



Health & Human Services Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: May 28, 2024

Title of Item: CRE - Comprehensive Re-Entry Program Presentation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY		<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	

Submitted by: Paula Arimborgo	Department: H&HS Administration
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Presenter (Name and Title): Nick Anderson, H&HS Social Worker	Estimated Time Needed: 20 min
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Summary of Issue:
A presentation on the Comprehensive Re-Entry (CRE) Program.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Financial Impact:
 Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No
 What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$
 Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*



Aitkin County Comprehensive Re-Entry Program

May 28, 2024 County Board Presentation

History of Program

- ▶ August 2016: Aitkin County Jail Discharge Program was established to provide early social worker response to people with mental health concerns, who were incarcerated and in need of supports and services upon discharge;
- ▶ In 2017: Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative identified the need to address an increasing number of incarcerated individuals with mental/chemical health needs, who were re-offending and not connected with supports and services to address their needs prior to release;
- ▶ Fall 2019: A Regional Comprehensive Re-Entry Program (CRE) was started and Aitkin County updated our process and procedures to follow this new regional approach.

Screening, Early Intervention and Discharge Planning

- ▶ Screening: Each individual is offered a screening while in custody that helps to identify mental health and chemical health concerns in addition to other areas of need, i.e. housing, employment, transportation, medical insurance;
- ▶ Early Intervention: It is the program goal that the CRE Social Worker meet with each individual within 24 hours of booking or prior to their first court appearance;
- ▶ Discharge Planning: Includes referrals to appropriate services prior to release from custody. Re-Entry Plans may be drafted and given to individuals prior to their release.
- ▶ Treatment Coordination: A part of discharge planning wherein the CRE Social Worker can coordinate and refer individuals to substance use treatment services upon their release from jail. Aitkin County is able to bill and receive reimbursement for this service.

Aitkin County's Specific Process

- ▶ Process-CRE Social Worker is notified of bookings and time the individual will appear in court. Social Worker meets with individuals before release to complete screenings, Re-Entry plans and referrals.
- ▶ Collaboration between Health and Human Services with the Sheriff's Department, County Attorney's Office, Community Corrections, Riverwood Health Care Center, Public Defenders Office, etc.
- ▶ Collaboration continues through inmates time in our jail to reduce existing barriers.

