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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS - WESTERN DIVISION

Objective: Nationally, the number of mentally ill offenders in the corrections system has been increasing at alarming rates. It is estimated that over 20% of offenders in jails and prisons in this country suffer from a severe mental illness. This trend is consistent on a local level as well. In response to this the First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services has worked diligently to develop treatment programming with enhanced correctional supervision to provide services in the community that afford the mentally ill correctional consumer the best possible opportunity to not only survive but to thrive in the community.

All of the mental health programs are available for males and females.

JAIL DIVERSION AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Jail Diversion & Assessment Program was developed to identify mentally ill offenders while they are in jail and assist with transition from incarceration to the community. A Community Treatment Coordinator has been assigned to identify mentally ill offenders in the Black Hawk County Jail and complete assessment work to determine if those offenders may be appropriate for services in the community. The treatment coordinator will initiate contact with various agencies to determine resources available options for the offender and present options to the court, attorneys, and probation/parole officers regarding possible alternatives to jail and prison.

MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROJECT EQUINOX

In 2009, Black Hawk County began mental health court. Mental health court is a collaborative partnership between criminal justice and mental health agencies. These partnerships dubbed mental health court 'Project Equinox'.

Project Equinox is a specialized court docket for clients with mental illnesses that substitutes a problem solving model for traditional court processing. Participants are identified through mental health screening and assessments and voluntarily participate in a judicially supervised treatment plan developed jointly by a team of court staff and mental health professionals. Incentives reward adherence to the treatment plan or other court conditions, non-adherence may be sanctioned, and success or graduation is defined according to predetermined criteria.

The mission statement of Project Equinox is to promote mental health stability for participants so they can live a healthier, more independent life within the community while protecting the public.

SPECIAL NEEDS OFFENDER PROGRAM

The First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services has a Probation/Parole Officer III assigned to work with special needs offenders who suffer from severe mental illness, mental retardation, and brain injuries. Many of these offenders are placed in various care facilities throughout the state. This officer acts as a liaison between the Department of Correctional Services, the community agencies, and the courts.

TRANSITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

The Transitional Mental Health Re-Entry Program was developed to identify mentally ill offenders who are getting ready to be released from prison or who are currently in jail to assist in the transition from incarceration to the community. A unique feature to this program is the Community Accountability Board. This board is comprised of various agencies and individuals from the community who have a vested interest in the mentally ill who come together to assist the Department of Correctional Services and the correctional consumers in developing comprehensive treatment plans to address all aspects (mental health, medications, housing, finances, community re-integration) which will increase the correctional consumers likelihood of making a successful transition back into the community. This board will review potential program participants to develop a comprehensive treatment plan, addressing identified needs that will have the greatest impact for a successful community transition. The Community Accountability Board will have on-going involvement with the correctional consumer to support the treatment plan and the goals of the individual.

MENTAL HEALTH RE-ENTRY

Two Probation/Parole Officer III's have been designated to work with offenders with mental illness who also need intensive supervision. Offenders in the Mental Health Re-entry Program may reside in the Waterloo Residential Correctional Facility or in the community. These specialized agents work with a variety of agencies to assist this unique population live a productive lifestyle.