



# Health and Human Services Agenda Request

Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** June 28, 2022

**Title of Item:** Comprehensive Re-Entry (CRE) Program

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY		<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>

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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Kim Larson and Nick Anderson- H&HS Adult Social Services	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
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**Summary of Issue:**  
Present to the board an overview of the Comprehensive Re-Entry (CRE) Program

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

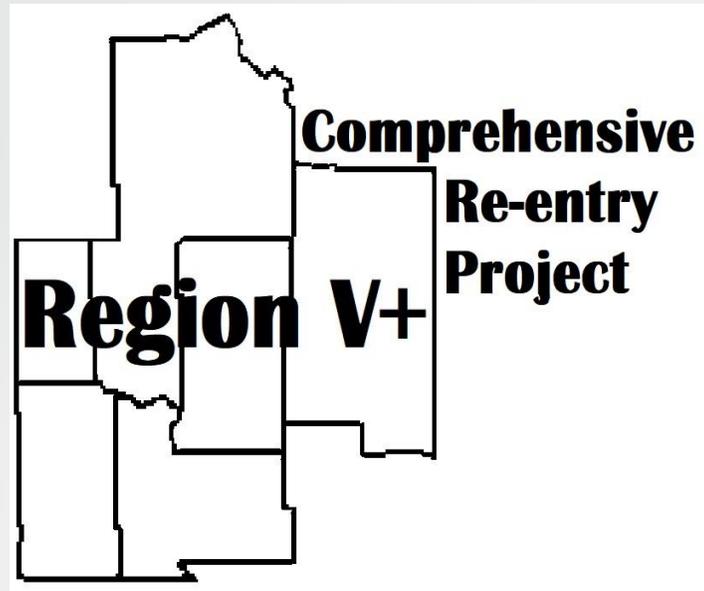
**Recommended Action/Motion:**

**Financial Impact:**  
*Is there a cost associated with this request?*  Yes  No  
*What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$*  
*Is this budgeted?*  Yes  No *Please Explain:*



# **Aitkin County Comprehensive Re-Entry Program**

**Regional Effort implemented in Region V+ AMHI**



### **Program Vision**

Build a Comprehensive Continuum of Services in the Correctional System for those who are challenged with mental and chemical health illnesses throughout Region V+ Service Area.

### **Program Mission**

Reducing recidivism by identifying needs of those detained and connecting them to community resources.

# Timelines of Program Implementation

- **August 2016** Aitkin County Jail Discharge Program was established and Nick Anderson hired to facilitate program. (Board on resolution for support). Program was established to provide early social worker response to people with mental health concerns that have been incarcerated and in need of supports and services upon discharge.
- **In 2017** Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative (AMHI) identified the need to address the increased numbers of individuals in our jail with mental health/chemical dependency needs, who were re-offending and not connecting to supports and services to address their needs.
- **Fall 2019** a new approach to manage these concerns was implemented on a regional level and was named the Comprehensive Reentry Project (CRE). This impacted process and procedures that Aitkin has already had in place.
- **Fall 2019** brought on back up social worker, Reina Irvine, to assist in Nick's absence.
- **Spring 2021** the Jail created an office space for Nick to work in a portion of his day. This has promoted improved communications regarding inmates, between the jail and health and human services. This has made it easier to work with inmates and complete tasks.

# Desired Outcomes of Program

- Timely identification of needs and improved assessment of inmates
- Improved quality of care with the additional resources – specifically connecting people to mental health and chemical dependency services who were otherwise not connected
- Reduced number of “untreated days” for persons
- Reduced recidivism and negative impacts on jail of “untreated” inmates
- Reduced number of jailed days for persons who would be more appropriately treated than jailed
- Reduced repeat law enforcement reoccurring and frequent calls on “untreated” persons
- Reduced court and county attorney involvement with “untreated” persons reoffending persons
- Reduced number of Rule 20 cases
- Overall Improved coordination and communication between agencies within our county
- Improved collaboration and service coordination between Region V+ agencies
- Data analysis and program to identify and support persons who are transient

