

Intercept 2 Prioritized Recommendations:

1. Examine the feasibility and need for alternatives to detention and pre-adjudication diversion options for people with mental health disorders at Intercept 2 (20)
2. At all stages of the Sequential Intercept Model, gather data to document the processing of people with mental health and substance use disorders through the criminal justice system locally (22)
3. Expand the utilization of peer support across Intercepts (29)
4. Target strategies/interventions to address the arrest, incarceration, and re-arrest cycles of homeless individuals and other individuals that return to the healthcare and/or criminal justice system repeatedly (31)
5. Address the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) population (32)
6. Develop more formal and coordinated screening and diversion strategies for arraignment diversion (Intercept 2) and pre-plea diversion (Intercept 3)

Intercept 2 Programs/Polices to Implement:

- Research operationalizing peer supports to do the following:
 - Initial Detention:
 - Explain the arrest, detention, and arraignment process
 - Pretrial Services/Initial Court Appearance
 - Navigating the bail and pretrial release process
 - Advocating for individuals with behavioral health conditions
 - Connecting those released at initial appearance to behavioral health services while they await the next court date
 - Note: It takes approximately 37 hours, on average, from initial detention to arraignment and then another 3 hours, on average, from arraignment to personal recognizance bond
- Treatment to Competency
 - Examine the current practice of restoring competency and determine the current efficacy of [restoring competency at Winnebago, in jail, and outpatient settings](#). After the current practice has been examined, develop recommendations to improve upon current practice.
 - Analyze how the [Wisconsin Outpatient Competency Restoration Program](#) is used in Dane County
 - Advocate at the State level for resources to address the approximate 3 month waitlist at Winnebago or Mendota for a competency evaluation
 - Research the potential for a centralize [Aid and Assist Docket](#) - All competency-related cases are now put on this weekly docket. Defendants whose competency is in question appear in the same courtroom, before the same judge, until either they are able to aid and assist in their defense or their case is dismissed.
- Other initiatives to address the gaps in Intercept 2 as identified by the SIM report:
 - Develop a HIPPA compliant process to share information between the jail and probation, parole other than when PSI are ordered

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- Examine the process for medication distribution to decrease barriers (prescriptions not being current, released with enough meds). Analyze the feasibility of standardizing the practice of prescribing 30-day prescriptions instead of a three-day bridge.
- Work with Criminal Justice Council -Pre-Trial Services Subcommittee in reviewing the [population that is assessed cash bail](#)
- Other initiatives taking place for the CJC BH to monitor and receive regular updates on throughout the year that will aid in moving prioritized recommendations forward:
 - Booking Alert - In-progress.
 - Jail Population Management Team - Michelle DeForest has been hired. Currently working with Dr. James Austin at JFA to analyze the jail population. Team will be established in coming months.
 - Mental Health Screening at Booking – In-progress

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