

# JAIL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNITS

In 2023, more than 1,000 inmates were treated for withdrawal in the jail.

> The jail has seen a 26%

> decrease in

population

post-

COVID-19.

### **RENOVATION SUMMARY**

- Add Medical/Counseling Areas in Pods
- Expand Medical & Clinic Areas
- Create Behavioral Health Units
- Create New Employee Entrance

#### **PROJECT GOALS & PRIORITIES**

- Detox and Suicide Prevention
- Creation of Behavioral Health Units
- Additional Medical Space
- Medical Closer to Housing Pods

The jail is spending more than double on psychotropic medications compared to 2018.

# **BED COUNT SUMMARY**

CURRENT

General Population Beds: 899 Medical Beds: 12

#### PROPOSED

Medical/Mental Health/Detox Beds: 112 Women's Mental Health/Detox Beds: 28 Men's Mental Health/Detox Beds: 77 Medical Treatment Beds: 7 Significant increase in inmate hospital admissions for severe medical & mental health conditions.

\$20M

American Rescue Plan Act funds & opioid settlement dollars



Mental health and detox beds will increase by 100



Renovations expected to be completed



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Oct. 30, 2023

Priority Development and Advocacy Committee c/o Dayton Development Coalition 1401 S. Main St., Suite 200 Dayton, OH 45409

Re: Montgomery County Jail Health Care Unit

Dear Hospitals, Health Care and Human Services Committee,

This letter is in support of the Montgomery County Jail Health Care Treatment Unit project in the Priority Development and Advocacy Committee process.

Like many communities nationwide, Montgomery County is seeing an increased need for behavioral health services and resources, especially for our most vulnerable citizens. The Montgomery County Jail inmates reflect our community, and behavioral health needs are significant. Many inmates have underlying health issues, and limited resources in jail further complicate an individual's recovery and ability to succeed upon release.

Community members, courts, contractor experts and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office have invested resources and time to address overcrowding in the jail, to include the implementation of alternatives to incarceration, yet, while the population is down, the health needs of inmates continue to grow. While the Montgomery County Jail has experienced a 26% decrease in the average jail population over the past several years, there has been a significant increase in spending on psychotropic medications and trips to the hospital for inmates experiencing severe medical and mental health conditions. Additionally, some programming and services for inmates were eliminated to make space for behavioral health treatment.

The Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners is requesting funding to re-purpose existing jail square footage, allowing for more space to provide detox, suicide prevention treatment and medical care. The planned renovation we'd like you to support would also better utilize the intake/booking area.

In 2023, more than 1,000 individuals were treated for withdrawal in the Montgomery County Jail, and over half of the inmates reported having a chronic condition. The behavior health unit will add 100 treatment beds, improving inmate health outcomes, providing staff the required space to facilitate quality care and helping individuals succeed upon release into the community.

Thank you for considering this project. We hope PDAC will deem it a top priority for funding and support.

Sincerely,

Debbie Lieberman Commission President

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**County Commissioner** 

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"birthplace of innovation"



## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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Oct. 30, 2023

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Re: Montgomery County Jail Health Care Unit

Dear Hospitals, Health Care and Human Services Committee,

This letter is in support of the Montgomery County Jail Health Care Step-Down Unit project in the Priority Development and Advocacy Committee process.

Like many communities nationwide, Montgomery County is seeing an increased need for behavioral health services and resources, especially for our most vulnerable citizens. The Montgomery County Jail inmates are a reflection of our community, and behavioral health needs are significant. Many inmates have underlying health issues, and limited space for services and programming in jail further complicates an individual's recovery and ability to succeed upon release.

Community members, courts, contractor experts and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office have invested resources and time to address overcrowding in the jail, to include the implementation of alternatives to incarceration, yet, while the population is down, the health needs of inmates continue to grow. While the Montgomery County Jail has experienced a 26% decrease in the average jail population over the past several years, there has been a significant increase in spending on psychotropic medications and trips to the hospital for inmates experiencing severe medical and mental health conditions. Additionally, options for programming and services for inmates are limited due to structural design and space to accommodate increased staffing to manage the specialized population.

The Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners is requesting funding to repurpose existing jail square footage, allowing for more space to provide detox, suicide prevention treatment and medical care. The planned renovation we'd like you to support would also better utilize the intake and booking area.

