

# Form O: Consolidated Local Service Plan

The Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) requires all local mental health authorities (LMHA) and local behavioral health authorities (LBHA) submit the Consolidated Local Service Plan (CLSP) for fiscal year 2025 by **December 31**, **2024** to Performance.Contracts@hhs.texas.gov and CrisisServices@hhs.texas.gov.

## **Introduction**

The Consolidated Local Service Plan (CLSP) encompasses all service planning requirements for local mental health authorities (LMHAs) and local behavioral health authorities (LBHAs). The CLSP has three sections: Local Services and Needs, the Psychiatric Emergency Plan, and Plans and Priorities for System Development.

The CLSP asks for information related to community stakeholder involvement in local planning efforts. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) recognizes that community engagement is an ongoing activity and input received throughout the biennium will be reflected in the local plan. LMHAs and LBHAs may use a variety of methods to solicit additional stakeholder input specific to the local plan as needed. In completing the template, please provide concise answers, using bullet points. Only use the acronyms noted in Appendix B and language that the community will understand as this document is posted to LMHAs' and LBHAs' websites. When necessary, add additional rows or replicate tables to provide space for a full response.

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## **Section I: Local Services and Needs**

### I.A Mental Health Services and Sites

In the table below, list sites operated by the LMHA or LBHA (or a subcontractor organization) providing mental health services regardless of funding. Include clinics and other publicly listed service sites. Do not include addresses of individual practitioners, peers, or individuals that provide respite services in their homes. Add additional rows as needed.

List the specific mental health services and programs provided at each site, including whether the services are for adults, adolescents, and children (if applicable).

- Screening, assessment, and intake
- Texas Resilience and Recovery (TRR) outpatient services: adults, adolescents, or children
- Extended observation or crisis stabilization unit
- Crisis residential or respite unit, or both
- Diversion centers
- Contracted inpatient beds
- Services for co-occurring disorders
- Substance use prevention, intervention, and treatment
- Integrated healthcare: mental and physical health
- Services for people with Intellectual or Developmental Disorders (IDD)
- Services for veterans
- Other (please specify)

#### **Table 1: Mental Health Services and Sites**

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Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	Number		Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (LMHA) and partnering FQHC	Bastrop Community Health Center 275 Jackson Street Bastrop, TX 78602	321- 7250	Bastrop County	Integrated Health Clinic	Autism Treatment Mental Health (MH) Services Employment Services Crisis Services Early Childhood Intervention Integrated Primary, Dental and Behavioral Health Care Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Evaluations, Service Coordination and Services Justice-Involved Services Texas Commission on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) Program Services Jail Diversion Services Medication Assisted Treatment Mental Health Deputy Program Peer Support Services Substance Use Treatment Supportive and Supported Housing Services Outreach Screening Assessment and Referral (OSAR) Services
LMHA and partnering FQHC	Bastrop ISD Family Resource Center and Health Clinic 1602 Hill Street Bastrop, TX 78602	(512) 772- 7100	Bastrop County	School- Based Health Clinic	Integrated Health Clinic (Primary Care and Behavioral Health Care) Mental Health (MH) Services Counseling Services Crisis Services Family Partner Services Case Management Services COPSD Treatment

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	Number	County	Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
Cedar Creek ISD	Cedar Creek ISD 793 Union Chapel Road Cedar Creek, TX 78612	(512) 772- 7300	Bastrop County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
LMHA and partnering FQHC	Family Health Center at Elgin ISD 711 W. 10th Street Elgin, TX 78621	(512) 281- 9774	Bastrop County	School- Based Health Clinic	<ul> <li>Integrated Health Clinic (Primary Care and Behavioral Health Care)</li> <li>Mental Health (MH) Services</li> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
McDade ISD	McDade ISD 156 Marlin Street McDade, TX 78650	(512) 273- 2522	Bastrop County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management Services</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Smithville ISD	Smithville ISD 801 Wilkes Street Smithville, TX 78957	(512) 237- 2487	Bastrop County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management Services</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Bastrop County Jail	Bastrop County Jail 200 Jackson St Bastrop, TX 78602	1-844- 309- 6385	Bastrop County	Jail	<ul><li>Jail Diversion Services</li><li>Psychiatric Services</li><li>Jail In-Reach Services</li></ul>

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	Number		Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
<b>LMHA</b>	Marble Falls Center 4606 Innovation Loop Marble Falls, TX 78654 (830) 798-2902	(830) 798- 2902	Burnet County	Clinic	<ul> <li>Autism Treatment</li> <li>MH Services</li> <li>Employment Services</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>Early Childhood Intervention</li> <li>Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Evaluations, Service Coordination and Services</li> <li>Medication Assisted Treatment</li> <li>Supported and Supported Housing Services</li> <li>Justice-Involved Services</li> <li>Texas Commission on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) Program Services</li> <li>Peer Support Services</li> <li>Substance Use Treatment</li> <li>OSAR</li> </ul>
Burnet CISD	Burnet CISD 208 East Brier Burnet, TX 78611	(512) 756- 2124	Burnet County		<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Marble Falls ISD	Marble Falls ISD 2101 Mustang Drive Marble Falls, TX 78654	(830) 693- 4357	Burnet County		<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Burnet County Jail	Burnet County Jail 900 County Ln Burnet, TX 78611	1-844- 309- 6385	Burnet County	Jail	<ul> <li>Jail Diversion Services</li> </ul>

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	Phone Number	County	Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
EMHA and partnering FQHC	Lockhart Integrated Health Center 2060 S Colorado St Lockhart, TX 78644	(512) 398- 9610	Caldwell County	Integrated Health Clinic	<ul> <li>Autism Treatment</li> <li>MH Services</li> <li>Employment Services</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>Dental Services</li> <li>Early Childhood Intervention</li> <li>Integrated Primary, Dental and Behavioral Health Care</li> <li>Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Evaluations, Service Coordination and Services</li> <li>Justice-Involved Services</li> <li>Medication Assisted Treatment</li> <li>Texas Commission on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) Program Services</li> <li>OSAR</li> <li>Peer Support Services</li> <li>Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Program for Youth</li> <li>Substance Use Treatment Supportive and Supported Housing Services</li> </ul>
Lockhart ISD	Lockhart ISD 906 Center Street Lockhart, TX 78644	(512) 398- 0000	j	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> <li>Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Program for Youth</li> </ul>
Luling ISD	Luling ISD 214 E Bowie Street Luling, TX 78648	(830) 875- 3191	Caldwell County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> <li>Multisystemic Therapy</li> <li>(MST) Program for Youth</li> </ul>

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City and Zip	Number		Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
Prairie Lea ISD	Prairie Lea ISD 6910 San Marcos Hwy Prairie Lea, TX 78661	(512) 488- 2370	Caldwell County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> <li>Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Program for Youth</li> </ul>
Caldwell County Jail 1204 Reed Dr Lockhart, TX 78644	Caldwell County Jail	1-844- 309- 6385	Caldwell County	Jail	<ul><li> Jail Diversion Services</li><li> Psychiatric Services</li><li> Jail In-Reach Services</li></ul>
LMHA	La Grange Center 750 West Travis St La Grange, TX 78945	(979) 968- 3711	Fayette County	Integrated Health Clinic	<ul> <li>Autism Treatment</li> <li>MH Services</li> <li>Employment Services</li> <li>Family Health Care Clinic</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>Early Childhood Intervention</li> <li>Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Evaluations, Service Coordination and Services</li> <li>Medication Assisted Treatment</li> <li>Justice-Involved Services</li> <li>OSAR</li> <li>Peer Support Services</li> <li>Substance Use Treatment</li> <li>Supportive and Supported Employment Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) Services</li> </ul>
Fayetteville ISD	Fayetteville ISD 618 N. Rusk Fayetteville, TX 78940	(979) 378- 4242	Fayette County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Flatonia ISD	Flatonia ISD 400 E 4th St, Flatonia, TX 78941	(361) 865- 2941	Fayette County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	Phone Number	County	Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
La Grange ISD	La Grange ISD 820 South Vail Street La Grange, TX 78945	(979) 968- 7000	Fayette County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Roundtop Carmine ISD	Roundtop Carmine ISD 608 North Washington Round Top, TX 78954	(979) 249- 3200	Fayette County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Schulenburg ISD	Schulenburg ISD 521 Shorthorn Drive Schulenburg, TX 78956	(979) 743- 3448	Fayette County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Fayette County Jail	Fayette County Jail 1646 N Jefferson St La Grange, TX 78945	1-844- 309- 6385	Fayette County	Jail	<ul><li>Jail Diversion Services</li><li>Psychiatric Services</li><li>Jail In-Reach Services</li></ul>
LMHA and partnering FQHC	Gonzales Community Health Center 228 Saint George Street Gonzales, TX 78629	(830) 672- 7975	Gonzales County	Integrated Health Clinic	MH Services Employment Services Crisis Services Dental Services Integrated Primary, Dental and Behavioral Health Care Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Evaluations, Service Coordination and Services Medication Assisted Treatment Supported and Supported Housing Services Peer Support Services Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Program for Youth Substance Use Treatment
Gonzales ISD	Gonzales ISD 1801 N Sarah Dewitt Dr Gonzales, TX 78629	(830) 672- 9551	Gonzales County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Program for Youth

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	Phone Number		Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
Nixon-Smiley CISD	Nixon-Smiley CISD 800 N Rancho Rd Nixon, TX 78140	(830) 582- 1536	Gonzales County	School	Family Partner Services
Gonzales County Jail	Gonzales County Jail 1713 E Sarah DeWitt Dr Gonzales, TX 78629	1-844- 309- 6385	Gonzales County	Jail	Psychiatric Services
LMHA and partnering FQHC	Seguin Family Health Center 1104 Jefferson Ave Seguin, TX 78155	(830) 386- 2700	Guadalupe County	Integrated Health Clinic	•
LMHA	Youth Therapeutic Respite Program Seguin, TX 78155	(800) 841- 1255	Guadalupe County	Youth Crisis Respite Unit	Youth Therapeutic Respite Program (10 bed unit) Crisis Services OSAR Substance Use Treatment

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	, Phone Number	County	Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
Marion ISD	Marion ISD 211 West Otto Street Marion, TX 78124	(830) 914- 1060	Guadalupe County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Program for Youth
Navarro ISD	Navarro ISD 6450 TX- 123 Seguin, TX 78155	(830) 372- 1930	Guadalupe County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Program for Youth
Schertz/Cibolo/Universal City ISDs	Schertz/Cibolo/Universal City ISDs 1001 Elbel Road Schertz, TX 78154	(210) 945- 6200	Guadalupe County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Program for Youth
Seguin ISD	Seguin ISD 1315 E Cedar Street Seguin, TX 78155	(830) 401- 8600	Guadalupe County	School	
Guadalupe County Jail	Guadalupe County Jail 2615 N Guadalupe St Seguin, TX 78155	1-844- 309- 6385	Guadalupe County	Jail •	Jail Diversion Services Psychiatric Services Jail In-Reach Services

