# Lee County , Florida:

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## Objectives of the Cross -Systems Mapping Exercise

The Cross-Systems Mapping Exercise had three primary objectives:

1. The development of a comprehensive picture of how adults with mental illness, substance abuse and co-occurring mental health and/or substance use disorders flow through the Lee County criminal justice system along five distinct intercept points: Law Enforcement and Emergency Services (Intercept 1), Initial Detention/Initial Court Hearings (Intercept 2), Jails and Courts (Intercept 3), Community Re-entry (Intercept 4), and Community Corrections/Community Support (Intercept 5).

2. The identification of, strengths, gaps, resources, and opportunities at each intercept point for individuals in the target population.

3. The development of priority areas for activities designed to improve system and service level responses for individuals in the target population.

The Lee County Cross-Systems Map created during the workshop is attached.

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potential interventions at each intercept point in the Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health System during the mapping process. Gaps in service delivery and resource opportunities are identified at each intercept point. These notes may be used as a reference in reviewing the Lee County Cross-Systems Map and as a tool in developing a formal strategic action plan and/or updated Memorandum of Understanding among community stakeholders and local planning entities.

## Intercept I: Initial Contact w/ Law Enforcement , Prevention Programs, or Emergency Services

### ¾ Identified Strengths and Resources

- x Lee County Sheriff's Office and multiple municipalities receive CIT training, including officers/deputies and dispatch
- x 95% of Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Corrections Officers will be CIT trained by the end of 2016
- x 17% of LCSO road officers are CIT trained
- x 80% Fort Myers Police Department
- x Cape Coral PD , Florida Gulf Coast University Police, Port Authority, Florida Southwest Police, DOC, County Probation and Pretrial Services have also trained several officers
- x Dispatch will ask for CIT officers regarding specific calls
- x CIT training specific to dispatchers is being developed
- x All call takers trained on priority dispatch (flip-book provided to determine how critical)
- x Officers have the ability to talk among themselves and discuss who they have responded to most frequently to provide each other with insight between officers
    - o Recently began keeping track of the top 40 individuals that utilize hospital and jail services most frequently
    - o Dept. of Veterans Affairs has similar list for all veterans regarding their arrests
- x Existing Bob Janes Triage Center
    - o Ample bed available: 60 beds total, 40 beds full at any given time
    - o Criteria for who can utilize this shelter was established 2-3 years ago
    - o Law enforcement referrals have decreased but the Triage Center is now accepting referrals from mental health court, drug court, Red Cross, SalusCare, and individuals from the emergency rooms
    - o Law enforcement referrals have decreased possibly due to decrease of homeless population by 30% or due to focus on violent rather than less serious crimes
    - o Last year of the Criminal Justice Diversion Grant
    - o Hope to get funding again through expansion of referral services
- x Salus Care Acute Care Facilities
    - o 32 adult beds, 14 children beds
    - o Typically 100% occupancy
    - o Individuals remain in emergency services until a bed becomes available (typically within a few hours)
    - o All juveniles go to Salus

- In the next year, a new transportation plan must be written for the County in

- Booking, self-report MH, referred to psychiatry if needed, receive a monthly meeting with either a clinician or psychiatry, if a safety issues is identified, the individual goes to direct observation
- 4 units for direct observation: 12-30 in these units on any given day
- Substance use program in the jail: Think Learn Succeed (TLS)
- Balance between public safety and community and safety of the individual
- Baker act: 2 month maximum
- Social Worker at Public Defender's Office, is communicating with Armor and will be able to relate relevant information about individuals entering jail who have mental illnesses
- VA has access to pods, SalusCare does not
- Discharge planning by SalusCare
- 20 case from Lee County alone (SalusCare services other surrounding counties as well)

### Identified Gaps – Re-entry (Intercept 4)

- Armor needs more legal information on the individuals in jail
- Such as receiving serious sentences, or sentences that may put the individual at risk
- Gain access to Offender Management System (OMS), but only limited access: can only see risk level, can see next hearing but not what it is, can see what their sentence is if they are already sentenced, projected release date
- Sentencing information on inmates/ individuals with mental illnesses
- Currently a housing gap for those who are being discharged from jail in need of supportive housing
- Need for licensed assisted living facility (ALF) and halfway housing
    - SalusCare not interested in becoming a housing developer
    - Cannot open up more "group home" beds because citizens do not want these types of facilities in their residential areas

- Need for discharge planner in jail to represent Salus Care
    - Hope to add full-time position that could be assigned to the jail and could cooperate with Salus Care and determine a plan for those being discharged
    - Salus Care can only help with discharge before they have been sentenced

## Intercept V: Home and Community Supervision and Support

### Identified Strengths and Resources

- Discharge Planning for DOC
- Individual with mental illness discharged from DOC: typically can refer them to mental health services
    - DOC Officer is assigned to mental health court
    - Social worker- sets up programs for discharge after prison
    - VA also gets notified when inmate is up for probation/release
    - ARS/CRS 1-2 cases a month (estimated 30 total cases)
- Probation
    - Caseload size for probation: 100-200
    - Mostly DUI - State attorney does not divert DUI

