

# **San Diego City Attorney's Office**

## **SMART**

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## San Diego Misdemeanants At-Risk Track





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- For chronic drug and quality-of-life offenders
- Particularly those otherwise resistant to intervention



# ***The SMART Approach to Addressing the Chronic Misdemeanor Offender***



Launched on Dec. 1, 2016, in  
collaboration with:

- Mayor's Office
- San Diego Police Dept.
- Sheriff's Dept.
- San Diego Superior Court
- Public Defender's Office
- Behavioral Health Services
- Family Health Centers of San Diego (FHCSD)
- San Diego Second Chance Program (Second Chance)
- ACLU

# SMART Overview

- Participants receive:
  - Substance abuse treatment
    - Participants assessed by FHCSD
    - Individual intervention plans and needs assessments
  - Housing for up to 2 years provided by Second Chance
  - Individualized case management
- Success is defined as:
  - Completing treatment
  - Exiting to permanent housing





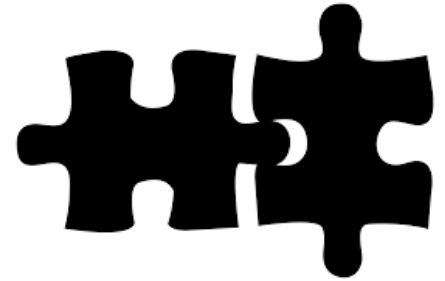
# What are the goals?

- Reduction in recidivism
- Reduction in emergency room visits
- Increased access to healthcare
- Increased days in treatment
- Reduction in court appearances





# Who is eligible?



- Offenders who:
  - Have one or more misdemeanor drug offenses since November of 2014;

**and**

  - Were arrested at least twice in the past six months for a quality-of-life offense.

# How does SMART work?

- Available at multiple stages in the criminal justice continuum.

Arrest/ Citation	Prosecution	Custody	Social Contact
<b>Voluntary Pre-Filing Diversion</b>	<b>Voluntary Post-Filing Offer</b>	<b>Voluntary Post-Sentencing</b>	<b>Voluntary</b>
At point of arrest or citation by SDPD	At all court appearances after CAO files case	While serving custodial sentence	Outreach workers
Complete Intake and Assessment within 7 days	Available even if previously rejected offer	Can accept offer even if previously rejected	After previously rejecting SMART offer in court





# Cost & Funding

- Treatment – No cost to the City
  - Extension of an existing County contract with FHCS
- \$98,000 budget for 10 participants
  - Second Chance provides case management, housing, transportation, job skills, and food
  - Bus passes provided to participants while in treatment

# Early Statistics & Outcomes

- 10 participants in SMART – We're Full
- 38 rejected or disqualified



- 6 participants in SMART over 30 days
- 2 participants in SMART over 90 days
  - 1 participant in almost 150 days

# The High Cost of Status Quo

- SDPD
  - 442 total contacts
    - 102 arrests
    - 89 citations
    - 251 field interviews
  - 490 hours
  - \$36,039  
(\$73.55/hour)
- Sheriff's Dept.
  - 96 total jail bookings
  - 566 days in jail
  - \$80,938 at a rate of \$143 a day





# The High Cost of Status Quo

- Emergency Medical Services
  - \$191,900 in response costs
  - 101 total calls
  - One participant had 25 EMS calls in a year at a cost of \$51,000
- City Attorney's Office
  - 99 Cases
  - Conservative estimate - \$100 per hour
    - Case creation, trial preparation, BWCs, Court time

# Prop. 47 Grant & Expansion

- Joint grant application with the County
- Requested \$3 million for SMART
- If awarded, grant begins June 16



- Mayor's Goal: 100 beds by the end of the year



# Questions?



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