



**Population: 44,497**

**Size: 850 square miles**

**Demographics: 94% White, non-Hispanic; 2.6% Asian; 1.4% Hispanic; 0.5% Black**

**Jail Capacity: 156**

**Average Daily Jail Population: 78**



# Dunn County Prior to Stepping Up Initiative



- Crisis Call Center and Mobile Crisis
- Treatment Court
- Integrated Treatment Specialist
- Limited Jail Mental Health Services

# Dunn County Getting Involved in Stepping Up



- Criminal Justice Collaboration Council (CJCC)
- NACo
- County Board Support
- Stepping Up Resolution Passed – May 2015

# Dunn County Stepping Up Activities



- CJCC Stepping Up Work Group
- Stepping Up Initiative Webinars and Toolkit
- Data Collection



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## Data Collection, Analysis, and Findings



- Rudimentary Methodology
  - “Point in Time” analysis of 204 inmates cross-referenced over four random dates
- Analysis
  - 14% recently received DHS services with indicators of SMI (National Average = 4.0% for SMI)
  - 28% recently received SUD services with local provider (National Average = 8.4% for SUD)
  - 77.25 days Length of Stay for people identified as having SMI
  - 54 days Length of Stay for all others
- Findings
  - Prevalence rates for Significant Mental Illness (SMI) and Substance Use Disorders (SUD) in the Dunn County Jail exceed averages seen in general population
  - Over representation of people with SMI and SUD in our Jail - similar to others findings nationally
  - Length of Stay longer - 30% longer for people with SMI - similar to others findings nationally

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## Stepping Up and Moving Forward



- Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) to identify change areas
- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
- Screening and Assessing in Jail
  - Breaking down barriers to data and information sharing
  - New Assessor position (TAD grant funded in 2017) to assess for MI and SUD in the jail
- Examine Services in the Jail
  - Mental Health
  - Case Management
  - Re-Entry



# Questions and Comments?

## Thank you.

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