



# JAIL HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY MEETING

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Enhanced Access to In-Custody Healthcare

**SHERIFF BILL BROWN**

# Behavioral Health Units (BHU's)

- Implementation began July 2023
- 5 BHU's (3 in Main Jail, 2 in NBJ)
- Capacity to serve up to 96 incarcerated people
  - 80 male
  - 16 female



# JBCT: Jail Based Competency Treatment

- Implemented November 2020 in contract with Department of State Hospitals (DSH) and Wellpath
- 129 Restored to Competency
- Average of 65 days for restoration
- If not restored in JBCT, patient retains spot on waiting list for State Hospital.





# Early Access Stabilization Services (EASS)

- The EASS program was brought to SBSO by Wellpath who contracted directly with DSH to begin restoration services for incarcerated individuals who are awaiting placement into a JBCT or State Hospital
  - Implemented Fall 2022
  - Average days spent in EASS = 35
  - Restoration Rate = 17.1%

# Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

- MAT is the use of medications in combination with counseling/behavioral therapy to treat substance use disorder (opioids and alcohol)
  - 223 patients were served in 2023
  - Program has expanded from ~40 patients enrolled in March 2023 to over 80 patients enrolled today
- Constraints
- Opioid Settlement Project

# Other Efforts to Improve Care

- Enhanced collaborations with Public Health and BWell
- Facility Enhancement – Healthcare Confidentiality
- Addition of Public Health employees to oversee Jail Healthcare Contract
- Remodel of Main Jail's Inmate Reception Center to increase access to care
- Implementation of CalAim – Medi-Cal Reimbursement
- Enhanced data-sharing between Wellpath/SBSO/PH/BWell
- Increased transparency

