

Hudson / Sudbury Jail Diversion Program

Quarters 1 & 2 Report: March – June 2018

During the first and second quarters of 2018, Hudson / Sudbury police officers referred a total of eighty-seven (87) cases to the embedded Jail Diversion clinician.

Total # JDP evaluations March - June = 87

Arrest diversions: The primary goal of the Hudson / Sudbury Jail Diversion Program (JDP) is to divert low-level offenders away from the criminal justice system and into more appropriate community based behavioral health treatment. During the first and second quarters of 2018 a total of twenty-one (21) individuals with mental illness were diverted from arrest by Hudson/Sudbury department officers. Below is the breakdown of arrest diversions per month and the percentage of diversions.

March -	9 (83%)
April -	5 (80%)
May -	4 (80%)
June -	3 (50%)

In addition to the benefit of diverting individuals in crisis from arrest, this represents estimated cost savings of <u>\$53,240</u> to the criminal justice system (\$2,520 per arrest event).

Emergency Department Diversions: An additional goal of the JDP program is to reduce the number of individuals referred to the local hospital Emergency Department (ED) by Hudson / Sudbury police officers. During the first and second quarters of 2018, fifteen (15) individuals were diverted from unnecessary hospital admissions due the presence of the JDP clinician on scene.

March	-	4
April	-	3
May	-	3
June	-	5

This represents health care cost savings of \$60,000 during the first four months of program operations (\$4,000 per ED diversion).

Total cost savings due to diversion activity: \$113,240

Respectfully submitted by,

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