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	, Phone Number	County	Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
LMHA and partnering FQHC	Giddings Family Health Center 849 E Industry Street Giddings, TX 78942	(979) 542- 3042	Lee County	Integrated Health Clinic	Employment Services Crisis Services Early Childhood Intervention Family Health Care Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Evaluations, Service Coordination and Services Medication Assisted Treatment Justice-Involved Services Texas Commission on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) Program Services Peer Support Services Primary Care
Giddings ISD	Giddings ISD 2337 N. Main Street Giddings, TX 78942	(979) 542- 2854	Lee County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment
Lexington ISD	Lexington ISD 8731 N HWY 77 Lexington, TX 78947	(979) 773- 2254	Lee County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment
Lee County Jail	Lee County Jail 2122 FM 448 Giddings, TX 78942	1-844- 309- 6385	Lee County	Jail	Jail Diversion Services Psychiatric Services Jail In-Reach Services
LMHA	San Gabriel Crisis Center 711 North College Street Georgetown, TX 78626	(512) 869- 2650	Williamson County	Adult Crisis Respite Unit	Adult Crisis Respite Unit (16 bed unit) Crisis Services Family Health Care Medication Assisted Treatment OSAR Peer Support Services Substance Use Treatment

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	Phone Number		Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
<b>LMHA</b>		(512) 255- 1720	Williamson County	Integrated Health Clinic	Autism Treatment MH Services Employment Services Crisis Services Early Childhood Intervention Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Evaluations, Service Coordination and Services Justice-Involved Services Medication Assisted Treatment Texas Commission on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) Program Services OSAR Peer Support Services Primary Care Substance Use Treatment Supportive and Supported Housing Services COPSD Treatment 16-Bed Youth Therapeutic Respite Program
LMHA		(512) 259- 1811	Williamson County	Integrated Health Clinic	Autism Treatment MH Services Crisis Services Early Childhood Intervention Family Health Care Intellectual Developmental Disability (IDD) Evaluations, Service Coordination and Services Medication Assisted Treatment COPSD Treatment OSAR

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	, Phone Number	County	Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
LMHA	Taylor Clinic 404 Carlos G Parker Blvd NW Taylor, TX 76574	(512) 365- 1600	Williamson County	Integrated Health Clinic	MH Services Crisis Services Family Health Care Medication Assisted Treatment Substance Use Treatment
Bartlett ISD	Bartlett ISD 404 N Robinson Street Bartlett, TX 76511	(254) 527- 4247	Williamson County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment
Coupland ISD	Coupland ISD 620 S Commerce Street Coupland, TX 78615	(512) 856- 2422	Williamson County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment
Florence ISD	Florence ISD 306 College Ave Florence, TX 76527	(254) 793- 2850	Williamson County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment
Georgetown ISD	Georgetown ISD 507 E University Ave Georgetown, TX 78626	(512) 943- 5000	Williamson County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment
Granger ISD	Granger ISD 302 N. Colorado Granger, TX 76530	(512) 859- 2221	Williamson County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment
Hutto ISD	Hutto ISD 200 College Street Hutto, TX 78634	(512) 759- 3771	Williamson County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment
Jarrell ISD	Jarrell ISD 504 N. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Jarrell, TX 76537	(512) 746- 2124	Williamson County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment
Leander ISD	Leander ISD 410 S W Drive Leander, TX 78641/	(512) 570- 0000	Williamson County	School	Counseling Services Family Partner Services Case Management Crisis Services COPSD Treatment

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	Phone Number	County	Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
Liberty Hill ISD	Liberty Hill ISD 301 Forrest Street Liberty Hill, TX 78642	(512) 260- 5580	Williamson County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Round Rock ISD	Round Rock ISD 201 Deep Wood Drive Round Rock, TX 78681 (512) 464-6000	(512) 464- 6000	Williamson County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Taylor ISD	Taylor ISD 3101 N Main Street Taylor, TX 76574	(512) 365- 8089	Williamson County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Thorndale ISD	Thorndale ISD 300 N Main Street Thorndale, TX 76577	(512) 898- 2538	Williamson County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
Thrall ISD	Thrall ISD 201 S Bounds Street Thrall, TX 76578	(512) 898- 0062	Williamson County	School	<ul> <li>Counseling Services</li> <li>Family Partner Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>COPSD Treatment</li> </ul>
LMHA	Diversion Center Georgetown, TX 78626	(800) 841- 1255	Williamson County	Diversion Center	<ul> <li>Crisis Services</li> <li>Law Enforcement Triage</li> <li>23-48 Hour Observation</li> <li>OSAR</li> <li>Peer Support Services</li> <li>Substance Use Treatment</li> </ul>
Williamson County Jail	Williamson County Jail	1-844- 309- 6385	Williamson County	Jail	<ul><li> Jail-Based Competency Restoration Services</li><li> Jail In-Reach Services</li></ul>
Autism Treatment	10 County service area with offices in multiple locations	1-844- 309- 6385	Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Lee, Travis and Williamson Counties	Varies	Youth ages 3 to 15 with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum from a qualified professional

Operator (LMHA, LBHA, contractor or sub- contractor)	Street Address, City, and Zip	Phone Number	COUNTY	Type of Facility	Services and Target Populations Served
Outreach, Screening,	30 County service area		Region 7: Bell,	Varies	Persons seeking inpatient or
Assessment and Referral	with offices in multiple	309-	Blanco, Bosque,		outpatient substance use
(OSAR)	locations	6385	Brazos,		treatment
			Burleson,		
			Coryell, Falls,		
			Freestone,		
			Grimes,		
			Hamilton, Hays,		
			Hill, Lampasas,		
			Leon,		
			Limestone,		
			Llano, Madison,		
			McLennan,		
			Milam, Mills,		
			Robertson, San		
			Saba, Travis,		
			and		
			Washington		
			Counties		

# I.B Mental Health Grant Program for Justice-Involved Individuals

The Mental Health Grant Program for Justice-Involved Individuals is a grant program authorized by in Chapter 531, Texas Government Code, Section 531.0993 to reduce recidivism rates, arrests, and incarceration among people with mental illness, as well as reduce the wait time for people on forensic commitments. The 2024-25 Texas General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, (Article II, HHSC, Rider 48) appropriated additional state funding to expand the grant and implement new programs. The Rural Mental Health Initiative Grant Program, authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 531.09936, awarded additional state funding to rural serving entities to address the mental health needs of rural Texas residents. These grants support community programs by providing behavioral health care services to people with a mental illness encountering the criminal justice system and facilitate the local cross-agency coordination of behavioral health, physical health, and jail diversion services for people with mental illness involved in the criminal justice system.

In the table below, describe projects funded under the Mental Health Grant Program for Justice-Involved Individuals, Senate Bill 1677, and Rider 48. Number served per year should reflect reports for the previous fiscal year. If the project is not a facility; indicate N/A in the applicable column below. Add additional rows if needed. If the LMHA or LBHA does not receive funding for these projects, indicate N/A and proceed to I.C.

**Table 2: Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved Individuals Projects** 

Fiscal Year	Project Title (include brief description)	County(s)	Type of Facility	Population Served	Number Served per Year
FY19- 25	Mental Health Deputy Project	Bastrop, Burnet, Fayette, Guadalupe	N/A	adults with at least one	FY24 Actual: 1895
	Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Project	Guadalupe	N/A	adults with at least one	FY24 Actual: 75
	Seguin Diversion Center	•	Diversion Center	experiencing a psychiatric	FY25 Target: 100

# I.C Community Mental Health Grant Program: Projects related to jail diversion, justice-involved individuals, and mental health deputies

Section 531.0999, Texas Government Code, requires HHSC to establish the Community Mental Health Grant Program, a grant program to support communities

providing and coordinating mental health treatment and services with transition or supportive services for people experiencing mental illness. The Community Mental Health Grant Program is designed to support comprehensive, data-driven mental health systems that promote both wellness and recovery by funding community-partnership efforts that provide mental health treatment, prevention, early intervention, or recovery services, and assist with people transitioning between or remaining in mental health treatment, services and supports.

In the table below, describe Community Mental Health Grant Program projects related to jail diversion, justice-involved individuals, and mental health deputies. Number served per year should reflect reports for the previous fiscal year. Add additional rows if needed. If the LMHA or LBHA does not receive funding for these projects, indicate N/A and proceed to I.D.

**Table 3: Community Mental Health Grant Program Jail Diversion Projects** 

Fiscal Year	Project Title (include brief description)	County(s)	Population Served	Number Served per Year
	Acute Crisis Project: Diversion Center		Uninsured or underinsured adults in acute crisis who can benefit from crisis triage and short-term rapid stabilization	FY24 Actual: 430

# **I.D Community Participation in Planning Activities**

Identify community stakeholders that participated in comprehensive local service planning activities.

**Table 4: Community Stakeholders** 

		Stakeholder Type		Stakeholder Type
[	$\boxtimes$	People receiving services	$\boxtimes$	Family members
1	$\boxtimes$	Advocates (children and adult)		Concerned citizens or others

	Stakeholder Type		Stakeholder Type
	Local psychiatric hospital staff (list the psychiatric hospital and staff that participated):  • Georgetown Behavioral Health Institute • Rock Springs Hospital • Cross Creek Hospital • Canyon Creek Hospital • Cedar Crest Hospital • Dell Children's Hospital • Cedar Hills Behavioral • Laurel Ridge Treatment Center • Ascension Shoal Creek		State hospital staff (list the hospital and staff that participated):  • Matthew Moravec-Gallagher
	Mental health service providers	$\boxtimes$	Substance use treatment providers
$\boxtimes$	Prevention services providers	$\boxtimes$	Outreach, Screening, Assessment and Referral Centers

- County officials (list the county and the name and official title of participants):
  - Inclusive of the following for Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Lee and Williamson Counties:
    - Williamson County Court at Law Two, Judge Laura Barker
    - Williamson County District
       Judge Betsy Lambeth
    - Williamson County Court at Law, Brandy Hallford
    - Williamson County Attorney, Dee Hobbs
    - Caldwell County District Attorney, Fred Weber
    - Caldwell County First
       Assistant District Attorney,
       Amanda Montgomery
    - Gonzales County Assistant Attorney, Keri Miller
    - Williamson County Sheriff
       Mike Gleason
    - Williamson County: 26th
       District Court Judge Donna
       King and 227<sup>th</sup> District Court
       Judge Stacey Mathews
    - Bastrop & Lee Counties: 335<sup>th</sup>
       Judicial District Court Judge
       Reva Towslee-Corbett and
       21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court
       Judge Carson Campbell
    - Bastrop County Judge Paul Pape
    - Bastrop County Sheriff Maurice Cook
    - Burnet County JP Precinct 1, Roxanne Nelson
    - Williamson County
       Commissioner Terry Cook
       (Precinct 1)
    - Williamson County Commissioner Cynthia Long (Precinct 2)
    - Williamson County
       Commissioner Valerie Covey
       (Precinct 3)
    - Burnet County Sheriff, Calvin Boyd
    - Guadalupe County Sheriff, Arnold Zwicke

- - Gonzales Mayor, Steven Sucher
  - Georgetown City Manager, David Morgan
  - Round Rock City Manager, Laurie Hadley
  - Seguin City Manager, Steve Parker
  - Lockhart City manager, Steve Lewis

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Stakeholder Type	Stakeholder Type
<ul> <li>Guadalupe County District</li> </ul>	
Attorney, David Willborn	
<ul> <li>Gonzales County Judge</li> </ul>	
Patrick Davis	
<ul> <li>Gonzales County Sheriff</li> </ul>	
Robert Ynclan	
<ul> <li>Lee County Judge Paul Fischer</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Lee County District Attorney,</li> </ul>	
Martin Placke	
<ul> <li>Lee County JP Precinct 2,</li> </ul>	
Michael York	
<ul> <li>Williamson County EMS</li> </ul>	
Director, Mike Knipstein	
<ul> <li>Williamson County Adult</li> </ul>	
Probation: Jameson	
Pennington, Director of	
Community Supervision and	
Corrections	
<ul> <li>Williamson County Juvenile</li> </ul>	
Services Executive Director,	
Scott Matthew	
<ul> <li>Williamson County Juvenile</li> </ul>	
Services Deputy Executive	
Director, Matt Smith	
<ul> <li>Burnet County Juvenile</li> </ul>	
Probation, Marc Bittner	
<ul> <li>Guadalupe County Juvenile</li> </ul>	
Probation Director, Ron Quiros	

	Stakeholder Type		Stakeholder Type
	Federally Qualified Health Center and other primary care providers		<ul> <li>LMHA LBHA staff</li> <li>*List the LMHA or LBHA staff that participated:</li> <li>Andrea Richardson, Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>Dr. Mark Janes, Chief Medical Officer</li> <li>Mike Maples, Chief Health Programs Officer</li> <li>Tiffany Guerrero, Chief Administrative Officer</li> <li>Amanda Coleman, Director of Crisis Systems</li> <li>Jonathan Lemuel, Director of Forensic Services</li> <li>Jessica Miller, Director of Adult Mental Health Operations</li> <li>Christina Horan, Director of Integrated Healthcare Programs</li> <li>Britni Mueck, Director of Youth &amp; Family Mental Health Operations</li> </ul>
$\boxtimes$	Hospital emergency room personnel	$\boxtimes$	Emergency responders
$\boxtimes$	Faith-based organizations		Local health and social service providers
	Faith-based organizations Probation department representatives		
	-	$\boxtimes$	providers
	Probation department representatives  Court representatives, e.g., judges, district attorneys, public defenders (list the county and the name and official title of participants):  Inclusive of the following for Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Lee and Williamson Counties:  County Attorney District Attorney Magistrates District Judges Public Defenders DFPS Representatives Veterans Affairs		Parole department representatives  Law enforcement (list the county or city and the name and official title of participants):  Representatives from all Sheriff's Offices and local Police Departments in Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe Lee and Williamson Counties  Mental Health Deputy Programs through Sheriff's Offices in Burnet, Fayette, Bastrop and Guadalupe
	Probation department representatives  Court representatives, e.g., judges, district attorneys, public defenders (list the county and the name and official title of participants):  Inclusive of the following for Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Lee and Williamson Counties:  County Attorney District Attorney Magistrates District Judges Public Defenders DFPS Representatives Veterans Affairs CASA		Parole department representatives  Law enforcement (list the county or city and the name and official title of participants):  Representatives from all Sheriff's Offices and local Police Departments in Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe Lee and Williamson Counties  Mental Health Deputy Programs through Sheriff's Offices in Burnet, Fayette, Bastrop and Guadalupe Counties

	Stakeholder Type		Stakeholder Type
$\boxtimes$	Foster care or child placing agencies		Community Resource Coordination Groups
$\boxtimes$	Veterans' organizations	$\boxtimes$	Housing authorities
$\boxtimes$	Local health departments		Other: Local Foundations and United Way for Greater Austin

Describe the key methods and activities used to obtain stakeholder input over the past year, including efforts to ensure all relevant stakeholders participate in the planning process.

#### Response:

- Facilitation of and participation in county Behavioral Health Task Force Meetings
- Collaboration with local Independent School Districts
- Participation in SIM subgroup meetings with Williamson County Law Enforcement, Emergency Departments, and Psychiatric Hospitals
- Coordination of and participation in a Regional Youth SIM Mapping exercise for Caldwell, Gonzales and Guadalupe Counties (March 2024)
- Community Strengths and Needs Assessment conducted in 2023
- Facilitation of and Participation in Quarterly OSAR Provider Meetings
- Participation in Suicide Prevention Workgroups & Initiatives
- Regular leadership meetings with partnering FQHC
- Participation in Regional Planning Network Advisory Committee Meetings
- Participation in Commissioner's Court meetings
- Monthly meetings with Law Enforcement, EMS and First Responders
- Monthly meetings with Private Psychiatric Hospitals
- Meetings with county officials, court representatives, probation/parole departments, and Juvenile Services
- Participation in State Hospital Service Area Regional Planning Meetings
- Participation on HHSC and Texas Council Special Interest Groups
- Satisfaction surveys from individuals receiving services

List the key issues and concerns identified by stakeholders, including unmet service needs. Only include items raised by multiple stakeholders or that had broad support.

#### Response:

- Limited funding for local crisis stabilization alternatives to the state hospital
  in our communities. Specifically, the BTCS catchment area needs additional
  dollars for Private Psychiatric Beds, residential treatment options for
  children, and residential substance use treatment/withdrawal management
  options.
- Transportation in our service areas continues to be of concern to stakeholder groups
- There is a need for additional resources to facilitate jail and emergency room diversion
- Mental Health Deputy program expansion
- Access to services for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, including the necessary resources and funding to perform Determinations of Disability in a timely way
- Access to permanent and long-term housing

# **Section II: Psychiatric Emergency Plan**

The Psychiatric Emergency Plan is intended to ensure stakeholders with a direct role in psychiatric emergencies have a shared understanding of the roles, responsibilities, and procedures enabling them to coordinate efforts and effectively use available resources. The Psychiatric Emergency Plan entails a collaborative review of existing crisis response activities and development of a coordinated plan for how the community will respond to psychiatric emergencies in a way that is responsive to the needs and priorities of consumers and their families. The planning effort also provides an opportunity to identify and prioritize critical gaps in the community's emergency response system.

The following stakeholder groups are essential participants in developing the Psychiatric Emergency Plan:

- Law enforcement (police/sheriff and jails);
- Hospitals and emergency departments;
- Judiciary, including mental health and probate courts;
- Prosecutors and public defenders;
- Other crisis service providers (to include neighboring LMHAs and LBHAs);
- People accessing crisis services and their family members; and
- Sub-contractors.

Most LMHAs and LBHAs are actively engaged with these stakeholders on an ongoing basis, and the plan will reflect and build upon these continuing conversations.

Given the size and diversity of many local service areas, some aspects of the plan may not be uniform across the entire service area. *If applicable, include separate answers for different geographic areas to ensure all parts of the local service area are covered.* 

## II.A Developing the Plan

Describe the process implemented to collaborate with stakeholders to develop the Psychiatric Emergency Plan, including, but not limited to, the following:

 Ensuring all key stakeholders were involved or represented, to include contractors where applicable;

Response: For decades, Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (BTCS) has been actively engaged and collaborates with community stakeholders for the purpose of meeting needs in our communities. BTCS continues to meet regularly with Behavioral Health Task Force Groups in Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Williamson Counties.

Bastrop, Caldwell, Gonzales, and Lee Counties are engaged with Jail Diversion, Crisis and Senior Management Staff to review and collaborate on the crisis system of care. We partner on ongoing case reviews with local courts and law enforcement agencies.

Key stakeholders are Law Enforcement (local police and sheriff's departments including Mental Health Deputies), County Commissioners, Judicial Officials (Judges, District and County Attorney's office), local ED/Hospital Personnel, Private Psychiatric Hospitals, family members and persons receiving services.

Ensuring the entire service area was represented; and

Response: Members of the BTCS Board of Trustees are appointed by County Commissioners Courts whereby the eight (8) Trustees represent the interests of each county in the BTCS service area. Additionally, two ad hoc members representing our local Sheriffs' Departments participate on the Board adding community perspective to governance discussions.

Soliciting input.

Response: BTCS utilizes satisfaction surveys to collect feedback from individuals in services. Survey responses are collated, and feedback is provided to the programs. This information, along with responses received through other feedback surveys are incorporated into Psychiatric Emergency Planning as well as our Community Strengths and Needs Assessment, each informing our annual agency-wide strategic plan.

# II.B Using the Crisis Hotline, Role of Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (MCOT), and the Crisis Response Process

- 1. How is the Crisis Hotline staffed?
  - a. During business hours

Response: The hotline is staffed around the clock with Qualified Mental Health Professionals.

b. After business hours

Response: The hotline is staffed around the clock with Qualified Mental Health Professionals.

c. Weekends and holidays

Response: The hotline is staffed around the clock with Qualified Mental Health Professionals.

2. Does the LMHA or LBHA have a sub-contractor to provide the Crisis Hotline services? If, yes, list the contractor.

Response: Avail Solutions, Inc.

- 3. How is the MCOT staffed?
  - a. During business hours

Response: MCOT Staff are on duty in Burnet, Bastrop, Caldwell, and Guadalupe Counties Monday through Friday during business hours. MCOT Staff are on duty Williamson County Monday through Sunday, 24-hours/day.

\*Of note, BTCS initiated a Youth Crisis Outreach Team (YCOT) as part of a pilot with HHSC in Spring 2024. This team deploys during business hours to serve youth and families in crisis.

b. After business hours

Response: MCOT staff are on call after business hours for Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Lee Counties to complete crisis assessments and coordinate safety plans

In Williamson and Burnet Counties, MCOT staff are on duty around the clock, Monday through Sunday.

c. Weekends and holidays

Response: MCOT staff are on call on weekends and holidays for Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Lee Counties to complete crisis assessments and coordinate safety plans.

In Williamson and Burnet Counties, MCOT staff are on duty around the clock, Monday through Sunday.

4. Does the LMHA or LBHA have a sub-contractor to provide MCOT services? If yes, list the contractor.

Response: No, BTCS does not sub-contract MCOT services at this time.

5. Provide information on the type of follow up MCOT provides (phone calls, face-to-face visits, case management, skills training, etc.).

