Human Resources – Pretrial Services

Mission Statement

To promote pretrial justice in Davis County by assisting in judicial pretrial release decisions and endorsing least restrictive conditions consistent with court appearance and community safety.

Prior Year Inputs/Outputs

2020 FTE'S: 6

Total cases opened: 280
Total cases closed: 201
Total clients served: Over 600

The following Performance Measures are considered essential for Pretrial Agencies:

- Note: These are year-end measures covering the beginning of the Covid pandemic - March 17, 2020 to August 15, 2020. These numbers have been impacted by Covid-19 as the pandemic affects the criminal justice system.

Appearance Rate = 95%
The percentage of clients who make all scheduled court appearances.

Success Rate = 57%
The percent of cases that are closed with a successful outcome.

Safety Rate = 83%
The percentage of clients who are not charged with a new offense during pretrial supervision.

Core Functions & Services

The National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (NAPSA) has established legal and evidence-based practices for effective Pretrial agencies. Our guiding principles, core functions and services are based on those national standards.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The presumption of innocence.
- Non-financial conditions of release.
- Least restrictive conditions to reasonably assure court appearance and public safety.

CORE FUNCTIONS & SERVICES

- Conduct pretrial risk assessments and provide judicial officers with appropriate pretrial release options.
- Provide community supervision based on risk and effective use of evidence-based practices.
- Reasonably assure defendant's return to court by providing notification of upcoming court dates and applying supervision strategies aimed at public safety.
- Support interventions that reduce the likelihood of criminal behavior.

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Current Year Projected Outcomes

In the last budget process, Pretrial requested, and received, funding for furniture. The furniture was needed to support staffing, training and the operational needs of the program.

Pretrial was initially funding for minimal staffing as the program began. Appropriate staffing levels were approved for FY 2020. They included:

- Case Managers: Two new case manager positions – one in January and the second in June – were hired to adequately staff both intake services in the office and appearances in court.
- Office Specialist: An Office Specialist was hired to perform reception duties, provide office coverage during court, client scheduling, reviewing court records and jail booking daily for new referrals and client court dates.

Next Year Budget Initiatives

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Pretrial has collaborated with the Sheriff's office to provide remote access for pretrial interviews in order to facilitate the release of detainees. A grant was applied for on 5/31/2020 through the CARES Act for CESF funds specifically designated for criminal justice. These funds have been temporarily awarded as of 9/15/2020 with one more step before final approval (due 9/19/2020). For this reason, no additional budget initiatives are listed since those should be covered in the grant.

The same grant application was used to request CARES Act funds from Davis County; however, those funds have not been designated for Pretrial as of the budget submission on 9/15/2020.