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Safety and Justice Challenge Proposal

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MacArthur Foundation Goals

SAFETY+JUSTICE CHALLENGE

- **Safely reduce the number of individuals held in jail**
- **Reduce the length of stay in jail detention**
- **Create reforms that eliminate racial disparities in the criminal justice system**

The MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge

Challenge: Achieve 18% reduction in jail population over a two year period.

Requested: $4 million in grant funds from the *MacArthur Foundation*

Six Month Planning Process:

Develop a proposal that;

- Consists of pilot strategies and training and evaluation initiatives that address the major decision points leading to jail incarceration. (arrest, pre- arraignment, and post jail release)

- Include participation from multiple state and local agencies, law enforcement, and advocacy organization.

Project Partners

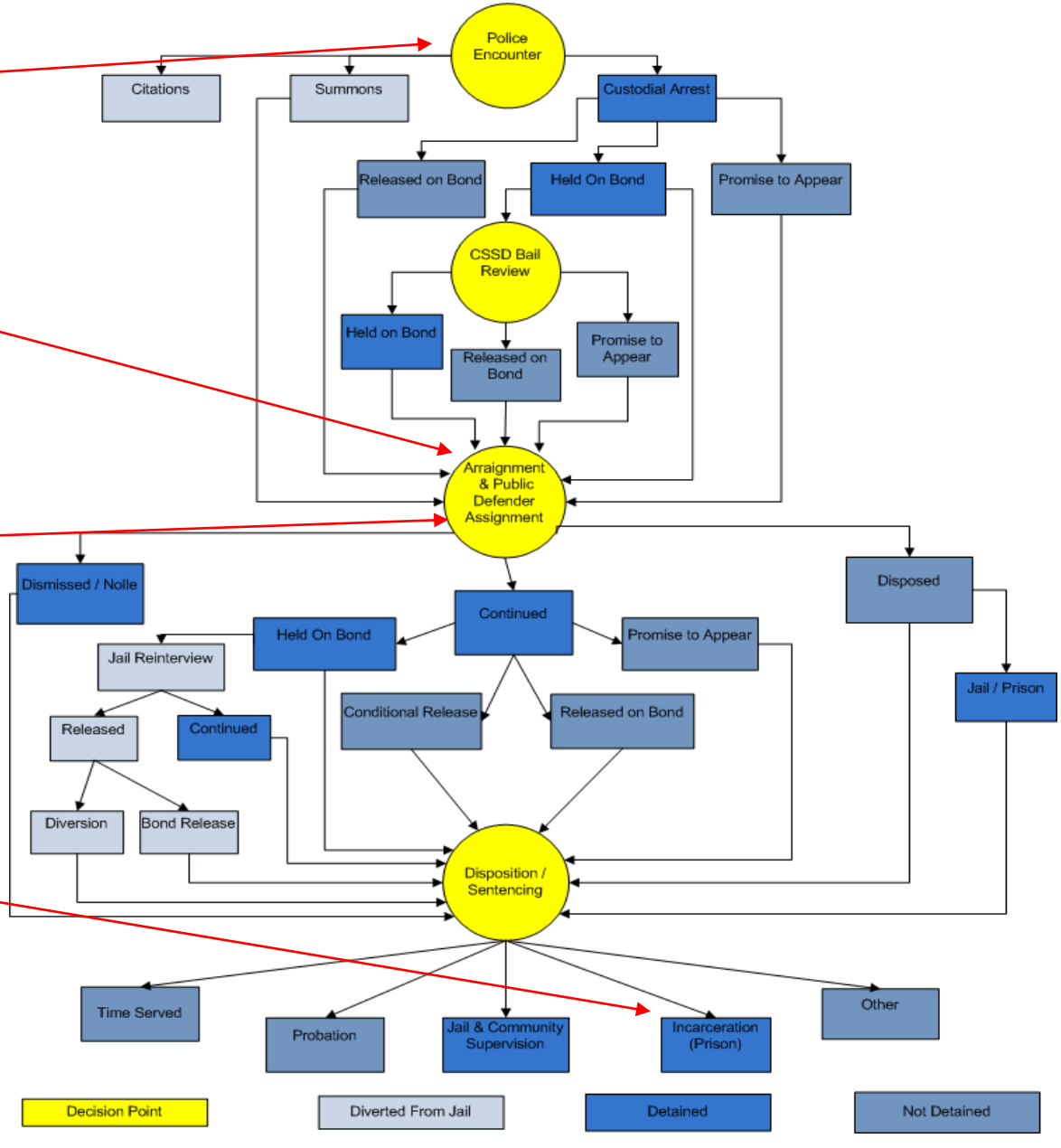
Proposed Pilot Strategies

Hartford Alternative to Arrest

Collaborative Ongoing Review Team

Jail Diversion Substance Abuse

Medication Assisted Therapy Program



Hartford Alternative to Arrest Project (HAAP)

Project Goal: For the Hartford Police Department to deflect low risk high need offenders from custodial arrest into community based mental health care, addiction treatment, and social services.

Pilot Location: Hartford neighborhoods of;

Barry Square
South Green
Frog Hollow

Summary:

•Develop alternative to arrest policies and protocols

•Reduce custodial arrests in pilot neighborhoods for; drug offenses, prostitution, burglary, and larceny

•Develop a referral system to mental health and substance abuse services.

Collaborative Ongoing Review Team (CORT)

Project Goal: To reduce the time in pre-trial detention through the development of case processing improvements.

Pilot Location: New Haven and Bridgeport

Summary:

- Collaboration between the Division of Criminal Justice and Office of the Chief Public Defender
- Establish early and ongoing screening of cases for an alternative case processing stream
- Increase information sharing and use of alternative options to reduce collateral consequences.

Jail Diversion Substance Abuse Program (JDSA)

Project Goal: To increase access to court-based diversion programing, such as substance abuse treatment services.

Pilot Location: New Haven

Summary:

- Expand DMHAS JDSA program to provide court-based diversion detox and residential treatment in the community.
- Reduce pre-trial jail detention and risk factors.

Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT)

Project Goal: Expand the Department of Correction's facility based Medication Assisted Therapy program.

Location: Willard – Cybulski Correctional Institution

Summary:

- Program provides methadone induction to opiod addicted inmates 6-8 weeks prior to their release into the community.
- Provides community based treatment at post release.
- Helps support successful re-entry into the community and reduce risk of future re-arrest and re-incarceration.

Proposed Training Initiatives and Evaluation

Goal: To develop specialized training components to serve as a foundation for the Safety and Justice Challenge proposed pilot strategies.

Cross Agency Training and Systems Improvement

- Develop cross-agency training for criminal justice professionals and local stakeholders to increase awareness of existing deflection and pre-trial diversion interventions and services.

Implicit Bias Training

- Expand implicit bias training for criminal justice professionals and local stakeholders in Hartford, Bridgeport, and New Haven.

Assessment of Racial Disparities

- Conduct a data based analysis of racial disparities at key decision points within the criminal justice system.

Project Next Steps

- The MacArthur Foundation is currently reviewing Connecticut's final proposal.
- On **April 13th 2016** the Safety and Justice Challenge winners will be announced.
- In preparation for the announcement the Safety and Justice Challenge work group will continue to;
  - ❖ Take a deeper dive into data analysis
  - ❖ Continue to develop implementation specifics for each strategy

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