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## SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE REPORT

AT THE WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MILWAUKEE FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> I ATTENDED A WORKSHOP ON "COUNTY JAILS AND THE MENTALLY ILL" INCLUDING NATIONAL COUNTIES ASSOCIATION "STEPPING UP INITIATIVE" PROGRAM MANAGER NASTASSIA WALSH; DUNN COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR; AND EAUCLAIRE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT 300 COUNTIES IN 41 STATES WITH 140 MILLION POPULATION HAVE SIGNED ON TO THE NACO PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE MENTALLY ILL POPULATION IN JAILS. WITHIN WISCONSIN OUTAGAMIE; DANE; MARATHON; EAU CLAIRE; DUNN; AND BAYFIELD COUNTIES HAVE SIGNED ON TO THE PROGRAM.

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORTED THAT IN A COUNTY OF 101,000 POPULATION AND JAIL CAPACITY OF 286 THEIR AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION IS 191 OF WHICH 28% ARE MENTALLY ILL.

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY HAS MAPPED THEIR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM; ESTABLISHED A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM; PARTICIPATE IN DATA SHARING; WITH ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS FOR RE-ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY; MID-WAY CRISIS STABILIZATION; AND A CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM WHERE A SOCIAL WORKER ACCOMPANIES A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ON CALLS WHERE MENTAL HEALTH IS A FACTOR.

IN DUNN COUNTY WITH A JAIL CAPACITY OF 156, THEIR AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION IS 78 IN A COUNTY OF 45,000 POPULATION. THERE TOO 28% OF INMATES ARE MENTALLY ILL. AND WHILE THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY FOR PRISONERS IS 54 DAYS, MENTALLY ILL PRISONERS AVERAGE 77 DAYS.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENTATION I DELIVERED A TESTIMONIAL OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY WHEN I SAID:

TAD AND EBDM IS A WAY OF LIFE IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY.

TAD WORKS

6 YEARS AGO A JAILS ANALYSIS PROJECTED WE WOULD EXCEED OUR 355 BED CAPACITY.

BUT WITH TAD FROM HUMAN SERVICES; DA; SHERIFF; PUBLIC DEFENDER; PAROLE AGENT; LOCAL MEMBERS WE AVERAGE LESS THAN 300 INCLUDING BOARDERS.