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OhioMHAS Updates

Sentencing Commission

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OhioMHAS Specialized Docket Subsidy Program

Purpose: Expand access to specialty dockets for criminal justice-involved individuals struggling with mental illness and/or addiction

- $17.5 million in SFY20-21 towards maintaining current courts supports and expanding specialty docket access to more communities
- SFY22-23 budget will provide $20 million ($10 million each year) to continue to expand specialized dockets
- Funds have helped support over 200 dockets throughout Ohio
- First half of SFY21 served over 5,000 individuals
- ODRC recidivism rate of 2%
- ODYS recidivism rate of 1%

Addiction Treatment Program (ATP)

The ATP helps reduce recidivism, increase public safety, and minimize harm to those who encounter law enforcement by providing necessary treatment and recovery supports to individuals with a substance use disorder.

- The Governor's Budget includes $5 million dollars for ATP to be allocated to ADAMH Boards to provide treatment and recovery supports to individuals who are participating in a certified Drug and/or Family Dependency Court. Adults under a community control sanction are eligible.
- ATP funds shall be used to support substance use disorder treatment, including medication-assisted treatment and access to drugs for withdrawal management or detoxification.
- ATP participants will be provided access to time-limited recovery supports that help eliminate barriers to treatment and are specific to the participant's needs, including assistance with housing, transportation, childcare, job training, or any other matter considered relevant by the provider.
- Funds are also utilized to help support the administrative expenses of courts and community addiction services providers participating in the program.
- In FY21, the ATP served over 4,000 participants.

Mental Health Court Program (MHCP)

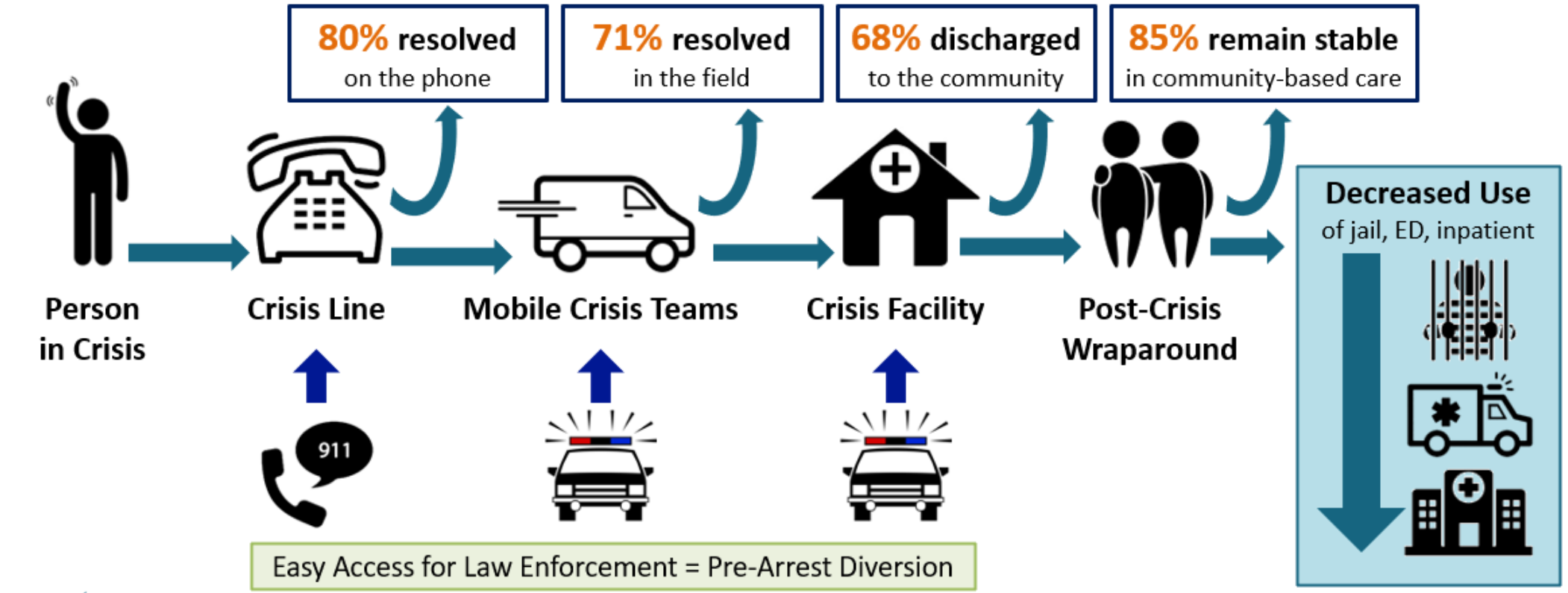
- MHCP funds behavioral health treatment and recovery support services to clients who are involved with selected certified adult Mental Health dockets
- MHCP is funded by federal block grant and COVID relief funds totaling $506,250 in FY22
- Treatment for MHCP clients is to be provided by a community behavioral health services provider certified by OhioMHAS
- Time-limited recovery supports may be offered to help eliminate barriers to treatment and are specific to the participant's needs
- MHCP served approximately 900 people in FY21

Breaking the Cycle of Crisis

Under the leadership of Governor DeWine, OhioMHAS is focusing on increasing access to standardized, quality, crisis services in communities to act as an appropriate alternative to arrest or emergency department visits.