Response: Upon completion of the crisis assessment, MCOT identifies and links people to all available services necessary to stabilize the behavioral health crisis and ensure transition to routine care. This includes assistance with accessing those services if needed.

Upon resolution of a crisis episode which involves safety planning in the community, MCOT (or our Youth Crisis Outreach Team, if applicable) provides follow up care within 24 hours.

Individuals are placed into Transitional Services (Level of Care 5) as needed to continue to support and transition individuals to existing community resources or local Bluebonnet Trails Community Services. Eligible youth and families are served for a transitional period by our Youth Crisis Outreach Team (YCOT).

Both Face to Face and Telephone follow-up services are provided.

We have the ability to access internal and contracted Psychiatrists and Nurse Practitioners for an immediate or expedited psychiatric evaluation to begin medication management, when needed.

- 6. Do emergency room staff and law enforcement routinely contact the LMHA or LBHA when a person in crisis is identified? If so, please describe MCOT's role for:
  - a. Emergency Rooms: Emergency Rooms contact MCOT 24/7. We are considered "crisis consultants" and provide crisis evaluations, support and recommendations. We are able to help secure an inpatient bed as needed in our own Diversion Center or in our Crisis Respite Units. We can also arrange private psychiatric beds or State Hospital inpatient beds as appropriate.
  - b. Law Enforcement: We provide crisis evaluation and crisis support 24/7. We are able to arrange inpatient beds as needed in our own Diversion Center, adult Crisis Respite Units or Youth Therapeutic Respite Programs. We can also arrange private psychiatric beds or State Hospital inpatient beds as appropriate.
- 7. What is the process for MCOT to respond to screening requests at state hospitals, specifically for walk-ins?

Response: BTCS has not been contacted to respond to screening requests at the state hospitals. However, BTCS can easily provide this service via televideo and coordinate necessary services.

- 8. What steps should emergency rooms and law enforcement take when an inpatient level of care is needed?
  - a. During business hours:
    - The ER or Law Enforcement entity may engage MCOT 24/7 through our crisis hotline: 1-800-841-1255. In Williamson County, Law Enforcement may also access our 24-hour Diversion Center with onsite 48-hour observation unit.
    - Once we have completed an assessment, we assist with accessing the recommended level of care, including inpatient options when appropriate.
    - A doctor-to-doctor review is required for emergency room transfers to an inpatient psychiatric facility.

- If involuntary commitment is needed, the hospital or BTCS may motion the local courts for an emergency detention or request law enforcement to review and consider an emergency detention order without a warrant by a judge.
- If the individual is willing to go to treatment on a voluntary basis, we help arrange transportation or provide the transportation.
- b. After business hours: Same as above.
- c. Weekends and holidays: Sam as above.
- 9. What is the procedure if a person cannot be stabilized at the site of the crisis and needs further assessment or crisis stabilization in a facility setting?

Response: BTCS may request assistance from family or law enforcement to bring the individual to a safe location for further assessment, such as our Diversion Center or Crisis Respite Units.

If law enforcement is already onsite and BTCS is not, law enforcement may directly contact MCOT staff who will provide instruction and meet the officer at an appropriate facility for evaluation.

10.Describe the community's process if a person requires further evaluation, medical clearance, or both.

Response: We provide crisis support while we are securing an inpatient bed at a private or public facility. Bluebonnet Trails is able to secure beds at our Diversion Center in Georgetown. We are able to accept Emergency Detention orders and/or voluntary admissions. We also have respite beds for adults and Youth Therapeutic Respite Program beds.

Individuals who are in an Emergency Department or general hospital and need a State Hospital bed are reassessed every 24 hours until bed space is secured.

If medical clearance is needed, the person is sent to the local Emergency Department for an evaluation.

11.Describe the process if a person needs admission to a psychiatric hospital.

#### Response:

- ▶ BTCS works closely with the client, any client supports, local law enforcement (if involuntary) and/or local emergency rooms to facilitate admission to an appropriate inpatient hospital. This includes but is not limited to: Calling local inpatient facilities to determine availability, completing telephonic intake with potential receiving locations, providing a completed crisis assessment via secured fax to the receiving location, and arranging transport when necessary.
- If a private hospital bed is appropriate, we call local psychiatric facilities to secure a bed. The admissions office will staff the situation over the phone and review insurance information. BTCS was awarded funding to purchase a limited number of Private Psychiatric Beds (PPB) beginning April 1, 2018. In 2025, BTCS will also receive funds from Williamson County (through a Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant) to purchase a limited number of residential withdrawal management beds for Williamson County residents in need of this service.
- For a State Hospital bed, BTCS calls the closest or most readily available state hospital to request admission. When a bed is not available, BTCS places the individual on the Inpatient Care Waitlist (ICW) managed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The State Hospital will call the local Emergency Department or Bluebonnet Trails Crisis Staff when a bed becomes available. During the wait period, BTCS assesses the person every 24 hours and advocates for treatment while they wait for a state bed.
- Information/records are faxed to the inpatient facility during the review process.
- 12.Describe the process if a person needs facility-based crisis stabilization (i.e., other than psychiatric hospitalization and may include crisis respite, crisis residential, extended observation, or crisis stabilization unit).

#### Response:

- ▶ Families and local entities call our Crisis Hotline (1-800-841-1255) if a crisis evaluation is requested.
- ▶ MCOT staff are activated 24/7 by our hotline call center contractor, Avail Solutions, to complete evaluations.
- ▶ MCOT staff will coordinate with BTCS facilities such as our adult Diversion Center, adult Crisis Respite Units and Youth Therapeutic

- Respite Programs to review and consider for admission. We have oncall staff available 24/7 to consider admissions after hours.
- ▶ If the person is appropriate for admission, we admit (if capacity allows) or place on a wait list for the next available bed.
- 13.Describe the process for crisis assessments requiring MCOT to go into a home or alternate location such as a parking lot, office building, school, under a bridge or other community-based location.

Response: The MCOT worker is dispatched in tandem with another MCOT Worker or a Mental Health Deputy when completing a crisis assessment for an unknown person who is not located in a place where other professional staff are present (i.e. home, parking lot, side of road). Local law enforcement presence may be requested for safety purposes, depending on the nature of the call when a Mental Health Deputy is not available. If the person in crisis is located in a BTCS clinic, school or hospital, the crisis worker may dispatch to the scene alone if circumstances indicate it is safe. Alternative locations may also be offered in the middle of the night, such as our 24-hour Diversion or Respite Centers.

14.If an inpatient bed at a psychiatric hospital is not available, where does the person wait for a bed?

#### Response:

- Bluebonnet Trails has Private Psychiatric Bed (PPB) subcontracts with eight psychiatric hospitals in the Greater Austin and San Antonio area, and we continue to seek additional partnerships to expand access to care. In the rare event that all hospitals are full or unable to meet the needs of the person requiring care, we pursue single case agreements with other hospitals for our PPB bed rate. Occasionally, the state hospital will work with our liaison to open capacity for those most in need if a private psychiatric hospital is not sufficient to meet the needs of the person in crisis.
- Our Diversion Center and Crisis Respite Units may be utilized with 1:1 monitoring in some circumstances while a more intensive inpatient bed is secured.
- ▶ Emergency room facilities are sometimes utilized depending on the circumstances, but this is considered only as a temporary and last resort. We advocate for treatment while individuals are waiting in an emergency department for a more intensive level of care. Some

emergency facilities have psychiatric consultation services available and provide treatment recommendations to attending physician. Bluebonnet Trails Community Services has a Tele-Psychiatry Service available for those facilities that do not have a psychiatric consultation service available. We have offered tele-psychiatry to all emergency facilities in our service areas.

15. Who is responsible for providing ongoing crisis intervention services until the crisis is resolved or the person is placed in a clinically appropriate environment at the LMHA or LBHA?

Response: Bluebonnet Trails Community Services MCOT and Jail Diversion Staff (if in jail) are responsible for completing ongoing assessments. BTCS staff reassess every 24 hours if the individual is waiting for a more intensive level of care. We explore all options and advocate for treatment while the individual is waiting.

16. Who is responsible for transportation in cases not involving emergency detention for adults?

#### Response:

- ▶ BTCS staff will often provide transportation. Reliable family members may also provide the transportation, when appropriate.
- ▶ If the individual is admitted to an Emergency Department, the hospital will coordinate transport.
- Mental Health Deputies have also provided courtesy rides when requested.
- ▶ BTCS contracts with a licensed security vendor for transportation in Williamson County.
- 17. Who is responsible for transportation in cases not involving emergency detention for children?

Response: Same as above.

#### **Crisis Stabilization**

Use the table below to identify the alternatives the local service area has for facility-based crisis stabilization services (excluding inpatient services). Answer each element of the table below. Indicate "N/A" if the LMHA or LBHA does not

have any facility-based crisis stabilization services. Replicate the table below for each alternative.

**Table 5: Facility-based Crisis Stabilization Services** 

Name of facility	Diversion Center
Location (city and county)	Georgetown Texas / Williamson County
Phone number	1-800-841-1255
Type of facility (see Appendix A)	Diversion Center, Extended Observation Unit
Key admission criteria	Adults with moderate to high risk of harm to self or others and may have moderate functional impairment.
Circumstances under which medical clearance is required before admission	Detox or severe health concerns such as uncontrolled B/P or uncontrolled seizure disorder.
Service area limitations, if any	This unit serves individuals from law enforcement who experience a crisis within our eight-county service area.
Other relevant admission information for first responders	None
Does the facility accept emergency detentions?	Yes
Number of beds	10
HHSC funding allocation	HHSC Community Mental Health Grant - \$1,488,760/yr or 33% HHSC Psychiatric Emergency Services Funding - \$1,100,285/yr or 24% Williamson County - \$969,264/yr or 21% Currently Unfunded - \$973,345/yr or 22%

Name of facility	Round Rock Youth Therapeutic Respite Program
Location (city and county)	Round Rock Texas / Williamson County
Phone number	1-800-841-1255
Type of facility (see Appendix A)	Crisis Respite
Rey damission criteria	Ages 5-17 with a mental health, intellectual disability or autism diagnosis

Name of facility	Round Rock Youth Therapeutic Respite Program
Circumstances under which medical clearance is required before admission	Detox or severe health concerns such as uncontrolled B/P or uncontrolled seizure disorder.
Service area limitations, if any	This unit serves youth and families in our eight-county service area. When capacity allows, we will support admissions from outside our area.
Other relevant admission information for first responders	If a person is prescribed medications, these medications must accompany the person in current, labeled bottles.
Does the facility accept emergency detentions?	No
Number of beds	16
HHSC funding allocation	This project is primarily funded by HHSC's Supporting Mental Health and Resiliency in Texans (SMART) Innovation Grant Program.

