

# Jail Based Behavioral Health Services

Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee  
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# How did we get here?

2011



## SB17-019 PASSES

2017

Established a standard medication formulary and a health information exchange systems pilot program in jails to facilitate data sharing.



## Program Growth

2011 - Today

49 county jails have come online since the program first launched



## SB 18-250 PASSES

2017

Provided funding for JBBS to expand mental health services



## SB19-223 PASSES

2019

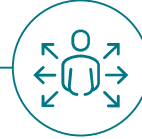
Requires jails to provide behavioral health services for those in custody awaiting competency hearings



## SB19-008 PASSES

2019

Requires jails receiving funding through JBBS to have a Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) policy in place that describes how MAT services will be provided



## TELEHEALTH

2020

JBBS jails launch tele-behavioral health services



## WHO

Incarcerated adults with substance use disorders and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

## HOW

- Screening
- Assessment
- Treatment
- Transitional case management
- Re-entry support

## WHY

Provide behavioral health services to incarcerated individuals while supporting continuity of care within the community after release from incarceration, with the ultimate goal of reducing recidivism



# JBBS Program Elements

## 1 Substance Use Disorder Services

Screening, assessment, treatment, therapy, transition care, case management

## 3 Pre-Sentence Coordination Services

transportation needs, benefit enrollment, emergency housing assistance, medication referrals

## 2 Mental Health Services

Screening, assessment, treatment, therapy, transition care, case management, medication management, stabilization

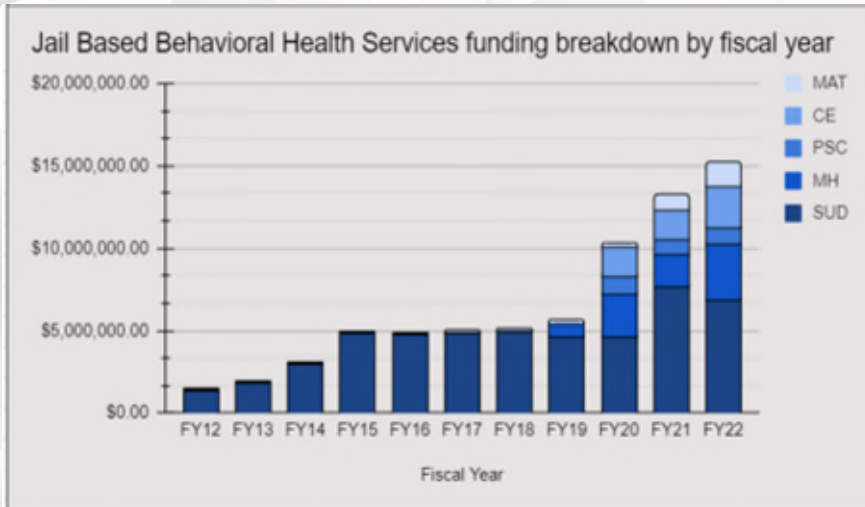
## 4 Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

FDA approved medications





# Historic Funding



# FY 2023-24 JBBS Budget

- \$7,005,078 (re-appropriated from the Judicial Department, Probation and Related Services, - Correctional Treatment Cash Fund)
- \$9,349,862 (General funds)
- \$2,955,000 (ARPA Federal funds as per HB 22-1326 Fentanyl Accountability Act)
- \$240,000 (one-time stimulus mental health block grant funds)
- \$560,000 (one-time stimulus substance use block grant funds)

**Total \$20,109,940 for FY 2023-24 for 49 JBBS county jails**

# OBSTACLES & OPPORTUNITIES



Rural communities access to care and providers

Numerous barriers to treatment during COVID-19 pandemic

Increase in PR bonds which limits the amount of time providers are able to provide resource information to those in need - inmates are released before meaningful therapeutic interventions can be made

Connecting to services individuals who cycle quickly through the system

JBBS is a voluntary program, therefore does not capture data for entire jail populations

Interoperability issues between jail systems

Significant delays in processing amendments (sometimes in excess of 7 months to get an amendment fully executed)

Expanding utilization of long-acting injectables



# SUCCESSSES

Telehealth equipment provided to jails

JBBS has expanded to most jails throughout the state (only 4 not participating as of FY24)

MAT has been expanded to all JBBS jails, including all rural and frontier jails

Revamping of JBBS deliverables to make the program and funding easier on jails

Expansion of funding to allow for pre-sentence individuals as well as community transition services (ex: JBBS can pay for up to a year of treatment in the community)

Expansion of numerous programs for incarcerated individuals (including Hustle 2.0, Moral Reconciliation Therapy [MRT], and 7 Habits on the Inside)

HIE- Health Information Exchange established in 40 county jails to allow for shared meaningful health information



## El Paso County

*Throughout the duration of her incarceration, our client attended psycho-educational classes, participated in group activities and truly became a voice of reason and a positive support for other women in the ward. Her entire demeanor changed, she began to regain her self-confidence and self-esteem. Nearly a year later, she is a manager at a fast-food restaurant and remains sober and strong.*

## Larimer County

*One of our clients is a veteran and is actively receiving monetary support, medical and psychiatric services with the Veterans Administration. He is compliant with his supervision requirements and has enrolled in higher education courses at the local community college as an integral piece to his transition plan.*

## Pitkin County

*While incarcerated, one JBBS participant was fully engaged in learning parenting skills. With a JBBS caseworker he discussed new skills he would use once he returned home. Between sessions, he would phone his partner, the mother of his daughter, to discuss what he had learned. She enjoyed hearing the skills he was learning and was looking forward to working with him to be better parents upon his release.*

## Denver County

*Thank you to all of you for your sweat, hard work, your dependability, and most of all your kindness. As I struggle through some of the testing times of my life, it inspires hope to see that even in times of despair I can be hopeful. I know in due time, my hard work will prove rewarding.  
- JBBS participant*

# Thank You

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