

# **Fulton County** **Justice and Mental Health Task Force**

**A Collaboration of Justice, Behavioral Health, and the Community**

June 2019



# Task Force Business Cases Timeline

- **November 5, 2018** : Business Cases presented to Elected Officials. Motion made by the group to support business cases for approval of funding to Board of Commissioners.
- **November 14, 2018**: Budget for Business Cases request was added to the FY19 Budget presented to the Board of Commissioners
- **January 23, 2019**: Funding for Business Cases was approved by Board of Commissioners.



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## Budget Request for Business Cases

*presented for implementation and continued funding*

Business Cases	2019	2020	2021
Data	\$1,371,000	\$675,000	\$675,000
Diversion	\$1,392,587	\$1,392,587	\$1,392,587
Jail Screening and Reentry	\$528,537	\$674,898	\$669,598
Training	\$160,632	\$148,648	\$146,764
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,452,756</b>	<b>\$2,891,133</b>	<b>\$2,883,949</b>



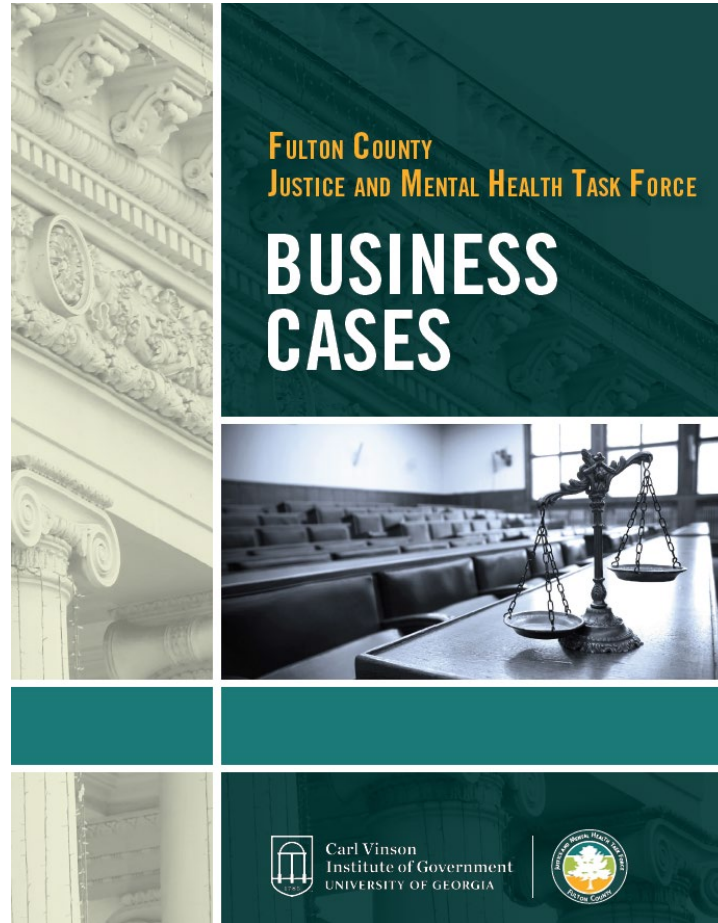
# Approved Funding

- Fulton County Board of Commission approved funding
  - \$1.770 Million
  - Funds awarded to agencies to implement business cases:

\$ 370,000	→	Screening and Jail Reentry	→	Fulton County DBHDD
\$ 220,000	→	Training/Pretrial Officers	→	Superior Court
\$ 500,000	→	Data	→	General Fund
\$ 800,000	→	Diversion	→	General Fund



# Business Cases Progress Update



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# Business Case I: Jail Screening and Reentry

## Key Recommendations

- Implement a validated jail mental health screen for 100% of eligible bookings.

## Implementation

### **Establish the Screening and Reentry Unit**

- Connect to treatment and provide reentry planning
- Six-person staff; Supervisor, Asst. Supervisor, and 4 Clinicians

### **Conduct Brief Mental Health Screen & GAINS**

#### **Checklist for 100% of eligible bookings**

- Correctional Mental Health Screen for Men and Women (CMHS-M/W)
- GAINS Reentry Checklist

## Status Update

### **Preparing for Pilot to begin July 1**

- Currently hiring clinical staff.
- Currently working with jail staff, NaphCare, technology, and justice partners to create workflow.
- Funding provided for three (3) Pretrial Officers with specialized mental health certifications.



# Business Case 2: Data

## Key Recommendations

- Develop and implement a strategy for coordinated information sharing between reentry providers and community stakeholders to improve case coordination.

