

Strategies, Guides and  
Protocols to Provide Justice  
for those with Mental Illness

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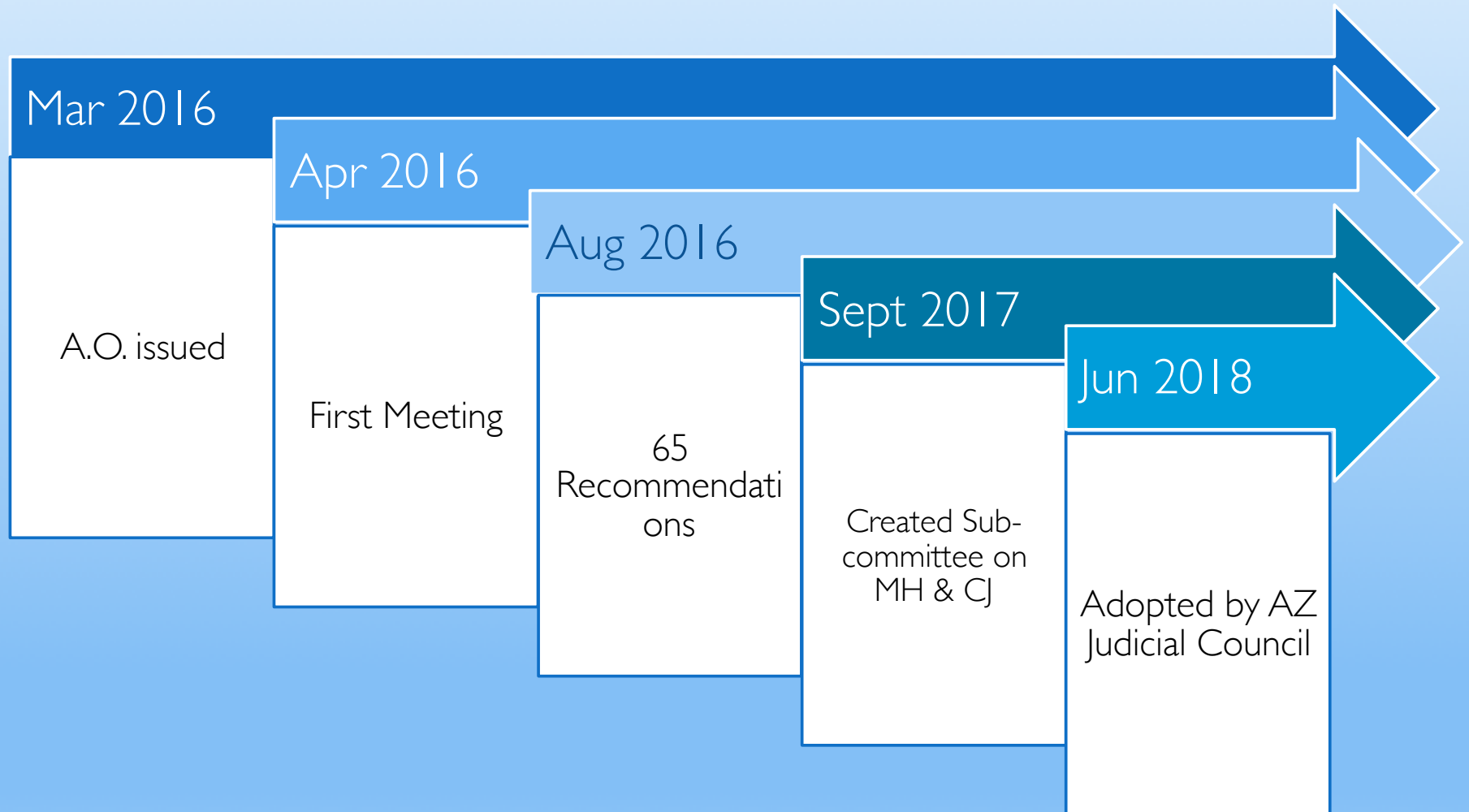
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- 1. People should not be jailed pending the disposition of charges merely because they are poor. Release decisions and conditions should protect public safety and ensure the defendant's appearance.
- 2. People should not be jailed for failing to pay fines or other court-assessed financial sanctions for reasons beyond their control.

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- 3. Court practices should help people comply with their court-imposed obligations - alerting people to appearance dates, allowing deferred payment of fines, and allowing community.
- 4. Sanctions such as fees and fines should be imposed in a manner that promotes, rather than impedes, compliance with the law, economic opportunity, and family stability.

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- Subcommittee on Mental Health and the Criminal Justice
  - Implement legislation impacting competency hearings in MISD cases.
  - Should the standard for treatment be altered?
  - Identify ways courts can be more effective
  - Develop protocol guide for Presiding Judges

# Mental Health Legislation

- Legislation passed to allow city courts to conduct competency proceedings in MISD cases.
  - Two pilot programs - Glendale and Mesa AZ

## Medicaid Justice Initiatives

### Continuations of Treatment

- Electronic system to all 15 jails to suspend services when entering jail but to automatically reinstate upon leaving. Allows for continuation of treatment and medication.

### Full Service Treatment Centers

- Established 8 treatment centers, some co-located with probation departments, to provide, medical, mental health and substance services.

# Guide to Developing Protocols for Each County

- Developed with funding through a SJI Grant
- With consultants from the NCSC
- Designed specifically for county Presiding Judges
- Intended to be a practical tool for convening and developing protocols for justice-system involved individuals with mental or behavioral health issues.

# Guide to Developing Protocols for Each County

- Focuses on highlighting the important steps of...
  - convening stakeholders,
  - assessing the mental health landscape, and
  - implementing court responses and strategies.