



Mental Health / Point of Contact through Jail Release Task Force

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Criminal and Juvenile Justice

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Mental Health/Jails Task Force

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Work to Date

Five meetings held
between June and
October 2016



Priority Work Areas Identified / Working Groups Established:

1. Changing Responses to Behavioral Health Needs (started)
2. Provision of Mental Health Services in Jail (start after #1)
3. Diversion within the Criminal Justice System (start after #2)

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Working Group #1:

Changing Responses to Behavioral Health Needs

Four subgroups are exploring:

1. M1 cases (Mental Health hold)
2. Efforts involving law enforcement
3. Joint efforts involving law enforcement and behavioral health
4. Community behavioral health options or system opportunities



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Working Group #1: Changing Responses to Behavioral Health Needs

Current activity

1. Each subgroup will develop recommendations for consideration by the full Task Force
2. The Task Force will determine which subgroup recommendations will become Task Force recommendations
3. Preliminary Task Force recommendations on this first focus area will be presented in November



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Working Group #1:

Changing Responses to Behavioral Health Needs

When work is completed by this first Working Group, the Task Force will initiate the second Working Group:

Provision of Mental Health Services in Jail

And, subsequently, the third Working Group:

Diversion within the Criminal Justice System



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Questions?