# Screening, Early Intervention and Discharge Planning

- **Screening-** Each individual is offered a screening while in custody that helps to identify mental health concerns, chemical use concerns, and other areas of need. E.g. driving status, child support, stable housing, medical insurance.
- **Early Intervention-** It is the goal of the CRE worker to meet with each individual within 24 hours of booking, or prior to their first Court appearance.
- **Discharge Planning-** Includes referrals to appropriate services prior to release from custody. Re-entry Plans are often times drafted and given to individuals prior to their release as well.

# Strategic Shift in Addressing Needs

## Current Options

Jail

Detox

Hospital

## Shift

Stabilization

Assessment

Triage

## Future Options

**Home**

**Crisis Stabilization Beds**

**Intensive Residential Treatment Services**

**Chemical Dependency Treatment**

**Mobile Crisis**

# Funding

- **Aitkin County's AMHI and Grant Funds Allocated towards program 2018/2019 \$47,064.41, in 2020 \$24,180.50, in 2021 \$6045 and in 2022 \$6045. 2021 and 2022 grant dollars are based upon population and jail booking data.**
- **Future Funding may include Officer-Involved Community-Based Care Coordination. Legislation passed and will retro back to March 1, 2018. CMS currently reviewing for approval. Once approved, Region V+ AMHI will review process and procedures for billable service opportunities providing sustainability.**

# Aitkin County Specific

- **Process-** Each morning the CRE Social Worker receives notice of new bookings and date and time individual will appear in Court. Social Worker meets with individuals within the Jail prior to their hearing. Screenings are completed, Re-entry plans are drafted, and referrals are made. Referrals include Intensive Community Transition Services (ICTS), Chemical Use Assessments, Treatment Programming, etc.
- **Collaboration** often occurs between Aitkin County Health and Human Services, The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, the County Attorney's Office, Region V+ CRE Teams, Community Corrections, MEND Correctional Care, etc.
- **County and Regional meetings** occur to address barriers, successes, processes, and specific cases.

