

JAIL INTERVENTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Cass County, North Dakota

Committee Chairman: *Major Glenn Ellingsberg, Cass County Jail Administrator*

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Lead Advisor: *Dr. Thomas McDonald, North Dakota State University*

Project Coordinator: *Sheree Spear, NAMI ND-National Alliance on Mental Illness*

Subcommittees

I CRISIS RESPONSE / ON-SCENE ASSESSMENT:

Community crisis response enhancement identifies all points of contact within the community and improves: initial identification of mental illness, coordination between agencies, services and facility capacity to adequately address the needs of individuals and families in a crisis situation. Ensure that crisis beds, an assessment/triage center and other community-based resources are accessible when needed. Best practices for training of law enforcement and other professionals, include involvement of consumers and family members. Systems changes are implemented.

Members: Officer Scott Stenerson, Sgt. Carlos Nestler, Sgt. Volrath, Keith Gilleshammer, Jeff Stenseth, Mike Kaspari, Sheree Spear, Salome Hoff, local housing authority, hospital emergency room and ambulance staff.

II DATA COLLECTION & SHARING OF INFORMATION:

Identification of data to be captured, process for information sharing across systems and establishing performance outcomes that will be measured, are vital to determining effectiveness. Improved information sharing across systems will ensure that individual needs are appropriately met in a timely manner.

Members: Dr. George O'Neill, Dr. Thomas McDonald, Keith Gilleshammer, Scott Stenerson, Richard Hoekstra, Jessica Thomasson

III HEALTH SCREENING & EVALUATION:

Ensure mechanisms are in place to provide screening and identification of mental illness, crisis intervention and short-term treatment, and discharge planning for defendants with mental illness who are held in jail pending the adjudication of their case. Ensure mental health evaluations are also done in a timely fashion when the need is identified by those within the Court system.

Members: Heidi McLean, Mary Geller, Beth Gravalin, Lori Lawson

IV ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING & PRE-TRIAL ISSUES:

Maximize the use of alternatives to prosecution and alternative sentencing options in appropriate cases of people with severe mental illness. Assist defendants with severe mental illness in complying with conditions of pretrial diversion or conditions of probation.

Members: Commissioner Darrell Vanyo, Dr. Thomas McDonald, Candace Fuglesten, Dan Seymour, Sheree Spear

V OPEN SHELTER / SHORT-TERM HOUSING

Develop and enhance housing resources that are available on a temporary basis to individuals who are without shelter.

Members: Senator Mathern, Susan Helgeland, Jill Elliot, Patricia McKenzie, Jeff Stenseth, Krista Stone, Scott Stenerson, Lori Lawson.
