

Work Group to Re-envision the Jail Replacement Project

Small Group Activity Template– Intercepts 2 & 3

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Instructions:

The following table lists Key Events and Potential Strategies for SIM Intercepts 2 and 3, as detailed in the Issue Briefs. The list of potential strategies gives ideas offered by Work Group members during interviews, and potential strategies identified by the Technical Support Team. *The Examples of Potential Strategies* column is not intended to be comprehensive or to suggest order of importance, rather the examples are intended to stimulate discussion and result in the development of strategies that the WG members believe show the most promise to reduce the jail population and close CJ's 3 & 4. The WG ideas will be documented in the column titled "*Work Group Strategies*." As WG members develop new or bring forward ideas from existing efforts, please think about the following two questions:

- Which of these strategies do you believe is **most promising** for reducing the jail population and closing CJ #3 & 4?
- Which of these strategies do you believe will have an **immediate impact** (by 2020)?

Intercept	Key Events	Examples of Potential Strategies	Work Group Strategies
Intercept 2 – Initial Detention and Initial Hearing	Cite and release from County Jail		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute supervised citations where people are called and reminded of their court date. Once people fail to appear, can issue a warrant, people can be cited again. Can also conduct a more detailed look at the policies around failure to appear. • Improve the process for investigating existing warrants in order to release faster and expedite release. • Expand eligibility for cite and release which is currently limited. The group questioned how comprehensive the eligible for cite list is.
	Release on Own Recognizance (OR)	<p>Work Group Interviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the success rate of pretrial diversion programs and expand on what works <p>Technical Support Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an open court system to determine the release of individuals on pre-arraignment OR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members felt that having an open court doesn't solve the problem. • Re-institute weekend booking and weekend court. The group noted the difficulty of exploring evening and weekend looking because this is dependent on state funding and the number of judges is set by the state. The group pointed to the New York Night Court as a possible model. • Improve the efficiency of the courts to reduce the amount of time people are in custody. The group discussed the time needed for prep time, 24/7 staffing, and budget limitations. • Conduct an assessment of who gets released on OR to minimize racial disparities. Studies have shown that OR releases are biased against people of color. Should assess who gets released on OR.

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Intercept #2 (Continued)	Release on bail	<p>Work Group Interviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidize bail to reduce or eliminate bail payment • Increase staffing of the Public Defender’s Bail Unit <p>Technical Support Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform or abolish the cash bail system • Replace cash bail with risk-based release decisions • Reduce bail amounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Public Defender’s Bail Unit and their ability to conduct better assessments. • Increase pre-trial release services by expanding their capacity and resources. • Expand pre-trial diversion by providing more resources (staff, money hours, etc.). • Conduct a reassessment of the effectiveness of the Arnold Tool. Group experts shared their knowledge on the Arnold Tool and how it works. Noted that in-depth interviews with the detainees’ family and community supports were done prior to the introduction of the tool. The group recommended that defenders do a follow up, get that interaction with family members and do an interview. • Re-assess offense to ensure it was appropriate.
	Comprehensive Health Assessments		
	Jail Classification and Housing Determination		

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	Charging (Filing) Decision	Technical Support Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyze District Attorney charging decisions to determine how to reduce unnecessary arrests and bookingsAssign District Attorney prosecutors, paralegals, and staff to make charging decisions on weekends to reduce length of stay	

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Intercept 3 – Resolution of Case	Jail Services	Technical Support Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create discharge planning office • Ongoing review of release eligibility • Expanding opportunities for nontraditional case resolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed what discharge planning entails and group members clarified the different players involved in discharge planning office. • Improve coordination with community-based organizations (CBOs) to know when people are going to be released/coordinate transport of individuals. • Expand funding for CBOs to better coordinate their work with discharge planning. Ensure community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, families are a part of the discharge planning process. Work collaboratively with families to integrate people upon release. Need to take into consideration the community and support people are being released into.

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	Collaborative Courts	<p>Work Group Interviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide incentives to participate in the collaborative courts • Extend court hours or increase relevant staffing to decrease time to disposition <p>Technical Support Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding availability of on-demand housing and treatment options • Increasing efficiency of traditional and nontraditional Court processes • Expanding opportunities for nontraditional case resolution 	
Intercept #3 (Continued)	Sentencing Planner Program	<p>Work Group Interviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand residential treatment beds • Prioritize access to residential treatment beds for individuals involved with criminal justice <p>Technical Support Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create discharge planning office • Ongoing review of release eligibility • Expanding availability of on-demand housing and treatment options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of residential beds and have clear guidelines on the prioritization for the beds. The group discussed prioritization challenges and how prioritization can create competition between those being diverted to beds directly from the community and those that are being diverted from jails. The group discussed the difficulty of setting aside beds for certain individuals and suggested increasing funding for beds. • The group discussed establishing a triage center and having to rationalize how to triage people. • Expand community programs. Community expansion helps the community, but also supporting the people being released from jail. • Increase the availability of housing, and prioritize diversion into housing. Want to ensure people have a stable environment.

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	Traditional Court Processes	Work Group Interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extend court hours or increase relevant staffing to decrease time to disposition Technical Support Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increasing efficiency of traditional and nontraditional Court processes• Expanding opportunities for nontraditional case resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group discussed taking violent offenses into consideration for nontraditional case resolution and “looking into the details” of a case.