

Brief Description of Key Elements of Three JAG Recovery Fund 2-Year Grants

CCJJ Overarching Issues

1. Metro Crisis Services *Crisis and Access Line*

\$745,000 to the City of Golden

(Estimated 80,000 calls annually by year two)

Key elements

- ❑ The Crisis and Access Line will be the first point of triage in a new crisis system – assessing the level of need and most appropriate point of service for each person who calls.
 - Each caller will receive the same level of professional clinical services around the clock regardless of their insurance coverage, referral source, or call locale.
 - Seeks to divert individuals who may otherwise enter the criminal justice system.
- ❑ Will track the availability of community and intensive services.
- ❑ Will offer and a single point of data collection, reporting and information. This data will provide a level of information and transparency not available today.
- ❑ Will provide an extensive database to identify needs and gaps in behavioral health services¹ and contribute to a larger strategic planning process for Colorado.
- ❑ Will improve referral dispositions by providing consistent protocols for real time communication with providers about referrals and availability.
- ❑ Will be a focal point for building, managing and sustaining collaborative relationships with community agencies, mental health centers, hospital emergency departments, inpatient psychiatric hospitals/units, detox programs, behavioral health professionals, emergency management service (such as 911), first responders, criminal justice agencies, and referral services (211), recovery support and self-help groups.
- ❑ Once established in the Metro area, will expand statewide providing a nexus for emergent calls and service referral options in the area of behavioral health for the public, police, 911 systems, hospitals, and criminal justice professionals.

¹ See the Crisis Line vendor information at <http://www.behavioralhealthlink.com/Dashboard/>

2. Criminal Justice Case Managers in Mental Health Centers across the state

\$1,496,570 to Div. of Behavioral Health

Based on similar positions located at The Jefferson Center for Mental Health and Arapahoe-Douglas Mental Health Network, this project involves the placement of professionals with criminal justice expertise providing case management and/or offender-based therapy in community mental health centers across the state. The sites are provided the flexibility to create or add a criminal justice case manager, a therapist, or, if preferable, a position combining both sets of tasks. This individual would serve a criminal justice population and be a liaison with criminal justice professionals from law enforcement, jails, probation, parole, other case managers, and re-entry and transition specialists to coordinate and provide referrals or services.

Key elements

- ❑ Increase access to appropriate mental health services and reduce criminal recidivism among people with serious mental illness that are involved with the justice system.
- ❑ Program includes Peer Specialist(s).
- ❑ Coordinates with the Jefferson County Jail Transition Planner and also receives referrals from probation, police, public defenders, pretrial services and jail diversion.
- ❑ Upon accepting a referral, staff conducts an initial assessment of the client's immediate needs and mental health needs.
- ❑ Clients with serious mental illness or are in need of more in-depth mental health treatment are "opened" or enrolled in Jefferson Center; those with more short-term needs are provided case management.

3. CCJJ Evidence-Based Practices Training Center

\$2,104,497 to Colorado Department of Public Safety, Executive Director's Office

This Multi-Agency Training Center on Evidence-Based Practice will develop and implement a multi-faceted training initiative that expands Colorado's capacity to provide evidence-based offender supervision, case management and services. The multi-agency partnership involves an unprecedented level of coordination and collaboration to ensure that the Training Center will enhance the understanding of professional communities and the public, bring a new level of skill and direction to criminal justice practitioners, and will produce immediate and long-term benefits for the criminal justice system and the citizens of Colorado.

Key elements

- Advisory Board: Susan Jones (Probation), Kent Wagner (Judicial), Charlie Smith (DBH), Glenn Tapia (CDPS), Mary Kanan (DOC/Parole), Carl Wotowis (DOC/community officers), Bill Zalman (DOC/institutional case management), Diane Pasini-Hill (DCJ)
- Project housed at CDPS, Executive Director's Office (Kathy Sasak)
- Training Initiative
 - Evidence based practice; motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral training and social networking, criminal justice education, Mental Health First Aid®, contingency management, mentoring/coaching
 - 22 Train the Trainers, across all organizations
 - 1100 professionals trained over 2 years including 50 individuals from the nonprofit or faith-based community
- Training audiences
 - Probation/parole officers, re-entry specialists, and their supervisors
 - DOC case managers (EBP and LSI assessment) and their supervisors
 - Community case managers and supervisors
 - Behavioral health (primarily private) treatment providers
 - Judges, DAs, defense bar, victim community, members of the community
- Five training coordinators, one in each of the following agencies:
 - Judicial: Probation
 - DOC: Case Management
 - DOC: Parole/Community
 - CDPS: DCJ/Comcor
 - DHS: DBH
- CCJJ EBP Training Office at CDPS
 - 1 Project manager
 - 1 training coordinator
 - 1 staff assistant
 - Part time research analyst
- Contract funds for trainers and mentors; travel funds for trainees