Fulton County
Justice and Mental Health Task Force

A Collaboration of Justice, Behavioral Health, and the Community

June 2019
Task Force Business Cases Timeline

- **November 5, 2018**: Business Cases presented to Elected Officials. Motion made by the group to support business cases for approval of funding to Board of Commissioners.

- **November 14, 2018**: Budget for Business Cases request was added to the FY19 Budget presented to the Board of Commissioners

- **January 23, 2019**: Funding for Business Cases was approved by Board of Commissioners.
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Budget Request for Business Cases

*presented for implementation and continued funding*

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Approved Funding

• Fulton County Board of Commission approved funding
  • $1.770 Million
  • Funds awarded to agencies to implement business cases:

$ 370,000 → Screening and Jail Reentry → Fulton County DBHDD
$ 220,000 → Training/Pretrial Officers → Superior Court
$ 500,000 → Data → General Fund
$ 800,000 → Diversion → General Fund
Business Cases Progress Update
Business Case 1: Jail Screening and Reentry

Key Recommendations
• Implement a validated jail mental health screen for 100% of eligible bookings.

Implementation

Establish the Screening and Reentry Unit
• Connect to treatment and provide reentry planning
• Six-person staff: Supervisor, Asst. Supervisor, and 4 Clinicians

Conduct Brief Mental Health Screen & GAINS Checklist for 100% of eligible bookings
• Correctional Mental Health Screen for Men and Women (CMHS-M/W)
• GAINS Reentry Checklist

Status Update

Preparing for Pilot to begin July 1
• Currently hiring clinical staff.
• Currently working with jail staff, NaphCare, technology, and justice partners to create workflow.
• Funding provided for three (3) Pretrial Officers with specialized mental health certifications.
Business Case 2: Data

Key Recommendations
• Develop and implement a strategy for coordinated information sharing between reentry providers and community stakeholders to improve case coordination.

Implementation
Develop an automated process to upload data points and send alerts to shared partners regarding identification, treatment, and reentry of individuals with mental illness.

Progress Update
Currently working through User Requirements and Technical Design phase with vendor Tyler/Socrata.
• The vendor will create a customized interface allowing for users to enter pertinent information and search service provider data that will allow decision makers to determine next steps.
• A secure data platform that allows providers and departments to upload patient data to, but adheres to the County governance model, roles, and permissions
Key Recommendations

• Develop and implement a standardized training plan aimed at training 100% of law enforcement officers using Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), trauma-informed responses, and other evidence-based crisis trainings.

Implementation

Administer the following trainings to law enforcement:

• Trauma-Informed Response Training (4 hours)
• Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety (MHFA/PS) (8 hours)
• Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) (40 hours)

Progress Update

Created a Training Matrix:

• Training to be provided to law enforcement and 911 operators

Hire A Training Coordinator for the Academy to coordinate schedules and deliver trainings when necessary.

Work with Fulton County Police Department for outreach to other municipalities.
Business Case 4: Diversion

**Key Recommendations**
- Establish drop-off program site with services that include critical care, referrals, and case management to give law enforcement options to divert individuals with serious and persistent mental illness from jail

**Implementation**
- Expand pre-arrest diversion with the creation of a 24/7 drop-off site for law enforcement
  - Goal 1: Divert estimated 300 referred individuals
  - Goal 2: Connect 3,000 individuals to services

**Progress Update**
- Currently reviewing real estate assets between City of Atlanta and Fulton County for possible locations
- Regularly meeting with City of Atlanta /Partners for Home and Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative (PAD)
Next Steps: Project Charter

**Task Force Project Management Office**

- Support regular Task Force meetings, committee meetings, and coordination with all partners and stakeholders
- Coordinate grant requests and strategic oversight of investments in criminal justice and mental health activities in the county.
- Tracking implementation of Task Force activities including the collection and reporting of performance reports to the Executive Committee and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners

**Task Force Structure**

- Executive Committee
- Fulton County Justice and Mental Health Task Force
- Data and Performance Management Committee
- Policy and Business Process Reform Committee
- Training Committee
- Grants and Funding Committee
- Task Force Project Management Office
A public website was created as a repository for all project documents and meeting information:

www.fultonstepsup.org