

## **JTIIP Jail Progress Updates**

### **March 2021-August 2021**

**Garfield/Pitkin:** Eleven meetings were held. Pitkin County inmates are temporarily being held at the Garfield County Jail because of new jail construction in Pitkin County. Both JBBS Coordinators identified the same aims and goals for both sites.

- Set up meetings with Regional Health Connector from Mountain Family and Department of Human Services Representatives to discuss streamlining the identification of Medicaid status at screening, and reinstatement or enrollment for release.
- Both JBBS programs instituted a Release of Information Form at screening to begin Medicaid status identification and re-entry planning with outside resource network.
- Process mapping for the steps created to streamline Medicaid process for those that qualify or are enrolled when entering jail. Process includes identification of status; enrollment if needed; reinstatement on release.
- Garfield - identified and filled the need for resource books and packet translations.
- JBBS programs began to use re-entry Needs Assessment on initial screening.
- Pitkin - identified and engaged Colorado Bridges and PACT for reentry case management as well as Mind Springs.
- Pitkin is now involved and engaged in the Pitkin Area Co-Responder Team. Handoff will now be with Mind Springs the entry point to the team. Sharing the reentry needs assessment information, and JBBS intake and release documents with the team. This team is building their peer support program by adapting the Miami-Dade model.
- Pitkin now helping inmate fill out Wayout Scholarship applications for residential treatment.
- Garfield - identified and engaged two peer specialists for reentry support- one if Rifle area and one in Glenwood Springs.
- Process mapping for Garfield for peer reentry programming.
- Currently working on getting the Sergeant's input on providing groups as well as peer handoff processes within the jail. He is open to in jail virtual on-site meetings with peer specialists that have been vetted with background checks. Inmate uses tablet and peer sits in front of a monitor/webcam in jail. Processes for referral to peer still need to be thought out, JBBS team is collaborating to determine best practices.
- Virtual groups are being planned.
- JBBS Release Packets will be put in personal property for release. Anything to go in release packets must be approved by the Sergeant. Identification for the need for peers for discharge planning will be done at intake so information in packets is accurate.
- Peer is allowed to be at jail at release. Processes for presentenced and sentenced releases will continue to be fine-tuned. For scheduled releases, the peer can enroll in Vine to be notified of release. At this time, at unscheduled releases, the peer contact information will be in their release packet.

**Huerfano:** Nine meetings were held. JBBS funding started July 1, 2021.

- Preliminary meetings started in April with the Jail Administrator and new health and mental health contractor for familiarization of JBBS programming and potential TTI aid.
- Development of a preliminary training plan for jail staff to develop JBBS-related competencies such as medication administration trainings, CiviCore use, crisis intervention, mental health first aid, etc.
- Identification of training resources and linked jail staff to some of the training.
- Developed resource list of QMAP trainers with costs.

- Engaged peer specialist from Crossroads Turning Points as peer recovery coach for JBBS clients being released.

- HCPF Care Coordinator identified and will do transition planning and links to community including peer specialist and Regional Health Connector.
- HCPF Care Coordinator completed CiviCore and SOAR trainings.
- Created preliminary process map for peer support, to be adjusted as needed by local team

**Logan:** Seven meetings were held.

- Began Re-entry Needs Assessment added in screening of JBBS clients to be used as basis for treatment and release plans. Provided local team with treatment/transition plan templates that they have incorporated into their intake at the jail. On release treatment plans are given to those being released.
- DHS sent Medicaid application information but does not seem to be open to working as a partner in identifying status or in the pre-application process. Connection made with RAE and Regional Health Connector. North Colorado Health Alliance now works with jail when ROI signed to identify who currently is on Medicaid to get number for their “to go” bags. Medicaid application filled out in jail with JBBS help and submitted while in jail or on release, and then JBBS Coordinator calls DHS on release, staff drops off the application, or the releasee drops off to begin processing which usually takes an average of two weeks.
- Process mapping for Medicaid identification of status, enrollment, and reinstatement done.
- Information given to JBBS Coordinator for access to Narcan acquisition for “To Go Bags.” Consortium has agreed to provide Narcan.
- Also working with other contacts for samples of MAT medications to augment supply already at jail.
- MAT Coordinator made community contacts (police, hospital, fire department, and Salud Clinic, etc.) to talk about and educate these contacts on MAT.
- Through these contacts was able to secure a parking space for the Front Range MAT van when it comes to the community.

**Rio Blanco:** Eight meetings were held.

- JTIIP -2 team worked with Jail Administrator on JBBS budget which needed several revisions during TA period when nursing staff and mental health contractor left.
- JTIIP-2 team provided a list of potential contractors for mental health/SUD and JBBS coordination.
- County hired Gateway to Success for these services.
- Began using Re-entry Needs Assessment on intake.
- MAT contract with Front Range finalized.
- Linked with Health Partnership for Community Care Coordinator for re-entry handoff.
- Reentry Process: 1) at booking ROI will be, referral form filled out and sent to Sabrina, virtual meeting with Sabrina scheduled, Sabrina does needs assessment.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> was made aware that the jail will be closing due to low ADP.

**Routt:** Eight meetings were held.

- The TTI Team reviewed the JBBS budget and provided suggestions on restructuring, available resources, and permitted purchases by bucket.
- A detention officer was designated to take over some JBBS responsibilities as JBBS Coordinator to support the Jail Administrator.
- Determined that re-entry planning to begin at booking with a screening with a Re-entry Needs Assessment.
- Identified and brought in partners for re-entry programming, including recovery support case manager and peer specialist from Health Partnership.; MAT and mental health providers from Front Range; mental health liaison from Colorado Bridges Program, and Department of Human Service staff for Medicaid

reinstatement or enrollment.

- Vetting began for peer specialist and recovery case manager.
- Updated inmate handbook to include resources available through Health Partnership
- Will begin using Quality Health Network as a resource.
- Working closely with Bridges for the severely mentally ill.
- Jail Administrator/JBBS Coordinator created workflows for JBBS intake and planning.
- Jail Administrator added outside Recovery Case Manager to standing meetings with nurse and recovery groups facilitator.
- Process map developed with all parties input and approval of the new reentry programing. Shared in editable format so that local team can adjust as needed
- Jail Administrator/JBBS Coordinator appointed by County Commissioners to the Northwest Colorado Opioid Settlement Council.