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Dauphin County
**Mental Illness
and
Substance Abuse**
Program

Team MISA (Mental Illness/Substance Abuse)

A team that comprises of staff from criminal justice entities (District Attorney, Public Defender, Adult Probation, DCP/PrimeCare, Work Release, Pretrial) and Human Services (Mental health, Drug and Alcohol). We

discuss the case /individual charges/ diagnosis / background, and treatment recommendations to help the person with their mental health and/or D&A to avoid reincarceration, etc. From there, we develop a case plan that the attorneys and Judge will have prior to the next court date. This plan outlines the proposed treatment recommendations the defendant will have set up and be asked to followed.

We rely on resources in Dauphin County, therefore county residency is one of the factors making a person eligible (In addition to charges and diagnosis)



Basic Eligibility:

- ❖ Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
- ❖ Co-occurring Disorders (Mental Health and Substance Use)
- ❖ Upcoming Court Date and/or Pending New Charges
- ❖ Willing to seek case management / treatment services (MH and/or D&A) and have the team develop a case plan prior to court
- ❖ Dauphin County Resident

The Process:

- ❖ Submit a referral and signed release of information (ROI)
 - Any team member can refer an individual to the Coordinator for Team MISA to review/case plan for if there are Mental Health and/or Drug & Alcohol concerns and treatment is desired.
- ❖ Assistant District Attorney (ADA) will review the referral, charges, and criminal history prior to the meeting
 - If there are any concerns with basic eligibility, pending charges, criminal history, and the individuals willingness to participate in treatment, they can be removed from Team MISA case planning.
- ❖ If accepted into MISA for case planning, the Team will develop a treatment plan prior to the upcoming court proceeding
 - Mental Health and/or Drug & Alcohol Case Management Services will be responsible for completing assessments with the individuals, intakes, and providing treatment recommendations to the Team for the case plan. If approved at court, services will then be set up for the individual.
- ❖ Treatment plans will be distributed to all team members, including the assigned attorneys and Judge, to have available and review at court.



Team MISA Members:

District Attorney's Office:

Assistant District Attorney (ADA), Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) Coordinator, and Criminal Justice Programming Administrator

Public Defenders Office:

BHU Public Defender and Mental Health Advocate

Pretrial:

Mental Health Bail Supervisor

DCP:

Director of Treatment and Mental Health Reentry Coordinator

PrimeCare:

Clinical Director

Judicial Center:

Diversion Specialist Coordinator

Probation:

Mental Health Probation Officers

Work Release:

Supervisor

Human Services:

Human Services Director

MH/A/DP:

Deputy Mental Health Director

Case Management Unit:

Mental Health and Forensic Case Manager

Keystone Case Management:

Supervisor and Case Manager

Drug and Alcohol Services:

Mobile Case Manager