



OCCARES

Justice through Prevention & Intervention

Welcome to the
OCCJCC

September 15, 2023
County Administration South
Conference Center

Agenda

- I. Call to Order/Introductions/Opening Remarks
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes: July 21, 2023
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Orange County Sheriff's Department
Correctional Programs Unit
In-Custody Programs and Reentry Services

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Business Services Administrator



ORANGE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



Educational and Vocational Programming

- Computer Business Skills Certificate Program
 - Includes training in MS Excel, MS Word, and MS PowerPoint
 - Upon completion of all three courses, participants receive a certificate that can be utilized in various industries including Computer and Technology.
 - Computer labs at all jail facilities have been enhanced with updated laptop computers and mobile roll carts that allow for computer classes to be offered in alternate areas throughout the jails

Educational and Vocational Programming

- Food Service Certificate Program
 - Includes Food Handler and Food Service Manager Test Preparation courses
 - Upon completion of both courses, participants receive a certificate that can be utilized in the Hospitality and Food and Beverage industries.
- Cell Dog Program
 - 12-week program that includes classroom instruction and hands-on dog training experience, leading to opportunities for employment at various pet supply stores and dog training/grooming facilities.

Enhanced Educational and Vocational Programming

- New certificate programs implemented in Fall 2023
 - Home-Based Business Certificate Program
 - How to Build a Home-Based Business
 - Accounting for Non-Accountants
 - Custodial Technician (Janitorial) Certificate Program
 - Custodial Technician (Janitorial)
 - Basic Hazmat Safety Standards
 - Upon receipt of certificate, students can be directly linked upon release to Anaheim Stadium for employment opportunities
- Additional certificate programs anticipated for Spring/Fall 2024
 - Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certificate Program
 - Line Cook Certificate Program
 - Medical Coding and Billing Certificate Program

In-Custody Reentry Programming



Virtual Reality (VR) Headset Program Outcomes (FY 22-23)

Women's Central Jail

- Total # of participants enrolled – 11
- Total # of graduates – 3
- Total # participants directly linked to post release services – 1

- Top 3 Simulations Completed
 - Standard Precautions in Healthcare
 - Vital Signs: Heart Rate
 - Hospitality: First Impression Agent

Theo Lacy

- Total # of participants enrolled – 32
- Total # of graduates – 19
- Total # participants directly linked to post release services – 2

- Top 3 Simulations Completed
 - Automotive Safety Awareness
 - Auto Body and Collision
 - Engine Oil Change

Specialized In-Custody Programs

- Target Population
 - Medium – High risk to reoffend males (TL) and females (WCJ)
 - At least 8 weeks remaining on sentence
 - Voluntary participation and commitment to program
- Program Specifics
 - Group facilitation occurs 5 days a week
 - Utilizes evidence-based practices, including the use of targeted interventions, risk assessments, motivational interviewing techniques, and cognitive-based curricula
 - Weekly case management
 - Strong collaboration between OCSD, Probation, Public Defender, and numerous community-based organizations
 - Follow up support services provided post release

In-Custody Reentry Programming



All In Program Outcomes (FY 22-23)

Women's Central Jail

- Total # of participants enrolled – 48
- Total # of graduates – 17
- Total # participants directly linked to post release services – 14
 - Residential Treatment – 2
 - Recovery Residence – 1
 - Employment – 2
 - Support Services – 9

Theo Lacy

- Total # of participants enrolled – 40
- Total # of graduates – 22
- Total # participants directly linked to post release services – 13
 - Residential Treatment – 2
 - Recovery Residence - 3
 - Employment – 1
 - Support Services – 4
 - Counseling - 5

In-Custody Reentry Programming



HUMV Program Outcomes (FY 22-23)

- Total # of participants enrolled – 45
- Total # of graduates – 32
- Total # participants directly linked to post release services – 16
 - Residential Treatment – 4
 - Recovery Residence – 2
 - Short-term housing – 8
 - Permanent Housing – 9
 - Employment – 9
 - VA Benefits – 7
 - Legal Support – 7
 - Support Services, including food and transportation – 13

In-Custody Reentry Programming



Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program Outcomes (FY 22-23)

Women's Central Jail

- Total # of participants enrolled – 12
- Total # of graduates – 6
- Total # participants directly linked to post release services – 6
 - Recovery Residence – 2
 - Employment – 6
 - Housing and Support Services – 2

Theo Lacy

- Total # of participants enrolled – 28
- Total # of graduates – 10
- Total # participants directly linked to post release services – 5
 - Residential Treatment – 3
 - Housing and Support Services – 2

