**Overview- Mental Health Offender Program**

**Social Justice and Community Investment Committee**

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**Purpose:** A pilot program to reduce the demands on the criminal justice system by helping those with mental illness. The program will provide pretrial release from custody, a customized plan of care to stabilize defendants, and court supervision to ensure compliance

**Partners:** Duval County Judges, State Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, Sulzbacher Center, Lutheran Services of Florida, Gateway Community Services

**Program Scope:**

Number of Participants: 20-40

Length**:** 9 month pilot

Requirements –Conformance to the Sulzbacher Center MHOP program rules, court supervision requirements and lease (if applicable)

Violations – Reported to Court during Supervision

Services Offered–Intensive Mental Health services, free prescriptions, Case Management, Drug and alcohol rehabilitation, scattered site housing (if needed); wraparound services: job placement, Soar processor for SSI/SSDI, peer specialist, and other supportive services as needed

**Process:**

* Selection of targeted clients-JSO, Sulzbacher and approved by S.A. and P.D. (will be representative of all MH flags 37% homeless and 63% housed)
* Criteria-history of repeated arrests for non-violent misdemeanors, are severely mentally ill and require intensive wraparound services
* Pre-trial diversion program
* Criminal Justice system & Sulzbacher Center administer
* Restore mentally ill individuals from criminal cycle to stability and personal responsibility

**Outcome Reporting:**

* Taxpayer Savings- \*arrests, \*jail time, JSO time, \*CSU and hospitals admissions ,\*JFRD usage
* Reduction in demands on law enforcement for low level offenses increasing resources for violent crime
* Improved Criminal Justice System Collaboration and Restoration for Mentally Ill Misdemeanor Offenders
* Increased capacity and safety for Pre-trial Detention Facility
* Reduction of Crime Incidents
* \*Reduction in Homelessness
* \*Decrease in Recidivism
* \*Income Attainment-both through jobs and mainstream benefits
* \*Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery

\*Data reported back to Opioid and Mental Health Task Force monthly

**Funding:**

$200,000- Jacksonville Sheriff Office

$200,000- City of Jacksonville

$100,000-Match from Sulzbacher