
REGION 4 JAIL TEAM

PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION: The Region 4 Jail Team was established to provide mental health services in three jails within Region 4 for individuals who are diagnosed with severe mental illness. These jails are the Richmond City Justice Center (RCJC), Riverside Regional Jail (RRJ), and Southside Regional Jail (SSRJ). The Jail Team strives to facilitate collaboration and consultation between individuals with mental illness, mental health treatment providers, courts, attorneys, correctional institutions, community corrections, psychiatric hospitals, Community Services Boards/Behavioral Health Authorities (CSBs/BHAs), and other social service agencies to provide mental health services in the jail that would be comparable to services available in the community, as much as feasible.

SERVICE GOALS: There are three primary services of the Jail Team:

- 1) Consumer Monitoring: Consumer monitoring involves monthly case management services. This includes linking individuals with mental health and psychiatric services available at the jail, communicating with the CSB/BHA community case manager about the individual's care, and providing overall case management, advocacy, and clinical interventions as necessary. Consumer monitoring is designed to augment, not substitute, mental health services provided by the jail. Individuals are referred to the Jail Team for consumer monitoring by CSB case managers, Central State Hospital (CSH) or Piedmont Geriatric Hospital (PGH) staff upon discharge from the hospital to the jail, or by jail mental health staff. The Jail Team may opt to provide consumer monitoring services to an individual without a formal referral, if he or she is known to the Jail Team and typically requires services. When a CSB/BHA refers an individual for consumer monitoring services, the referring case manager will receive monthly updates regarding the individual's treatment, via telephone or encrypted email, until the CSB/BHA closes the case.
- 2) Pre-Trial Forensic Evaluations and Restoration: Court-ordered pre-trial assessments include evaluations of competency to stand trial and mental state at the time of the alleged offense(s). These evaluations are ordered directly to the Jail Team or RBHA. For individuals ordered to receive competency restoration services, the Region 4 Jail Team provides individual restoration education to individuals in the jail in order to divert individuals from inpatient hospitalization.
- 3) Jail Diversion and Re-Entry Assistance: Jail diversion and re-entry services are provided for individuals at the jail with severe mental illness who are willing to seek treatment in the community upon release and require assistance connecting with community mental health services and/or other community support, including housing. Jail diversion may take the form of developing re-entry plans so the court may consider releasing the individual from jail on a personal recognizance bond. Re-entry plans are also developed for individuals post-adjudication who are returning to the community from the jail. Re-entry plans typically involve housing placement assistance, connection with community mental health services, assistance with benefit applications, and other assistance as needed. For individuals being served on intensive and specialized case-loads (i.e., PACT, REACH, etc.) re-entry planning is typically

completed by the assigned program case manager and the Re-entry Coordinator serves in a consultative role.

AGE GROUP: Adults aged 18 and older.

GENDER: Inclusive of all genders and gender-identities.

POPULATION: Individuals with severe mental illness such as psychotic and affective disorders. Individuals with other conditions may be opened to the Jail Team if court-ordered for assessment and/or treatment, but may not receive other services.

LOCATION: Individuals incarcerated at RCJC in Richmond, RRJ in Hopewell, and SSRJ in Emporia. The Re-entry Coordinator may follow individuals discharged from the jail and in the community for up to 45 days if the person resides in Region 4.

FREQUENCY:

- 1) Restoration: At least once weekly; more or less if clinically indicated.
- 2) Pre-Trial Forensic Evaluation: As needed and dictated by court-order.
- 3) Consumer Monitoring: At least once monthly, more often if clinically indicated.
- 4) Re-Entry Planning: As needed.

LENGTH OF SERVICE:

- 1) Restoration: Restoration services are provided until an opinion is proffered to the court (i.e., competent to stand trial, incompetent and in need of continued restoration, or unrestorably incompetent to stand trial). In situations where it is recommended to the court that the individual receives inpatient restoration services, restoration will continue until the case is adjudicated or the person is admitted to CSH or PGH.
- 2) Pre-Trial Forensic Evaluation: Reports are submitted to the court when an opinion is rendered, the order expires, or there is a specific due date on the court order.
- 3) Consumer Monitoring: Consumer monitoring may continue from the point of referral until discharge from the jail. However, consumer monitoring may be discontinued prior to discharge from the jail if the individual is stable and awaiting transfer to the Department of Corrections or another institution, when the individual refuses services despite multiple attempts to engage, or if an individual returns from CSH/PGH and was determined to be malingering and additional clinical services are not warranted.
- 4) Re-Entry Assistance: Assistance is provided from the point of referral to re-entry into the community, or until the person is connected with a community mental health provider. In some cases, monitoring may continue for a period of time post-discharge from the jail.

JAIL DIVERSION/RE-ENTRY SERVICES PROJECT FUNDING: Re-entry funds are available on a first-come/first-served basis for individuals who are transitioning to the community from one of the jails the Jail Team services and who meet specific eligibility criteria. Funds are renewed on a fiscal year basis, as budget resources allow. Please refer to the handout on Jail Diversion/Re-entry Funds for more information.

DISCHARGE/TERMINATION OF SERVICES:

- The jail unexpectedly releases an individual to the community.
- An individual is released from the jail and no ongoing re-entry services are needed.

- The individual is admitted to CSH or PGH, found to be unrestorably incompetent to stand trial, and civilly committed.
- The individual is found not guilty by reason of insanity and admitted to CSH or PGH.
- The individual is transferred to another facility, such as a jail not serviced by the Jail Team, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Homeland Security, the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation, or another institution/agency.
- If a defendant is discharged from CSH or PGH and was determined not to have a major mental illness, the Jail Team may not open the case.

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CSB/Jail Referral Form to Region 4 Jail Team

Client Information

Client's Name:

Date of Birth:

SSN#:

Current Jail Location: Richmond City Justice Center Riverside Regional Jail
 Southside Regional Jail

Court of Jurisdiction:

Charges:

If client is currently receiving services from RBHA, please also complete the following (note: RBHA only):

Diagnoses:

Current or Most Recent Medications:

Currently or Recently PACT/REACH/ID Services Served? No Yes

Recently housed in Adult Living Facility, Waiver Home or comparable housing? No Yes

Referring Party Information:

Referring Jail, if applicable: Richmond City Justice Center Riverside Regional Jail
 Southside Regional Jail

Referring CSB/BHA, if applicable: Chesterfield Crossroad District 19
 Goochland-Powhatan Hanover Henrico RBHA Other:

Referring Party's Name:

Phone:

Fax:

Physical Address:

Email Address:

Reason for Referral (check all that apply):

- Would like monitoring of the person's mental status and updates every 30 days
 Assistance with Discharge Planning
 Other:

Signature:

Date:

COMPLETED BY REGION 4 JAIL TEAM

Jail Team Decision

Date referral received:

Date consumer assessed by Jail Team:

Assessing Clinician: Dr. Matovich Ms. Lewis Mr. Phelps Ms. Washington

Decision: Appropriate for Jail Team Consumer Monitoring

Not Appropriate for Jail Team Consumer Monitoring; will not remain open to the Jail Team

Does not meet criteria for having a serious mental illness as primary diagnosis

Is no longer at the jail

Other:

Date decision communicated to Referring CSB/BHA/Jail: