

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING () Discussion only
(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Stepping Up Initiative

<p>Background: To assist in the reduction of individuals with mental illnesses being held in jails, NACo and its partners created the Stepping Up Initiative campaign. The program provides tools for local governments to help reduce the number of people in jails. The matter is before the Board to have the county participate in the initiative.</p>	<p>Requested Action: Adopt Order No. BCC2018-53</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Information; Proposed Order

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Checkoffs:

- () Dept. Heard (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- () Fiscal
- (X) Legal (copy)
- () (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:
Mark Royal

Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: July 3, 2018

Action taken:

Follow-up:

Stepping Up Framework

Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jail: Six Questions County Leaders Need to Ask (Six Questions) represents foundational thinking of the Stepping Up initiative that encourages counties to assess their existing efforts to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail by considering the following questions:

- 1 Is our leadership committed?**
- 2 Do we conduct timely screening and assessments?**
- 3 Do we have baseline data?**
- 4 Do we conduct a comprehensive process analysis and inventory of services?**
- 5 Have we prioritized policy, practice and funding improvements?**
- 6 Do we track progress?**

Stepping Up urges county leaders to review current practices and to adopt policies, programs and practices that are informed by their impact on the following measures:



Reducing the number of people with mental illnesses booked into jail



Reducing the length of time spent in jail



Increasing connections to treatment



Reducing recidivism

Stepping Up Resources

The Stepping Up partners have developed an online toolkit with a wealth of resources that are continuously updated to provide the latest information on research and best practices to counties. Resources are all publicly available on the Stepping Up website and include:



Monthly webinars and networking calls



A project coordinator handbook



Educational workshops at NACo and partner conferences



Guidance on measuring the number of people with mental illnesses in jail



Quarterly calls of smaller networking groups of rural, mid-size and large/urban counties that have passed Stepping Up resolutions



Written and online tools that are companions to the *Six Questions* report that present the latest research and case studies for county officials

To learn more or join the initiative please visit StepUpTogether.org

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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Support for the Stepping Up)
Initiative to Reduce the Number of People) Order No. BCC2018-053
With Mental Illnesses in Jails)

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses that are booked into jail each year;

WHEREAS prevalence rates of people lodged in jails with serious mental illnesses are three to six times higher than for the general public;

WHEREAS almost three-quarters of those adults with serious mental illnesses that are in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders;

WHEREAS adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and, upon release, are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders;

WHEREAS county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses requiring interventions, than compared to those without these treatment needs;

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families;

WHEREAS, Umatilla County, along with all other counties, takes pride in its responsibility to protect and to enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways;

WHEREAS, through the Stepping Up Initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners orders and resolves that Umatilla County does hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in our state and across the country, to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees, and residents to participate in Stepping Up. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through Stepping Up to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;

- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels;
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in Umatilla County for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community;
- Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers;
- Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan; and
- Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes

DATED this 3rd day of June, 2018.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

Records Officer