# Aitkin County CRE Design Team

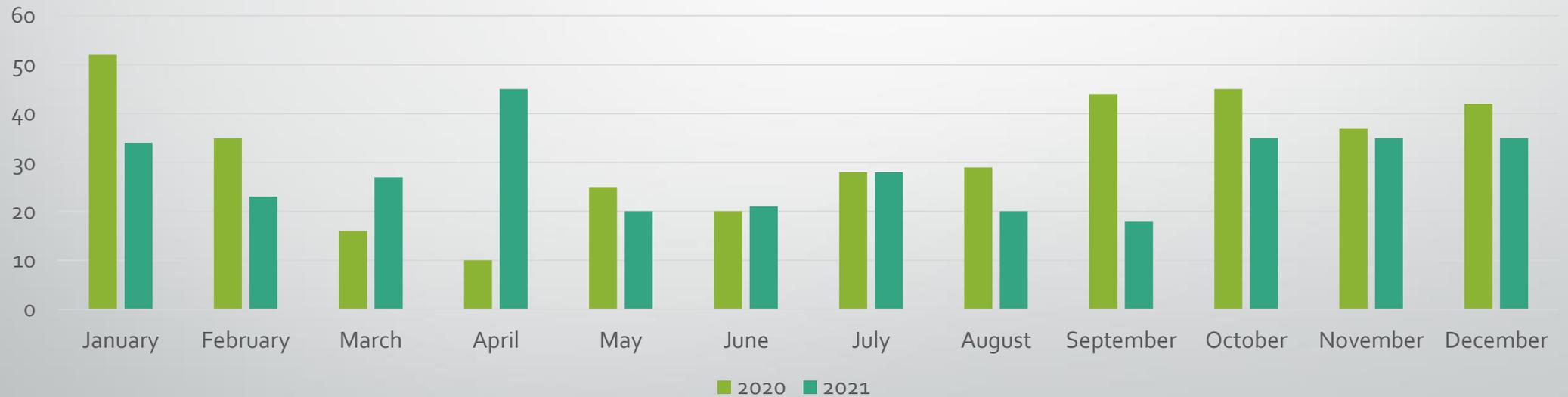


# Future Changes and Innovation

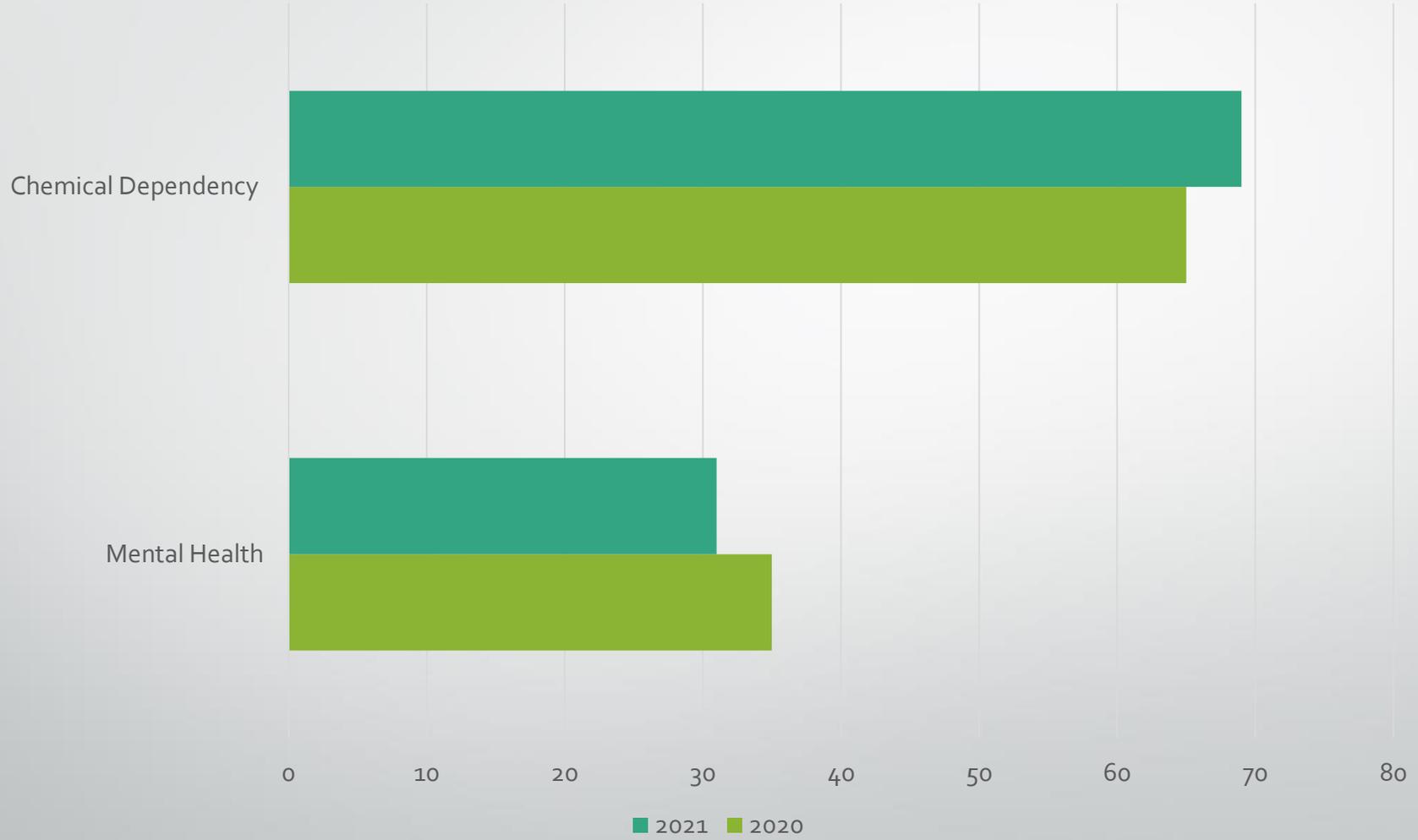
- **Potential for diversion planning which may include diversion from jail to crisis stabilization, appropriate treatment facilities, or home with services. The officer involved community based care model is a feature that can be added to the existing program and will require collaboration with local law enforcement.**
- **Substance Use Disorder Reform (SUDS)- SUDS reform will be implemented 7-1-2022. At that time Rule 25 assessments will no longer be used as a tool for determining treatment eligibility and access and comprehensive assessments will be required.**
- **Continued innovation in data tracking including looking closer at recidivism rates, in custody days, client satisfaction, and assessment of intra-agency collaboration.**

