

# King County Jail Health Services

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Proviso Response: Plan to Address the Needs of Jail Residents Using Medication for a Substance Use Disorder as They Transition from Prerelease to Postrelease Treatment

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# Agenda

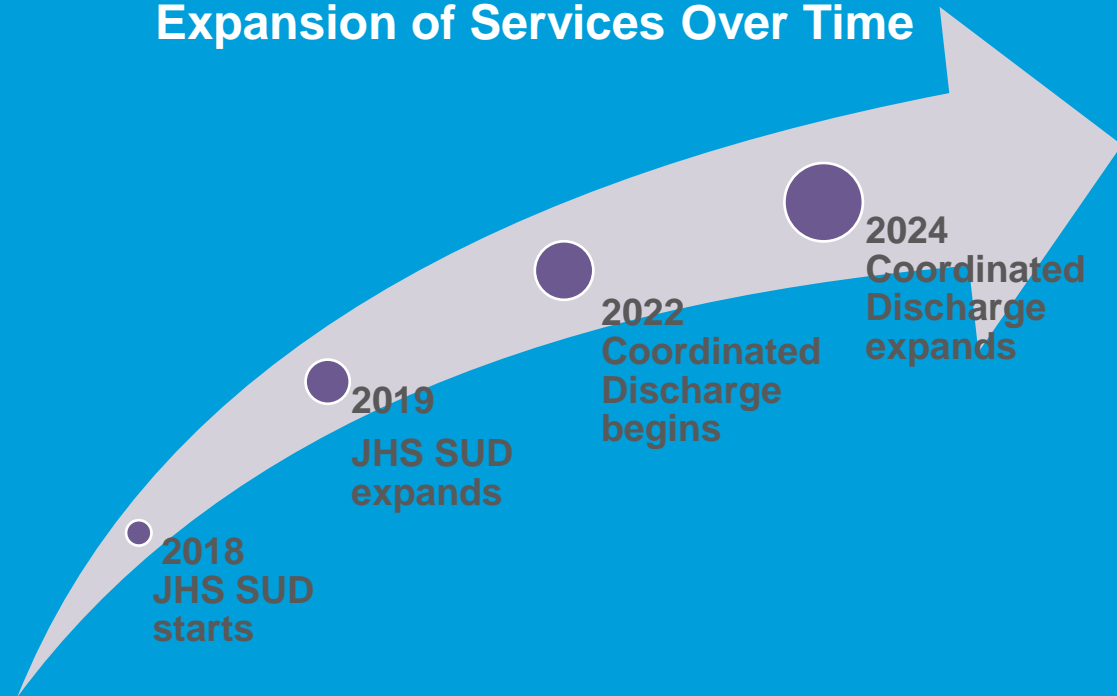
- Background: Jail Health Services Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Care
- Comparison of care models:
  1. Status Quo
  2. Reentry Demonstration Initiative
  3. Program operated by a third-party private contractor
- A discussion of patient experience
- Evaluation of likely effectiveness of each care model
- Status of JHS participation in the Reentry Demonstration Initiative

# Background: Jail Health Services SUD Care

Jail Health Services (JHS) began an official Substance Use Disorder program in 2018, starting with continuing treatment for residents who were already engaged in opioid use treatment prior to incarceration.

The program has expanded to better serve the incarcerated population prior to release and facilitating supported release services through a coordinated discharge program.

## Expansion of Services Over Time





# Status Quo

- JHS staff screens patients for opioid use disorder, provides in-custody medication options, and linkage to care at release
- Services are offered to patients that meet a specific priority criteria
- In-house model using existing resources, and internal processes for timely case management, and data sharing
- Staffing, budget, and workspace limit scalability



# Reentry Demonstration Initiative

- Builds on the Status Quo by expanding services to Medicaid-eligible patients
- Patients receive a broader set of services including 30-day supply of medications at release
- Serving a larger population might require adjustments in staffing and infrastructure
- Medicaid rate reimbursement must cover all new costs associated to expanding services



## Third-Party Private Contractor

- Expands continuity of care at release through close collaboration with JHS staff
- Ensures patients receive 30-days of extended community-base care after release
- Requires additional resources to implement
- Limited access to court and jail data system which may lead to delays or gaps in service delivery



# Patient Experience

## **Status quo:**

- Comprehensive health screening at booking
- SUD evaluations and case management
- At release, seven-day supply of medications and coordinated transitional care

## **Reentry Demonstration Initiative:**

- Expands services to more patients than under the status quo model; more people would have SUD evaluation, case management
- At release, a greater supply of medication provided – a 30-day supply

## **Third-party contractor model:**

- Providers would work closely with the existing medical and social services teams at King County jails
- Potential improved care coordination and resource linkage – particularly individuals with substance use disorders and other health-related social needs – because they will receive comprehensive support both before and after release



# Evaluation

- **Status Quo:** follows evidence-based standards for providing MOUD in jail
- **Reentry Initiative:** enhances Status Quo by targeting a larger population and increasing access to medication at release
- **Third-Party Contractor:** care at release is provided by a single community-based provider who can extend care continuity and medication adherence



# Status of JHS participation in the Medicaid Waiver Reentry Initiative

Jail Health Services is:

- Assessing feasibility to participate in the Reentry Demonstration Initiative
- Meeting with other facilities in the state planning to participate to understand their approach, and challenges

# Questions?