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ASH Redesign Competency Restoration Work Group
Friday, August 21, 2020 • 1:00-2:30pm • Conference Call

Agenda
1. Welcome
2. Discuss need for supporting research and potential ROI
3. Discuss available data and additional data to be obtained
4. IDD Addendum Discussion
5. Prioritizing Strategies

Attendees
Karlee Anderson, Melissa Shearer, Cindy Klempner, Nancy Hohengarten, Cristyn Cordova, James Baker, Debbie Cohen, Alex Cogan, Karen Ranus, Amanda Matzke

Minutes
Welcome
The agenda was reviewed with the group. Shared that this may be the second to last meeting for the group.

Discuss need for supporting research and potential ROI
The chair explained that part of the charge for the group is to provide supporting research and potential returns on investments. Research may include supportive housing, medical domain, and multi-disciplinary approach. The chair asked if any members have knowledge of research that may be helpful to please forward it to the chairs. A chair recommended a book from the American Psychiatric Association called Psychiatric Services in Correctional Facilities, Third Edition.

Discuss available data and additional data to be obtained
A chair shared that some data was able to be obtained from the jail. This information was shared with the DMS team for review. The data is a little convoluted due to the way information is gathered and things are factored in. The group would like to gather additional cost data throughout the catchment area, not just Travis county. The goal is to be able to provide information on both the urban and rural areas of the catchment area. The group discussed how this information can be utilized to draw a contrast between the current process and proposed updated/changed process. The chairs will share data they currently have and any future data obtained.

IDD Addendum Discussion
The group reviewed the IDD strategies shared with the group via email. The group discussed several issues regarding IDD and TBI. A particular concern is in regards to individuals who are not identified as IDD prior to 18, which limits resources for them if identified as IDD after age 18. This results in individuals staying in jail for extended periods while the legal system identifies an appropriate path for them. The group discussed barriers to IDD testing including traveling
distance for IDD testing and lack of education, specifically in smaller communities that do not have a lot of experience in this realm. The group discussed how education regarding identification of individuals with IDD is also a need throughout the catchment area. The group agreed to incorporate these strategies into the larger recommendations. The group discussed the upcoming judicial convention and the link to register was shared. A member shared two reasons that he has experienced with the youth population resulting in jail placement. The group also discussed the data around the HCS waitlist.

Prioritizing Strategies
The chair shared that they participated in a meeting with the ASH Redesign committee chairs. A brief overview of the meeting was provided and the common aligned recommendations will be shared with the group when it is completed. The group reviewed the strategies shared by the Competency Restoration Chairs. Shared the overall group of the ASH Redesign Steering Committee and plan for recommendations received from the work groups. The group will meet one last time in September to provide information from the larger group and gather any additional research or data.