



Mental Health / Point of Contact Through Jail Release Task Force

Preliminary Recommendation Presentation to the Colorado
Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

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Identified Areas of Focus

Completed:

Explore opportunities to divert individuals from the criminal justice system



(Addressed by CCJJ Recommendations FY17-MH #01-04 and Senate Bill 17-207: Strengthen Colorado's Statewide Response to Behavioral Health Crises)

Current focus:

Explore opportunities to divert individuals in the criminal justice system from jail



Planned:

Provide necessary services to individuals in the jail



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BACKGROUND

- Task Force began in June 2016.
- The first focus area of work resulted in four recommendations approved by CCJJ in December 2016.
(See CCJJ Recommendations FY17-MH #01-04 and Senate Bill 17-207: Strengthen Colorado's Statewide Response to Behavioral Health Crises at colorado.gov/ccjj/ccjj-leg.)
- The second focus area of work resulted in the preliminary recommendation being outlined today, which has been approved by the Task Force.



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Recommendation FY18 - MH #01

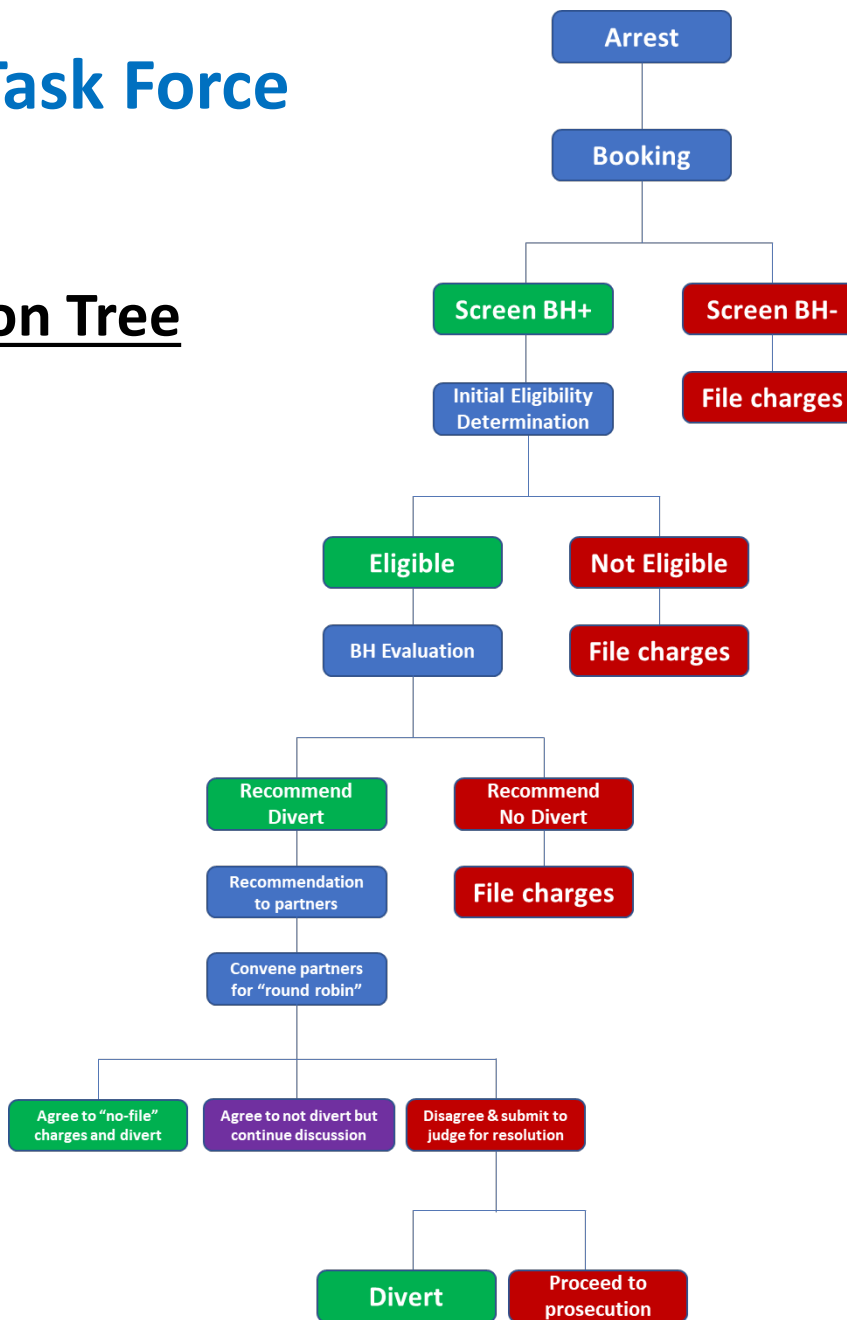
Pre-File Mental Health Diversion Program

- Develop post-arrest, pre-file diversion programs specifically for individuals experiencing mental health disorders and who meet specific criteria and are determined able to benefit from diversion to treatment rather than being processed through the criminal justice system.
- Promote the utilization of Adult Pretrial Diversion Programs as created by CRS: 18-1.3.101 for implementing and funding these programs.
- Pre-file mental health diversion programs should utilize a stakeholder created, reviewed, and approved model.
- The Task Force has agreed on a proposed model and will be identifying individual jurisdictions that have an interest in implementing this model.



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Proposed Model/Decision Tree



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Questions?

