


# Taking a Collaborative Approach to Severe and Persistent Mental Illness

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# Educational Objectives

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

- **Objective 1 - Cite barriers that prevent individuals experiencing homelessness, substance use disorders, and severe and persistent mental illness from accessing services.**
- **Objective 2 - Identify opportunities for potential collaboration between health care and security staff.**
- **Objective 3 - Evaluate individuals who might be open to collaboration within one's work setting.**



# WHAT PROMPTED LCSO CORRECTIONS TO DEVELOP SUCH A ROBUST MENTAL HEALTH TEAM?

- Eugene Oregon, per HUD data (2018<sup>1</sup>), has the highest per capita homelessness in the nation at 431/100,000 residents.
- Locally collected Homeless By-Name List data (2019) puts that number at 4X's as many<sup>2</sup>.
- Homelessness and Severe & Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) are positively correlated<sup>3</sup>.



# Introduction to Lane County's Journey

- What was observed happening in jail?
- What solutions were tried?
- Who are the community partners?
- How does having a robust MH Team "change the game?"



# **Objective 1 - Cite barriers that prevent individuals experiencing homelessness, substance use disorders, and severe and persistent mental illness from accessing services.**

- Constant lack of basic needs and being in survival mode
- Continuous traumatic experiences
- Lack of consistent contact point
- Inability to track time/date
- Personal needs in conflict, i.e., numbing emotional pain with substances sabotages person's ability to meet criteria for access
- Stress Response activated: Fight, Flight, Freeze



# Breakout

Form into groups of 3-4 people, to discuss in your settings barriers; record identified details.



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## Objective 2 - Identify opportunities for potential collaboration between health care and security staff.

- It starts with recognizing:
  - shared organizational goals
  - when people's needs are met, behavior improves
  - operating the facility gets easier
- Booking
- Single cell housing areas vs dorms
- Wellness Programs





# Breakout

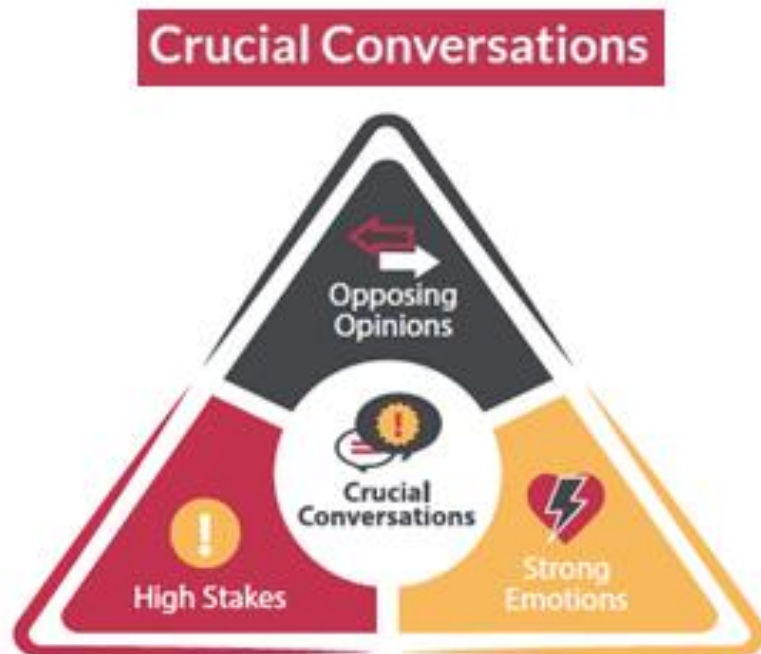
Discussion (at table, then bring back to large group setting) focused exploration of opportunities for collaboration.



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# Objective 3 - Evaluate individuals who might be open to collaboration within one's work setting.

Relationship, relationship, relationship



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## **Objective 3 (continued) - Evaluate individuals who might be open to collaboration within one's work setting.**

- Security Champions (Network, network, network)
- Community Partners, i.e., Mental Health Summit; CCO Behavioral Strategist; County Mental Health (FITT Grant)
- Information Sharing, i.e., MAT Program trainings (medical team to security team)



# Breakout

Pair up with one other person and identify candidates at your site to Partner with in a solution focused approach to mental health challenges.



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# Thank you

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