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There is a private mental health facility two blocks from my office, Stabler Lane Behavioral Health. My suggestion is instead of starting a JBCT program in my jail, it would be better to subcontract with the facility designed to provide restorative services. When I pitched the idea to the state they said no and directed me back to opening a JBCT program. I could not afford to absorb the daily bed rate for the private facility into my budget, so we were stuck. We are working on a JBCT program, but I would prefer alternate solutions. The state should allow sheriffs to subcontract and then support those efforts financially. I think the daily bed rate was around \$400 a day. This times two beds is roughly \$24,000 per month.