

**LAKE COUNTY JAIL  
2019 ANNUAL REPORT  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Mental Health Services within the Lake County Jail consists of two full time mental health consultants and a psychiatric prescriber for medication management. As of the beginning of September 2019, a case manager role was added to provide linkage and discharge planning to inmates upon release. Two internship positions were also added to the jail mental health team in September to assess for mental health needs and intervention. Mental Health Services within the Lake County Jail play an integral role in maintaining safety and stability of inmates. This includes symptom management, maintaining safety precautions, crisis intervention, linkage and referral and ongoing support.

Throughout 2019, mental health consultants received 2,140 referrals which is an increase of 300 referrals compared to 2018. These referrals often come from inmates themselves but can also come from corrections staff and other entities outside of the jail. The majority of referrals came from inmate requests and corrections staff. Referrals are made for a number of reasons, primarily requests to see and talk with the mental health consultant and to obtain medication.

The psychiatric prescriber met with 375 inmates a total of 553 different times to evaluate and potentially prescribe psychotropic medications, which was an increase of 25 visits compared to 2018. There were four individuals referred for emergency admission to a medical /psychiatric facility. There were a total of 422 people on the caseload of the mental health consultants during 2019, which was a decrease of approximately six percent from 2018. The internship positions screened 585 people from September through December. The case manager followed through with 305 people from September through December. There was approximately forty five percent follow up at Crossroads Health and fifty five percent follow through with first appointments at Signature Health.

Following is a list of outcomes tracked of inmates seen by the mental health consultants in the jail. Sixty two percent of inmates entering jail requesting assistance have had irregular contact with mental health providers in the community prior to coming to jail. In addition, fifty percent of individuals receiving treatment prior to jail were noncompliant with medications prior incarceration. Substance abuse and employment remain of concern.

An ongoing challenge for staff and inmates is providing long term effective treatment to reduce recidivism. Linkage and referral are crucial when developing discharge plans for those released back to the community. Mental Health staff will continue to work collaboratively with the courts, probation, corrections, law enforcement, local hospitals and community agencies to provide the best treatment with sometimes limited resources.

## 2019 Jail Outcomes

<b>Table 1</b>	<b>Pre Jail MH Tx</b>		<b>Table 5</b>	<b>Post Jail Agency Linkage</b>
No services	56		Crossroads Health	104
Irregular Services	265		Lake Geauga Center	5
Regular	101		Signature Health	86
			Outside County	85
*****			Prison / Jail	64
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>422</b>		Other	78
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			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>422</b>
<b>Table 2</b>	<b>Pre Jail Housing Status</b>			
Independent Living	53		<b>Table 6</b>	<b>Pre Jail Substance Abuse/Use</b>
Living w/other	291		No Substance Abuse	31
Treatment Facility	10		Substance Use	46
Homeless Shelter	49		Substance Abuse	320
Prison	19		Unknown	25
Unknown	1			
*****			*****	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>422</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>422</b>
<b>Table 3</b>	<b>Post Jail Housing Status</b>		<b>Table 8</b>	<b>Pre Jail Employment Status</b>
Independent Living	44		Employed	108
Living w/ other	214		Unemployed	299
Treatment Facility	52		Unknown	15
Homeless Shelter	38		*****	
Prison	71		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>499</b>
Unknown	3			
*****				
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>422</b>			
<b>Table 4</b>	<b>Pre Jail Medication Compliance</b>			
Non Compliant	211			
Med Compliant	116			
Unknown	6			
No Meds Prescribed	89			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>422</b>			