

Ashland-Sherborn-Holliston-Hopkinton (ASHH) Jail Diversion Program

Quarterly Report: January-March 2021

JDP Interventions

During this first quarter of 2021, ASHH police officers referred a total of two hundred and one (201) cases to the embedded Jail Diversion clinicians.

January	77
February	68
March	56
Quarterly Total	201

Arrest Diversions

The primary goal of the ASHH 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 2021, a total of nine (9) individuals with mental illness were diverted from arrest by ASHH police officers. Below is the breakdown of arrest diversions per month and the percentage of diversions.

In addition to the benefit of diverting individuals in crisis from arrest, this represents estimated cost savings of \$22,680 to the criminal justice system (\$2,520 per arrest event).

January	2	67%
February	3	60%
March	4	100%
Quarterly Total	9	76%

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 ASHH police officers. During this quarter of 2021, twenty (20) individuals were diverted from unnecessary hospital admissions due the presence of the JDP clinician on scene.

January	7
February	7
March	6
Quarterly Total	20

This represents estimated health care cost savings of \$80,000 (\$4,000 per ED diversion).

Total estimated cost savings this quarter due to diversion activity = \$102,680