

## **MIDD 2 Initiative PRI-02: Juvenile Justice Youth Behavioral Health Assessments**

*How does the program advance the adopted MIDD policy goals?*

This initiative impacts the adopted MIDD policy goal of “divert individuals with behavioral health needs from costly interventions, such as jail, emergency rooms, and hospitals.”

A majority of youth entering the juvenile justice (JJ) system have underlying mental health and/or substance use disorder issues that may have caused the behavior which resulted in the initial need for juvenile justice involvement. This program assesses the behavioral health needs of youth and recommends service and treatment options in order to divert youth with mental illness and substance use disorder needs and diagnoses from further justice system involvement.

### **1. Program Description**

#### *◇ A. Service Components/Design (Brief)*

This initiative has provided mental health and substance use disorder screening/assessment services and psychological evaluations services for King County youth age 12 years or older who have become involved with the juvenile justice system. The Juvenile Justice Assessment Team (JJAT) conducts assessments, makes recommendations to the court regarding youth needs, including sentencing options and diversion from criminal justice sentencing due to underlying mental health or substance use disorder issues, refers youth to treatment services when a treatment need has been identified; and works to help youth follow-up on the treatment referrals and transition from screening/assessment/evaluation to ongoing treatment services when indicated.

For MIDD 2, in collaboration with the Court, communities, and stakeholders, BHRD will engage in system mapping and promising practice analysis to determine the best way to serve JJ youth with behavioral health needs and their families through integrated behavioral health with these funds. As a result, the current service approach may continue or may be revised.

#### *◇ B. Goals*

The goal of this program is to serve youth whose involvement with the juvenile justice system is due to behavioral health issues to get them to the right type of service and treatment so that treatment and justice outcomes are improved, including reduced recidivism, reduced alcohol and substance use, and improved behavioral health of the youth and family.

◇ C. Preliminary Performance Measures (based on MIDD 2 Framework)<sup>31</sup>

1. How much? Service Capacity Measures

The number of unduplicated individuals served will be determined based upon final program design.

2. How well? Service Quality Measures

- Increased use of preventive (outpatient) services

3. Is anyone better off? Individual Outcome Measures

- Reduced substance use
- Reduced behavioral health risk factors
- Reduced unnecessary incarceration

◇ D. Provided by: Both County and Contractor

2. Spending Plan

Year	Activity	Amount
2017	Juvenile Justice assessments and treatment linkage services continue.	\$584,250
<b>2017 Annual Expenditure</b>		<b>\$584,250</b>
2018	Juvenile Justice assessments and treatment linkage services continue.	\$599,441
<b>2018 Annual Expenditure</b>		<b>\$599,441</b>
<b>Biennial Expenditure</b>		<b>\$1,183,691</b>

3. Implementation Schedule

◇ A. Procurement and Contracting of Services

Contracts are currently in place for assessment services. A Request for Proposal (RFP) and/or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) may be necessary after the system mapping and service approach review is complete.

<sup>31</sup> Throughout 2017, review and refinement of Results-Based Accountability (RBA) performance measures for MIDD 2 initiatives will be conducted whenever applicable, in consultation with providers. Updates to performance measures that may result from this collaborative process will be reported in the next MIDD Annual Report in August 2018.

◇ *B. Services Start date (s)*

Current services continued on January 1, 2017. Revised services may be RFPd and/or RFQ pending completion of system mapping and analyses and/or program redesign.

**4. Community Engagement Efforts**

Superior Court continually incorporates feedback from several community stakeholder groups whose focus is on restorative justice, including the Reclaiming Futures Seattle and King County Fellowship, Uniting for Youth Executive Steering Committee, and the Juvenile Justice Equity Steering Committee. The JJAT and Juvenile Court Services are intentionally seeking to bolster and expand relationships with the community in efforts to expand the diversity and cultural responsiveness of services provided.