

Yolo County Collaborative Courts



Mental Health & Addiction Intervention Court



- ***Re-envisioning*** how the criminal justice system addresses those who commit crimes and who live with mental illness and/or substance use disorders
- Prioritize ***Treatment*** with accountability, not punishment
- State prison or ***something different?***

Mental Health & Addiction Intervention Court



- A treatment approach
- Not one size fits all
- Public safety first
- Thinking long term – Recidivism
- Helping people get better and become successful

What's in the Secret Sauce?



- Collaboration
- District Attorney and Public Defender
- A dedicated judge
- Dedicated staff at probation and HHSA supervising, providing services and supporting participants
- Law Enforcement Buy in

Team Collaboration



What cases should we identify



- Felony Conduct
- Serious Mental Illness - SMI (schizophrenia, schizo-affective, or bipolar) and/or
- Substance use disorder – SUD
- ***Information revealed in police report***
- Interactions by counsel with their client

When referrals are made



- ***Law enforcement identifies and contacts DA contemporaneous to arrest***
- DA identifies at charging/intake state at DA's office
- Defense counsel identifies and makes the referral
 - Early is ideal
 - Later in the case is not ideal

Mental Health Court (MHC) & Addiction Intervention Court (AIC)

ELIGIBILITY



MHC/DSH

- Diagnosed with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
- Mental State at the time of Offense (MSO) – Participant's SMI must be cause or aggravating factor in the commission of their crime

AIC

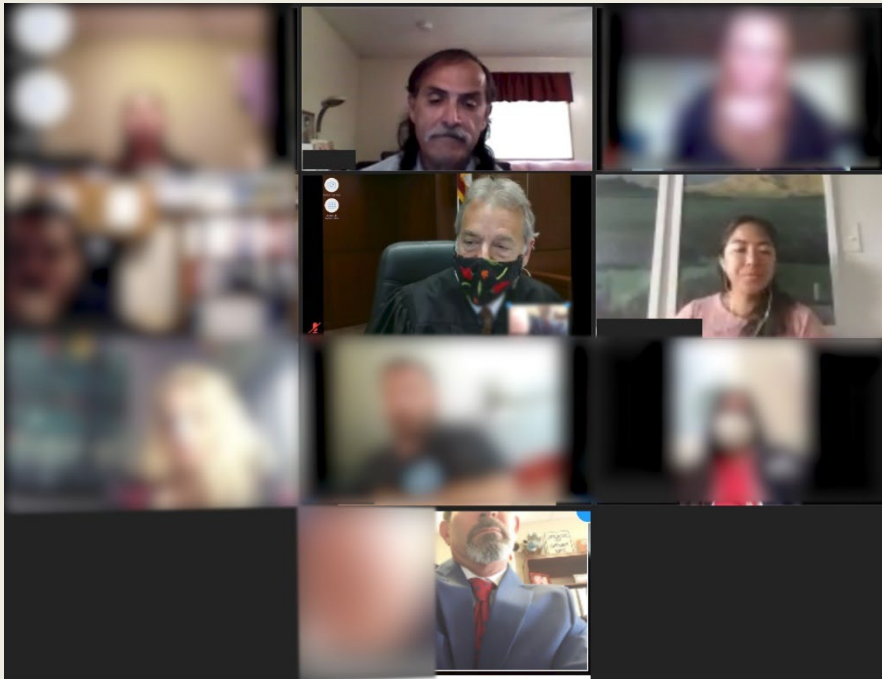
- Diagnosed with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Their SUD was the cause or aggravating factor in the commission of their crime(s)

Four Phases



- Minimum of 18 months. Participants progress through four phases:
 - Phase I: Orientation and Treatment Plan Development
 - Phase II: Early Recovery
 - Phase III: Active Recovery
 - Phase IV: Sustained Recovery
 - Restorative Justice
 - Graduation
 - MHC Alumni Program

AIC Graduations



AIC Graduations



MHC Graduations



MHC Outcome Measures

Fiscal Year 2022-23



- Jail bed days decreased by 90% 12 months post-MHC
- **Arrests decreased by 90% 12 months post-MHC**
- Local Hospital Bed Days decreased by 89% 12 months post-MHC
- State Hospital Bed Days decreased by 100% 12 months post-MHC

AIC Outcome Measures

Fiscal Year 2022-23



- **80% Decrease
in arrests**
- **80 % decrease
in jail bed days**

Options for less severe mental illness



- **Mental Health Diversion Program**
 - CCP funding for 1001.36 *based* program
 - ✦ PD
 - ✦ DA
 - ✦ Probation Officer
 - ✦ CBO – Case worker, Clinician, Peer Support worker

1st MH-Div Meeting



MH-Div Halloween BBQ



1st MH-Div Graduation



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Mental health court celebrates grads

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Wednesday was a big day for Adrian Rodriguez.

He'd taken time off of work, watched a YouTube video that morning to learn how to tie a tie, and was now sitting in a courtroom at the Yolo County courthouse, wearing that tie with a matching suit jacket and listening as a judge asked him if he had anything to say.

He did.

"I want to, first of all, apologize publicly to my mom," Rodriguez said.

"Sorry it took so long to become me. The real me," he told his mother as she sat in the back of the courtroom, wiping away tears.

"My mom's always done the



COURTESY PHOTO

Adrian Rodriguez receives his certificate of completion from Judge Janet Gaard after a year in Yolo County's Mental Health Diversion Court.

most she could for me," Rodriguez told the court, "and I just couldn't do it."

But in the end, he did.

A year after entering Yolo County's Mental Health Diversion

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MH-Div Graduations



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Moving forward...



- **Young Adults Court**

Questions

