

Hudson-Sudbury Diversion Program

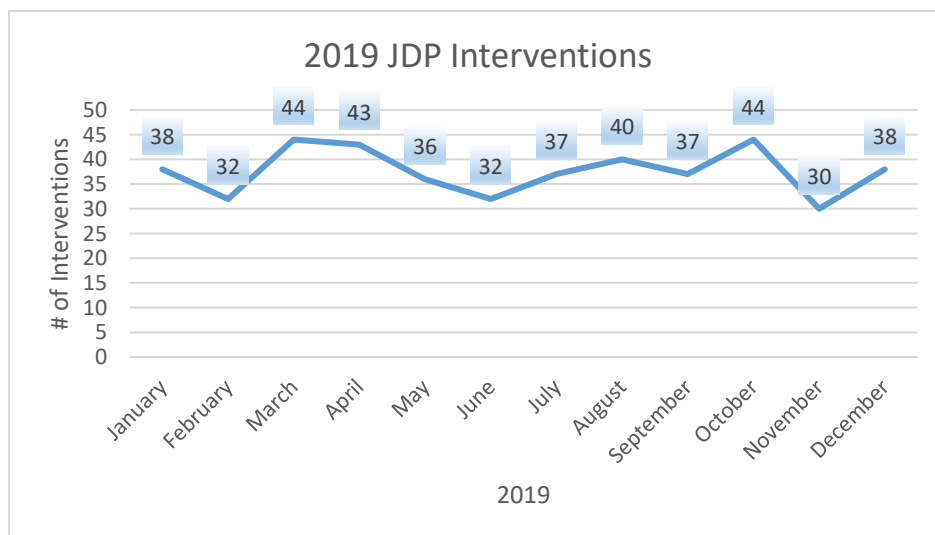
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The Hudson-Sudbury Jail Diversion Program (JDP) was launched in 2018 and pairs specially trained crisis clinicians from Advocates Inc, with police officers at the Hudson & Sudbury Police Departments. These embedded clinicians respond to calls for service and 911 calls with patrol officers; providing immediate on-scene de-escalation, assessment and referrals for individuals in crisis. The primary goal of the Hudson/Sudbury-JDP is to re-direct individuals committing non-violent offences, out of the criminal justice system and into more appropriate community based behavioral health services. When a JDP clinician is not on duty, the Advocates Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) team supports the JDP clinician to ensure timely access for the participating police agencies 24/7.

JDP Interventions 2019

On-scene crisis interventions are facilitated through the dual response of police and clinician to calls for service involving individuals in crisis. Chart 1 represents the 451 individuals referred to the Hudson-Sudbury Jail Diversion Program clinician (s) by Hudson & Sudbury police officers in 2019.

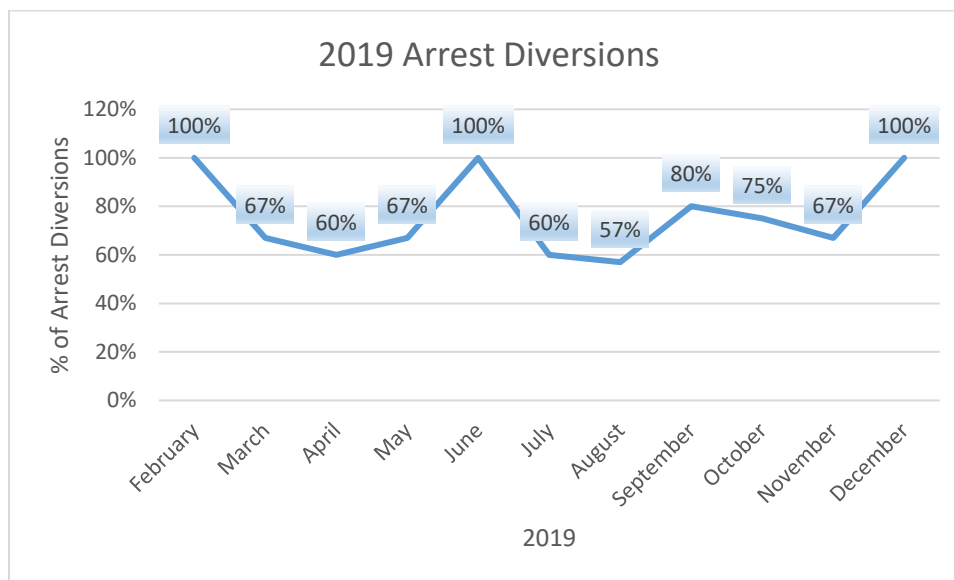
Chart 1: Hudson-Sudbury Co-Response Interventions 2019



