Within our office, we currently use JIS to look up Defendant cases to see if they are eligible for services in our office. We look at each individual open case to see if the Defendant has any active warrants. If there are any active warrants, we are not able to enroll the Defendant in our Electronic Home Monitoring program. We track warrants and new charges for our Diversion program as well. With our Diversion program, we recommend certain services/treatment the Defendant must take to complete their Diversion program. We look at their criminal history and their new charge(s) to see what kind of services/treatment they could benefit from with their criminal history and current charges. Using the JIS system, we have to open each individual case to see what the charges are which takes quite a bit of time if they have a long criminal history. We also use it to verify addresses for returned mail.

With using JIS, some of our staff are having a difficult time navigating the system with all the different codes and "F" keys. They are not able to do their job in a timely manner because of the difficulty of the JIS system. It is difficult to read and to navigate. We also use the JIS weblink, but do not get enough information on the actual weblink so we are having to use the bluezone which is difficult to navigate. The JIS system also does not give you any information on Superior Courts (Felony) cases. So, we must navigate to the Odyssey Portal to look up each individual felony case to see if there are any active warrants. Navigating between both programs takes a lot of time, especially if a Defendant has a long criminal history. With JABS, you are able to see all cases and if any of them have any active warrants on one screen.

I personally worked at the Grays Harbor County Prosecutor's Office for almost four years and used JABS and JIS. JABS was definitely more user friendly and gave you so much more information on just one screen with no codes or different keys to navigate the system. Our office would benefit greatly from using JABS instead of JIS when confirming any active warrants, new charges and address information efficiently and be able to provide services to the Defendants that are court ordered to go through our programs and to the Courts with any new charges or warrants the Defendant may obtain.

In our office, we would be using JABS strictly for case reviews for warrants, upcoming court hearings, criminal history, and occasional address information for any returned mail. We must monitor court hearings because the Attorney's need case reviews sent to them and the Judge regarding their progress in our program. Everything in our office is strictly confidential and the use of JABS would be strictly for the purposes mentioned above.

Please accept our request to access JABS so we can better serve our courts and our clients. I appreciate your time and your consideration.

Thank you,

Misty Mann

Case Manager

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