- 2,100 officers trained

#### **Pre-Booking Diversion**

- Central Receiving Center (CRC)
- 5,432 screenings
- 4,000 brought in under Baker Act



## **Moving Forward**

#### **Next Steps**

- Review initial Sequential Intercept Mapping recommendations (August 2016)
- Bring back plan for future BCC meeting
  - CIT Training
  - Pre-Booking Diversion (CRC)
  - Post-Booking Diversion
- \$400K in FY 18-19 budget for a pilot program.



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