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| Priority Area : Sustain and Expand the Center [Intercept 1] | | Bob Janes | Triage |
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| Objective | Action Step | Who | When |
| 1. Identify funding for sustainability (300k per year from reinvestment grant and to replace VA money<br><br>2. Identify why current beds are unused and strategies to fill beds to capacity<br><br>3. Evaluate the role of the Public Safety Council | x Use funding in current commission budget propoe f 0n /dget propoe f 97 Tf nT Q .6 117.24 13.8 re f* B | | |

| Priority Area : Expand Supportive Housing for Target Population [Intercept 1 and 5] | | | |
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| Objective | Action Step | Who | When |
| 1. Assure active leadership in area of supportive housing<br><br>2. Find Specific ways to expand supportive housing including housing stock, financing for housing, and reimbursement for providers/models | x All partners in supportive housing are at the planning table<br><br>x Assure housing options are National Evidence-based Models | Karen Hawes, Advocate | Beginning of summer (depends in part on the planning council's level of activity and commitment) |

## Priority Area ：Utilize Acute Care Committee to Examine

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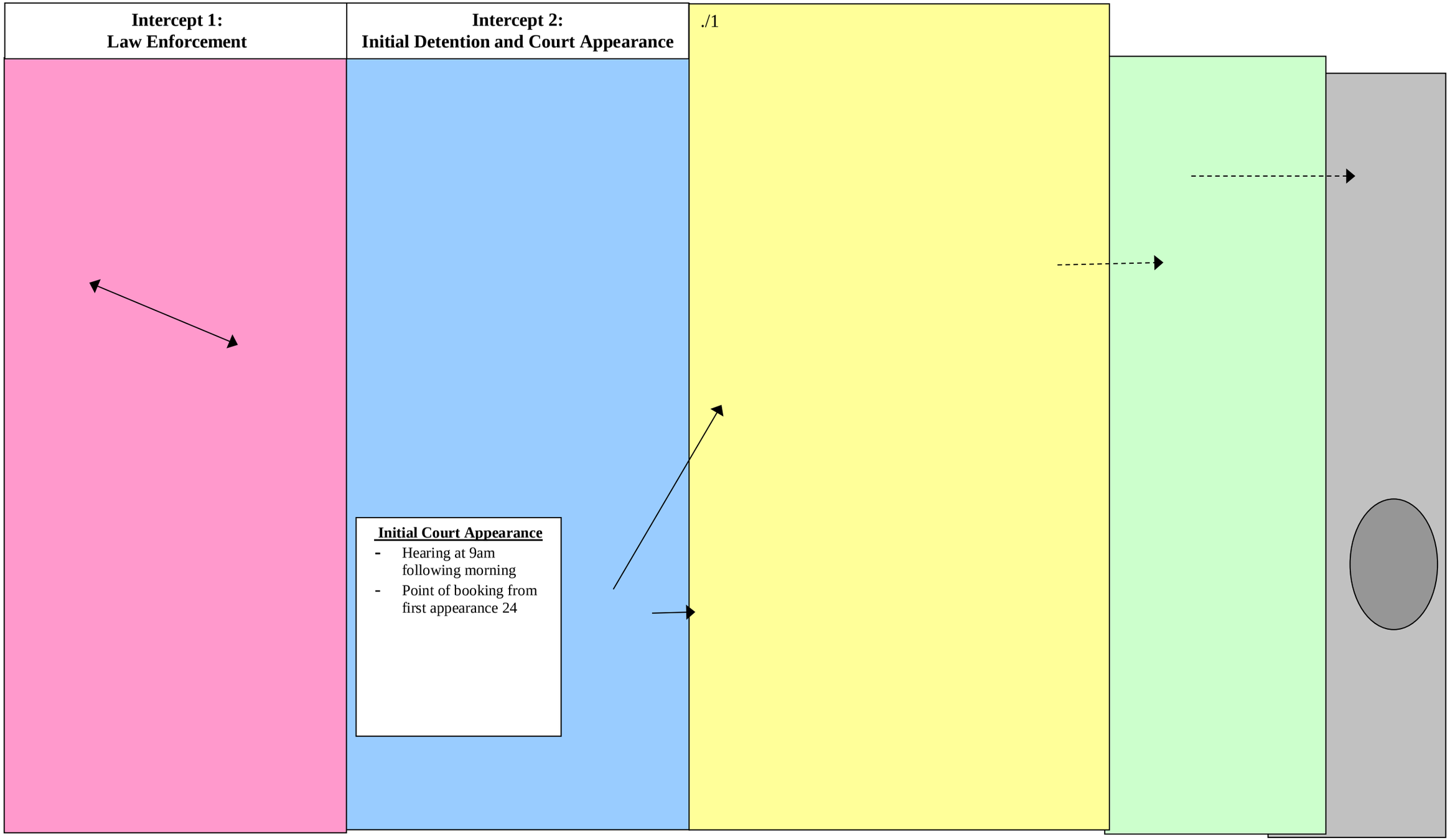
| Brigette DaBiere | SW Mental Health | Armor Correctional | Correctional Facility |
| Amy Kosinski | Assistant State Attorney | State Attorney's Office | State Agency |
| Deanna Gilkerson | Program Manager | Lee County Human Services | County Agency |
| Karen Hawes | Volunteer | Advocate | |


Intercept 1:
Law Enforcement
Intercept 2:
Initial Detention and Court Appearance
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Initial Court Appearance
- Hearing at 9am following morning
- Point of booking from first appearance 24