



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL-  
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SET, MEASURE, ACHIEVE (SMA)  
A NACO INITIATIVE

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A national call to action for counties to commit to goals that demonstrate reduced prevalence of mental illness in local justice systems.

THE  
**STEPPINGUP**  
INITIATIVE

# SESSION GOALS

- **Session 1 (March 30th):** County introductions, overview of SMA, and county discussion of baselines on 1 or more of the Stepping Up 4 Key Measures
- **Session 2, May 4th:** County report-outs on top 10 charges for people **with and without serious mental illness** and discussion of interventions impacting Key Measures 1 and 2 and average daily population at the jail
- **Session 3, July 27th:** Discussion of interventions impacting Key Measures 3 and 4
- **Session 4, Oct. 5th:** County updates on progress toward SMA goals

# KEY MEASURES

- Measure 1: Reducing the number of people with SMI booked into jail.
- Measure 2: Reducing the average length of stay (in number of days) for people with SMI released from jail.
- Measure 3: Increasing the percentage of people with SMI who are referred to community based behavioral health treatment at release.
- Measure 4: Reducing the percentage of people with SMI admitted to jail who have a prior jail admission in the past year.
- Over 4 sessions:
  - Establish a baseline measure for people with SMI
  - Set targets
  - Measure and report on progress

# DEFINITION OF SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS (SMI)

Dane County Definition: WI State Statute 51.01(14t):

Serious and persistent mental illness means a mental illness that is severe in degree and persistent in duration, that causes a substantially diminished level of functioning in the primary aspects of daily living and an inability to cope with the ordinary demands of life, that may lead to an inability to maintain stable adjustment and independent functioning without long-term treatment and support, and that may be of lifelong duration. "Serious and persistent mental illness" includes schizophrenia as well as a wide spectrum of psychotic and other severely disabling psychiatric diagnostic categories, but does not include degenerative brain disorder or a primary diagnosis of a developmental disability or of alcohol or drug dependence.

\*Likely available data from WellPath that adheres to this definition

# CJC BH DISCUSSION

- Example of targets to set:
  - 5 percent annual reduction in **average daily jail population**
  - 10 percent annual reduction in **jail bookings**
  - 5 percent annual reduction in **average length of stay**
  - 10 percent annual increase in **post-release connections to care**
  - 5 percent annual reduction in **recidivism** (rebookings to jail)
    - \*Annual reductions tracked over a 3-year period
- Role of CJC BH Subcommittee
- Role of CJC Research and Innovation Team (Data, Policy, and national best practices)

