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I submit the following ideas in advance of Tuesday's meeting.

- 1) **Use of technology/telehealth for IMO and/or other medication/treatment determinations.** I also raised this during the first meeting of this working group. Many counties, particularly those without access to JBCTs or alienists who can prescribe medication, may struggle with getting medication and treatment determinations for people either found IST or people for whom doubt has been declared are awaiting an IST evaluation. Potential metrics to track: number of facilities in which telehealth technology is used for this purpose; number of telehealth consults (duplicated and unduplicated clients); number of clients served; number of clinicians (alienists or non-alienists) providing telehealth consults; number of resulting IMOs or other medication/treatment determinations.
- 2) **Set time frames for appointments, receipt of reports, etc.** Leveraging the suggestion made by Judge Manley during the Workgroup #3 meeting on Sept. 24, and noting the responding comment made by Dr. Scott that raised potential delays in producing the evaluation report due to outside factfinding, such as time delays in receiving police reports), set time frames may help reduce the amount of time people wait in jail and remain unmedicated/decompensating as reports are returned to court.