

Snohomish County Coordinated Therapeutic Response Hub Referral Project

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Our approach involves collaboration among:

- research and evaluation
- direct-service programming
- training and expert assistance.

The technical assistance (TA) team provides specialized support to multidisciplinary criminal legal stakeholders and organizations. As thought partners, we take time to identify and understand stakeholders' needs and address those needs with targeted training or specialized assistance from appropriate experts in the field.



Agenda

Review of Background & Project Goals

Timeline to Date

Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)

Next Steps

Open Discussion

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Coordinated Therapeutic Response Phase 1: *Needs Assessment*

What We Found

1. Broad support for addressing mental health, substance use, and homelessness with agency resources
2. Overlapping demographics and needs being served by numerous agencies
3. Lack of interagency communication and siloed case management
4. Identification and engagement gap between arrest and charge
5. Lack of resources specifically for mental health

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Coordinated Therapeutic Response

Phase 1:

Recommendations

Suggested Action Steps

1. Develop an Advisory Committee to increase communication and coordination between agencies serving similar populations
2. Establish intervention strategies between time of arrest and charging
3. Coordinate & expand therapeutic courts
 - Create a hub court model that allows for cross-jurisdictional case processing in therapeutic court programs
 - Expansion of therapeutic court programs based on data driven needs (add Veterans Treatment Court?)
4. Collaborate across groups to advocate for low barrier and transitional housing

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Coordinated Therapeutic Response Phase 2:

Hub Referral Project

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Project Goals (1 of 2)

- Address overlapping target populations;
- Improve collaborative data sharing, communication, and case management;
- Reduce the time between arrest and filed charges;
- Identify strategies to enhance mental health resources and supports; and...

Project Goals (2 of 2)

- Establish objective legal criteria and eligibility guidelines for therapeutic courts;
- Develop a uniform referral process; and
- Create guidelines for processing cross-jurisdiction cases

