

Internal case reviews are conducted monthly by the primary provider, Meridian. Alachua County will oversee a comprehensive audit of the operation of the Program, which is a requirement of the contract between the County and Meridian. The audit team is drawn from the membership of the local CJMHSAG Planning Committee. Current data is being collected to determine overall impact on recidivism. Evaluation data being collected includes Program participants with the number of arrests prior to and past one year program involvement and will be compared to control group of jail population receiving no treatment and intervention services.

Geographic Area – Alachua County is located in North Central Florida with a 2012 estimated population of 251,417. The County Seat is Gainesville, with a population of 124,354. Comprising approximately 874 square mile, Alachua County is a mix of urban and rural communities with a combined median household income of \$41,373. According to the 2010 U.S. Census report, 24% of its residents live at or below the poverty level which is well above the State average of 15%.

Leadership CJMHSAG Planning Council - The CJMHSAG Planning Committee, an advisory board created by and reporting to the County Commission, is the County's designated planning body. It was appointed in 2007 to provide oversight for the Reinvestment Grant Program. This group continues to (needs verb) seminal efforts by Alachua County's Public Safety Coordinating Council, a leader in addressing mental illness among the inmates at the jail.

Strategic Plan Priorities – For the Reinvestment Grant, Alachua County will implement a pre and post booking, Centrally Coordinated Criminal Justice Diversion Program. To accomplish this, we will introduce Centralized Coordination through outreach, assessment and treatment options at the Grace Market Place access point, an integrated, one-stop solution for those addressing a number of social challenges with special emphasis on homelessness. This continues to build on the success of Alachua's first and second round CJMHSAG programs by diverting individuals from the jail through treatment, outreach and follow-up care.

SIM Intercept Points – **Intercept 1** – Outreach, assessment and treatment at Grace Market Place; collaboration with police based mentorship program for youth 18 to 24; continual community outreach providing training and education: **Intercept 2** – Crisis Intervention Training, Mental Health First Aid with community partners including LEO and the faith based community. Early identification and screening at booking in for referral and initiating services. Benefits started in the jail for appropriate participants. **Intercept 3** – Intensive forensic case management provided in Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Felony Forensic Court and all court divisions. Jail and community Competency Restoration provided for diversion. Benefit coordination initiates in jail and transition to community. Intensive collaboration provided with partners to expedite the most appropriate treatment models. **Intercept 4** – Intensive forensic case management for reentry from jail and/or state hospital. Partnership with housing, employment, probation, and educational resources. Promote a seamless transition to Forensic Treatment groups and individual therapy. **Intercept 5** - Communication and outreach with probation departments. Regular Court communication with persons conditionally released. Regular stakeholder meetings held. Intensive forensic case management and forensic treatment provided to participants.

Major Goal – to promote a system of identification, assessment, and negotiation to effectively divert those with mental illness, co-occurring substance abuse, homelessness, and involvement in the criminal just system from the jail and state hospital to appropriate services and housing.

Evidence Based Practices – Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Seeking Safety, Trauma Informed Criminal Justice Response, Trauma Focused Identification, Crisis Intervention Training, SOAR, Forensic Specialist, Competency Restoration, Gender Specific Trauma Informed Care, Mental Health First Aid, HCR-20 V3, GAINS Reentry Checklist, APIC Model, Sequential Intercept Model

Measurements – Jail/state hospital/community days, arrests, employment, participation in vocational and/or educational programs, housing, social security benefits, recovery, medication and treatment compliance, services in our mental health courts (misdemeanor and felony), competency restored, state hospital diversions, long term follow up, involuntary commitments and arrests/jail days after graduation from the program. Increase in Law Enforcement Officers trained in CIT and Mental Health First Aid.

Sustainability Plan – The stakeholders who make up the CJMHSAG partnership have demonstrated their long-term and ongoing commitment. Alachua County has had significant success in securing federal, state and local funding. Alachua County Board of County Commission has agreed to a 3 year commitment.

Lessons Learned – Community “buy-in” needed; Outreach is necessary for allow for flexibility; design program to allow flexibility with trends – the program has to meet the needs of the clients, not the other way around; contingency funds are necessary. Utilization of a new, emerging program (GRACE Marketplace) as a key site for delivering some CJMHSAG services has required significant planning and patient effort as GRACE is going through rapid growth amid high public interest and attention.

Training and Technical Assistance – Annual training on EBP: individual and group monthly supervision, and annual community trainings. Four CIT and 911 classes given annually. Some technical assistance given by Circuit 8 Court Administration. This year, Technical assistance was given by Florida Mental Health Institute on supportive housing opportunities and related resource development needs.

Enhancements to the CJMHSAG Program – The program is enhanced by receives client flex funding to assist with emergency housing and expenses associated with re-entry to the community. The program also benefits from the **Hagen Family Foundation Forensic Bike Path** grant which is allows participants to own a new bicycle, lights, helmet, and lock. An additional enhancement to the program is the new **Comprehensive Offender Reentry Program (CORP)**. CORP serves adult inmates serving at least three months in jail who have been assessed as having substance use and/or co-occurring mental illness disorders and are within four months of scheduled release. CORP provides outpatient as well as residential and medication assisted treatment services. CORP specifically enhances CJMHSAG program with funding for residential and a Housing Specialist for Alachua County.