

Projects: Recommendations that include potential projects for DSHS/JCAFS

Recommendations presented in the JCAFS Legislative Report	Where located in the Legislative Report
<p><i>Regional Transitional Program</i> Consider a regional model for transitioning individuals out of the state hospital system.</p>	Intercepts 4/5
<p><i>Training to Law Enforcement, Courts, Attorneys</i> Provide education and training to law enforcement, courts, and attorneys.</p>	Intercepts 1/2
<p><i>Community-Based Programming for Probation/Parole</i> Evaluate the need for expansion of community-based programming for individuals on probation and parole with behavioral health needs.</p>	Intercepts 4/5
<p><i>Advisory Psychiatric Review Board</i> Establish a statewide advisory psychiatric review board to provide state hospitals with consultation regarding the release of long-term forensic individuals from facilities; this board would include representation from the community.</p>	Intercepts 4/5
<p><i>Disparate Drug Formularies</i> Address the disparate formularies and continuity of care issues present following restoration and return to jail.</p>	Intercept 3
<p><i>MSU Flow Analysis</i> Using available data, evaluate the capacity for forensic patients moving through the system with a specific focus on the flow of individuals through the MSU and the delays that occur in accessing and transitioning from this particular setting.</p>	Intercept 3
<p><i>Workforce Recruitment and Retention</i> Support ongoing statewide recruitment and retention efforts and academic partnerships to help address workforce shortage issues.</p>	General Recommendations
<p><i>Functional Inventory of Programs</i> Conduct a functional inventory of forensic programs, services, available expertise, and academic partnerships.</p>	General Recommendations
<p><i>Training Standards for Law Enforcement</i> Evaluate minimum training standards for law enforcement and explore opportunities to enhance current training efforts using best practices.</p>	Intercepts 1/2
<p><i>Statutory Conditional Release</i> Evaluate the need for a statutory conditional release program designed to provide community support and treatment.</p>	Intercepts 4/5
<p><i>Highlight Statutes in Need of Updates</i> Begin to highlight areas in relevant statutes related to forensic services that may benefit from updates or changes.</p>	General Recommendations
<p><i>Track Pilot Programs</i> Track the progress of pilot programs and other emerging models of care.</p>	General Recommendations
<p><i>Laws/Regulations for OCR with Residential Component</i> Assure that controlling laws and agency regulations permit outpatient competency restoration programs that include a community-based residential component.</p>	Intercept 3

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<p><i>Department Review of Work Processes</i> The department should be tasked with conducting a review of work processes for the purpose of identifying opportunities to improve effectiveness and efficiency with regards to staff recruitment and retention.</p>	General Recommendations
<p><i>Support Collaborations with TCOOMMI</i> Continue to support collaborations with TCOOMMI in response to continuity of care and diversion activities for those clients released from prison or on probation.</p>	Intercepts 4/5
<p><i>Mechanism to Track Recidivism</i> Develop a mechanism to track recidivism for NGRI individuals and those who have been restored to competency and discharged from state hospitals.</p>	Intercepts 4/5

Explore: Recommendations that require further exploration to help identify specific tasks/strategies

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<p><i>Housing and Employment Needs</i> Explore ways to better meet the housing and employment needs of justice-involved individuals, including those in outpatient competency restoration programs.</p>	Intercept 3
<p><i>Support County Jails</i> Explore ways to support county jails in addressing the behavioral health needs of persons incarcerated and include county sheriffs and jail administrators in program development efforts when establishing behavioral health programs in county jails.</p>	Intercept 3
<p><i>Services for Long-Term Medical/Neuropsychiatric Needs</i> Consider services and supports for community living for individuals with long-term medical or neuropsychiatric needs who no longer require inpatient hospitalization.</p>	Intercepts 4/5
<p><i>Alternative Restorative Treatments</i> Consider strategies to expand the use of alternative restorative treatment for individuals based on charges and criminogenic risk.</p>	Intercept 3
<p><i>Address the Needs of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities</i> Identify alternatives to effectively address the needs of individuals with intellectual disabilities.</p>	Intercept 3
<p><i>Incentives for Developing Post-Discharge Placements</i> Consider methods for providing LMHAs with incentives for developing post-discharge placements.</p>	Intercepts 4/5
<p><i>Access to Benefits</i> Identify ways to support individuals in gaining access to benefits when getting out of county jails so they can continue with any healthcare treatment regimen that has been successful for them.</p>	Intercepts 4/5
<p><i>Use of Existing Laws/Authority to Expand OCR</i> Explore ways to more efficiently and more fully utilize existing laws and authority as well as current best practices, to include expanding the use of outpatient competency restoration.</p>	General Recommendations
<p><i>Exchange of Information</i> Building upon existing infrastructure and best practices, explore ways to enhance the exchange of information between law enforcement and mental health service providers.</p>	Intercepts 1/2
<p><i>Support Specialization of Services</i> Explore ways to support specialization of services and opportunities to build expertise with specific populations, to include treatment of juvenile offenders.</p>	Intercept 3
<p><i>Oversight of Competency Evaluations</i> Consider a system for qualitative oversight of competency evaluations completed by practitioners in the field.</p>	Intercept 3
<p><i>Quality of Care at Personal Care Homes</i> Address the quality of care provided at personal care homes that are utilized as transitional or stepdown facilities as well as the level of oversight in these homes across the state.</p>	Intercepts 4/5