In-Custody Reentry Programming



Collaborative Partners and Program Graduates

Jade Smith

Veterans Outreach Supervisor
Tierney Center for Veteran Services
Goodwill of Orange County

Lucas Hudson

HUMV Participant and Graduate
Graduation Date: November 9, 2021

Michelle Asai

All In Program Facilitator / CGA
Former OC Jail Student

Morgan Walker

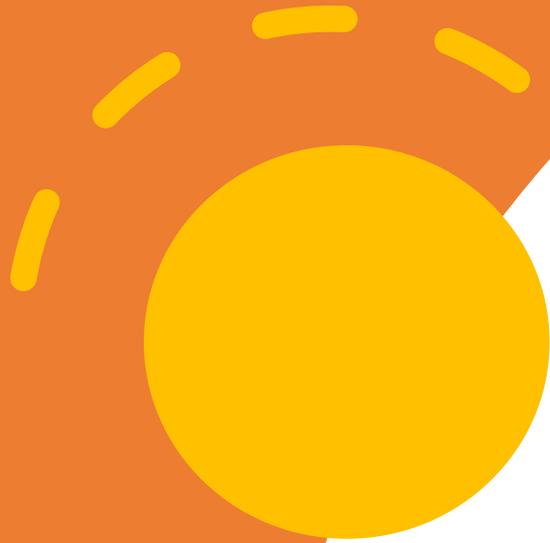
All In Program Participant and Graduate
Graduation Date: September 24, 2018

Questions

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CARE Act OC

Presiding Judge Maria Hernandez

Public Defender Martin Schwarz

Dr. Veronica Kelley, Chief Mental Health & Recovery Services

What is CARE Court?

Community
Assistance
Recovery &
Empowerment

Care Court is a “new civil court process” established to:

- Focus counties and other local governments on serving persons with **untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders**.
- Provide **behavioral health and other essential resources** and services.
- **Protect self-determination and civil liberties** by providing legal counsel and promoting supported decision making.
- **Intervene sooner** in the lives of those in need to provide support.

Who does this program serve?

- Adults, 18 years or older.
- Diagnosed with a Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders.
- Currently experiencing behaviors & symptoms associated with severe mental illness (SMI).
- Not clinically stabilized in on-going voluntary treatment.
- At least one of the following:
 - Unlikely to survive safely without supervision and condition is substantially deteriorating.
 - Needs services & supports to prevent relapse or deterioration, leading to grave disability or harm to others.
- Participation in CARE Plan or Agreement is the least restrictive alternative.
- Likely to benefit from participating in a CARE Plan or Agreement.



Who can petition?

Family/Home

- Persons with whom respondent resides.
- Spouse, parent, sibling, adult child, grandparents, or another individual in place of a parent.
- Respondent (i.e. self petition)

Community

- First responder (e.g., firefighter, paramedic, mobile crisis response, homeless outreach worker)
- Director of a Hospital, or designee, in which the respondent is hospitalized.
- Licensed behavioral health professional, or designee treating respondent for mental illness.
- Director of a public /charitable organization providing behavioral health services or whose institution respondent resides.

County

- County behavioral health director, or designee
- Public Guardian or designee.
- Director of adult protective services or designee.

Tribal Jurisdiction

- Director of a California Indian health services program, California tribal behavioral health department, or designee.
- Judge of a tribal court located in CA, or designee.

HCA MHRS

- Role:

- Once prima facie is determined by the Court, ordered to locate respondent
- Outreach, Assessment & Linkage to respondent – offer voluntary services to meet respondents needs (CARE Agreement)
- Provide clinical evaluation
- Determine with respondent & voluntary supporter (if respondent desires) and Court CARE Plan
- Provide progress reports to the Court every 60 days for CARE Agreement and CARE Plan

MHRS Collaboration Efforts

- Met weekly and then monthly with OC CARE leadership group
- Met biweekly with internal group for work flow
- Met bimonthly with State CARE Work Group to help inform implementation (Dr. Kelley & Presiding Judge Hernandez) and bimonthly with all Cohort 1 counties (2026)
- Created budget based on AOT and State predictive model- 1400 petitions, 400-600 eligible respondents
- Requested 11 positions- 6 have been hired and are in various stages of onboarding – 5 are in recruitment.
- Contracted with Full Service Partnership for CARE respondents
- LEAP (Evidence Based Engagement Method) in negotiations or all CARE staff including Court and PD
- Completed 6 local community trainings, 2 statewide trainings, multiple County trainings, HASC training, internal trainings
- Developed communication Plan in threshold languages for communities
- Developed Peer training by Peer navigator for Community
- Creating training for Supporters thru FSP contract and thru Pathways Peer Mentoring program.
- Scheduling Vietnamese, Spanish and Mandarin CARE community trainings
- Providing resource packets for Self Help Counter at Courthouses

