



# Jail Mental Health Pilot Program

Presentation to

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# 2016 APPROPRIATIONS ACT

## Item 398

- J. 1. The Department of Criminal Justice Services shall solicit proposals from local or regional jails to establish pilot programs to provide services to mentally ill inmates, or to provide pre-incarceration crisis intervention services to prevent mentally ill offenders from entering jails.





# 2016 APPROPRIATIONS ACT

## Item 398 *(continued)*

The Department of Criminal Justice Services shall evaluate the proposals in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Compensation Board, and shall report a list of up to six recommended pilot sites to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than September 15, 2016.





# Selection Process: Concept Papers

## Collaboration:

- Robyn M. de Socio, Compensation Board
- Michael Schaefer, DBHDS
- John Jones, Virginia Sheriff's Association
- Bobby Russell, Virginia Association of Regional Jails
- Dick Hickman, Finance Committee Staff
- David Reynolds, Appropriations Committee Staff
- Dick Hall-Sizemore, DPB





# Selection Process: Concept Papers *(continued)*

DCJS solicited concept papers from local and regional jails in July through August 2016

19 Jails Submitted concept paper proposals for:

- \$2,656,000 for FY17 and
- \$5,319,000 for FY18
- Applied for approximately twice the amount of the available funding





# Item 398: Selection Criteria

4. In evaluating proposals and recommending pilot sites, the Department of Criminal Justice Services, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Compensation Board, shall at minimum give consideration to the following factors:
  - a. Readiness of the local or regional jail;
  - b. Proposed sharing of cost by the Commonwealth, localities, or other sources;
  - c. Demonstrated need for the program;
  - d. Collaborative relationship between the jail, community mental health treatment providers and other stakeholders;
  - e. Ensure pilot sites represent both rural and urban settings.





# Item 398: Selection Criteria

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- Comprehensiveness of the pilot program;
- Issue and need that the program will address;
- Target population for services;
- Appropriateness of selected program outcomes;
- Description proposed project and implementation plan;
- Ability to leverage existing community resources and services to sustain the program after grant funding;
- Commitment of community partners, readiness for collaboration, and demonstrated relationship with community partners;
- Coordination and transition plan with community based programs for aftercare;
- Readiness to implement program and achieve program outcomes.





# Program Components

- Treatment Clinicians
- Case Management
- Screening and Assessments
- Psychiatric Services
- Tele-psychiatry
- Linkage to Care in the Community
- Re-entry Planning
- Continuity of Medication
- Evidence-based Group and Individual Therapy







# Grant Awards

- Grant proposals brought to the Criminal Justice Services Board in December 2016
- Grants awarded for an 18 month period effective January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018



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# Pilot Sites

- Chesterfield County Jail \$416,281
- Hampton Roads Regional Jail \$939,435
- Middle River Regional Jail \$536,384
- Prince William County \$410,898
- Richmond City \$670,813
- Western VA Regional Jail \$526,185





# Performance Measures

## 4 Areas of Performance Measures

### Jail Safety

- Number of incidents due to behavioral health crises
- Number of injuries to staff and inmates due to mental health crises

### Screening and Assessment

- Screenings done in time consistent with best practice standards
- Assessments conducted for those that need them in time consistent with best practice standards





# Performance Measures *(continued)*

## Treatment Provision

- Treatment plans developed for those that need them
- Successful compliance with treatment plans

## Aftercare

- Follow-up care by mental health clinician upon release
- Availability of medication at time of release





# Grantee Requirements

As a condition of grant award, grantees must:

- Utilize a screening instrument identified by DBHDS
- Report on project performance using DCJS performance measures
- Submit quarterly program and financial reports



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# All Site Meeting

- All site meeting convened January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Provide technical assistance to sites
- Grants awarded January 1, 2017 for 18 month period



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# Questions?

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