Mental Health and Criminal Justice in DC



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Cross-Agency Collaborations

- Bureau of Justice Administration Grant with MPD
- DBH staff detailed to
 - PSA
 - CSOSA/BOP
 - DOC

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Sequential Intercept Mapping workshop

- May 2016
- 4 identified priorities
 - Data Sharing
 - Housing for returning citizens
 - Diversion opportunities
 - Increasing capacity of CPEP



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Data Sharing Initiative

- Improve communication between agencies to provide comprehensive service
- Data Driven Justice Initiative
- Universal Consent
- Identification of Super-Utilizers



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BOP/CSOSA involvement

- DBH staff has provided service for 614 returning citizens (153 females/461 males) in FY '16
- More than half in wards 7 & 8



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Successful Re-Entry...

- Stable housing
- Available mental health treatment
- Vocational opportunities (currently 50-60% unemployment)
- Active benefits SSI/SSDI, Medicaid/Medicare
- Community support



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Ongoing Efforts

- DBH will continue to build on existing relationships with:
 - Dept of Housing and Community Development
 - DC Housing Authority
 - Dept of Human Services

To accomplish the goal for adequate housing for citizens of the District of Columbia

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