

Program Title: Pinellas County Marchman Act Recovery Team

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Program Abstract:

In Pinellas County the Pinellas County Jail is where individuals are held for an involuntary admission Marchman Act (FL Statute 397.675-397.6977). This statute was designed to provide protective custody for the purpose of assessment and stabilization for those substance impaired individuals who have lost power of self-control or exhibit impaired judgement and have or may inflict harm upon themselves or others. The Pinellas County Jail reports that from January 1 to December 31, 2016 there were 1,192 Marchman Act bookings with 897 unduplicated individuals. Currently, the only service provided at the Pinellas County Jail is monitoring intoxication medical symptoms to determine stabilization for release from custody. There is no substance use screening, assessment or referral to substance use disorder treatment provided to these individuals. The 295 individuals with two or more Marchman Act bookings account for an unmet need for linkage to substance use disorder services. Providing services to these high need, high utilizer (HNHU) individuals while involuntarily held under the Marchman Act would reduce administrative costs associated with recurring incarceration to include; involuntary transportation, booking, and custody, not to mention social and emotional costs of the disease of addiction for the individual. A **Marchman Act Recovery Team** is proposed to intervene in the revolving door of Marchman Act bookings and facilitate linkage to treatment services for these high need, high utilizing individuals who are costly to the system and in need of substance use disorder treatment.

Population Served, Approach and Delivery:

A **Marchman Act Recovery Team** is proposed to meet the unmet needs of individuals with two or more Marchman Acts in the Pinellas County Jail. **This is approximately 295 people annually or 885 individuals over the span of this three year grant.** This plan is based on the promising practice of the Mental Health Empowerment Team approach currently being utilized by PEMHS and Operation PAR for a defined HNHU population of jail and mental health clients. The proposed **Marchman Act Recovery Team** would provide in jail services screening and referral to treatment to all Marchman Act booked individuals. Screening and assessment capabilities would be available to the jail seven days per week working in collaboration with the booking and medical personnel at the Pinellas County Jail. PEMHS staff trained and qualified for Marchman Act screening and assessment would use the evidenced-based practice of Motivational Interviewing to engage individuals step down to accessible non-secure voluntary detox and/or residential or outpatient treatment at Operation PAR. This diversion program would also include recovery case management services to assist these HNHU individuals to navigate and maintain recovery supports

Collaboration and Community Support

The Pinellas County System of Care work group includes a wide variety of stakeholders, providers, and funders of behavioral health services. The group conducted a service ranking exercise resulting in centralized screening, assessment, and referral for behavioral health needs as the top priority. Pinellas County was not able to secure state funding for a Central Receiving Facility to meet this priority resulting in the Sheriff requesting services for secure Marchman Act screenings, assessment and referral at the

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Pinellas County Jail. As a result, a multidisciplinary workgroup including Pinellas County Jail leadership, PEMHS, Operation PAR, and CFBHN have been meeting for a period of more than two months to pilot a small program using current capacity for this purpose. The group determined that focusing on the HNHU, defined as two or more Marchman Act bookings, be targeted for special wrap around recovery treatment services.

This diversion-focused, reinvestment grant would provide a **Marchman Act Recovery Team** that would include additional stakeholders and service providers, and increase capacity for services to the HNHU, a hallmark promising practice of the Mental Health Empowerment Team. **PEMHS, Operation PAR, CFBHN, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and Pinellas County Government will be the primary collaborators on the Marchman Act Recovery Team with other providers such as mental health and housing specialists services contracted as needed.**

Outcomes

The primary objectives of this project is to (1) establish a multidisciplinary **Marchman Act Recovery Team** designed to improve the system of care for high utilizers and (2) to strengthen the local interagency approach for this population to facilitate the following sub-objectives:

- Reduce subsequent booking for Marchman Act or other substance use related arrests (disorderly intoxication)
- Increase access to substance use disorder services for all Marchman Act bookings in Pinellas County Jail
- Increase step downs to voluntary detoxification and substance use disorder treatment
- Provide repeated client engagement from first contact through enrollment and throughout treatment
- Improve inter-agency coordination and operational design

Program Budget:

The program budget requested is the full Implementation Reinvestment Grant amount of \$400,000 each year for 3 years of a total of \$1,200,000. Operation PAR as lead agency has the ability to comply with all grant requirements. **Match requirements** will be met by the current funding of two detox beds by Pinellas County Government at Operation PAR's community based detoxification program.

If this proposal is approved by the Public Safety Coordinating Council, Operation PAR has the capacity to complete the full application by May 24, 2017 to allow for one week for final review prior to submission.

Conclusion

Our community residents pay a price in terms of crime rates, public safety and tax rates. In Pinellas County, as the use of drugs continues to rise, individuals pay the price with their lives as death from overdose continue to increase. The **Marchman Act Recovery Team** is a needed program to intervene at a crisis point in an individual's substance use progression. Using a promising practice model and evidenced-based tools the **Marchman Act Recovery Team** can positively impact the trajectory of an individual's substance use disorder, and assist the community by identification and assistance to these high need individuals.