CalAIM
Justice-Involved Initiative
Yuba County’s Approach

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Yuba County

- Rural northern California county with population of 83,421*

- 1 County Jail
  - Average Daily Population (ADP) - 380-400 inmates

- 1 Youth Detention Center
  - The Tri-County Youth Campus serves Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties
  - Average Daily Population (ADP) - 30-40 juvenile detainees

- WellPath is the contracted clinical medical and behavioral health provider within the Jail and Youth Detention Center

Proactive Approach

- Planning for CalAIM JI implementation started in Mid-2023
  - Provided a base understanding of the initiative to key participating agencies including Sheriff Department, Probation Department, Health and Human Services Department (HHSD), County Counsel, and CAO

- Health Officer has an especial interest in health systems integration/CalAIM
  - Local SME on CalAIM Justice-Involved initiative

- Medi-Cal application assistance initiated in Jail and Detention Center in September 2023 through executed MOUs between Sheriff Department and HHSD and between Probation Department and HHSD
  - Assigned Eligibility Technicians to support Medi-Cal eligibility determinations, applications, and suspensions
Project Manager Assignment

- Assignment of Project Manager in December 2023 to solely focus on CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative
  - Development of Project Plan and Timeline (GANTT Chart) to outline the scope of the project and key deliverables
  - Public Health background allowed for base understanding of social determinants of health, health equity, and Medi-Cal.
  - Routine Project Reports allowed for streamlined communication through project updates, upcoming work, risks/issues, and decision points
Collaboration and Involvement

- **Strong relationships with internal and external partners**
  - County Executive Leadership (CAO, Department Heads, County Counsel)
  - Local Healthcare systems (e.g., local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs))
  - Partnership HealthPlan
    - The dominant Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan for Yuba County since January 1, 2024 –
      - >95% Yuba County Medi-Cal members enrolled with Partnership
    - Close working relationship with their designated CalAIM JJ lead
County Leadership Involvement

- Active participation and involvement:
  - County Administrative Officer (CAO)
  - Health Officer
  - Sheriff and Undersheriff
  - Chief Probation Officer
  - County Counsel
  - Health and Human Services Director

- Monthly Project Updates
  - Facilitated by Project Manager and Health Officer
  - Ensure alignment with County’s vision of project outcomes
  - Receive approval for decision points
CalAIM JI Steering Committee

Established January 2024 to begin planning for CalAIM JI implementation

- Health Officer
- Health and Human Services Department
  - Public Health Deputy Director
  - Eligibility Deputy Director
- Sheriff’s Department – Jail Division
  - Captain and Lieutenants
- Sheriff’s Department
- Probation Department – Adult and Youth Divisions
  - Program Manager of Tri-County Youth Detention Center
  - Deputy Chief Probation Officer
- Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health
  - Director, youth Services, and Adult Services
- Partnership HealthPlan (as of March 2024)
  - CalAIM JI Lead
- In-Reach Provider (Peach Tree Healthcare, local FQHC) (as of March 2024)
  - Determined through RFP
CalAIM JI Multidisciplinary Team

- Developed to collaboratively coordinate reentry services for inmates and detained youth

- Representatives from:
  - CalAIM JI Project Manager (facilitation)
  - Health Officer (facilitation, expertise)
  - Sheriff's Department (Jail)
  - Probation Department (Adult and Youth Services)
  - WellPath (clinical medical and behavioral health services)
  - Peach Tree Healthcare (In-Reach Provider)
  - Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health (Bi-county behavioral health)
  - Partnership HealthPlan (Managed Health Plan, ad-hoc) – In-reach provider will be the lead entity to work closely with Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs)
Looking Ahead

▪ Yuba County submitted the Readiness Assessments for the Yuba County Jail and Tri-County Youth Detention Center on March 29, 2024
  • Plan to go-live within the first CalAIM JI cohort – October 1, 2024

▪ In next several months:
  ▪ Meet with WellPath to discuss their pharmacy enrolling as a Medi-Cal Rx provider
  ▪ Issue RFP for Medi-Cal billing agent vendor
  ▪ Discuss with DHCS regarding staffing cap post-6 months go-live

▪ Quality Assessment/Quality Improvement
  • Ongoing review of processes to implement an environment of continuous quality improvement
Long-term Concerns

- The Medi-Cal coverage is only for a 90-day period (per incarceration)
  - Is there ability to consider extending the coverage longer?
- Medi-Cal billing is a heavy lift for most correctional facilities
  - Is there a consideration for a Statewide RFP?
- This is being implemented through an 1115 Waiver
  - Thoughts on the ability of the waiver to be renewed post-2027?
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