2023

Convene Advisory Committee

Interview Advisory Committee members

Begin the SIM and resource mapping process

2024

Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Workshop

Advisory Committee workgroups

Strategic planning for hub court model

2025

Implement hub court model

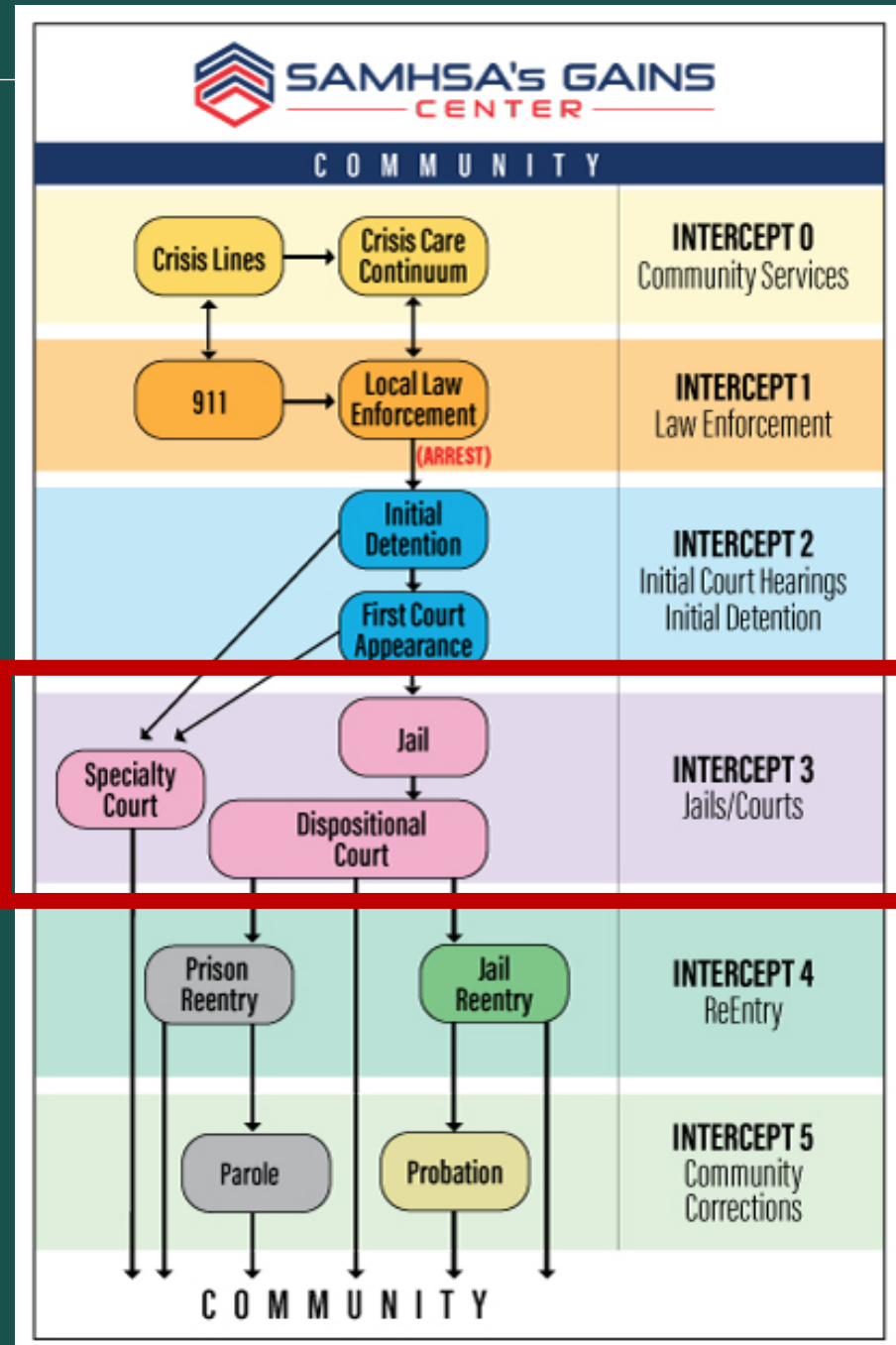
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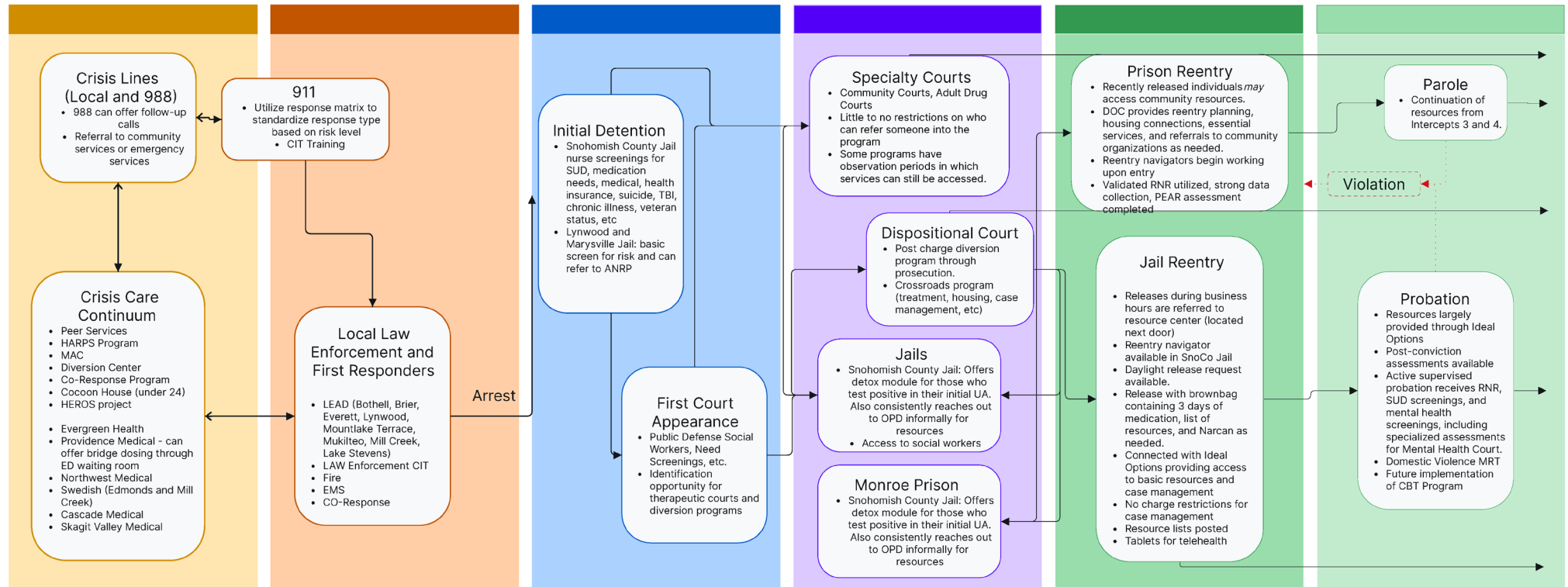