Representation & Funding

Right to Counsel

Welfare & Institutions Code
Section 5977(a)(3)(A)(ii)

Court must appoint counsel if it determines a CARE Act petition makes a prima facie showing that a respondent meets criteria

What Counsel?

The Court must appoint “a qualified legal services project ... to represent the respondent ... [or] if no legal services project has agreed to accept these appointments, a public defender shall be appointed to represent the respondent.”

Funding for Counsel

\$20.4 Million for Cohort 1 (& LA) Counties in FY 23-24

\$29.8 Million for Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 Counties in FY 24-25

Allocation methodology based on projected cases

Money flows from Legal Services Trust Fund Commission to County PD Offices

Representation

Public Defender Offices

Los Angeles
San Diego
Orange
Riverside
Stanislaus
Glenn
Tuolumne

Qualified Legal Service Providers

San Francisco

Public Defender

Criminal Justice System

Civil Commitments

LPS

Probate

Assisted Outpatient Treatment

Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Dependency



PD Mental Health Unit

Lanterman
Petris
Short
(LPS)

CARE
Act

Assisted
Outpatient
Treatment
(AOT)

Civil
Commits

Probate



Clients

Provide a touch point for self-determined services

Provide support for client determination of services and continued engagement in services

Upstream and downstream diversion from other systems

Challenges



Expectations

CARE Act is more narrowly focused than most people believe



Petitioning Process

A barrier to entry; SB 35



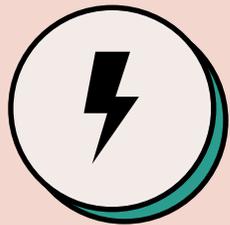
Staffing Considerations

Difficult to project a number of clients



Client Mobility

Counsel and Court need to be agile



Court Timelines

Compressed timelines make engagement difficult

CARE Act

Court Resources & Collaboration

› Funding for CARE Court

- FY 2022-23 Cohort One (Orange County) implementation funds (\$776,228)
- FY 2023-24 Cohort One (Orange County) operating funds (\$2,647,822)

› Planning and Implementation

- Began planning activities and case management system modifications
- Creation of docket codes, minute orders, rules & training materials
- Purchased computer equipment
- Identified dedicated CARE Act judicial officer and staff
- Identified needed resources for implementation
- Weekly and monthly working group meetings (Local, Cohort1 & State)

Care Act Staffing

› Staffing

○ Dedicated personnel

- 1 Program Coordinator Specialist
- 1 Self-Help CARE Court Specialist (Paralegal)
- 1 Courtroom Clerk
- 2 Legal Processing Specialists (Courtroom Monitor and Clerk's Office Support)
- 1 Judicial Officer
- Court Reporter

○ Additional Implementation Support (amount to be determined by workload)

- Court Operations Manager
- Principal Administrative Analyst
- Self Help Services Manager
- Deputy Court Operations Manager
- Administrative Analyst
- Program Coordinator Specialist



Ready to Launch!

- Preparation and Addressing the Unknown
- Collaboration and Communication
- Data Gathering
- Identifying Success
- Messaging the Mission

OC CARES Updates

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Major Capital Projects in Progress

- Be Well Irvine (Ph1 – 12/2024)
- Pre-Trial Intervention Court (TBD)
- New Collaborative Courthouse (TBD)
- Men's MH Mod at IRC (7/2024)
- Musick (Jan 2024)
- Regional Reentry at Verdugo (Oct 2023)
- Adult Reentry Center (Dec 2025)
- Workforce Reentry Center (Dec 2025)
- YTC (Dec 2025)
- TAY Housing (Dec 2025)
- SB 823 Housing (Dec 2025)
- Housing (continuous)

Need to Know

All materials will be posted to the OCCJCC website

2023 Strategic Financial Plans are due to the Budget & Finance Office on September 25th

The FY 2022-23 Annual Report will be included with the 2023 SFP on the Board Agenda for 12/19 (Receive and File)

565 working days – 838 total days to implement the 2025 Vision

Reach out if you have questions or need something

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