Name of facility	San Gabriel Adult Crisis Respite Unit
Location (city and county)	Georgetown Texas / Williamson County
Phone number	1-800-841-1255
Type of facility (see Appendix A)	Crisis Respite
Key admission criteria	Adults with a Mental Health Disorder or Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. Individuals must come voluntarily and have low risk of harm to self or others and may have some functional impairment. Person must also be able to administer their own medication and ambulate without intervention.
Circumstances under which medical clearance is required before admission	Detox or severe health concerns such as uncontrolled B/P or uncontrolled seizure disorder.
Service area limitations, if any	Located close to a Child Care Center so those who have sexual offenses cannot be admitted into the program.  Otherwise, this unit serves individuals who experience a crisis within our eight-county service area.
Other relevant admission information for first responders	If a person is prescribed medications, these medications must accompany the person in current, labeled bottles.

Name of facility	San Gabriel Adult Crisis Respite Unit
Does the facility accept emergency detentions?	No
Number of beds	16
inioc ramaning anocacion	HHSC PESC Funding - \$755,457/yr or 57% Currently unfunded - \$566,161/yr or 43%

Name of facility	Seguin Adult Crisis Respite Unit
Location (city and county)	Seguin Texas / Guadalupe County
Phone number	1-800-841-1255
Type of facility (see Appendix A)	Crisis Respite
Key admission criteria	Adults with a Mental Health Disorder, Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder, and/or individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Individuals must come voluntarily and have low risk of harm to self or others and may have some functional impairment. They must also be able to administer their own medication and ambulate without intervention.
Circumstances under which medical clearance is required before admission	Detox or severe health concerns such as uncontrolled B/P or uncontrolled seizure disorder.
Service area limitations, if any	Located close to a Child Care Center so those who have sexual offenses cannot be admitted into the program.  Otherwise, this unit serves individuals who experience a crisis within our eight-county service area.
Other relevant admission information for first responders	If a person is prescribed medications, these medications must accompany the person in current, labeled bottles.
Does the facility accept emergency detentions?	No
Number of beds	10
HHSC funding allocation	HHSC IDD Crisis Respite Funds – \$256,209/yr or 29% HHSC PESC Funding - \$0/yr or 0% Currently unfunded - \$621,032/yr or 71%

Name of facility	Seguin Youth Therapeutic Respite Program
Location (city and county)	Seguin Texas / Guadalupe County
Phone number	1-800-841-1255
Type of facility (see Appendix A)	Crisis Respite
Key admission criteria	Ages 5-17 with a mental health, intellectual disability or autism diagnosis
Circumstances under which medical clearance is required before admission	Detox or severe health concerns such as uncontrolled B/P or uncontrolled seizure disorder.
Service area limitations, if any	This unit serves youth and families in our eight-county service area. When capacity allows, we will support admissions from outside our area.
Other relevant admission information for first responders	If a youth is prescribed medications, these medications must accompany the person in current, labeled bottles.
Does the facility accept emergency detentions?	No
Number of beds	10
HHSC funding allocation	This program is primarily funded by a contract with HHSC awarded through a competitive bid process.

## **Inpatient Care**

Use the table below to identify the alternatives to the state hospital the local service area has for psychiatric inpatient care for uninsured or underinsured people. Answer each element of the table below. Indicate "N/A" if an element does not apply to the alternative provided. Replicate the table below for each alternative.

**Table 6: Psychiatric Inpatient Care for Uninsured or Underinsured** 

Name of Facility	Cedar Crest Hospital
Location (city and county)	Belton Texas / Bell County
Phone number	(254) 613-9871
Key admission criteria	Children, Adolescents and Adults with psychiatric
	symptoms/ suicidal ideation
Service area limitations, if any	None
Other relevant admission information	BTCS approval for funding is required prior to
for first responders	coordination of admission.

Number of Beds	68
Is the facility currently under contract	Yes
with the LMHA/LBHA to purchase beds?	
If under contract, is the facility	Private Psychiatric Beds (PPB) only
contracted for rapid crisis stabilization	
beds (funded under the Psychiatric	
Emergency Service Center contract or	
Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved	
Individuals), private psychiatric beds, or	
community mental health hospital beds	
(include all that apply)?	
If under contract, are beds purchased	As needed
as a guaranteed set or on an as needed	
basis?	
If under contract, what is the bed day	This information is confidential
rate paid to the contracted facility?	
If not under contract, does the	N/A
LMHA/LBHA use facility for single-case	
agreements for as needed beds?	
If not under contract, what is the bed	N/A
day rate paid to the facility for single-	
case agreements?	

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Cedar Hills Behavioral
San Antonio, Texas / Bexar County
(210) 876-5001
Adults with psychiatric symptoms/ suicidal
ideation
None
BTCS approval for funding is required prior to
coordination of admission.
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Yes
Private Psychiatric Beds (PPB) only
As needed

If under contract, what is the bed day rate paid to the contracted facility?	This information is confidential
If not under contract, does the LMHA/LBHA use facility for single-case agreements for as needed beds?	N/A
If not under contract, what is the bed day rate paid to the facility for single-case agreements?	N/A

Name of Facility	Cross Creek Hospital
Location (city and county)	Austin, Texas / Travis County
Phone number	(512) 215-3900
Key admission criteria	Children, Adolescents and Adults with psychiatric symptoms/ suicidal ideation
Service area limitations, if any	None
Other relevant admission information	BTCS approval for funding is required prior to
for first responders	coordination of admission.
Number of Beds	98
Is the facility currently under contract with the LMHA/LBHA to purchase beds?	Yes
If under contract, is the facility contracted for rapid crisis stabilization beds (funded under the Psychiatric Emergency Service Center contract or Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved Individuals), private psychiatric beds, or community mental health hospital beds (include all that apply)?	Private Psychiatric Beds (PPB) only
If under contract, are beds purchased as a guaranteed set or on an as needed basis?	As needed
If under contract, what is the bed day rate paid to the contracted facility?	This information is confidential
If not under contract, does the LMHA/LBHA use facility for single-case agreements for as needed beds?	N/A
If not under contract, what is the bed day rate paid to the facility for single-case agreements?	N/A

Name of Facility	Georgetown Behavioral Health Institute
Location (city and county)	Georgetown Texas / Williamson County
Phone number	877-500-9151
Key admission criteria	Adolescents or Adults with Severe Psychiatric
	Symptoms / Suicide Ideation
Service area limitations, if any	None

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Other relevant admission information	BTCS approval for funding is required prior to
for first responders	coordination of admission.
Number of Beds	118
Is the facility currently under contract	Yes
with the LMHA/LBHA to purchase beds?	
If under contract, is the facility	Private Psychiatric Beds (PPB) only
contracted for rapid crisis stabilization	
beds (funded under the Psychiatric	
Emergency Service Center contract or	
Mental Health Grant for Justice-	
Involved Individuals), private	
psychiatric beds, or community mental	
health hospital beds (include all that	
apply)?	
If under contract, are beds purchased	As needed
as a guaranteed set or on an as needed	
basis?	
If under contract, what is the bed day	This information is confidential
rate paid to the contracted facility?	
If not under contract, does the	N/A
LMHA/LBHA use facility for single-case	
agreements for as needed beds?	
If not under contract, what is the bed	N/A
day rate paid to the facility for single-	,
case agreements?	
and any controller.	1

Name of Facility	Rock Springs Hospital
Location (city and county)	Georgetown Texas / Williamson County
Phone number	(512) 942-0062
Key admission criteria	Adults with Psychiatric Symptoms / Suicidal Ideation
Service area limitations, if any	None
Other relevant admission information for first responders	BTCS approval for funding is required prior to coordination of admission.
Number of beds	72
Is the facility currently under contract with the LMHA/LBHA to purchase beds?	Yes
If under contract, is the facility contracted for rapid crisis stabilization beds (funded under the Psychiatric Emergency Service Center contract or Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved Individuals), private psychiatric beds, or community mental health hospital beds (include all that apply)?	Private Psychiatric Beds (PPB) only
If under contract, are beds purchased as a guaranteed set or on an as needed basis?	As needed
If under contract, what is the bed day rate paid to the contracted facility?	This information is confidential

If not under contract, does the LMHA/LBHA use facility for single-case agreements for as needed beds?	N/A
If not under contract, what is the bed	N/A
day rate paid to the facility for single-	
case agreements?	

Name of Facility	Laurel Ridge Treatment Center
Location (city and county)	San Antonio Texas / Bexar County
Phone number	(210) 491-3526
Key admission criteria	Children, Adolescents and Adults with psychiatric symptoms/ suicidal ideation
Service area limitations, if any	None
Other relevant admission information	BTCS approval for funding is required prior to
for first responders	coordination of admission.
Number of Beds	250
Is the facility currently under contract with the LMHA/LBHA to purchase beds?	Yes
If under contract, is the facility contracted for rapid crisis stabilization beds (funded under the Psychiatric Emergency Service Center contract or Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved Individuals), private psychiatric beds, or community mental health hospital beds (include all that apply)?	Private Psychiatric Beds (PPB) only
If under contract, are beds purchased as a guaranteed set or on an as needed basis?	As needed
If under contract, what is the bed day rate paid to the contracted facility?	This information is confidential
If not under contract, does the LMHA/LBHA use facility for single-case agreements for as needed beds?	N/A
If not under contract, what is the bed day rate paid to the facility for single-case agreements?	N/A

Name of Facility	Grace Greco Maxwell Mental Health Unit @ Dell Children's Hospital
Location (city and county)	Austin Texas / Travis County
Phone number	(512) 324-0000
Key admission criteria	Children, Adolescents and Adults with psychiatric
	symptoms/ suicidal ideation
Service area limitations, if any	None
Other relevant admission information	BTCS approval for funding is required prior to
for first responders	coordination of admission.
Number of Beds	24

Is the facility currently under contract	Yes
with the LMHA/LBHA to purchase beds?	
If under contract, is the facility	Private Psychiatric Beds (PPB) only
contracted for rapid crisis stabilization	
beds (funded under the Psychiatric	
Emergency Service Center contract or	
Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved	
Individuals), private psychiatric beds, or	
community mental health hospital beds	
(include all that apply)?	
If under contract, are beds purchased	As needed
as a guaranteed set or on an as needed	
basis?	
If under contract, what is the bed day	This information is confidential
rate paid to the contracted facility?	
If not under contract, does the	N/A
LMHA/LBHA use facility for single-case	
agreements for as needed beds?	
If not under contract, what is the bed	N/A
day rate paid to the facility for single-	
case agreements?	