SIM Priorities

1. Initiate a Snohomish County version of Crisis Connect with data sharing
 2. Identify and provide supportive transitional housing options
 3. Engage in earlier identification and intervention for therapeutic courts
 4. **Expand LEAD county-wide**
 5. Facilitate a warm handoff on release / Connection text to providers on entry/exit
- ❖ Establish a 24/7 Crisis Care Hub with embedded social workers and mental health care



Snohomish County Sequential Intercept Map



Gaps:

- Resources are not always available in the Eastern portion of the county
- Co-response can be dispatched directly but rarely is, and has lower visibility among community resources
- Limited data sharing system entirely
- Long ED wait times
- Only social workers can refer to the diversion center, and only some law enforcement officers can transport there
- Most options require a medical evaluation, weighing down ED
- Staffing and funding limitations

Gaps:

- No behavioral health trainings available for EMS, despite high volume of BH call referrals.
- No statewide requirement for Crisis Intervention Training.
- Lack of protocol regarding who handles behavioral health calls, leaving EMS/Fire feeling overutilized
- 988 is beginning to impact 911 resource availability
- EMS can't get funding if they take an individual to a crisis center
- EMS has 6 different systems to consult for information that law enforcement does not have access to. Hospital exists on a different LE perceived inconsistencies regarding ITA and DCR evaluations with quick re-release.
- Staffing and funding limitations

Gaps:

- Limited resources available to continue phone screenings for competency, medical, SUD, etc through public defense
- Superform does not include information about veteran status
- No pre-file diversion
- Limited information from the jail available on initial appearance beyond what is available from the attorneys and the CMS system
- Staffing and funding limitations
- Limited resources for OPD to continue indigency screenings
- Getting people into therapeutic court assessments and connecting to services is difficult and can feel like a holding pattern

Gaps:

- Getting health info to and from jails/prison can feel difficult since no one person facilitates that information exchange
- Limited data collection
- No housing assessment in Snohomish County Jail
- Snohomish County Jail is restricted in their ability to dispense medication based on the lack of a pharmacy (funding and staff limitations, license required)
- Lynwood and Marysville Jails do not have a nurse available 24/7
- Snohomish County Jail sends info out to other facilities but does not always receive it.
- Staffing and funding limitations

Gaps:

- If a person in need doesn't ask for resources, they leave without.
- No discharge center available in Snohomish County Jail
- Transportation difficulties to locations other than the resource center
- Need for warm handoffs, no infrastructure in place to do so.
- Limited data tracking on resource utilization (ex. daylight release requests)
- MAT not available upon release (see previous pharmacy constraint)
- Everybody leaving Monroe Prison is on Community Health Plan of WA which is not taken by Ideal Options
- Generalized issues with MCO incompatibility
- Staffing and funding limitations

