

THE
STEPPING UP
INITIATIVE



Orientation & Conversation
January 15, 2016

Today's Agenda

- Welcome & Stepping Up Initiative Orientation
 - Introduction
 - Goal
 - Objectives
 - Timeline
- Population “Studies”
- Sequential Intercept Map
- The ASK

What is the Stepping Up Initiative?

- National Call to Counties for Action
 - Forsyth County responded with a resolution in April of 2015
- Goal: Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails
- Who is involved?
 - Nationwide 202 counties have passed Stepping Up Initiative Resolutions
 - NC - 23 counties that have passed Stepping Up Initiative resolutions
- What has Forsyth County accomplished?
- Why are you here?
 - Assist in planning and generating strategies
 - Potential keys in creating solution(s)

What did the resolution say we would do?

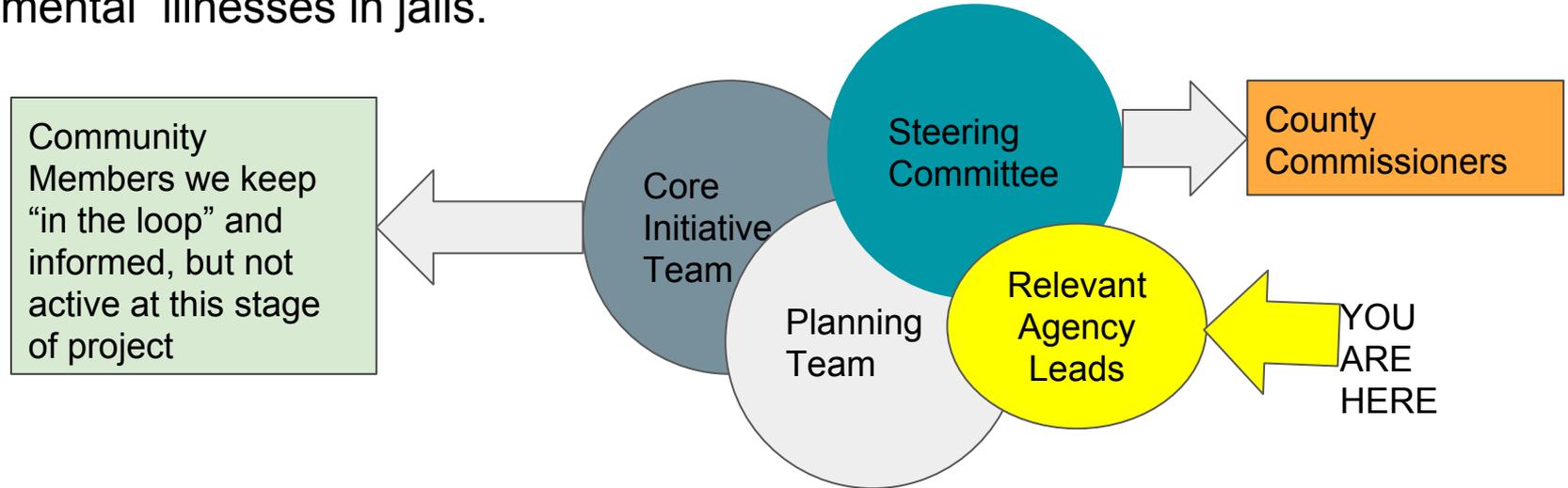
- 1. Create a coalition of diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.***
- 2. Establish a baseline of the rates of persons in jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk.***
- 3. Generate a service map/director that identifies the programs and services available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use, disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community.***
4. Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the needs and prevalence assessment data and examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers.
5. Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan.
6. Create an initiative evaluation plan.
7. Share lessons learned with other counties in North Carolina and across the U.S.

Other NC counties participating in Stepping Up

1. Alamance
2. Buncombe
3. Burke
4. Catawba
5. Craven
6. Cumberland
7. Dare
8. Davidson
9. Durham
10. Forsyth
11. Guilford
12. Macon
13. Mecklenburg
14. New Hanover
15. Orange
16. Pasquotank
17. Perquimans
18. Pitt
19. Rockingham
20. Scotland
21. Vance
22. Wake
23. Wayne

Who is/will be involved?

Create a coalition of diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.



What is out timeline?



Context Setting: Forsyth County Population Studies

United States¹

- Approximately 2 million people with serious mental illnesses admitted to jails.
- Almost 75% of these adults also have drug and alcohol use problems.

North Carolina²

- Approximately 12% of prison inmates have a serious mental illness.

Forsyth County

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- ★ Tend to stay longer in jail.
- ★ Higher recidivism rate.
- ★ Costs are two to three times more

¹Paul Beddoe, June 30, 2015, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act, Policy Brief. Retrieved from <http://www.naco.org/resources/mentally-ill-offender-treatment-and-crime-reduction-act-0>

²W. David Guice, Corrections Commissioner, December 11, 2014 proceedings of the meeting of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety.

