Fall 2017 Assembly
Mental Health Strategy
Mental Illness Continues to be a Significant Problem in Our Society

• Approximately 1 in 5 people in the US lives with a mental condition

• Approximately 26% of Homeless Adults Staying in Shelters Live with Serious Mental Illness

• Nearly 60% of Adults with Mental Illness did not receive Mental Health Services in the past year

• In Northern Lake County 17% of Adults reported Mental Illness in the Past Year
Prison Population and Mental Illness

• Approximately 1 in 3 individuals in county jails and prisons are Mentally Ill contributing to repeat offenders returning to jail

• On average, people with mental illness remain incarcerated 4 to 8 times longer than those without a mental illness arrested for exact same charge, costing 7 times higher.

• As a result, the prison recidivism rate has been predicted to cost the state of Illinois $16.7 billion over the next five years

• In Lake County, the 100 most incarcerated individuals returned to jail between 8 and 17 times in one year.
Review: Strategy / Goals

GOAL: Reduce the number of people with mental illness from the criminal justice system, and into proper treatment

Strategy

1) 75% of law enforcement receives Critical Intervention Training (CIT)

2) Improving access to crisis stabilization - to treat rather than incarcerate or emergency rooms

3) Increase affordable, supportive housing - critical for stability
What is Crisis Intervention Training?

• 40 hours of specialized mental health crisis training
• Educates officers to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illnesses
• Provides skills to de-escalate crisis situations
• Helps officers access treatment facilities, not jail
What is a Crisis Stabilization Units?

• People in Crisis taken to Stabilization Units instead of Jail or hospital emergency rooms

Key components:

• 24/7 intake
• Triage with connections to: inpatient hospitalization, outpatient services
• Quick drop off for police (15 min)
• Detox component to address addictions
The Cost of Not Taking Action

• If CIT member prevents one individual from jail saves $150/day; $54,750/year

• Crisis Stabilization Units Saves County 80% jail cost for each individual served

• Crisis Care Center reduces Health and emergency costs by 73%

• Supportive Housing Costs Reduces Costs of Needed Services from $40,000 to $11,000 annually.
CIT - Progress to Date

• Sheriff applied and received $250,000 from Dept. of Justice to implement CIT
• Since 2016 increase of 62 sheriff deputies, 21 Correction Officers, 11 Dispatchers
• State has added 10 CIT classes per year
• College of Lake County is applying to be a certified CIT trainer
CIT – Case Study Miami Dade County

• Population of Miami Dade County – 2.6MM
  o 14 CIT trainings per year for 36 police departments
  o Total number of officers: 6,500
  o CIT training rate: 75%

• Estimated annual CIT response
  o 16,000 CIT calls
  o 3,757 diversions
  o $18 M savings (jail days avoided)
US HealthVest proposing behavioral hospital at Vista West

146 Beds with units for children, teens, adults, seniors
7 to 10 days
24/7 intake and assessed within 15 min of arrival
Police can bring
Detox 8-10 days then referred to treatment centers
4 stages of treatment:
  hospitalization
  day hospital
  intensive outpatient and outpatient.
No one leaves without a discharge plan and place to go.

NO ONE TURNED AWAY BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY
Focus for Future Efforts

• Build support for resources to track and expand CIT

• Continued to work with Governor Rauner’s staff, other state departments and the county to seek expansion of coverage and lower rates of Managed Care Companies (MCO) through cost savings proposals

• Expand Long Term Supportive Housing

Join Us in Spring 2018 for a even larger assembly to help reach these goals.