Name of Facility	Shoal Creek Hospital
Location (city and county)	Austin Texas / Travis County
Phone number	(512) 324-2000
Key admission criteria	Children, Adolescents and Adults with psychiatric symptoms/ suicidal ideation
Service area limitations, if any	None
Other relevant admission information for first responders	BTCS approval for funding is required prior to coordination of admission.
Number of Beds	94
Is the facility currently under contract with the LMHA/LBHA to purchase beds?	Yes
If under contract, is the facility contracted for rapid crisis stabilization beds (funded under the Psychiatric Emergency Service Center contract or Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved Individuals), private psychiatric beds, or community mental health hospital beds (include all that apply)?	Private Psychiatric Beds (PPB) only
If under contract, are beds purchased as a guaranteed set or on an as needed basis?	As needed
If under contract, what is the bed day rate paid to the contracted facility?	This information is confidential
If not under contract, does the LMHA/LBHA use facility for single-case agreements for as needed beds?	N/A

If not under contract, what is the bed	N/A
day rate paid to the facility for single-	
case agreements?	

# II.C Plan for Local, Short-term Management for People Deemed Incompetent to Stand Trial Preand Post-arrest

1. Identify local inpatient or outpatient alternatives, if any, to the state hospital the local service area has for competency restoration? Indicate "N/A" if the LMHA or LBHA does not have any available alternatives.

#### Response:

- Our Jail Diversion Coordinators and Felony Mental Health Docket Care Coordinator are able to divert individuals out of jail and into community-based behavioral health services to stabilize persons in the community. This includes admission into our Outpatient Competency Restoration program when a person qualifies.
- ▶ Local magistrates and/or judges work closely with our Jail Diversion Staff in all eight (8) counties to coordinate care in the community versus in a jail setting.
- We often admit to our Crisis Respite Units to ensure 24/7 monitoring and treatment until a person is ready to go home. Jail diversion staff report to the courts on the individual's progress in treatment. Staff advocate for dismissal or reduction in charges as appropriate.
- ▶ In Williamson County, BTCS operates a Jail-Based Competency Restoration Program serving persons who cannot be diverted into the community for competency restoration.
- 2. What barriers or issues limit access or utilization to local inpatient or outpatient alternatives?

Response:

- Felony charges continue to be difficult to move from a forensic setting to the community setting for treatment priority.
- ▶ Jail Diversion staff are able to access two Crisis Respite Units and the Diversion Center to ensure a thorough evaluation prior to movement into the community. Ongoing judicial involvement is critical as we proceed with treatment in the community.
- More JBCR program funding is needed to expand existing programming to support a regional approach, and/or to establish JBCR programming in other counties, reducing the wait for state hospital-based competency restoration. Access to state hospitalization continues to be limited.
- 3. Does the LMHA or LBHA have a dedicated jail liaison position? If so, what is the role of the jail liaison and at what point is the jail liaison engaged? Identify the name(s) and title(s) of employees who operate as the jail liaison.

#### Response:

- ▶ We have 6 FTEs assigned to Jail Diversion Services. We have established excellent relationships in local county jails and provide screenings and evaluations for the courts.
- ▶ BTCS also has 1 FTE with Jail Diversion experience assigned to Austin State Hospital and San Antonio State Hospital to assess and transition individuals on forensic commitment back into the courts and community.
- Our Jail Diversion Coordinators:
  - Advocate and recommend release for individuals prioritizing community-based treatment alternatives in accordance with Article 16.22 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
  - Screen and refer individuals to the jail's contracted provider for psychiatric evaluation and medication management when appropriate to initiate medications, or for continuity of care. Bluebonnet Trails is currently the contracted psychiatric provider for jails in Bastrop, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Lee Counties.

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- Refer individuals for forensic competency evaluations through the Jail In-Reach Program, Jail-Based Competency Restoration, and specialty courts and dockets, where available.
- Our Jail Liaison and Diversion Coordinators can be reached at <u>Jail@bbtrails.org</u>. The Director of Forensic Services, Jonathan Lemuel, can be reached directly at 512-826-5234.
- 4. If the LMHA or LBHA does not have a dedicated jail liaison, identify the title(s) of employees who operate as a liaison between the LMHA or LBHA and the jail.

Response: N/A

5. What plans, if any, are being developed over the next two years to maximize access and utilization of local alternatives for competency restoration?

#### Response:

- ▶ Based on needs and demonstrated value, BTCS wishes to expand its current JBCR Programming in Williamson County within the Wiliamson County Jail and to additional counties if funding becomes available.
- 6. Does the community have a need for new alternatives for competency restoration? If so, what kind of program would be suitable (e.g., Outpatient Competency Restoration, Inpatient Competency Restoration, Jail-based Competency Restoration, FACT Team, Post Jail Programs)?

#### Response:

- ▶ BTCS supports the expansion of Jail-Based Competency Restoration programs and we have had regular conversations with our community partners on how to proceed when funding is secured.
- ▶ BTCS is also in support of Community Competency Restoration Programming (CCRP), recognizing safe and stable housing is critical for the success of outpatient restoration.

7. What is needed for implementation? Include resources and barriers that must be resolved.

Response: As strong relationships are in place and with the demonstrated success of JBCR, funding is our only barrier to implementation. Many of our jail partners have identified space and expressed interest in JBCR programming, either within the local jail or through a regional approach.

## II.D Seamless Integration of Emergent Psychiatric, Substance Use, and Physical Health Care Treatment and the Development of Texas Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

1. What steps have been taken to integrate emergency psychiatric, substance use, and physical healthcare services? Who did the LMHA or LBHA collaborate with in these efforts?

Response: Bluebonnet Trails Community Services is a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. Through both internal programs and community partnerships, we provide integrated substance use and psychiatric care at all BTCS locations. This includes intensive outpatient substance use services and Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorder Case Management.

We partner with a Federally Qualified Health Center, Community Health Centers of South Central Texas (CHCSCT), who provides physical health care on our campuses in Seguin, Bastrop, Bastrop ISD, Elgin ISD, Lockhart and Gonzales. We partner with Texas A&M College of Nursing to provide physical health care in Georgetown, Cedar Park, Taylor, Round Rock, and Giddings. BTCS also employs physical health providers at our Rural Health Clinic primary care location in La Grange. Dental care and other specialty services are offered at select CHCSCT locations.

2. What are the plans for the next two years to further coordinate and integrate these services?

Response: We plan to directly expand primary care services at our Marble Falls location or find a community partner to co-locate physical healthcare services in our facility. We also seek to sustain our integrated healthcare

model, which was started through the 1115 Medicaid Transformation Waiver.

### **II.E Communication Plans**

1. What steps have been taken to ensure key information from the Psychiatric Emergency Plan is shared with emergency responders and other community stakeholders?

Response: BTCS attends monthly and quarterly Behavioral Health Task Force Meetings and communicates with leaders in our communities on an ongoing basis. We have comprehensive pamphlets and brochures for our programs, and our website includes all the exciting new services provided at BTCS facilities around our service sites (www.bbtrails.org).

2. How will the LMHA or LBHA ensure staff (including MCOT, hotline, and staff receiving incoming telephone calls) have the information and training to implement the plan?

Response: We provide Quarterly Trainings to our MCOT Team and regularly communicate changes and updates to our hotline and appointment line. Information regarding crisis services is also communicated during quarterly Executive Leadership Team meetings.

We are able to review all changes or concerns in our monthly Directors meeting attended by all area directors in charge of the local crisis service system.

## **II.F Gaps in the Local Crisis Response System**

Use the table below to identify the critical gaps in the local crisis emergency response system? Consider needs in all parts of the local service area, including those specific to certain counties. Add additional rows if needed.

**Table 7: Crisis Emergency Response Service System Gaps** 

Counties	Service System Gaps	Recommendations to Address the Gaps	Timeline to Address Gaps
All	<ul> <li>There are still gaps for those needing substance use withdrawal management. Emergency rooms are regularly utilized for regaining sobriety as well. This can lead to unnecessary public intoxication charges and jail.</li> <li>Respite and EOU services have transformed our crisis system of care. However, we often stretch these resources to serve a higher intensity of need than these units will allow.</li> <li>There are long waits for youth residential treatment, and long-term crisis supports are needed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Local Residential         Withdrawal Management         (RWM) funding.</li> <li>Medication Assisted         Treatment Funding.</li> <li>A greater network of         long-term residential         treatment options which         can be accessed with         state dollars.</li> <li>Allow PPB and PESC         dollars to be used for         persons whose primary         or only diagnosis is a         substance use disorder.</li> <li>Additional PPB and RWM         funds within our service         area would offer more         options for substance use         stabilization.</li> <li>BTCS seeks to reduce the         wait time for residential         treatment by establishing         a Youth Step Down         Residential Unit in Round         Rock; although space and         funding for renovation         are secured, funding is         still needed for         operations.</li> </ul>	FY 2025
Caldwell and Gonzales Counties	<ul> <li>These rural counties do not have designated Mental Health Deputies. Having a mental health</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue allowing SB292         to support Mental Health         Deputy projects.</li> <li>Expand funding for MH         Deputies.</li> </ul>	FY2025 - FY2026

Counties	Service System Gaps	Recommendations to Address the Gaps	Timeline to Address Gaps (if applicable)
	deputy program working in conjunction with the LMHA has proven to be very effective in other counties.		
Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales and Guadalupe Counties	These rural counties are located significant distances from psychiatric hospitals in San Antonio or Georgetown  These rural counties are located significant distances from psychiatric hospitals in San Antonio or Georgetown	<ul> <li>BTCS proposes to open a         Diversion Center in         Seguin, TX with an onsite         extended observation         unit to address this need         locally. Although space         and funding for         construction are secured,         funding is still needed for         operations.</li> <li>We recommend that         additional grant funds be         made available to         operate diversion centers         in Texas.</li> </ul>	FY2025

## Section III: Plans and Priorities for System Development

#### **III.A Jail Diversion**

The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) informs community-based responses to people with mental health and substance disorders involved in the criminal justice system. The model is most effective when used as a community strategic planning tool to assess available resources, determine gaps in services, and plan for community change.

A link to the SIM can be accessed here:

https://www.prainc.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/SIM-Brochure-Redesign0824.pdf

In the tables below, indicate the strategies used in each intercept to divert people from the criminal justice system and indicate the counties in the service area where the strategies are applicable. List current activities and any plans for the next two years. Enter N/A if not applicable.

