

The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness

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PROCEDURE

Application

This procedure shall apply to the clinical services of The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness.

1.0 Pre-Booking Diversion

- 1.1** Pre-booking diversion is the development of alternatives to incarceration for those individuals who have been or are at risk of being arrested or detained for a non-violent crime that occurred as a result of the individual having a mental illness or developmental disability and happens prior to the individual being booked into the jail.
- 1.2** Pre-booking assessments, determinations, and coordination occur in the community and typically with the involvement of law enforcement.
- 1.3** During regular business hours, an Access Therapist or The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness designee is contacted by law enforcement, central dispatch, or other interested parties for a mental health evaluation.
- 1.4** After hours, law enforcement or central dispatch contacts The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness' 24-hour crisis line, and the officer or dispatcher is connected with an on-call worker of The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness who, if requested by law enforcement, shall assess the individual in the community.

2.0 Post-Booking diversion

- 2.1** Post-booking diversion is the development of alternatives to incarceration for those individuals who have been arrested or detained for a non-violent crime that occurred as a result of the individual having a mental illness or developmental disability and happens after the individual has been booked into jail or is out on bond.

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2.2 Post-booking assessments, determinations, and coordination of post-booking activities occur in collaboration/agreement with the County Sheriff, Prosecutor, or other interested parties.

2.3 During regular business hours, either an Access Therapist or a The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness Jail Diversion staff member is contacted by the Sheriff's Department, Prosecutor's office, or other interested parties for a mental health/jail diversion evaluation.

2.4 After hours, the Sheriff's Department, Prosecutor, or other interested parties may contact The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness' 24-hour crisis line to be connected with an on-call worker of The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness who will, if requested by law enforcement, assess the individual at the jail or in the community.

3.0 Pre-Release Planning

The purpose of pre-release planning is to lessen the chances of the individual being reincarcerated for those crimes associated with an individual having to meet his or her basic needs after returning to the community.

3.1 Pre-Release Planning begins at the time an individual is identified as requiring jail diversion services as a result of mental illness or developmental disability.

3.2 The Jail Diversion staff shall begin coordinating services to meet identified needs prior to the individual's release.

3.3 Needs can include, but are not limited to, housing, employment, legal, medical care, mental health treatment, financial assistance, and coordination of benefits.

4.0 Post-Release Services

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- 4.1 Jail Diversion staff shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the individual is connected to those resources he or she has identified as part of his or her pre-release plan.
- 4.2 Jail Diversion staff shall monitor the individual’s mental health treatment on a temporary basis until longer-term mental health treatment providers are in place.

5.0 Documentation

- 5.1 All documentation shall be completed and filed according to The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness policy and procedure.

6.0 Screening

- 6.1 A process shall be in place that ensures jail detainees are screened for the presence of a serious mental illness, co-occurring substance disorder, or developmental disability within the first 24-48 hours of detention.
- 6.2 Jail Diversion staff shall review all screenings to identify risk and need for treatment intervention.

Reference

MDCH Jail Diversion Guideline.

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