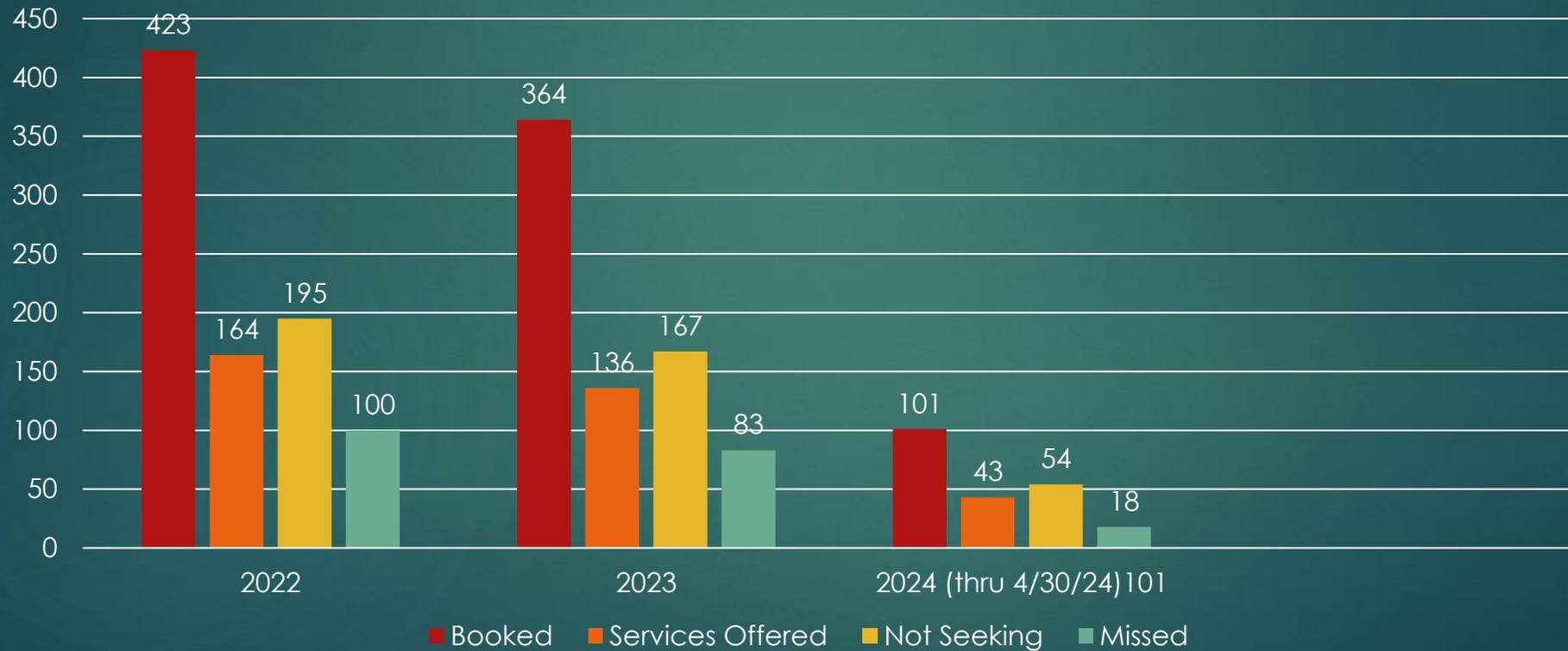
Program Goals

- ▶ Timely identification of needs and improved assessments of inmates;
- ▶ Improved quality of care with the additional resources; specifically connecting people with mental and chemical health services who were not otherwise connected;
- ▶ Reduced recidivism and number of incarcerated days before receiving therapeutic services;
- ▶ Reduced number of jailed days for persons who would be more appropriately treated than jailed;
- ▶ Reduce repeat law enforcement calls on “untreated” individuals;
- ▶ Reduce court and county attorney involvement with “untreated” persons;
- ▶ Overall improved coordination and communication between agencies and our county;
- ▶ Improved collaboration and service coordination between Regional agencies.