**Table 8: Intercept 0 Community Services** 

Intercept 0: Community Services Current Programs and Initiatives	County(s)	Plans for Upcoming Two years:
Local Crisis Hotline	Bastrop,     Burnet,     Caldwell,     Fayette,     Gonzales,     Guadalupe,     Lee &     Williamson	• Continue
988 Back-Up Call Center	All Texas counties	Continue contract with HHSC
Mental Health Clinicians embedded in the 911 Call Center	Williamson	Pursue funding to sustain the project
Mental Health Deputy Programs	Bastrop,     Burnet,     Fayette, &     Guadalupe	Reapply for funding in FY2025 to continue projects; we will also seek to expand programming if possible

MCOT Crisis Intervention Services	Bastrop,     Burnet,     Caldwell,     Fayette,     Gonzales,     Guadalupe,     Lee &     Williamson	Continue working with Law Enforcement during Crisis Intervention to divert arrest
<ul> <li>Youth Crisis Outreach Team+ (YCOT+) Program</li> </ul>	All BTCS     Counties	Continue project with HHSC and DFPS
Adult Crisis Respite Units and Youth Therapeutic Respite Programs	Guadalupe and Williamson Counties	<ul> <li>Continue these programs</li> <li>Pursue additional funding sources (including reimbursement strategies) to adequately cover the cost of adult respite units</li> </ul>
Collaborative meetings with all Law Enforcement in Williamson County as a result of a SIM Exercise in 2018, promoting jail diversion.	Williamson	Continue monthly meetings. Carry out updated objectives established in follow-up SIM Workshops, informing the future of the crisis programming
Collaborative meetings with Law Enforcement in Caldwell, Gonzales and Guadalupe Counties as a result of a SIM Exercise in 2024, promoting jail and juvenile justice involvement diversion	Caldwell,     Gonzales &     Guadalupe     Counties	Continue meetings.     Carry out objectives     established in follow-up     SIM Workshops,     informing the future of     the Seguin Diversion     Center and youth     residential programming

**Table 9: Intercept 1 Law Enforcement** 

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Intercept 1: Law Enforcement Current Programs and Initiatives	County(s)	Plans for Upcoming Two Years:
Forensic Assertive Community     Treatment (FACT)	Guadalupe	Continue operating     FACT with SB292 grant     funding through     FY2025
Law Enforcement and Community     Education on Mental Health,     Substance Use, Intellectual and     Developmental Disabilities and     Autism	All BTCS     Counties	Continue

Sequential Intercept Mapping	All counties     (including     regional     mapping, as     appropriate)	<ul> <li>Conduct new SIM mapping activities</li> <li>Continue SIM mapping follow-up meetings</li> </ul>
Active Crisis Intervention Team Officers/MH Deputies in 6 of our 8 counties	Bastrop,     Burnet,     Fayette,     Lee,     Guadalupe     and     Williamson	<ul> <li>Continue partnership and MH Deputy Project through SB292 grant</li> <li>Expand programming to Caldwell and Gonzales Counties</li> </ul>
Co-location of MH Deputies at our clinics	Bastrop,     Fayette, Lee     and Burnet     Counties	Continue partnerships
Diversion Center	Williamson     County	Continue
Jail Diversion, Licensed Training staff and Crisis Staff provide mental health training for jails and local law enforcement officers	All BTCS     Counties	Continue

**Table 10: Intercept 2 Post Arrest** 

Intercept 2: Post Arrest; Initial Detention and Initial Hearings Current Programs and Initiatives	County(s)	Plans for Upcoming Two Years:
Our team of six Jail Diversion Coordinators conducts mental health assessments upon receiving 16.22 orders or when notified by TLETS that a person with prior IDD or MH services has been arrested. The team makes dismiss and transfer recommendations when appropriate, and/or coordinates psychiatric services when needed, to include medications, substance use screenings, substance use counseling, and IDD assessments. The team also makes referrals for Outpatient and Jail-Based Competency Restoration Programs, as well as specialty courts and dockets, when appropriate.	All BTCS     Counties	<ul> <li>Continue current programming through various grants and contracts</li> <li>Expand JBCR Programming in FY26 if approved by HHSC</li> </ul>

**Table 11: Intercept 3 Jails and Courts** 

	Intercept 3: Jails/Courts Current Programs and	County(s)	Plans for Upcoming Two
•	Our Jail Diversion staff work with the court system to provide mental health assessments and recommendations	All BTCS     Counties	• Continue programming
•	Transformative Justice Program  Misdemeanor and Felony Mental  Health Dockets (FMHD)	Williamson     Guadalupe &     Williamson	<ul> <li>Continue partnership</li> <li>Continue to have         Assertive Community         Treatment and         Substance Use         Disorder (SUD)         programs work with         these dockets</li> <li>Continue providing         Care Coordination for         FMHD participants         through a federal         CCBHC Grant</li> </ul>
•	Support for Veterans Treatment Courts	Guadalupe & Williamson	<ul> <li>Continue to have SUD and Veterans Teams work with these courts</li> <li>Continue partnership whereby Williamson County contracts with BTCS to perform MH/SUD screenings and assessments to make appropriate referrals</li> </ul>
•	Support for Child Welfare Courts	Williamson	Continue partnership with Williamson County providing two care coordinators assisting families and youth involved with DFPS and welfare courts; this includes connecting them with appropriate healthcare services and resources
•	We are engaged with our local county jails to ensure medication is prescribed or continued while in the jail setting. We are the contracted psychiatric provider at all county jails except Burnet and Williamson where they contract with private providers.	Bastrop,     Caldwell,     Fayette,     Gonzales,     Guadalupe,     Lee	Continue contracting to provide psychiatric services

Jail Diversion staff work closely with Kerrville State Hospital to transition individuals who have been found NGRI. Court approval is required to move individuals from an inpatient setting into community-based services. BTCS Crisis Respite Units and State-Hospital Step-Down transitional homes are used to transition individuals who have been institutionalized or have been hospitalized for	All BTCS     Counties	<ul> <li>Continue collaboration</li> <li>Add a third State         Hospital Step-Down         Home in Bastrop in         FY2025     </li> </ul>
years back into the community  Once a person is sent to a State Hospital for competency restoration, BTCS has ongoing liaison services to ensure a smooth transition back into the courts or community while charges are being reviewed. Our Crisis Respite Units and State Hospital Step-Down Transitional Homes are used as a step-down from state hospitals into ongoing mental health services. Jail Diversion staff continue to work with the courts for a disposition on a forensic case.	All BTCS     Counties	Continue partnership

**Table 12: Intercept 4 Reentry** 

Intercept 4: Reentry Current Programs and Initiatives	County(s)	Plans for upcoming two years:
•Jail Diversion – FACT Reentry Planning	<ul> <li>Williamson and Guadalupe</li> </ul>	Continue
•State Mental Health Hospital Re- Entry Coordination and Planning	All BTCS     Counties	Continue
BTCS is actively engaged in the transition from judicial system into ongoing mental health care in the community	All BTCS     Counties	Continue efforts, including Outpatient Competency Restoration and Jail-Based Competency Restoration
Jail Diversion staff are actively engaged with the Kerrville State Hospital and have successfully	All BTCS     Counties	Continue

transitioned individuals back into the community			
•Jail Diversion staff and ASH Liaison work with the forensic unit and judicial system to transition individuals while still under the supervision of the courts. Our relationship with the courts has helped to expand this diversion initiative.	•	All BTCS Counties	• Continue
• The TCOOMMI Mental Health Diversion Program Initiative includes a designated staff member who develops a service plan and coordinates transitions from jail into the community as part of the Jail Diversion Team. Coordination of discharge and transition planning ensures continuity of care and is a primary function of this specialized team.	•	All BTCS Counties	• Continue

**Table 13: Intercept 5 Community Corrections** 

Intercept 5: Community Corrections Current Programs and Initiatives	County(s)	Plans for Upcoming two Years:
Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medial or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) Program	All BTCS     Counties	Continue
TCOOMMI Continuity of Care Program	All BTCS     Counties	Continue
TCOOMMI Transitional Case Management, Parole and CSCD	All BTCS     Counties	Continue
TCOOMMI Psychiatric Prescriber	All BTCS     Counties	Continue
FACT Intensive Case     Management	Guadalupe	Continue
TCOOMMI Program Director acts as liaison to community corrections and works in conjunction with Bluebonnet's Jail Diversion Team, Community Liaison and Training Division to provide a wide-range of behavioral health trainings to	All BTCS     Counties	• Continue

community corrections and community support programs. Examples of trainings include: Mental Health Awareness Training at Texas Department of Criminal Justice Parole Division & Probation; Police/Law Enforcement & Victim Services, along with community support agencies and organizations.		
The TCOOMMI Director and staff work closely with CSCD/Probation and Parole Supervisors and staff to provide on-going education and training during staff meetings, community events, and on an individualized basis	All BTCS     Counties	• Continue
Bluebonnet has multiple TCOOMMI Programs throughout the eight counties. All staff in these programs are responsible for facilitating access to comprehensive services and liaising with community corrections. Monthly interdisciplinary treatment team meetings are part of the TCOOMMI Program and include thorough review of participants' engagement, compliance to treatment recommendations, and options to reinforce positive behaviors and effectively address barriers to treatment.	All BTCS     Counties	• Continue
Bluebonnet's FACT Program pairs individuals in Bluebonnet's mental health services who have risk factors for criminal justice system involvement with a specially trained case manager who has training and education in criminogenic risk factors and behavioral health treatment.	Guadalupe	Continue through     FY2025 with SB292     funding

## **III.B Other Behavioral Health Strategic Priorities**

The Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (SBHCC) was established to ensure a strategic statewide approach to behavioral health services. In 2015, the Texas Legislature established the SBHCC to coordinate behavioral health services across state agencies. The SBHCC is comprised of representatives of state agencies or institutions of higher education that receive state general revenue for behavioral health services. Core duties of the SBHCC include developing, monitoring, and implementing a five-year statewide behavioral health strategic plan; developing annual coordinated statewide behavioral health expenditure proposals; and annually publishing an updated inventory of behavioral health programs and services that are funded by the state.

The <u>Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Plan</u> identifies other significant gaps and goals in the state's behavioral health services system. The gaps identified in the plan are:

- Gap 1: Access to appropriate behavioral health services
- Gap 2: Behavioral health needs of public-school students
- Gap 3: Coordination across state agencies
- Gap 4: Supports for Service Members, veterans, and their families
- Gap 5: Continuity of care for people of all ages involved in the Justice System
- Gap 6: Access to timely treatment services
- Gap 7: Implementation of evidence-based practices
- Gap 8: Use of peer services
- Gap 9: Behavioral health services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Gap 10: Social determinants of health and other barriers to care
- Gap 11: Prevention and early intervention services
- Gap 12: Access to supported housing and employment
- Gap 13: Behavioral health workforce shortage
- Gap 14: Shared and usable data

The goals identified in the plan are:

• Goal 1: Intervene early to reduce the impact of trauma and improve social determinants of health outcomes.

- Goal 2: Collaborate across agencies and systems to improve behavioral health policies and services.
- Goal 3: Develop and support the behavioral health workforce.
- Goal 4: Manage and utilize data to measure performance and inform decisions.

Use the table below to briefly describe the status of each area of focus as identified in the plan (key accomplishments, challenges, and current activities), and then summarize objectives and activities planned for the next two years.