What does Forsyth County have to do to get our numbers?

What do we mean by **mental illness**?

What degree of severity of mental illness?

How many persons in **jail** have a mental illness (baseline)?

What data (numbers) do we have?

What data do we not have?

What data can get?

Can our data “talk” to each other?

Which **groups** do we want to intervene with?

What age group ?

Which diagnoses (symptoms, behaviors)?

Which intercept?

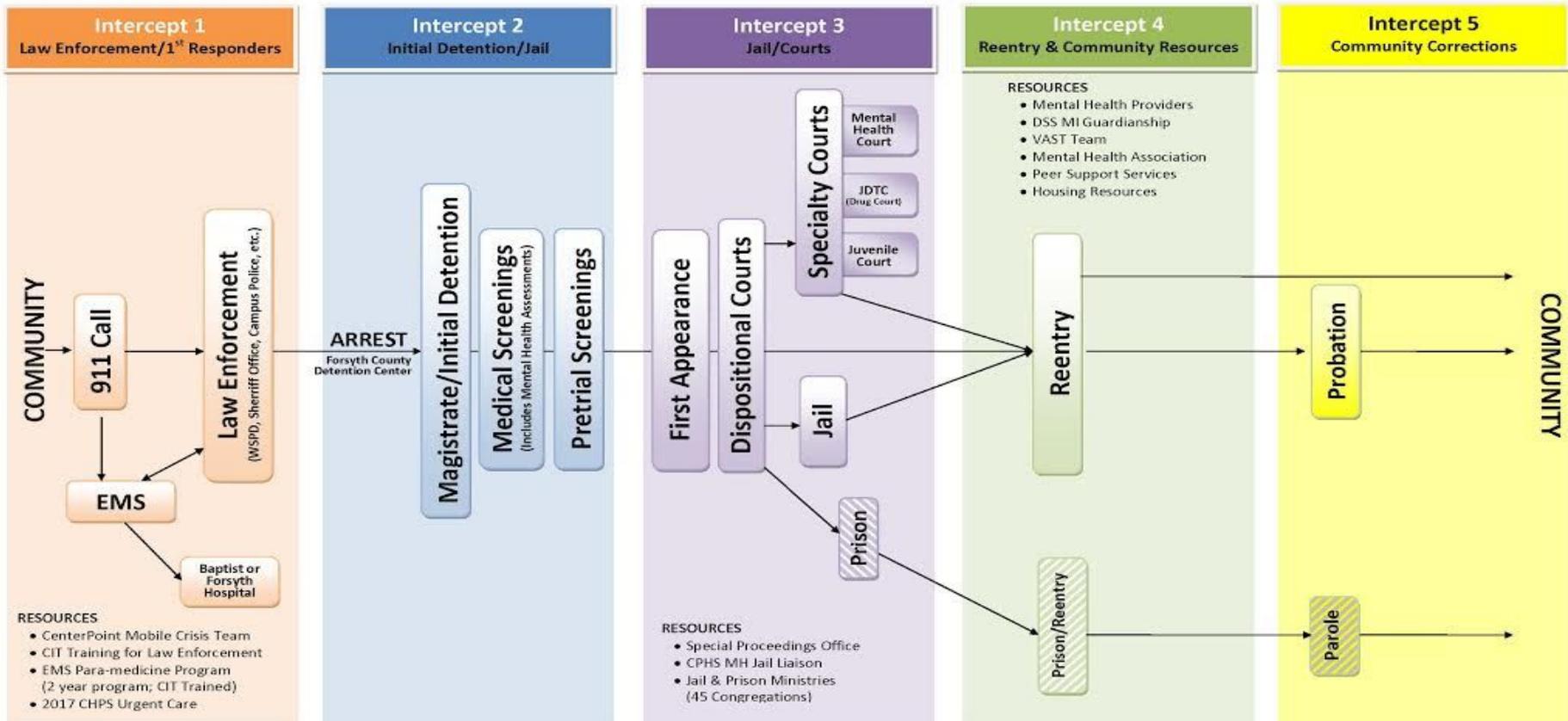
Place to start: “Forsyth’s Frequent Flyers”

Data that We Have

- EMS - paramedicine project baseline
- DSS/APS - Guardianship
- Sheriffs - Detention Center
- WSPD - Community Interventions
- Mental Health Court

Data Issues/Needs

- Different databases (that do not “speak” to each other or have a “translator”)
- Different analysis & reporting strategies
- Connections to state data bases (reports)
- Aggregating individual data (not to violate privacy rights)
- Memorandums of Agreements to share data

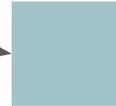
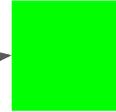


The ASK

Questions

Next Steps

- Fill out the **COMMITMENT FORM** to participate or send a representative to PLANNING TEAM.
- Take the **INFORMATION FORM** to your representative.
- Think about DATA possibilities.



THANKS FOR ATTENDING

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!