Diversions from Arrest 2019

The primary goal of the Hudson-Sudbury Jail Diversion Program is to divert low-level offenders away from the criminal justice system and into more appropriate, community-based behavioral health treatment. During 2019, a total of one-hundred and six (106) individuals with behavioral health conditions were diverted from arrest by Hudson & Sudbury police officers and into treatment facilitated by JDP clinicians. The average percentage of those eligible for arrest diversion who were diverted is 78%. Chart 2 represents the percentage of diversions from arrest by month.

Chart 2: Hudson-Sudbury JDP Arrest Diversions 2019



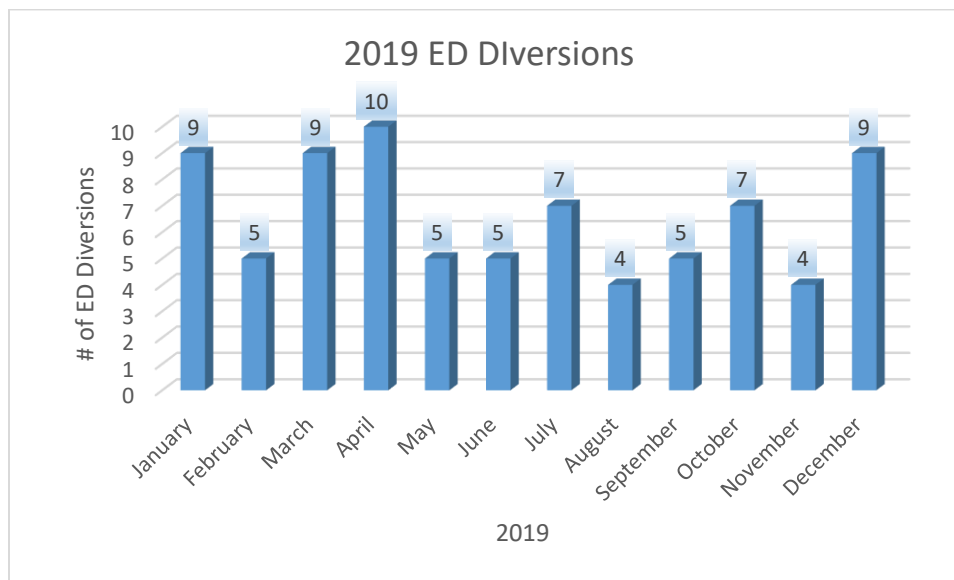
In addition to the benefit of diverting individuals in crisis from arrest, these diversions represent an *estimated* cost savings of **\$267,120*** to the criminal justice system (\$2,520 per arrest event).

Diversions from the Emergency Department 2019

A secondary goal of the Hudson-Sudbury Jail Diversion Program is to decrease the frequency of individuals with behavioral health conditions being referred to the hospital emergency department (ED) for psychiatric assessment by Hudson-Sudbury police officers. During 2019, seventy-nine

(79) individuals were diverted from unnecessary hospital admissions due the presence of a JDP clinician on scene; to facilitate assessment treatment recommendations. Chart 3 represents the monthly hospital ED diversions facilitated by the Hudson-Sudbury JDP team.

Chart 3: Hudson-Sudbury Emergency Department Diversions 2019



In addition to the benefits of receiving care outside of the hospital, these emergency department diversions represent *estimated* health care cost savings of **\$316,000*** (\$4,000 per ED diversion). Combined, estimated cost savings due to arrest and emergency department diversion activity equals **\$583,120***. Thank you for another year of partnership!

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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.