Connect + Respond + Stabilize + Thrive

The Crisis Continuum



connections HEALTH SOLUTIONS

Schematic designed by Margie Balfour, Connections Health Solutions. Data courtesy Johnnie Gaspar, Arizona Complete Health
Data applies to southern Arizona geographical service area, last updated Sep 2019

Purpose of the Crisis Services Whitepaper Report

- This report is an effort to describe not only the vision, goals, and outcomes of Ohio's desired continuum of crisis services, but also to:
  - Share current funding strategies
  - Highlight efforts to support and expand local crisis services
  - Offer options to achieve the stated vision and goals
  - Provide next steps

Ohio Crisis Task Force Committee Purpose

(July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023)

Sharing and identifying opportunities to enhance system coordination (hospitals, medical clinics, law enforcement, jails, etc.)

Provide stakeholder input on the framework, design and implementation of Ohio's Ideal Crisis Continuum

Provide input on Ohio's Crisis policy road map

Continued Work Underway

- Data
- Workforce Training & Planning
- Governance & Funding
- National Best Practices Learning Community
- Technology
- Centralized Call Center
- Policy
- Community Partnerships & Collaboration
- Infrastructure Planning & Design

What is 988?

- Federal legislation passed in October 2020 requires that all states transition from a 10-digit National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) number to 3-digit 988 by July 16, 2022
- The national number (1-800-273-8255) operates in Ohio now, and there are 13 approved and certified suicide prevention lifeline call center providers in the state
- The simple-to-remember and use 988 number is meant to improve access and quality of care for Ohioans in a suicide, mental health or addiction crisis

What does it mean for Ohio?

- 988 is a key entry point into Ohio's behavioral healthcare response for those in need. It will connect Ohioans to the existing and growing community-based crisis care system that Governor DeWine has prioritized through key investments.
- While 988 is the entry point, the roll-out of the number is serving as a catalyst to enhance and expand the state's crisis care network of services to ensure that care is available.
- The goal is to provide Ohioans in crisis with a behavioral healthcare response, connecting them with local care quickly and reducing the possibility of unnecessarily being sent to hospital Emergency Departments or local jails.

Senate Bill 2

- Effective 8/3/2021
- The Court has two options for Individuals found Not Competent to Stand Trial and have a Nonviolent Misdemeanor charge
    - Dismiss and file an Affidavit in Probate Court for hospitalization by civil commitment
    - Refer to an Outpatient Competency Restoration Program
- If the individual does not comply with an outpatient program, the Court can remand to a hospital for competency restoration
- OhioMHAS is funding regional Outpatient Restoration programs that will serve a multi-county catchment area – all 88 counties will have a program to refer to
- Outpatient Restoration may be conducted in person or via telehealth services and on an individual or group basis

Senate Bill 2 Training and Communicatio n

OhioMHAS is working collaboratively with the Ohio Attorney General Task Force on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health, OACBHA, the Supreme Court and other partners to design and implement trainings on SB 2

Multi-System Adults Enhancing Wellness Project

A strategic approach to strengthening local systems collaboration to support long-term wellness for adults with frequent psychiatric hospitalizations touching multiple human services and/or criminal justice systems.

Definition of Multi- System Adults

An adult with significant mental illness who also has

Four or more psychiatric hospitalizations in the past year (or three or more in the past month

AND

Is connected to one or more other system

Included Systems

- Criminal Justice
- Developmental Disabilities
- Aging (over 65)
- Homeless
- Veteran

Strategy #1: Systems Collaboration

Goal: To develop and/or strengthen communication and collaboration between systems and to secure available resources with a focus on sustainability.

- Draw on existing resources from OhioMHAS (Access Success, Recovery Requires a Community, Community Transition Program, etc.)
- Draw on existing supports within the community (First Episode Psychosis programs, IPS/employment, CIT, etc.)
- Draw on existing statewide resources (CJCCOE, Sequential Intercept Mapping, Stepping Up, etc.)
- Draw on existing local, state, and federal resources (HUD vouchers, Medicaid, food stamps, etc.)

Stakeholders

- NAMI/Individuals Served/Families
- Hospitals- State and Private
- Police/First Responders/Jails
- Behavioral Health Providers
- Peer Run Organizations
- Courts/Supervising Authorities
- Agencies on Aging
- Veteran's Administration
- Developmental Disabilities Board
- Person-centered Care Coordination
- Guardianship Organizations
- Homeless Serving Agencies
- Housing Providers/Landlords
- Day Service Providers
- Re-entry Coalition
- Other Relevant Entities

Strategy #2: Person-Centered Use of Funds

- Housing/Utilities
- Transportation costs (bus passes, gas cards)
- Medication or medical appointment co-pays
- Recovery/Gap supports (including clothing, employment supports, furniture, cleaning supplies, identification cards, Social Security cards, etc.).
- Psychiatric home health needs (e. g. medication monitoring)
- Mental Health Peer Support
- Guardianship fees

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