



COLUMBIA COUNTY SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL MAPPING REPORT FACT SHEET

The Columbia County Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping report was prepared by the Greenburger Center for Social and Criminal Justice at the request of City of Hudson Mayor Kamal Johnson. The report identifies infrastructure and service gaps in Columbia County, New York related to the treatment and care of people living with substance use disorders (SUDs) and/or untreated serious mental illness (“target population”). The report includes recommendations to prevent the target population from cycling in and out of incarceration, homelessness, and hospitalization.

To implement these recommendations, the report calls on the City of Hudson and the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to form a Joint Task Force to develop an implementation plan for recommendations deemed feasible.

Major service and infrastructure gaps identified include:

- Short-term crisis stabilization beds (up to 24 hours) and crisis step-down services (e.g., 3-week stabilization residential step-down housing and access to other services, including acute day treatment programs)
- Funding shortage for continuation of Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT) in 2022
- Supportive and homeless housing, including permanent supportive housing for those living with mental illness or SUDs, temporary supportive housing including a homeless shelter for the homeless population, and post crisis stabilization housing (up to 3 weeks)
- Acute day treatment and additional community clinic services
- Re-entry services for people released from incarceration and those who are on probation or otherwise diverted from the criminal justice system pre-trial
- Staff shortages for clinical positions and a lack of staff diversity
- Lack of criminal court diversion options
- Mental health counseling services for students
- After-graduation transitional services for students graduating from high school with more serious forms of mental illness

Major recommendations include:

- Ensure continuation of MCAT and development of short-term and step-down crisis services either associated with Columbia Memorial Hospital or the proposed Wellness Hub
- Creation of a Wellness Hub on a donated land in Greenport, New York, to enable co-located services for the target population, including relocation of the proposed PEOPLE, USA 20 bed DeTox Center
- Development of a 30-40 bed homeless shelter and elimination of motels for emergency housing, unless supportive services are located on-site
- Restoration of counseling services to pre-pandemic levels in schools, the jail, and County Mental Health Clinic
- Creation of a county mental health court to hear felony cases and a HUB court to allow for transfer of misdemeanor cases involving the target population from town and village courts to county court
- More training for town and village judges and lawyers in DA and Public Defender offices
- Repurposing a portion of the jail property or jail for supportive services for the target population