## Implementation

**Develop an automated process to upload data points and send alerts to shared partners regarding identification, treatment, and reentry of individuals with mental illness.**

## Progress Update

***Currently working through User Requirements and Technical Design phase with vendor Tyler/Socrata.***

- *The vendor will create a customized interface allowing for users to enter pertinent information and search service provider data that will allow decision makers to determine next steps.*
- *A secure data platform that allows providers and departments to upload patient data to, but adheres to the County governance model, roles, and permissions*



# Business Case 3: Training

## Key Recommendations

- Develop and implement a standardized training plan aimed at training 100% of law enforcement officers using Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), trauma-informed responses, and other evidence-based crisis trainings

## Implementation

### **Administer the following trainings to law enforcement:**

- *Trauma-Informed Response Training (4 hours)*
- *Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety (MHFA/PS) (8 hours)*
- *Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) (40 hours)*

## Progress Update

### ***Created a Training Matrix:***

- *Training to be provided to law enforcement and 911 operators*

***Hire A Training Coordinator for the Academy to coordinate schedules and deliver trainings when necessary.***

***Work with Fulton County Police Department for outreach to other municipalities.***





# Business Case 4: Diversion

## Key Recommendations

- Establish drop-off program site with services that include critical care, referrals, and case management to give law enforcement options to divert individuals with serious and persistent mental illness from jail

## Implementation

- **Expand pre-arrest diversion with the creation of a 24/7 drop-off site for law enforcement**
  - Goal 1: Divert estimated 300 referred individuals
  - Goal 2: Connect 3,000 individuals to services

## Progress Update

- ***Currently reviewing real estate assets between City of Atlanta and Fulton County for possible locations***
- ***Regularly meeting with City of Atlanta /Partners for Home and Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative (PAD)***

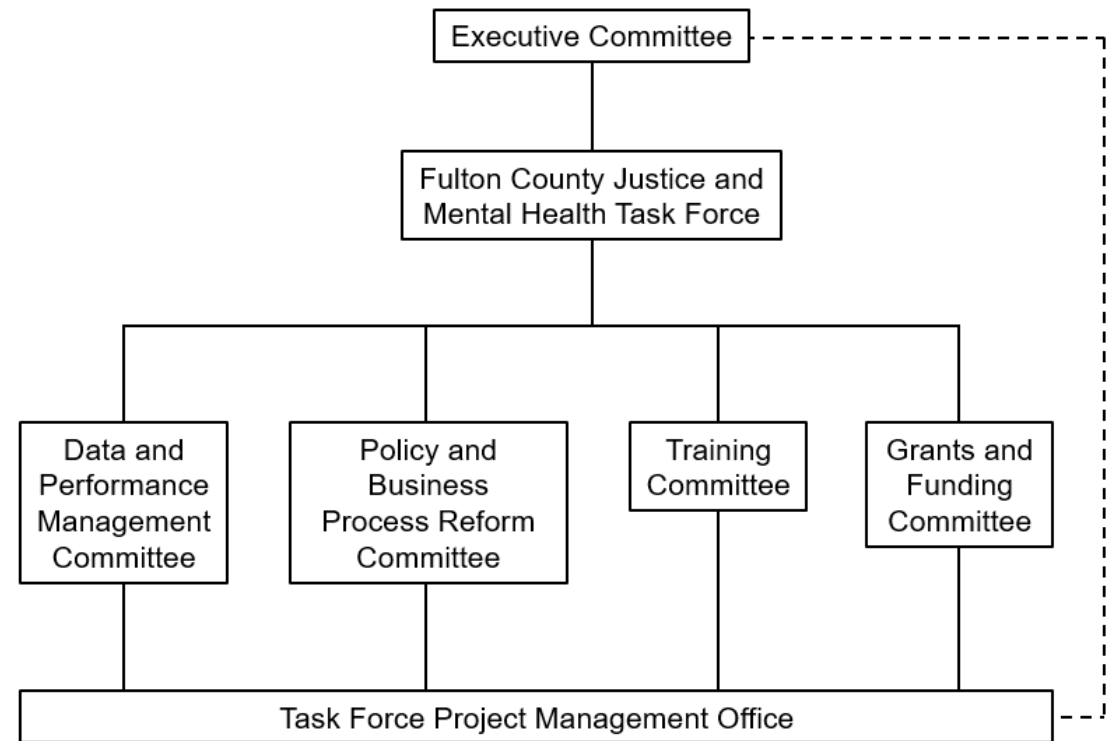


# Next Steps: Project Charter

## Task Force Project Management Office

- Support regular Task Force meetings, committee meetings, and coordination with all partners and stakeholders
- Coordinate grant requests and strategic oversight of investments in criminal justice and mental health activities in the county.
- Tracking implementation of Task Force activities including the collection and reporting of performance reports to the Executive Committee and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners

## Task Force Structure



A public website was created as a repository for all project documents and meeting information:

[www.fultonstepsup.org](http://www.fultonstepsup.org)



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