

Lowell Jail Diversion Program

Quarterly Report: April-June 2022

JDP Interventions

During this quarter of 2022, Lowell police officers referred a total of one hundred and seventy-three **(173)** cases to the embedded Jail Diversion clinician.

April	49
May	37
June	87
Quarterly Total	173

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 twenty **(20)** 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.

April	7	88%
May	4	80%
June	9	90%
Quarterly Total	20	86%

In addition to the benefit of diverting individuals in crisis from arrest, this represents *estimated* cost savings of **\$50,400*** 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, forty-seven **(47)** individuals were diverted from unnecessary hospital admissions due the presence of the JDP clinician on scene. This represents *estimated* health care cost savings of **\$188,000*** (\$4,000* per ED diversion).

April	15
May	14
June	18
Quarterly Total	47

As formulas represented in this report are cited based on 2009 data, the Advocates Co-Response Training & Technical Assistance Center is currently researching and reassessing cost-saving formulas with the Department of Mental Health to obtain the most recent and accurate cost-savings data.

Total estimated cost savings this quarter due to diversion activity = \$238,400*

Thank you for your participation!

The Advocates Co-Response Jail Diversion Program

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*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.