

Proposal for Fiscal Years 2023-26
Allocation of Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH)
Mental Health Services Funds (MHSF)
December 2022

Public Health Meets Public Safety (PH/PS) Project

In fiscal year (FY) 2019-20, CCJBH received \$300,000 General Fund one-time contract funding to develop and implement an evaluation framework to monitor critical issues affecting California's BH and public safety outcomes. Using these funds, CCJBH established a contract with the Council on State Governments (CSG) Justice Center. To date, CSG has:

- ✓ Compiled an inventory of publicly available datasets relevant to the behavioral health / justice-involved (BH/JI) population, which has been made available on the CCJBH website;
- ✓ Reviewed legal considerations around data-sharing;
- ✓ Developed a research-informed PH/PS Framework for organizing and prioritizing data relevant to the Council's mission of reducing incarceration for people with BH needs and utilizing the feedback of individuals with lived experience;
- ✓ Built a prototype data visualization based on the framework that meaningfully displays available data.

Knowing that the contract period and funding amount would be insufficient to establish a robust data visualization, and that not all necessary data would be currently or readily available, the final deliverable of the contract involves a report of recommendations for expansion and sustainability of this initiative, which is due to CCJBH by December 31, 2022. *Note: The final results of this report, along with a demonstration of the Data Visualization, will be presented to CCJBH Councilmembers at the April 2023 Full Council Meeting.*

Proposal for Upcoming Allocation CCJBH MHSF (beginning in FY 2023-24)

CCJBH receives an ongoing annual allocation of \$670,000 from the Mental Health Services Act funds (MHSF) for “stakeholder advocacy contracts, and associated program administration, to support mental health outreach, and services for criminal justice-involved populations.”¹ Given the importance of using data to support decision-making, CCJBH seeks to use a portion of its MHSF allocation to continue the progress realized to date through PH/PS project. Using the knowledge gained thus far, CCJBH staff propose the development of a solicitation for consulting services to implement the recommendations CSG will be providing to CCJBH by December 31, 2022, for the PH/PS Data Analysis and Reporting Framework, which involves continuing to build out the Data Visualization, as well as developing fact sheets and informational briefs based on the compiled data. Throughout the duration of this contract, CCJBH would further engage and welcome input from a diverse groups of stakeholders to help identify priorities, inform project designs, and advance the development of recommendations that continue to lead to improved outcomes for the BH/JI population. With this collective input,

¹ 2018-2019 Budget Committee Final Closeout dated June, 8, 2018. “Approve \$795,000 ongoing for the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health to establish a consumer contract to represent the mentally ill population that is involved with the criminal justice system (\$670,000) and 1 position to the Council (\$125,000).”

the contractor would work to produce deliverables related to best practices and/or recommendations for improvements in systems and communities throughout the state to improve the BH/JI population expertise in the most challenging areas, such as access to health and behavioral health care, housing, employment/education, and social services.

Establish a Contract to Implement the PH/PS Data Analysis and Reporting Framework (\$166,666/year x 3 years = ~\$500,000 Total MHSF)

Based on CSG's final report recommendations and the work performed to date, the requested contract funding would be used to continue to:

- Identify clear protocols for measurement of priority metrics for the Council (e.g., prevalence rates, workforce).
- Maintain currency of the data that will populate the PH/PS Framework that is being initiated under CCJBH's current contract with CSG, which ends on December 31, 2022.
- Expand the PH/PS Data Visualization, which is based on a health equity lens by integrating the lived experience perspectives of the BH/JI population. This will involve securing the necessary publicly-available data, as well as non-public data through data requests and new analyses to populate the dashboard.
- Work with stakeholders (e.g., individuals with lived experience and potential agency users) to develop detailed recommendations for collection and integration of data that are not currently available (data would be classified as "not yet collected," "collected but poor quality," "collected but not aggregated," "aggregated but inaccessible," and "accessible but un-linkable"), including how to address the relevant barriers.
- Develop a structured process for strategic data-sharing to better understand how to best reduce incarceration for people with behavioral health needs, including engaging relevant state data owners (e.g., DHCS, CDCR, BCSH, MHSOAC, DSH, BSCC, DOJ) in a joint planning process to identify priority policy questions for each entity and how data linkages can be developed to better answer these questions.
- Analyze/interpret the PH/PS Framework Data Visualization, with input from stakeholders, and present findings to the Council on relevant trends in identified priority areas in the form of fact sheets and informational briefs.
- Provide CCJBH with support for on-demand advisement on existing datasets and research projects; and provide training for CCJBH staff on leveraging available data.
- Enhance CCJBH's website with data linkages and partnerships to other relevant data projects.

These pioneering data reporting efforts will serve as a point of departure to initiate reporting on available accurate data, as well as identify data quality issues for those data points that are captured, but are of poor quality, and highlight data collection gaps for key indicators that are critical to fully understand the BH/JI population, particularly with regard to upstream, community measures that are essential in preventing justice system involvement altogether. Collectively, these efforts will allow CCJBH to fully and effectively engage in the multi-departmental projects

and initiatives that present opportunities that can lead to meaningful impacts to achieve, or at least move closer to, CCJBH's 2025 Goals to benefit the BH/JI population.

Next Steps

CCJBH staff will present this contract proposal to CCJBH Councilmembers during the December 9, 2022, meeting to solicit Councilmember and public stakeholder feedback to ensure the needs of the BH/JI populations are accurately and appropriately reflected in the solicitation. Councilmembers will be requested to vote to have CCJBH staff move forward to develop Request for Proposals (RFP) for this contract, with a targeted release in the early months of 2023. CCJBH anticipates to execute this contract no sooner than July 1, 2023.