

**Sullivan County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
Follow-Up from
Sullivan County Judicial Strategy Retreat**

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Key Next Steps Identified for Adult Population

Front end of options as an early
intervention for District Court

Look at existing gaps in the System

Identify stakeholders involved in the
development of the model

Find ways to pool resources to fund these services

Develop a sustainability plan

Front End Solutions

- Who would be the target population?
- What types of services would be offered?
- Do we have the capacity to offer these services?
- Who are the key stakeholders?
- Who coordinates this process?

Target Populations and Types of Services Initially Identified

- Other risk populations who are not jail bound
- Peer Support after release (ATR Grant)
- Improve pre-trial services for detainees, front end deferred sentencing, mental health involvement before issues/law enforcement involvement
- Offer non-incarcerative options to the district court
- Meaningful education
- Domestic violence: accountability of DV in programs, greater role for Turning Points
- Reduce statutory limits for NH interdiction
- Need CJCC to have a broader focus not just the jail, including court, probation, law enforcement and provider issues

Other System Gaps

- What other system gaps in services for offenders are there?
- Are there providers in the community that can provide those services?
- Is there funding available to meet these needs?
- What are the next steps needed?

Funding and Sustainability Plan

- What is the best way to move this forward?
- Who are the key stakeholders?
- What are the funding questions that need to be resolved?
- What are the next steps moving forward?

Key Stakeholders

- County Correction Program: Keeping people local, improved mental health care, multi-functional, gender specific programs
- Aftercare and Medical Services post-release
- Collaboration: Regional Network, Law Enforcement, School, 4-H
- Task Forces/CJCC working together

Initial Plan

- Convene a working group meeting in January-March
- Present back to the CJCC in April
- Target Population: front end sentenced offenders in need of intensive services from the district court

Desired Outcome: Deferred or front end Sentencing for offenders who are jail bound

Key Next Steps Identified for Youth Population

Development of diversion options

Early intervention and assessment

How can resources be improved?

Find ways to pool resources to fund these services

Develop a sustainability plan

Diversion Options and Early Interventions

- Who would be the target population?
- How would youth be assessed and targeted for services?
- What types of services would be offered?
- Do we have the capacity to offer these services?
- Who are the key stakeholders?
- Who coordinates this process?

Diversion Options and Early Interventions

Some initial target population, services, capacity, stakeholders, effective measures

- Diversion works, saves money and reduces recidivism
- School referrals to programming at Community Alliance
- Mentoring at Stevens High and Riverside Middle School (need more funding)
- Strengthening Families Program in Claremont (need more trainers)
- Strong collaboration amongst partners
- Increased awareness
- Family integration at House of Corrections
- Health Rocks through UNH
- Newport prevention strategies- identifying high risk youth

Improved Resources and Funding Options

- What are the strengths of the current services delivery system?
- How can resources be improved?
- How do we define effectiveness?
- What are the key goals we are trying to accomplish?
- Who are the key people to bring to the table?

Opportunities for Growth

- More SAPs
- Healing/merging fractured systems
- Early intervention- early identification- (trained personnel in schools)
- Resources for party dispersal (policy-ordinance)
 - How we use resources can be improved- let go of egos and ownership
 - How we collaborate can be improved
- Make better use of what programs we have
- Gap of DCYF involvement
- Lack of medical-school collaboration
- Too many silos
- Not enough teeth in juvenile consequences (although some disagreed with this)
- Involve businesses to allow parents time to assist their own kids.

Funding and Sustainability Plan

- What is the best way to move this forward?
- Who are the key stakeholders?
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Initial Plan

- Formation of a sub-committee (SWAT Team) to identify current programs, duplications and gaps.
- SWAT Team
- Identify individuals / organizations to bring to the table:
 - School Districts (including truant officers)
 - Law Enforcement
 - West Central
 - DOC
 - Concerned Citizens (FASTER Group)
 - NH Works
 - Faith Based
 - Businesses (Chamber)
- Examine Strengths (What's happening – why is it working), Collaborative efforts, gaps, and overlaps / redundancies.
- Identify Objective –
 - What does effectiveness look like? (Reduction in incidences, reduction in In-School consequences, reduction of dropouts)
 - What is the final goal? (Keep kids out of jail) (Policy Changes)
- Research effective programs in other counties – what is working, why is it working.
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