


*Identifying Criminal Justice
and
Behavioral Health
Populations in Nebraska*



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Crime Commission

- Statistical Analysis Center
- Jail Standards Division
 - Statewide jail data (SAC)
 - Deal with data sharing
- Support Community Corrections Council (CCC)
 - Statistical support
 - Justice Behavioral Health Committee (JBHC)
- CJIS Advisory Committee
 - Data sharing and integration
 - ~~NCJIS – w/ Jail, DCS, DHHS~~



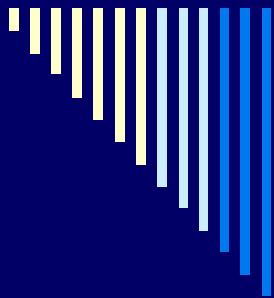
Department of Health and Human Services

- Participates in JBHC, CCC
 - SAMHSA grant for Regional Center Discharge Follow-Up Services Project
 - Intended to look at releases from state facilities
 - Had limited information on people in/from criminal justice facilities
 - 2008 – worked with Department of Correctional Services (DCS) to see about overlaps in the populations
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2008 Study

- Regional Center Discharge Follow-Up Services Project expanded
- Conducted by the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)
- DCS, DHHS populations compared (2005-2007)
 - DHHS – 1112 unique individuals identified
 - DCS – 60 had been matched to DHHS customers
- General descriptions
 - Region of admission and release
 - Services received
 - Diagnoses
- ~~□ Focus on the base population/consumers (not DCS overlap)~~



- What do we know about our customers?
- What do we know about the general populations?
 - Overlap
 - Getting better at linking disparate CJ pops
 - DHHS/others create new questions and issues
 - Receiving services
- Not trying to address **NEEDING** services



JBHC / CJIS

- Efforts to improve data sharing and information
 - CJ populations
 - Service providers
 - Started looking at how to better identify workable targets for projects
 - Identified expanding the SAMSHA effort
 - Add jail holds
 - Other potential populations in the future
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Some Related CJ Interests

- Medicine information following individuals upon transfer
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 - Enhanced screening tool (DHHS initiated)
 - JSD participating
 - Costs to implement not identified
 - When are CJ folks getting services?
 - Before/after hold?
 - In DCS?
 - Is it a cycle? (readmission, repeat services)
 - Do services seem to have an impact?
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- Should DCS/jail(/probation-PSI) have more info on that population?



DHHS / DCS / Jail

- How to address populations
 - Only count those with 'id'?
- How to address/identify unique individuals
 - UNMC – assumes SSN is best and unique; used in earlier report to match DHHS&DCS
 - DHHS – SSN typically available; no fingerprint
 - DCS – SID (fingerprint); stores an SSN
 - Jail – multiple SSNs often available
- Have not yet reached a consensus



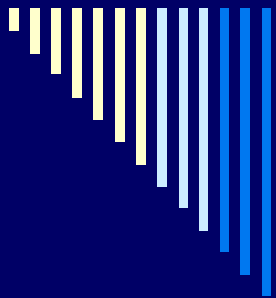
Draft Report in September, 2009

- Data from all three sources for 2005 – 2008
 - Provides for input and a chance to build
 - Data was new to UNMC
 - Assumptions about data
 - Matching
 - SSN
 - Name/DOB
 - Aliases
 - Issues regarding UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS
 - Aggregate data
 - Descriptive analysis
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Anticipations

- Better descriptions of the populations
 - Better conveyance of data limitations
 - More breakdowns of data
 - Annual (and change?)
 - Need to look at how these are measured
 - Geographic areas
 - Service areas, admissions, releases to?
 - Sequencing of jail/DCS/services?
 - Number of admissions / services
 - Repeaters (services, admissions)
 - Add additional populations
 - Probation
 - Break out parole
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