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Hi,

Some further questions I have after this meeting:

-Why are so many people getting 23-1 while in jail? What are all the reasons for this? Similarly what is the reason why people aren't getting appropriate MAT?(Perhaps this is a Wendy Jones question)

-Maialisa mentioned a program I think was called MOSA, but says that someone needs to be competent to do it. What is this program and what is it's current capacity? Is it a program that could be expanded based on the current need, and would expanding it reduce incarceration/recidivism

-I didn't catch the answer to David Goldman's question. If someone isn't being represented by the PD would they still have access to the advocate program if it was being run by the PD? If so, would there be a way for their lawyer to facilitate them also getting to benefit from that attorney client privilege?

-Is there data on how much of the jail population use PDs vs having another lawyer?

-The Partners for Justice program looks really great to me on first glance. I see that one of the requirements to be an advocate is having a college degree. Do you know if there's any flexibility on that as far as hiring formerly incarcerated people to be advocates? Is that something you would support and can you think of former clients who would be a good fit for a peer advocate program?

-Do you have the funding for an advocate program, if not how would it be funded?

-At the end of the conversation we were hearing about a mental health facility that isn't the jail where people could get treatment, including while they are waiting for restoration at Western State. Could we get a sense of what a good capacity would be for a facility like this based on historical numbers of people in jail with mental illness who would benefit from going to a facility like this? How much would that reduce incarceration numbers at the jail?

Some of my takeaways from today's presentation:

-It's beneficial for PD's and their clients to be very near the courthouse for a number of good reasons.

-Drug court is being under-utilized and there are a lot more people who could qualify as per state statutes but aren't being admitted. It's a program that could be expanded to reduce incarceration and recidivism.

- There's only 1 substance abuse evaluator which can create delays.

-more sober living/post incarceration housing is needed.

-23-1 is very harmful and inhumane and a large number of people in the jail are being subjected to it, including people with serious mental illness.

-There are some issues with how MAT is being conducted at the jail.

-I'm really interested the SAC exploring this idea of a mental health/behavioral health facility that is separate from the jail that can treat people who have been charged and would normally be in the jail not getting treatment. What Maialisa said at the end of the meeting makes a lot of sense to me since the number of people who aren't getting treatment in jail seems to be really high. Could something like this be done in conjunction with mental health court as a diversion program for folks to get treatment instead of incarceration?

Lastly, Starck Follis is the only person so far in any SAC presentation that has suggested that perhaps there's a way to still utilize the current jail. I think it would be really helpful for SAC members to have more knowledge about what that scenario would look like. What would it take to renovate the current jail financially and logistically? I get the sense that's it's almost assumed that the SAC is going to recommend a new facility, but I think it's important for us to explore all possibilities, especially since the past 2 jail taxes weren't passed by voters since building a new jail was very unpopular, and that could happen again. Is this something we will be discussing during our facilities conversations?

Thanks,
Brel