# Numbers of Individuals Served

2020-2021 Comprehensive Re-entry Data



## Breakdown of Case Type

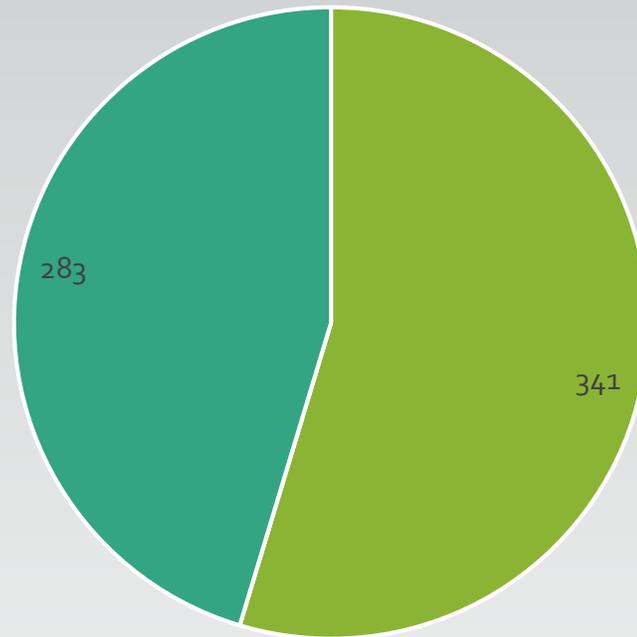


# Data in 2020 & 2021

- Average numbers of bookings per month in 2020 was 47 and average screened per month 31. Average number of bookings per month in 2021 was 52 and average screened per month 28.
- In 2020 66% of individuals screened who had been booked in jail. In 2021 55% of individuals screened who had been booked in jail.
- Recidivism rate for 2019 was 28%, 2020 was 24%, and 2021 was 18%. The overall rates are impacted by the measurement span and COVID 19. 2021 is estimated to be closer to 23%.

# 2021 Screenings

341 screened out of 624 booked



■ Number Screened   ■ Missed or Declined

## Percentage of Individuals Connected to Services in 2021

Average of 50%



# Challenges

- **Limited Inpatient Mental Health Hospital Beds available in the State.**
- **Lengthy waiting times for Rule 20 Assessments in the jail.**
- **6-8 week waiting list to Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center.**
- **Difficulty getting individuals from the jail admitted to local or psychiatric hospitals.**
- **Mobile Crisis evaluations resulting in not meeting psychiatric hospitalization level of care due to jail being a safe and secure setting.**
- **Specific example of a case challenge.**

# Positive Outcomes

- Relationship building with Sheriff's Office and Jail staff.
- Increased supports and services provided to individuals incarcerated and upon release.
- Regional effort promotes collaboration amongst counties to better serve the clients.
- Surrounding counties have obtained support and information from Region V+ on CRE Program.
- Specific examples of success and examples of referral services.

# Questions ?

- **Additional questions can be directed to: Nick Anderson (218)927-7200**