

Lowell Jail Diversion Program

Quarterly Report: January-March 2022

JDP Interventions

During this quarter of 2022, Lowell police officers referred a total of eighty-three (**83**) cases to the embedded Jail Diversion clinician.

January	14
February	28
March	41
Quarterly Total	83

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 2022, a total of twelve (**12**) individuals with mental health challenges were diverted from arrest by Lowell police officers. Below is the breakdown of arrest diversions per month and the percentage of diversions.

January	N/A	N/A
February	3	60%
March	9	90%
Quarterly Total	12	75%

N/A= No arrestable offenses encountered

In addition to the benefit of diverting individuals in crisis from arrest, this represents estimated cost savings of **\$30,240** to the criminal justice system (\$2,520* per arrest event).

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 2022, thirteen (**13**) individuals were diverted from unnecessary hospital admissions due the presence of the JDP clinician on scene. This represents estimated health care cost savings of **\$52,000** (\$4,000 per ED diversion).

January	1
February	4
March	8
Quarterly Total	13

Total estimated cost savings this quarter due to diversion activity = \$82,240

*Formula cited in "Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Report on Pre-Arrest Jail Diversion Programs", presented by Dr. Deborah Pinals, Assistant Commissioner for Forensic Services, Massachusetts State House, October 6th, 2009.