

**BERNALILLO COUNTY OPIOID INITIATIVE - LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
PROGRESS ON RECOMMENDATIONS**

<p>What would work to "turn the curve" on this problem?</p> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION</p>	<p>What needs to be done first? What is in process and/or most feasible?</p> <p>PRIORITY FOR ACTION & RATIONALE</p>	<p>Who has the influence or power to make this happen?</p> <p>DECISION MAKERS</p>	<p>Who has a stake in making this happen and needs to be involved?</p> <p>PARTNERS</p>	<p>What has happened and what still needs to happen to make this a reality?</p> <p>STATUS & NEXT STEPS</p>
<p>1. Reduce the number of people with substance use disorders who are incarcerated</p>	<p>Reduce bookings, presentencing treatment</p>			<p>Numbers of inmates being sent to other facilities because of overcrowding has dropped markedly over past year. Reasons not clear. Reduced bookings may be a contributing factor</p>
<p>Increase programs offering alternatives to incarceration</p>	<p>Encourage judges to scale up drug courts, using funds from Medicaid and enhance treatment options to make more effective.</p>	<p>Lisa Simpson & Kelly Bradford are positioned to manage process</p>	<p>Medicaid enrollment will be critical. Also expansion of assessment and treatment capacity in community will be essential.</p>	<p>Initial meetings with Municipal and District Court Judges and staff involved in presentencing programs have taken place.</p>
<p>Increase capacity of court system to expedite proceedings and reduce time waiting for verdicts and sentencing</p>	<p>(in progress)</p>	<p>Lisa Simpson & Kelly Bradford are positioned to manage process</p>		<p>Active steps in progress being led by Bernalillo County Criminal Justice Reform Commission. Need to create concurrent opportunities for treating persons with substance use disorders in order to reduce recidivism</p>
<p>Assemble stakeholders to assess feasibility of LEAD pilot by either APD or County Sheriff's Department</p>	<p>Discuss with APD and Sheriff's Office</p>	<p>A mandate from Commissioners</p>	<p>Law enforcement Judiciary Citizens</p>	<p>No action to date. Plans include approaching APD and Sheriff Office DPA staff are closely involved with the LEAD team in Santa Fe and prepared to assist and having available persons conducting pilot in Santa Fe.</p>

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2. Providing effective treatment services for those who are incarcerated and upon release				
For persons already under medication-assisted treatment (MAT) at the time of incarceration, continue methadone and Suboxone during incarceration	Coun			Following the report of a UNM study, County Commissioners voted to extend existing methadone treatment through the end of the current contract. Current plans call for folding the methadone maintenance program into the upcoming RFP for health services at MDC. The critical importance of methadone maintenance program to relate with local resources including the programs from which participants come and back to which they will return has been discussed. There is concern that most health services vendors do not have experience with programs of this sort.
Conduct a pilot for pre-release induction of MAT		MDC director		Active discussion initiated with Chief Rustin has been suspended since he left that position. Existing medical provider at MDC has not been supportive.
Prior to or upon release, arrange for Medicaid enrollment for those eligible	Medicaid has agreed to award presumptive eligibility to incarcerated persons	HSD/Medicaid		Medicaid is backed up and behind in providing timely determination of eligibility and enrollment and has de-prioritized persons in county jails. It has moved toward post-release determination. Pre-release determination is far more preferable and a key element in planning for timely post-release services, referrals, and drug treatment appointments. Further, Medicaid has not accepted the idea of suspending Medicaid upon incarceration, choosing instead to cancel enrollment, a policy that contradicts federal policies.
Arrange for post-release social services and medical follow-up including MAT, and distribute Narcan				These are generally accepted as being essential for effective follow-up treatment and should be generally applicable as elements of drug treatment in general. They are particularly important for those being released from incarceration—a particularly high risk group. See Treatment Implementation Team. The Bernco Office of Health & Social Services has applied for a grant to support post release planning that will promote and enable these service elements. See Narcan Implementation Team matrix for plans for Narcan distribution. A role for the Pathways Program has been suggested.
Make indicated prevention programs available for incarcerated individuals with low-level substance abuse				No action to date.