

THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF FLORIDA

Bridging the Information Gap: Justice to Health



GOAL

- Coordinate Efforts to Maximize our Impact
- Coordinate Data Systems: Establish data systems that enable effective tracking and sharing of risk and resilience factors, indicators and milestones associated with preventing violence to inform policy and enable sound decision=making across department and agencies.



HIGHLIGHTS OF RESEARCH – RISK FACTORS

- Young men, varied backgrounds, with observable behaviors, communications
- May have minor offenses (fighting, property damage, animal abuse)
- Troubled family life, social isolation, recent loss or traumatic event
- Abuse victim or aggressor (bullying, emotional, sexual)
- Academic problems, disconnect
- Mental health issues (depression, suicidal ideation), substance abuse
- Talk, writings, or interest in violence (media, games, event scenarios)
- Possession or access to firearms



BENEFITS TO JUSTICE SYSTEM

- Assessing an unknown situation,
- Providing continuity of care for persons in custody,
- Demonstrating eligibility for diversion program by documenting behavioral health problems that, if treated, may reduce criminal behavior,
- Promoting compliance through increased awareness of court conditions, dates of court, appearances, etc.



BENEFITS TO HEALTH SYSTEM

- Assessing an unknown situation,
- Decision-making on program eligibility
- Public health surveillance
- Determining whereabouts of patients and facilitating continuity of care



EXAMPLES OF INFORMATION THAT MAY BE EXCHANGED

- Dates in and out of the criminal justice system
- Criminal charge
- Court dates
- Documentation of injuries
- Program attendance
- Information on current life circumstances (i.e., housing, employment, family support)
- Summary health status
- Detailed medical or treatment records
- Prescription drug information
- Drug testing results



CASE SCENARIOS

- Develop typical case scenarios where information exchange would be helpful
- Identify information flow and data source examples
- Identify specific challenges regarding implementation



SUBWORKGROUPS

- Privacy
- Technology
- Budget
- Administrative



QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

- How important/beneficial is the exchange for both the justice and public health communities?
- Does it provide key information to decision makers?
- Does it improve the quality of information available to practitioners?
- Would its implementation boost overall effectiveness and productivity?
- How compelling is the business case for the exchange?
- Is there duplication of work under the current structure?
- How much of a concern are privacy, policy and legal issues with regard to the identified data elements?
- Do current federal and state regulations allow for the implementation?



TIMELINE

- Continue research
- Identify workgroup members
- Identify potential revenue sources