

Mental Health Diversion Program



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Mental Health Diversion



- *Loosely based on PC § 1001.36*
- *Goal: decriminalize an underserved population (those with less severe mental illness including SUD) as compared to MHC & AIC with less serious crimes*

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Funding



- Community corrections Partnership (CCP) funding for 1001.36 **based** program includes:
 - ✦ PD
 - ✦ DA
 - ✦ Probation Officer
 - ✦ Communicare – Case worker, Clinician, Peer Support worker
- Not based on Medical funding so Yolo residency and Citizenship not mandatory.

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ELIGIBILITY



- 18 or older
- Charged/Convicted of one or more felonies or misdemeanors and in danger of getting charged with first felony.
- Participant must agree to MH-DIV and follow the guidelines.
- Participant must have the necessary insight and motivation to be successful in the program
- MH-DIV Team must all agree on participant's acceptance

The Program: Communicare



- Assessment of new referrals
- Treatment planning – case by case basis
- Intensive case management
- Monitoring
- Accountability
- Coordination

Completion



- **Graduation**
 - When all minimum participation requirements are met, maintained satisfactory progress, and remained engaged.
- **Successful Transition**
 - For those, due to the severity of the mental illness, co-occurring substance use disorder and/or functional impairments are unable to fully meet the requirements but have otherwise made significant progress the team may decide they can be successfully transitioned out of the program.

1st MH-Div Meeting

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Update on Participants



- 51 referrals
- 9 enrolled
- 22 pending assessment

Questions

