

Eleventh Judicial Criminal Mental Health Project
Misdemeanor Jail Diversion Program
Referral Process

Program Criteria

- Misdemeanor or traffic case only
- Diagnosis of severe & persistent mental illness (SPMI), specifically: Schizophrenia, Bipolar or Major Depression.
- Voluntarily agree to mental health treatment and services

How to make a referral (Out of custody)

- Email:
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- Include (**required**):
Defendant's name, case number, a-form, contact information (phone number & address)
psychiatric evaluations and/or documented evidence of mental illness & reason for referral.
- In Court, Reset:
2 weeks

How to make a referral (In custody)

- Jail Diversion Assessment Order is signed in court and forwarded to Jail Diversion Program (arrest form included)
- Court case is reset in Jail Division, 11am calendar (72 hours)
- Jail Diversion Program screens pending charges to ensure Misdemeanor/Traffic charges only
- Order is communicated with Corrections Health Staff who assess the referred for the following criteria:
 1. Defendant meets criteria for PC, CHS shall provide the Original PC and medical clearance to Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) Jail Diversion Program staff.
 2. Defendant is appropriate and willing to accept voluntary admission to crisis unit. CHS shall provide the AOC Jail Diversion Program a copy of the psychiatric evaluation.
 3. Defendant is stable and willing to receive community treatment with Jail Diversion supervision on an outpatient basis. CHS shall provide the AOC Jail Diversion Program a copy of the psychiatric evaluation.
 4. Defendant does not meet criteria for PC and declines services.
 5. Defendant does not meet criteria for mental health treatment by diagnosis.

After referral is made

1. The JDP will engage the referred individual and explain program services. Program staff will develop a transition plan based upon evidence-based screening tools designed to determine criminogenic risks and needs to determine appropriate level of service delivery.
2. The JDP requests documented evidence of SPMI.
3. The Jail Diversion Program (JDP) seeks approval from the State Attorney's Office (not division ASA's) based on legal charges & criminal priors.
4. The JDP advises defense attorney of screening results.
5. The JDP presents findings to the Court and requests transfer to appropriate mental health calendar.