



Jail Diversion Initiatives for Adults

Senate Criminal Justice Hearing

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Mental Health Peer Supported Re-Entry Pilot H.B. 1, 84th Legislature – Rider 73

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- DSHS is partnering with LMHAs and county sheriffs to establish a pilot program that uses certified peer support specialists to ensure inmates with a mental illness successfully transition from the county jail into clinically appropriate community-based care.
 - Pilot Sites:
 - Harris County
 - Tropical Texas (Edinburg)
 - MHMR of Tarrant County
 - Working with Hogg Foundation to conduct process evaluation.

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- Eligibility:
 - Individuals found to be incompetent to stand trial, and determined not to be a danger to the community, for the purpose of competency restoration
 - Serves approximately 324 individuals per fiscal year
 - Services include:
 - Competency Restoration Training
 - Intensive Case Management
 - Medication
 - Supportive Employment
 - Housing
 - Counseling
 - Substance Use Disorder Treatment
 - 12 programs in rural and urban areas

- Eligibility:
 - Individuals with mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders who have either:
 - Received treatment in Harris County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO) Mental Health Unit or
 - Have a history of recurring psychotropic medication treatment in HCSO, and three or more jail bookings within the past two years
- Diverse provider network offers various treatment services:
 - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment
 - Permanent and Temporary Housing
 - Peer Support
 - Assistance with Basic Needs
 - Rehabilitation
 - Transportation
 - Vocational/Education
 - Care Coordination
 - Health Services
- Operates for 3 years



Jail-Based Competency Restoration S.B. 1475, 83rd Legislature H.B. 1, 84th Legislature – Rider 70

- Pilot to provide treatment to restore competency to individuals in county jails, rather than in psychiatric facilities or in community-based settings
- Services will include mental health and co-occurring substance use disorder treatment and legal education for individuals found Incompetent to Stand Trial
- DSHS adopted final rules that incorporated stakeholder feedback in January 2016