

SAN FRANCISCO VETERANS JUSTICE COURT



DESERVE OR NEED

- Deontology v. Utilitarianism
- Retribution v. Rehabilitation:
 - Procedural Cost
 - Social Cost
 - Public Safety
 - Fairness

ELIGIBILITY

- **Venue: San Francisco**
- **Residency: Any**
- **Length of Service: Any**
- **Type of Discharge: H/DH/OTH**
- **Criminal Exposure: Misd/Felony**
- **Procedural Posture: Pre/DEJ/Prob**
- **Nexus: none**

NUMBERS

400 referrals since 2013

- 50 active clients
- 185 graduates
- 29 terminated
- 21 bench warrant status > 60 days
- 66 opted out
- 59 referred who were not eligible



NEEDS SERVED

- Housing
- DV (At Ease)
- Substance Use:
 - Outpatient substance abuse groups
 - Detox
 - Residential treatment
- Mental health treatment (PTSD & TBI)
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy/MRT
 - Seeking Safety
 - Interactive Journaling
 - Anger management groups

CASE MANAGEMENT

- VA Health Care: VA licensed social workers
- Grant Per Diem or no benefits: social worker through SF Pretrial Diversion
- Assessment: in or out of custody
- Status report: case managers/database
- Data Tracking: court-hosted database

STATISTICS

- Recidivism: 14% (graduates)
- Recidivism (recent grads/current part): 2.2%
- Benefits: 57% VA; 29% GPD; 14% none
- 63% Felonies; 37% Misdemeanors
- Race: 38% White, 26% AA, 12% Latino, 12% API, 5% Native, 7% Other
- Average Age: 49



CHALLENGES

- Substance Use Treatment Beds (esp. w/o VA health care)
 - Detox
 - Residential Treatment
 - Dual diagnosis
- Mentor program (funding for recruiting, materials, outings)



INNOVATIONS

- Full time licensed clinician for participants without VA health care
- Training for clinicians on
 - Interactive Journaling
 - Seeking Safety
 - Moral Reconciliation Therapy



QUESTIONS?

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