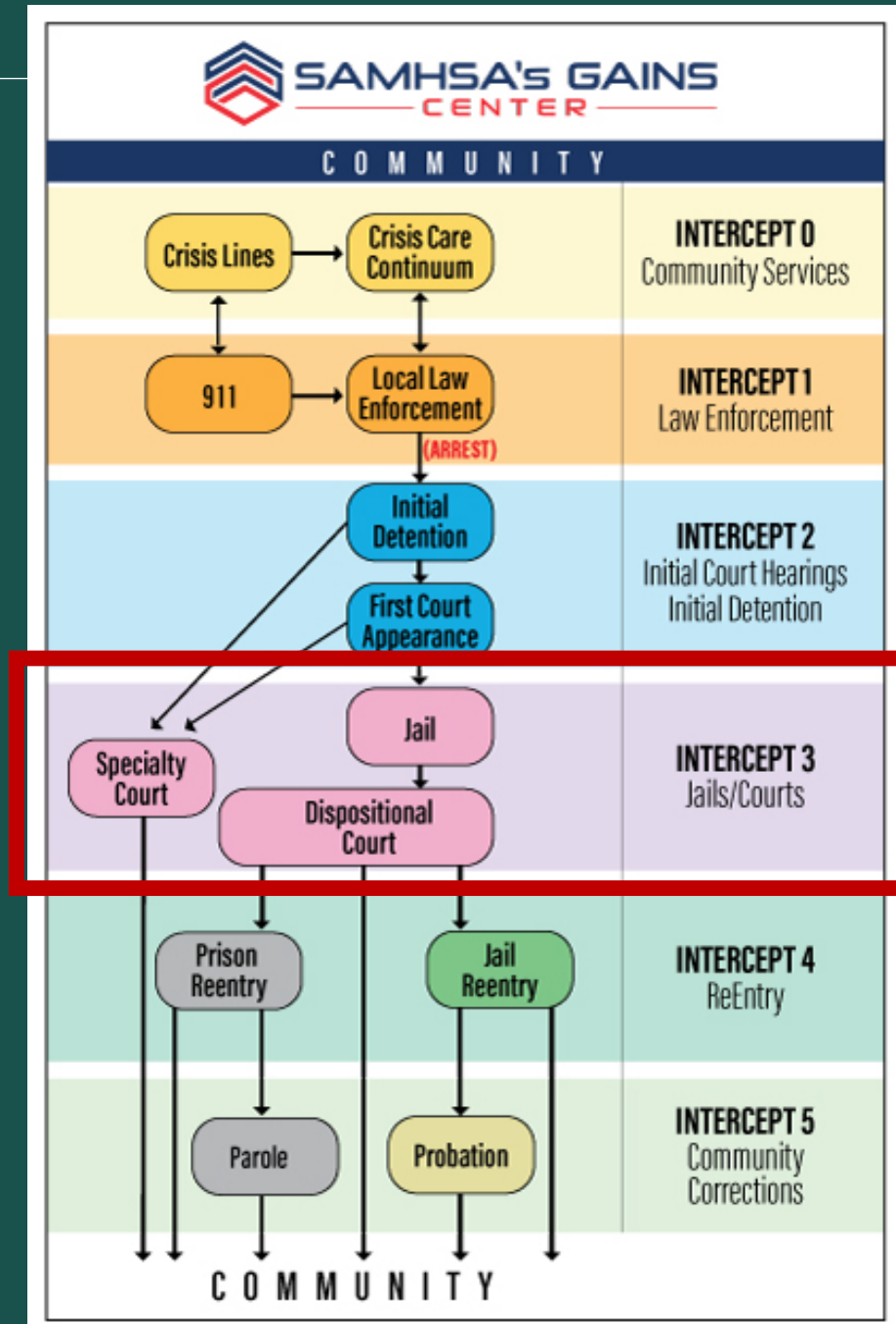
Gaps:

- Limited data collection
- Information about warrants from other jurisdictions is difficult to come by and does not always show up in the system, creates a "black hole"
- Lack of warrant communication may make it difficult to identify if a person is in custody and where they are held.
- Treatment ordered by courts upon release are not always covered by Medicaid and are frequently very expensive just for an evaluation, DOC sometimes has to choose the cheapest option available which may not be the most fitting
- Staffing and funding limitations

Grant Priorities

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SIM follow-up

- Meet monthly to identify progress and roadblocks
- Self-report updates via survey
- Project identification / funding ask

Update to County Legislature

- March 12 - Community Safety and Justice Committee

Ongoing Strategic Planning

- Survey
- Data collection
- Focus groups for judges at Superior, District, and Municipal levels
- Focus group / interviews with prosecutors

Next Steps

Discussion

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