



INN Project #5: Forensic Behavioral Health Workgroup/Community Recommendation (1/15/2020)

The Innovation Project #5 Workgroup recommends to the MHSA Steering Committee allocating up to \$9m INN Component funds over three to five years to implement an INN Project for the forensic behavioral health population.

This project will focus on adults who:

- Are justice-involved,
- Live with a serious mental illness,
- Experience complex behavioral health needs,
- Have frequent contact with County Jail, pre and post adjudicated, and
- Have multi-system involvement.

The project's primary purpose is to:

- Promote interagency and community collaboration
- Increase access to mental health services to underserved populations

This project will test adapting an existing teaming model, a non-mental health approach that has shown efficacy (Child and Family Team), for the forensic behavioral health population. The multi-system team will include:

- Forensic Multidisciplinary Team Facilitator who will coordinate teaming and planning meetings
- Team members, including the client, system partners (i.e., Public Defender, Probation, Behavioral Health providers, etc.), natural supports (i.e., family, extended family, neighbors, faith-based connections, landlord, etc.)
- Development of an Integrated Plan
- Implementation of Engagement, Planning, Monitoring, Transition Phases
 - Acknowledges milestones toward meeting plan goals and celebration of successes

The project will test by measuring whether this adapted multi-system teaming approach will lead to the following outcomes:

- Reduce jail recidivism, time in custody, and overall justice involvement by creating alternatives to incarceration
- Improve the client experience in achieving and maintaining wellness
- Improve care coordination across multiple systems (JPS, BHS, Probation, Courts, GMC, APS/CPS, etc.).
- Improve access to services such as but not limited to housing support, medication support services, mental health and substance use disorder treatment services.

Project services/elements will include:

- One Stop Shop Campus Model (Drop-in center or Club House model)
- 24/7 Support
 - Warm handoff and support as clients are released from jail after hours
 - Response at the front end and ongoing
- Brief needs screening tool for eligibility
- Discharge planning pre-release
- Peer support during engagement phase and throughout
- Initiates immediate comprehensive assessment to identify needed services and resources to start integrated planning process
- Assists clients with immediate access to the following:
 - Housing and PRTS/property related tenant services
 - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment
 - Medication Support
 - Benefits
 - Comprehensive case management
 - Supportive employment and vocational services
 - Transportation upon release and for ongoing needs
 - Peer support and peer facilitated support groups
- Encouraging and increasing program alumni involvement to provide aftercare peer support
- Welcome program readmission
- Project provider will partner/subcontract with organizations that have experience with providing peer mentoring and support services that are culturally responsive to this population