

Investigate the following:

1. A mental health court. This includes but is not limited to: determining what charges/offenses to be considered, screening tools or assessment to determine placement, options of treatments / services needed to be available (especially for individuals without health insurance), whether it should be a stand-alone court or something integrated into all criminal courtrooms.
2. Alternative placements for youthful offenders (under age 18) besides Juvenile court. This includes but is not limited to a stand-alone facility that can serve as an alternative to jail placement for youth in police custody.
3. Eliminating or greatly reducing the use of solitary confinement. This includes but is not limited to: creating mental health, medical and special needs beds; any other space options that provide for those incarcerated with medical and mental health needs. Also need to investigate retrofitting current jail facilities or current county office spaces that could be made available, as well as and determining where to house current inmates during any remodeling.
4. Housing of all current Dane County alternative to incarceration programs within the same facility, with a joint priority on addressing racial disparities in incarceration. This includes but is not limited to: allowing for a continuum of services for individuals needing more or less support; creating a Day Reporting Center as part of this facility; creating restorative justice programs for all individuals charged with non-felony crimes or who would otherwise qualify for minimum-security placement or work-study release. There also must be an investigation of what policies could be implemented to encourage police and law enforcement to send people directly to this facility instead of committing people into jail.
5. A stand-alone facility that serves both individuals with mental health needs not incarcerated by the sheriff as well as an alternative to jail placement for individuals with mental health needs that are in police custody.
6. Initiatives that decrease the average length of stay for those incarcerated in Dane County Jail prior to sentence / conviction. This includes but is not limited to: weekend arraignment court, signature bonds issued by the Dane County Sheriff or others, and a revolving bail fund.
7. A mental health crisis intervention team that is available to all Dane County police, fire, and emergency entities, 24 hours a day.

8. The cost and requirements to address all safety and security concerns within the Dane County Jail.

All of the above investigations shall prioritize needs of communities of color, especially African Americans (due to their disproportionate numbers in our criminal system).

All outside RFPs or studies shall be awarded to entities that have an understanding of the impact of race discrimination, as well as race and poverty combined, in Wisconsin and the United States on an individual's mental and physical well being.