

**PP&J Diversion Work Group
Potential Recommendations**

Recommendations	Being done now? By who? How well? should it be expanded? If not, is there some entity in the community that could brought into to accomplish that?	Questions? Comments?
Increase/develop additional methods of notifying individuals of upcoming court dates with the goal of reducing the number of individuals admitted to jail for failure to appear(fta). This could include strategies that make us of technology but should not be limited to that.		
Create additional structure and supports to increase the capacity of a Community Restorative program to take “direct referrals” from law enforcement, reducing the number of individuals referred to the formal court system, some of whom would be subject to short-term holds in jail.		
Review and develop uniform written warn, cite and arrest policies for all Dane County police agencies to limit the use of arrest to cases in which it is required by law or necessary for protection of the public or suspect. Keep and maintain data to track the effects of warn, cite and arrest policies.		
Develop a short-term crisis/restoration/stabilization program, including capacity for short-term (e.g. up to 7 days) residence to serve individuals with mental health issues who would otherwise be booked into jail.		

Major system partners should act together to (1) identify individuals with mental health issues have repeated and chronic contact with law enforcement and jail; and (2) develop an individualized intervention and crisis plan to reduce the likelihood of placement in jail for those individuals.		
Gather additional data and explore process to identify misdemeanor defendants brought in on initial complaints that could be released from jail prior to full booking. This could apply to an unknown number of individuals in which a warrant is issued based on a misdemeanor, the individual is picked up and brought to jail for booking but absent some other reason to hold could be released and given a future court date vs. being booked and waiting for Initial Appearance.		
Collaborate with municipal courts to increase referrals to municipal courts and decrease arrests that result in referral to jail for booking pending initial appearance; develop guidelines potentially create incentives for use of municipal v. circuit court.		
Create additional positions to focus on shortening the length of stay for individuals placed in jail and linking		

<p>individuals with special needs to community-based services – create an <i>expeditor</i> and/or <i>ombudsman</i> role.</p>		
<p>Increase the capacity of the Community Treatment Alternatives (CTA) (currently provided through Journey) by adding additional staff, this program would be able to support an additional 20 individuals with mental health needs that are at high risk of repeated readmissions to jail.</p>		
<p>Increase the capacity and utilization of community service program options to be used as a sentencing option with a goal of reducing the number of individuals sentenced to jail while at the same time providing needed/valued community services.</p>		
<p>Increasing the capacity of effective reentry/release & supervision programs to support individual’s ability to return to the community successfully and avoid reentry through new offenses and/or technical violations.</p>		
<p>Recommend that the County Board adopt a resolution, in collaboration with the City and other units of government to commit to the principles and begin the process of developing and implementing programs consistent with the Stepping Up (NaCO, Cncil of State Governments, and the American Psychiatric Foundation).</p>		

Provide alternative accountability and community protection options for probation holds/revocations resulting from technical violations of court &/or probation conditions.		
Increase employment and transitional employment services/programs to support successful community reentry and reduce subsequent returns to jail for new law or technical violations		

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