

Lowell Jail Diversion Program

Quarterly Report: July-September 2021

JDP Interventions

During this third quarter of 2021, Lowell police officers referred a total of fifty-eight (58) cases to the embedded Jail Diversion clinician.

July	9
August	13
September	36
Quarterly Total	58

Arrest Diversions

The primary goal of the Lowell Jail Diversion Program (JDP) is to divert low-level offenders away from the criminal justice system and into more appropriate community based behavioral health treatment. During this quarter of 2021, a total of three (3) individuals with mental illness were diverted from arrest by Lowell police officers. Below is the breakdown of arrest diversions per month and the percentage of diversions.

In addition to the benefit of diverting individuals in crisis from arrest, this represents estimated cost savings of \$7,560 to the criminal justice system (\$2,520 per arrest event).

July	0	N/A*
August	1	50%
September	2	67%
Quarterly Total	3	59%

*N/A=no arrestable offenses encountered

Emergency Department Diversions

An additional goal of the JDP program is to reduce the number of individuals referred to the local hospital Emergency Department (ED) by Lowell police officers. During this quarter of 2021, sixteen (16) individuals were diverted from unnecessary hospital admissions due the presence of the JDP clinician on scene.

This represents estimated health care cost savings of \$64,000 (\$4,000 per ED diversion).

July	2
August	7
September	7
Quarterly Total	16

Total estimated cost savings this quarter due to diversion activity = \$71,560