

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 21

SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON SUPPORTING CARE COORDINATION FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS: DATA GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRATION AND AMEND REPORT BACK SCHEDULE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Individuals involved in the justice system often face challenges such as homelessness and lack of health insurance which makes accessing and adhering to health and social service programs difficult. In turn, this creates a challenge to receiving ongoing care and treatment of health conditions among this population. Additionally, data indicates that justice-involved individuals are among the most underserved in society, which contributes to poor health and social outcomes, such as significantly higher rates of infectious disease, chronic physical and behavioral health conditions, and homelessness. These disparities underscore the importance of care coordination for justice-involved individuals and pursuing all actions that support enhancing the ability to connect individuals to the care and services they need.

Recognizing the challenges faced by justice-involved individuals, and to demonstrate their commitment to addressing inequities and health disparities that impact this population, on May 10, 2022 (3), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved *Supporting Care Coordination for Justice-Involved Individuals Through Funding and Integrated Data Infrastructure*. This Board action acknowledged the challenge of coordinating care across justice, health and social service sectors and requested a report of challenges and opportunities for data integration and a proposed data governance structure. On February 28, 2023 (20), the Board received and approved a report entitled *Supporting Care Coordination for Justice-Involved Individuals through Funding and Integrated Data Infrastructure: Report on Potential Opportunities and Challenges Impacting Data Sharing*, acknowledging the challenge of care coordination across justice, health and social service sectors without a data governance structure and integrated data system.

Today's action proposes a data governance structure and provides updates on data sharing and integration efforts to support care coordination of justice-involved individuals. The proposed data governance structure includes a plan for a six-month pilot with a subsequent report to the Board in early 2024 to update on progress.

Today's actions align with the County of San Diego's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished through collaborative efforts that support coordination of care for those involved with the justice system, ultimately leading to improved health and well-being outcomes, and contributing to the reduction of health disparities and inequities impacting this population.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive an update on Supporting Care Coordination for Justice-Involved Individuals through Funding and Integrated Data Infrastructure: Data Governance and Integration.
2. Amend the report back schedule as described in the May 10, 2022 (3) San Diego County Board of Supervisors action to eliminate the requirement of every 180 days and replace it with a report back in early 2024.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

On January 12, 2021 (8), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a resolution declaring racism a public health crisis and took bold action to tackle this issue to improve the overall health and well-being of San Diego County residents. Establishing a data governance structure to facilitate data sharing related to care coordination for justice-involved individuals is an important step in supporting the Board's commitment to addressing this issue. In 2021, Black individuals accounted for 17% of all arrests in San Diego County while representing 5% of the adult population in the same year. Hispanic individuals accounted for 35% of all arrests while representing 32% of the population. White individuals represent nearly half of San Diego County's population and accounted for 41% of all arrests. Race and ethnic-based disparities within the criminal legal system, and their correlation to poor health, social and economic outcomes, underpin the importance of data collection and sharing to address trends, enhance care coordination, dismantle systemic contributors to disparities, and improve health outcomes for all. The County continues to advance efforts to address inequities and reduce disparities that impact justice-involved individuals and improve health outcomes for this population.

Additionally, individuals who are justice-involved experience adverse health and socioeconomic outcomes at greater rates than the general population. Data shows that rates of chronic conditions among incarcerated individuals are more than double that of the general population and nearly two-thirds of jail inmates have substance use disorders, as compared to 5% of the general adult population. In addition, rates of mental health disorders have been found to be nearly four times higher among individuals in jail compared to the general population, and substance use disorders were found among more than 50% of the inmate population.

It is important to consider how policies, procedures, and systems impact the justice-involved population. Reaching equity requires addressing the social, political, and economic factors that impact justice-involved individuals' ability to access care and services. Including community stakeholders and/or individuals with lived experience within a data governance structure focused on supporting care coordination for those involved with the justice system will aid in considerations of how policy and system designs impact this population. Increasing data sharing may also increase opportunities for monitoring outcomes with an equity lens and facilitate the exchange of information to enhance individuals' access to the care and services they need, with a goal of improving the social and economic situations in which this population may find themselves.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Supporting care coordination for justice-involved individuals supports the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 of engaging the community, as capturing the community's voice and including individuals with lived experience are critical components of the proposed data governance structure. This item also supports the County's Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable

access by creating a data governance structure to enhance care coordination, connecting individuals with services and supports more quickly to ensure needs are addressed. These efforts collectively help improve connection to services that reduce recidivism and promote health and well-being by ensuring the alignment of needs, resources required, and outcomes.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. As a result of outcomes of pilot and resource assessment to be completed, there may be future fiscal impacts and staff would return back to the Board for any such recommendations for consideration and approval. Funding for future costs will need to be identified prior to further action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

State of California)

County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed

by Andrew Potter