Program Data

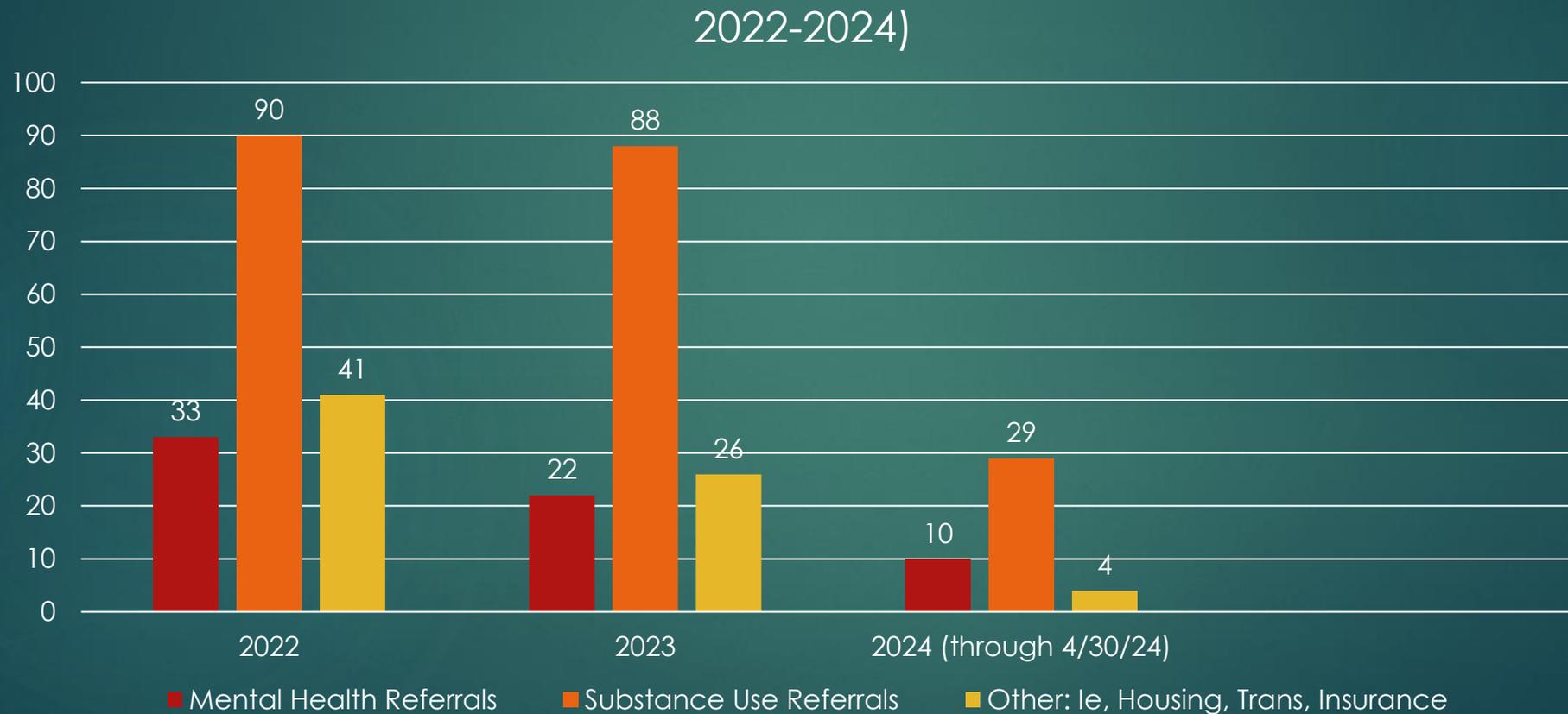
(Number of Bookings and Interactions)

