

## Data Sharing Task Force

### Summary of Focus Group Results

## Groups We Spoke To

- Focus groups across the criminal justice system (front end) and across the state:
  - Pretrial Case Managers
    - 3 counties: Denver, Boulder, Jefferson
  - Community Corrections Case Managers
    - 3 counties: Jefferson, Larimer, Mesa
  - Community Corrections Board Directors
  - Probation Supervisors

## What We Wanted to Know

- What data is missing that would help case managers do their jobs better?
- How would this data improve offender outcome?
- How would a data portal improve case manager work ability?
- How would a data portal improve offender outcome?

## Excitement Everywhere!

- All of the groups we spoke to were excited about the idea of a data portal.
  - They were excited about having access to useful, but currently unavailable data. And,
  - They were excited about a central display for data they can already obtain.
- They understood that this was still a dream but were hopeful that progress will be made.

## Data Gaps

- Municipal data
  - Court cases (active and past)
  - Jail data (programs, treatment, assessments)
- Tattoo photos and gang affiliations they may represent.
- Victim (or victim advocate) and co-defendant information
  - This info can help with better case plans including needs and housing (e.g., housing restrictions).
- Other active cases and warrants in all jurisdictions
  - This information could reduce unnecessary FTA filings.
- All assessment information, especially from juvenile time period.
  - Would be good to track over time and reduce repetition.
    - Adult assessments
    - DYC data
    - Relevant medical and medication information
    - Mental health needs
    - Urine analysis results from other agencies.
- Money owed – fines, fees, child support, etc.
  - Bail bond conditions and bondsman contact information.
  - Affidavits from other counties to better track if any condition has been broken.
- Immigration and federal holds

## Accessible Data that Would be More Useful on a Central Screen

- General offender/client information
  - Known aliases
  - Drivers license status
  - Demographics (race, gender, age)
  - Photographs over time would be useful
- Some DOC data is included but would like it to be more comprehensive, such as:
  - Program involvement and outcome
  - Assessments and treatment needs, treatments provided.
- Criminal history – could be improved/made more all inclusive
  - Including FTA history
  - Information on non-compliance – what was the behavior and how was it handled.
- All assessment information, especially from juvenile world.
  - Would be good to track over time and reduce repetition.
    - DYC data on individuals
    - Relevant medical and medication information.
    - Mental health needs
- Employment and education information
  - Currently based on self-report. Could be improved/more useful if verified (would help with appropriate programming and job placement).

\*\*\*Although available, some of this data requires multiple steps to obtain. A data portal would reduce work time and allow for a more efficient and possibly more accurate case plan.

## Answers/Achievements this would provide

- Central source for all relevant/needed data.
- Efficient and accurate data.
  - More quickly obtained
  - Less reliance on self-report data
- Better able to track person through the system:
  - Successes, failures
  - Individual recidivism
  - Technical violations
    - What were the behaviors?
      - Finding trends may help improve case plans.
    - What was the result of the technical violation?

## How this would help you do your job better

- Quicker access to data
  - Some data may already be accessible but it may take multiple steps.
- More comprehensive picture of the offender.
  - Will help create a better and more accurate case plan.
- Other active case information (current and past) would help prevent unnecessary FTA filings.
  - If they're being held in another jail, or in court in another jurisdiction there is no need to file an FTA.
- Efficiency - Will reduce repetition (e.g., everyone does their own assessments but often it's the same one multiple times).
- Currently a lot of data is obtained via self-report and then validated later (if at all). If multiple systems fed into a portal it would help data be more accurate and up to date.

## How this would improve offender outcomes

- Better understanding of who the whole person is.
- Will help the address needs more quickly, obtain most appropriate job, continue with education at the most appropriate level.
- Better case/treatment plan will end with better outcomes.
- The offender will trust the system more if we don't have to ask them to do the same thing multiple times (they don't understand that agencies are not already "talking" to each other).
- This would also accelerate the offender's ability to be released from jail (and placed on a docket) because the needed information would be available more quickly.

## Adams County Update

- Adams County has continued working with their national partners, SEARCH and NCJA, to develop both the technical requirements and the governance structure, including an Interagency Agreement.
- On June 30, 2015, they hosted a jurisdiction wide governance forum that included key stakeholders from both justice and health. Local, state and our national partners, NCJA and SEARCH, were in attendance.
- On August 14th, they combined their CJCC Behavioral Health Subcommittee and the CJCC Information Sharing Governance Subcommittee to begin the process of developing and implementing our governance framework, and the related Interagency Agreement.
  - The framework will address both justice and health requirements and regulations. Their hope is to have the Agreement developed by November 2015, and implementation by the beginning of 2016.
- They have completed their initial local outreach and education effort to our municipal courts, and as a result of these meetings, they have been able to determine—based on resources and capacity of the municipal IT units, in which order they would like to work with the municipalities.
  - They will use municipal data dictionaries to build the data system and extract data into the portal.
  - Activities include things like building store procedures to query the data, translating data to NIEM, and then aggregating the data for presentation within the portal.
  - They are simultaneously working with the Sheriff's Office and the Community Reach Center to do the same.
- They recently received a JAG grant and will now take their current high level plan and develop a more formal outline, which will provide specific and granular project goals, objectives and deliverables.
  - Two types of plans, one for policy makers (high level) and one for the project team (granular) will be created.