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RE: Mental Health Court Funding

The idea of a Mental Health Court is an excellent one that deserves consideration and analysis. There are several areas that Mental Health staff could be involved:

- For seriously mentally ill individuals on Service Teams, the Team staff could work with the courts with treatment, placement, and follow-up options. Currently, Teams are expected to follow mentally ill individuals over time and across programs. This would include discussion with Public Defenders, Judges, Probation Officers, Conservators/Guardians and to assure individuals appear in court.
- Our Homeless Team could be a specialized treatment resource and, along with the Mobile Mental Health Team, could offer timely treatment, evaluation, and interventions.
- Further work and coordination between Pre-Trial Services, Department of Correction, and Adult Custody Mental Health continues in an attempt to quickly connect inmates to mental health services.

Having a Mental Health Court with a designated District Attorney and Public Defender would allow improved coordination and, hopefully, more jail diversion options.

I have also attached a memo from Lewis Pollard that updates Mobile Mental Health Team planning around Sobering Station, Sheriff's Department and Pre-Trial Services.

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Attachment

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