2022-2024

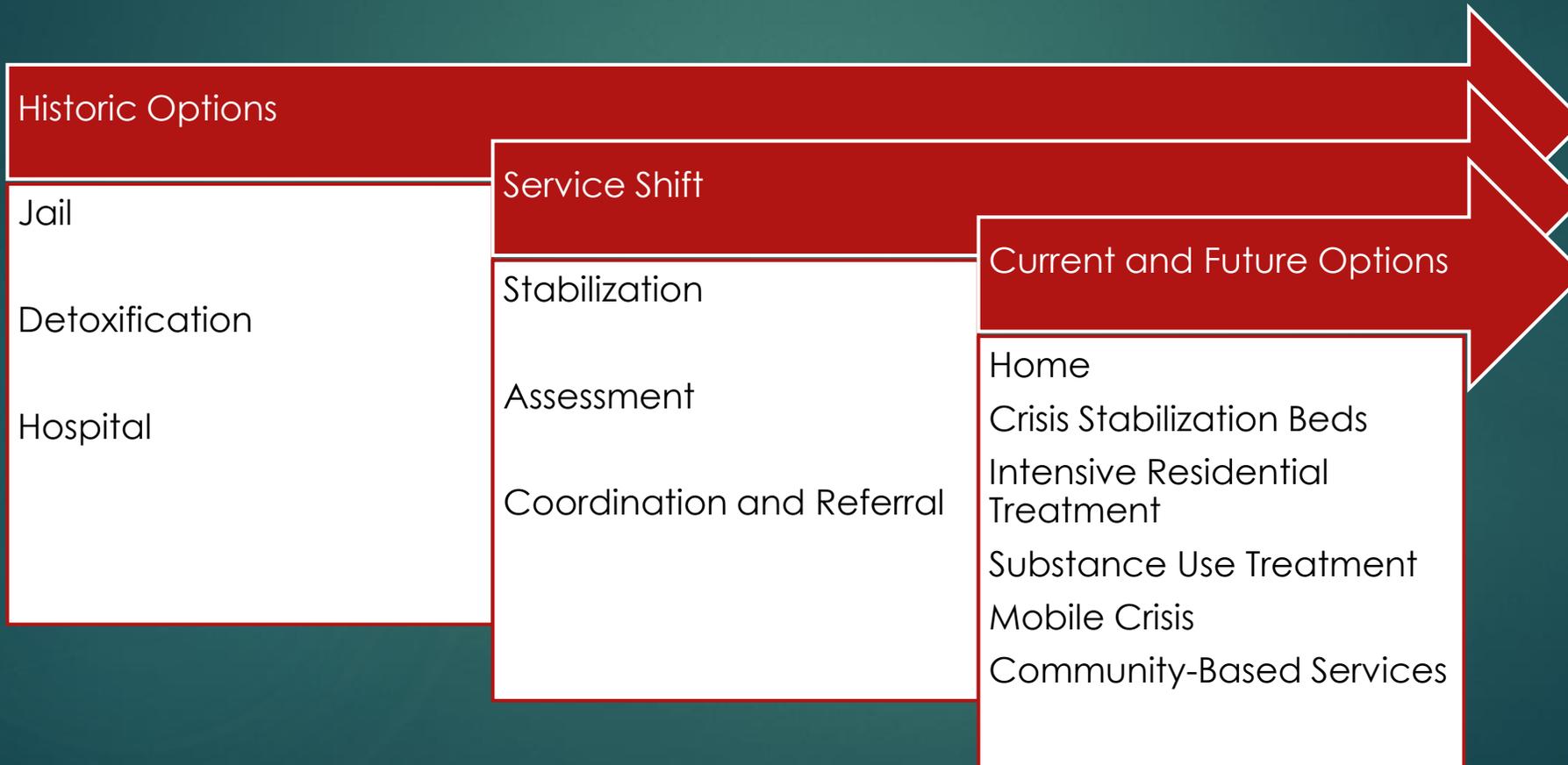


Program Data Continued

(Types of Referrals)



Strategic Shift in Addressing Needs



Future Changes and Innovation

- ▶ Potential for diversion planning which may include diversion from jail to crisis stabilization, treatment facilities, or home with services. The Officer Involved Care Coordination is an existing diversionary program being provided in several regional counties and is being discussed at Aitkin County.
- ▶ Substance Use Disorder Reform has lead to CRE Social Worker referring and coordinating Comprehensive Assessments inside and outside of our jail. This reform also enables the CRE Social Worker to provide Treatment Coordination services, which can extend beyond an individuals jail discharge.
- ▶ Continued innovation by reviewing recidivism rates, in-custody days and continued inter-agency and regional collaboration.
- ▶ In 2022 Peer Support Specialist Services were initiated in the jail to provide monthly mental supports to individuals in our jail by another individual with lived experience. Peer Support Specialist will assist individuals to create Wellness Recovery Action Plans so they can discharge with strategies to promote sobriety and recovery.

Positive Program Outcomes

- ▶ Increased supports and access to services to individuals while incarcerated and upon discharge;
- ▶ Increased collaborative relationship among county departments;
- ▶ Regional effort to better serve our community members;
- ▶ Swift access to Comprehensive Assessments and other services leading to a reduction in untreated days and incarceration time;
- ▶ Increased and improved access to mental health and crisis services.

Continued Challenges

- ▶ Limited Inpatient Psychiatric Beds available in the State;
- ▶ Lengthy waiting lists for Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center and Statewide Community Behavioral Health Hospitals;
- ▶ Difficulty admitting inmates to local hospitals as they are seen as safe within a secure settings.

Program Funding

- ▶ 2018-2022: Aitkin County received funds annually from the Region 5+ Adult Mental Health Initiative and grants to offset start up costs;
- ▶ 2023-current: Aitkin County receives \$6045 annually from the Regional 5+ Mental Health Initiative;
- ▶ Discussions with the Region 5+ Adult Mental Health Initiative about reallocation of current annual funds to provide additional funding for program;
- ▶ Adult Mental Health Initiative Per Capita formulation was reformed for 2025. Region 5+ agencies per capita increased from \$8/person to \$22/person. A portion of these additional funds could be utilized to support program.

Questions?

- ▶ Additional questions can be directed to Nick Anderson:
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Thank you