

Attachment 1

Stevenson, Doug

From: Holtgeerts, Reed
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 2:47 PM
To: Stevenson, Doug
Subject: Mental Health Diversion 06

Mental Health Diversion

The Mental Health population in the King County Jail

1. Acutely ill approx. 138 ADP
2. Estimate another 300 to 400 that have taken or are taking medication for mental illness.
3. This number is supported by national data (US Bureau of Justice Statistics 1999 report on mental health and treatment of inmates with mental health concerns estimated that 16% of all inmates in City and County Jails suffer from mental illness. The study also found the 70% of those inmates were charged with non-violent offences.)
4. King County Jail has an average daily population in secure beds of 2,450 inmates.
5. Example-----2450 total ADP x 16% = 392 x 70% = 274 MH potential placements.

Cost Model

1. The KCJ books and releases 150 inmates/offenders every day. Of those booked 60% are released within the first 72 hours. Those that stay past the 72 hours will avg. 12 days for misdemeanor offences and 24 day for felon offences.
2. However, if they fall into the mental health program the average stay is 158 days. The range is 80 to 216 days.

The current daily housing fee is \$98.00 and a booking fee of \$180.00 so

1. 72 hour release— $180 + (98 \times 2) = 196 = \376
2. 12 day avg. misd. $180 + (98 \times 11) = 1,078 = \$1,258$
3. 24 day avg. felon. $180 + (98 \times 23) = 2,254 = \$2,434$

Mental Health Inmates

1. MH ALOS $180 + (98 \times 157) = 15,386 = \$15,566$

Proposed New Cost Model (True Cost)

Currently both the County and the Cities have consultants working on capacity and cost models to house the ever growing detention population. The County is close to completing the "True Cost" model for housing an offender. This model will include "Special Needs Population" which is the MH group. That cost is estimated to be approximately \$250 to \$300 per bed per day.

1. 158 day avg. felon. $300 \times 158 = \$47,400$

Page 2

Now consider that the jail MH population is;

- very high in recidivism
- and the unknown cost to other part the CJ and Community
- the Cities in King County currently have approximately 660 offenders in custody and their estimated needs for the future will reach 1,000 by 2010. Of that it is estimated 30% will have a need for MH or CD care.

Example of Savings

Use a 20 ADP diversion and relocation plan with housing, treatment and medication. Low risk non-violent individuals. Estimated diversion cost per offender \$13,000 per year.

20 people x 13,000 per year = \$260,000;

compared to \$97 current bed cost x 158 ALOS = \$15,326 or \$300 estimated true cost per bed x 158

ALOS= \$47,400 for in custody jail beds.

Savings to the CJ system just in jail beds is \$15,326 or 47,400 per individual depending on which cost model you use. So for the 20 offenders;

20 x 15,326 = \$306,520 – (20 x 13,000= \$260,000) **\$46,520**

20 x 47,400 = \$948,000 - \$260,000 = **\$688,000**

Note: these estimated numbers are based on jail bed savings only and using the 158 ALOS. Additionally, there are significant costs related to Law Enforcement, Courts and the Prosecutor's office in processing someone through the MH system.

There are upfront savings, better quality of life for the offender, direct reduction to jail beds and a positive change for the offender and Community.