



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

INITIAL APPEARANCE DISCUSSION

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COMMUNITY

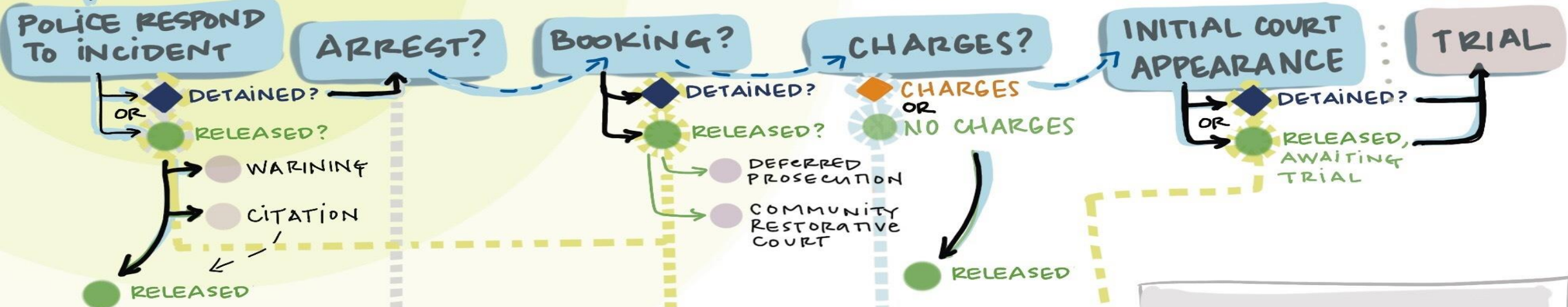
INCIDENT REPORTED TO POLICE

When someone in the community calls the police to report an incident, it can set off an entire cascade of events. Because police are dispatched from distinct municipal departments, data across the county remain in "silos."



SAFER, FAIRER FRONT-END JUSTICE

How do we "connect the dots" of data to find ways to improve the criminal justice system in Dane County, Wisconsin?



Who is arrested? Why?
 What proportion of people arrested...
 ... have committed misdemeanors?
 ... have a prior record?
 ... are people of color?

Who is released? Who is detained? How long do people wait before they are released from jail?

Who is charged?
 What violations are people most frequently charged with?
 Could some people charged with the most frequent state statute violations be eligible for...
 ... pre-arrest diversion?
 ... Community Restorative Court?

KEY QUESTIONS

How does a person move through the system? What patterns do we see across groups, places, or time?

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In custody or out of custody?

NEW: virtual hearings due to COVID

Risk Assessment Tool used for all in custody residents of the jail (PSA)

Data collection (CJC)

Court rule provides residents with judicial decision within set time allowance

Prosecution, Defense and Judicial Official are present



TURNING FOCUS FROM COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (0-1) TO INTERCEPT 2-3



- Are there ways to help those that behavioral health is the primary concern?
- Are peer supports ever used at this stage? How?
- Are therapeutic supports available?
- What about those people booked into jail over and over again with a behavioral health issue?