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Sheriff's Office Adding Team of Case Managers to Help Incarcerated Individuals Better Transition into The Community

Pueblo, CO: The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office is adding a team of case managers to help address the increased need for mental health and substance abuse treatment among individuals incarcerated in the Pueblo County Jail.

Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor is hiring a full-time case manager and two part-time case managers who will join a team of four case managers, a mental health clinician and a pre-sentence coordinator, to provide increased services surrounding mental health and substance abuse treatment to certain incarcerated individuals. The positions are funded through a Jail Based Behavioral Health Services grant.

The new positions will be used to expand the Sheriff's Office's popular and successful Medically Assisted Treatment program to include additional substance abuse and mental health treatment. The mental health clinician and pre-sentence coordinator, both of whom already have been hired, will work closely with the case managers to provide additional substance abuse and mental health services to incarcerated individuals.

Currently, the Jail Based Behavioral Health Services program serves approximately 200 individuals. With the addition of the new case managers it is anticipated that the jail-based service will be able to provide services to about 400 to 500 people.

The case managers will be responsible for working with inmates who have been identified with substance abuse disorders, mental health diagnosis, court-ordered competency/restoration and the pre-sentenced population. The case managers will work with the individuals while they are incarcerated to identify their needs in transitioning back into the community upon their release from jail. The case managers will develop unique transition plans for each of the individuals in the program.

Inmates involved in the program will be provided individual and group services while they are incarcerated. The case managers will work with the clients to arrange for follow-up appointments

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with community agencies to ensure continuity of care upon their release from jail.

The goal of the program is to help eliminate barriers many incarcerated individuals face upon their release from jail and to improve their success as they transition back into the community.

Applications for the three positions are available on the Pueblo County website at <http://county.pueblo.org>. The application deadline is July 10.

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