



# Klamath County Deflection Process

A Collaborative Approach to Law Enforcement and  
Rehabilitation

# Challenges to Klamath County

- Klamath is Oregon's 4<sup>th</sup> largest county – 5949 square miles
- North County residents are approximately 100 miles from the county seat of Klamath Falls
- Very limited law enforcement and mobile outreach services
- Geography and limited resources make immediate outreach difficult



# Leveraging Law Enforcement for Outreach

- Acknowledge the drop in enforcement of personal use drugs post BM 110
- Engage law enforcement to start the deflection process by taking enforcement action (citation)
- The citation will be our opportunity to engage people in multiple ways, but still have an opportunity to bring them into deflection by proceeding with the citation through the DA's office

# Law Enforcement Contact

- Citation issued by officer
- Court date set approximately 30 days from citation
- LE provides Deflection QR code to person being cited
- LE will have Deflection Team's contact information to contact for resources

# District Attorney's Office

- Citation arrives, and is held in abeyance for Deflection team review
- Deflection Team/DA's office determines eligibility for Deflection
- The DA's office created a Deflection case in PBK (Case Management System) that can be accessed by the Deflection Team



# Deflection Team

- Deflection Team conducts outreach to individuals cited by law enforcement
- Deflection Care Navigator connects individuals with treatment providers
- Deflection Team tracks progress of individuals in the Deflection process

# Treatment

- Deflection candidate will choose a Klamath County treatment provider certified through MHACBO (Mental Health & Addiction Certification Board of Oregon), or a treatment program that is certified by OHA (Oregon Health Authority), to provide substance use disorder treatment services
- Treatment Provider will complete an assessment. The assessment will dictate the level of treatment required
- Deflection will be complete when person has completed the requirements of treatment or is meaningfully engaged in treatment at the end of 180 days after their appearance date on the citation

# Timelines

Person engages in treatment process prior to the citation date:

- Citation is held in abeyance at the District Attorney's Office
- In order to remain on Deflection, the person is required to have a check-in with Deflection Team or communication from treatment every two weeks
- No contact with person for 30 days, the citation is moved to the District Attorney's Office to file charges



## Timelines (Continued)

Person does not interact with Deflection Team, but shows up for court date:

- Person is provided Deflection information by court staff
- Person is allowed to follow the Deflection process if eligible

## Timelines (Continued)

- No contact with person for 30 days, citation is moved to District Attorney's office to file charges
- Person has 180 days, from citation appearance date, to complete treatment, or be meaningfully engaged in treatment. If process is not completed, citation will be moved to the District Attorney's Office to file charges

# Charges Filed

- Upon arraignment, Judge may offer return to Deflection
- Conditional Discharge:
  - 12-months supervision
  - No jail time – violations are cited back into court
  - District Attorney's Office may file a motion to object entry into a conditional discharge probation agreement

# Charges Filed (Continued)

- A plea results in:
  - 18-months probation (maximum)
  - Treatment
  - No fines and fees

# Probation

- Probation Violation:
  - Sanction
    - 30 days maximum jail (including community service)
    - Expungement upon successful completion within 90 days
  - Revocation – Local Control
    - 180 days jail
    - Early release to treatment
    - Expungement upon completion of local control

# TO DO LIST (Priority)

- Deflection and treatment develop a Release of Information (ROI) form
- Continue coordination with Circuit Court on citation appearance date
- Finalize platform for data tracking
- Complete Deflection resource website
- Coordinate with all eligible treatment providers
- Onboard new Deflection Care Navigator

# TO DO LIST (Future)

- Procedures for Expungement and sealing of records
- Post-overdose outreach procedure

# Questions?





# Thank You

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