So far, in 2023, more than 1,000 individuals have been treated for withdrawal in the Montgomery County Jail, and over half of the inmates reported having a chronic condition. The behavioral health unit will add 100 treatment beds, improving inmate health outcomes, providing staff the required space to facilitate quality care and helping individuals succeed upon release into the community.



Thank you for considering this important project. We hope that PDAC will deem it a top priority for funding and support.

Sincerely,

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ROB STRECK

Sheriff



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> Hon. David D. Brannon Judge

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October 30, 2023

Priority Development and Advocacy Committee c/o Dayton Development Coalition 1401 S. Main St., Suite 200 Dayton, OH 45409

Re: Montgomery County Jail Health Care Unit

Dear Hospitals, Health Care and Human Services Committee:

I am writing to express my support for the Montgomery County Jail Health Care Treatment Unit project in the Priority Development and Advocacy Committee process.

Like many communities nationwide, Montgomery County is seeing an increased need for behavioral health services and resources, especially for our most vulnerable citizens. The Montgomery County Jail inmates reflect the makeup our community, and behavioral health needs are significant. Many inmates have underlying health issues, and the limited resources in jail further complicate an individual's recovery and ability to succeed upon release.

As the Montgomery County Probate Court Judge, we see the needs of behavioral health in our community firsthand. We continue to invest in alternatives to incarceration and seek support for individuals under civil commitments. However, the significant increase in medical and mental health conditions impacting inmates requires space to facilitate quality care, so that we can continue with assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) upon release. Specifically, we are crafting an AOT program to compliment the proposed buildout at the jail and see the proposal as the most viable and practical. This improved continuum of care for individuals will increase their likelihood to succeed upon release into the community. The Probate Court is here to partner with the Jail and other stakeholders to address this crisis and continue collaborating and innovating.

Thank you for considering this investment. We hope PDAC will deem it a top priority for funding and support.

Sincerely,

David D. Brannon



Access Hospital Dayton

Atrium Medical Center

Dayton Children's Hospital

Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Grand Lake Health System

Haven Behavioral Hospital

Indu and Raj Soin Medical Center

Kettering Health Behavioral Medical Center

Kettering Health Dayton

Kettering Health Greene Memorial

Kettering Health Hamilton

Kettering Health Main Campus

Kettering Health Miamisburg

Kettering Health Troy

Kettering Health Washington Township

Kindred Hospital Dayton

Mercy Health – Springfield Regional Medical Center

Mercy Health – Urbana Hospital

Miami Valley Hospital

Miami Valley Hospital North

Miami Valley Hospital South

PAM Specialty Hospital of Dayton

Shriners Children's Ohio

The Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio

Upper Valley Medical Center

Wayne HealthCare

Wilson Health

Wright Patterson Medical Center

November 1, 2023

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Dear Hospitals, Health Care and Human Services Committee:

Like many communities nationwide, Montgomery County, Ohio is seeing an increased need for behavioral health services and resources, especially for our most vulnerable citizens. The Montgomery County Jail inmates are a direct reflection of the hardships facing our community – and their behavioral health needs are significant. Many inmates have underlying health issues in addition to their behavioral health needs. But with limited clinical resources in jail, we are unable to properly assist an individual in their recovery and ability to succeed upon release.

Community members, courts, contractor experts and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office have invested resources and time to address overcrowding in the jail, including the implementation of alternatives to incarceration. Yet, while the population is down, the health needs of inmates continue to grow. While the Montgomery County Jail has experienced a 26% decrease in the average jail population over the past several years, there has been a significant increase in spending on psychotropic medications and trips to our community's acute care hospitals for inmates experiencing severe medical and mental health conditions.

The Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners is seeking funding through the State of Ohio Capital Budget and Strategic Initiatives Fund to re-purpose existing jail square footage, allowing for more space to provide detox, suicide prevention treatment and medical care. The planned renovation we'd like you to support would also better utilize the intake/booking area.

In 2023, more than 1,000 individuals were treated for withdrawal in the Montgomery County Jail, and over half of the inmates reported having a chronic condition. The behavior health unit will add 100 treatment beds, improving inmate health outcomes, providing staff the required space to facilitate quality care and helping individuals succeed upon release into the community.

As a community of hospitals, the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association supports the investment to provide necessary detox, suicide prevention treatment, and medical care to inmates in a safe and appropriate environment. We remain a committed partner with Montgomery County to ensure continuity of care when individuals complete their justice commitment and begin their path to success upon release.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Hackenbracht President & CEO