Table 14: Current Status of Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Plan

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from	Current Status	Plans
	Strategic Plan		

Expand Trauma- Informed Care, linguistic, and cultural awareness training and build this knowledge into services	• Gaps 1, 10 • Goal 1	<ul> <li>All BTCS staff complete         Trauma-Informed Care         and Cultural         Competency training         modules</li> <li>BTCS has a Diversity,         Equity and Inclusion         Team that coordinates         training and specialized         communication to all         staff to increase         cultural competency         and awareness</li> <li>BTCS provides         Language Assistance         Services as needed via         phone translation,         document translation         and in-person         translation</li> <li>BTCS informs persons         of the availability of         language assistance         services by displaying         posters in all lobbies         which include         statements in         American Sign         Language, Spanish,         Arabic, Bengali,         Burmese, Cantonese,         Farsi, Vietnamese, and         other languages</li> <li>BTCS maintains and         updates a Language         Assistance Plan every         three years and takes         steps to ensure         meaningful access to         our programs and         activities by persons         with Limited-English         proficiency</li> <li>Staff competency is         assessed during         regular supervision, in-         vivo observation, and         annual performance         evaluations to ensure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue these efforts</li> <li>Encourage and invite additional training opportunities for staff</li> <li>Update our Language Assistance Plan in 2026</li> </ul>

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
		knowledge is incorporated into service delivery, including for specialty programs such as the Outpatient Biopsychosocial Approach for IDD Services (OBI) Program and Veterans Services	

Coordinate across local, state, and federal agencies to increase and maximize use of funding for access to housing, employment, transportation, and other needs that impact health outcomes	Gaps 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 Goal 1	<ul> <li>BTCS works closely with SAMHSA to report CCBHC progress and outcomes as a recipient of a CCBHC-IA Grant; this will include data submission in 2025</li> <li>BTCS works very closely with Texas HHSC on a number of grants, contracts and special interest groups to affect health outcomes</li> <li>BTCS partners with Williamson County on a federal Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant supporting persons seeking recovery from intensive substance use and mental illness</li> <li>BTCS currently operates TxDOT and CAMPO grants to address transportation barriers across our service area; this involves participation in regional workgroups</li> <li>BTCS has been the recipient of timelimited American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from both local and state entities to increase access to housing, employment, transportation and other needs to include expedited access to Determinations of Disability, crisis facility renovation and expansion, residential withdrawal management, and care coordination for CPS-</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Research new grant opportunities to bridge gaps in care, working alongside a variety of local, state and federal partners</li> <li>Continue existing partnerships</li> </ul>

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
		involved youths and families and Child Welfare Courts	
Explore financial, statutory, and administrative barriers to funding new or expanding behavioral health support services	• Gaps 1, 10	<ul> <li>BTCS analyzes its own internal barriers when conducting Community Strengths and Needs Assessments and subsequent annual Strategic Planning</li> <li>BTCS partners with local universities to fulfill critical staffing needs; support future generations of health care providers; and apply for federal grant opportunities</li> <li>Exploration of community-level barriers occurs during the biennial completion of the Consolidated Local Service Plan and Local Planning and Network Development Plan, as well as Sequential Intercept Model mapping exercises</li> <li>BTCS also considers these barriers when applying for grant opportunities or negotiating existing contracts</li> <li>BTCS regularly offers educational tours and discussions engaging local legislative staff, elected officials and state agency staff when macro-level change may benefit our communities and persons served</li> </ul>	Continue and expand these efforts

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Implement services that are person- and family-centered across systems of care	• Gap 10 • Goal 1	<ul> <li>Person-Centered Care is an agency-wide priority and we employ peers who work with individuals using evidenced-based curriculum (such as Wellness Recovery Action Planning)</li> <li>All new employees complete a Recovery and Resiliency training module during New Employee Orientation</li> <li>We participate in the Resilient Bastrop County Collaborative and Resilient Wilco initiative</li> <li>All persons receiving mental healthcare at BTCS develop a Person-Centered Recovery Plan or Wraparound Plan to guide care</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue to develop Peer providers from within our organization and hire peers for all service areas</li> <li>Encourage staff to participate in available training opportunities</li> </ul>
Enhance prevention and early intervention services across the lifespan	• Goal 1	<ul> <li>BTCS is currently implementing prevention services through two new substance use prevention contracts obtained through competitive bid</li> <li>BTCS was also awarded youth-focused behavioral health early intervention service contracts in 2024, including a Youth Crisis Outreach Team (YCOT) Program and SMART Innovation Grant and Multisystemic Therapy (MST)</li> </ul>	Continue to consider new grant/contract opportunities to promote prevention and early intervention

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Identify best practices in communication and information sharing to maximize collaboration across agencies	• Gap 3 • Goal 2	<ul> <li>BTCS strongly advocates for automated data sharing with HHSC when implementing new programs</li> <li>BTCS is also supportive of Health Information Exchange (HIE) technology and currently partners with one HIE in our area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expand use of HIEs</li> <li>Reduce the need for manual data entry while increasing accuracy and timeliness of data entry and reporting</li> <li>Increase timely and complete communication between professionals addressing the needs of an individual</li> </ul>
Collaborate to jointly develop behavioral health policies and implement behavioral health services to achieve a coordinated, strategic approach to enhancing systems	• Gaps 1, 3, 7	<ul> <li>BTCS works closely with the Texas Council of Community Centers, participating on Special Interest Groups to inform policy development and prioritization of initiatives</li> <li>BTCS regularly offers educational tours and discussions engaging local legislative staff, elected officials and state agency staff when macro-level change may benefit our communities and persons served</li> <li>BTCS has a track record of partnering with other community agencies and healthcare providers to launch new programs that strategically strengthen the continuum of care in our service area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue and expand these efforts</li> <li>We will pursue all available resources to implement the behavioral health and integrated services listed in Table 16 below</li> </ul>

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Identify and strategize opportunities to support and implement recommendations from SBHCC member advisory committees and SBHCC member strategic plans	<ul><li>Gap 3</li><li>Goal 2</li></ul>	BTCS completes surveys as requested by the SBHCC	<ul> <li>We welcome the opportunity to participate on advisory committees and to provide feedback on strategic plans</li> <li>We will continue to complete surveys as requested</li> </ul>

	Related Gaps		
Area of Focus	and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Increase awareness of provider networks, services and programs to better refer people to the appropriate level of care	• Gaps 1, 11, 14 • Goal 2	<ul> <li>BTCS maintains a website to educate the community and partners to ensure access to available services</li> <li>The BTCS website includes links to eflyers, which are also available in print</li> <li>BTCS partners with United Way for Greater Austin (regional 2-1-1 social service helpline operator) to manage our intake call center and appointment line, improving awareness about our service array</li> <li>BTCS also submits updated service information informing the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County on an annual basis</li> <li>BTCS maintains a one-page summary listing all of our programs, which we regularly share with community partners; we also maintain short summaries on each program, available upon request</li> <li>BTCS works with newspapers, radio and televised news stations to educate the community about new programs</li> </ul>	BTCS is ready to provide our service information to HHSC, as requested, and is happy to provide feedback to achieve this area of focus  BTCS is ready to provide information to HHSC, as requested, and is happy to provide feedback to achieve this area of focus

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Identify gaps in continuity of care procedures to reduce delays in care and waitlists for services	• Gaps 1, 5, 6 • Goal 2	<ul> <li>As a Texas Certified         Community Behavioral         Health Clinic, BTCS         employs Care         Coordinators to         promote continuity of         care during transitions</li> <li>Care Coordinators work         alongside individuals         (regardless of primary         diagnosis) ensuring         private and state         hospital discharge         follow-up within 7         days, communicating         updates to HHSC when         a person is on the         Inpatient Care Waitlist         waiting for a state         hospital bed, follow-up         after discharge from         our crisis facilities to         the community,         assisting with         medication refills and         record-sharing when         someone transitions         from our service area         to another, and much         more</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>BTCS will continue performing care coordination activities while advocating for a long-term funding source or reimbursement for these critical healthcare activities</li> <li>Currently, many of our care coordination positions are funded through a time-limited federal grant</li> </ul>
Develop step-down and step-up levels of care to address the range of participant needs	<ul><li>Gaps 1, 5, 6</li><li>Goal 2</li></ul>	BTCS has strategically developed its continuum of care in our 8-county area to include a wide range of step-down and step-up/diversionary options funded through competitively awarded contracts and local, state and federal grants in addition to our HHSC LMHA/LIDDA contracted services	<ul> <li>BTCS will continue current efforts, as funding allows</li> <li>We will also pursue all available resources to implement the behavioral health and integrated services listed in Table 16 below</li> </ul>

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Create a data subcommittee in the SBHCC to understand trends in service enrollment, waitlists, gaps in levels of care and other data important to assessing the effectiveness of policies and provider performance	<ul><li>Gaps 3, 14</li><li>Goal 3</li></ul>	BTCS completes surveys as requested by the SBHCC and is a consumer of the information released by the SBHCC	We welcome the invitation to comment on the objectives and work of the subcommittee
Explore opportunities to provide emotional supports to workers who serve people receiving services	<ul><li>Gap 13</li><li>Goal 3</li></ul>	<ul> <li>BTCS offers an         Employee Assistance         Program to all         employees, making         emotional support and         counseling available at         no cost to the         employee</li> <li>BTCS also offers         Critical Incident Stress         Management (CISM)         debriefings to         employees and         community partners         (police, fire, EMS,         Dispatch, jail staff,         etc.) after critical         incidents</li> </ul>	Continue to seek a funding source for critical CISM activities that promote early intervention for healthcare workers and first responders experiencing vicarious trauma
Use data to identify gaps, barriers and opportunities for recruiting, retention, and succession planning of the behavioral health workforce	<ul><li>Gaps 13, 14</li><li>Goal 3</li></ul>	<ul> <li>BTCS incorporates data into its Staffing Plan, which is updated every three years, including strategies for recruiting and retention</li> <li>BTCS was awarded an HHSC Workforce Grant for FY25 based on data we track and submitted</li> <li>BTCS leaders participate in strategic succession planning</li> </ul>	BTCS has and is willing to continue sharing feedback with HHSC on factors impacting workforce recruitment and retention, as well as our recommendations to address barriers

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Implement a call to service campaign to increase the behavioral health workforce	<ul><li>Gap 13</li><li>Goal 3</li></ul>	<ul> <li>BTCS currently manages social media accounts to advertise available positions and BTCS-sponsored career fairs</li> <li>BTCS also participates in in-person and virtual hiring fairs across our service area</li> <li>BTCS recently hired a production company to create a Recruitment Video highlighting case management, nursing, peer and other positions</li> </ul>	We welcome a call to service campaign and will gladly support any HHSC-led campaign efforts by sharing information and marketing materials

	Related Gaps		
Area of Focus	and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Develop and implement policies that support a diversified workforce		<ul> <li>During each meeting of the Board of Trustees, BTCS compares workforce demographic data with demographic information for our client population to oversee accountability to a diversified workforce</li> <li>BTCS maintains and updates a Cultural Responsiveness Plan every two years which includes a Diversity Analysis comparing demographic data (gender, race, ethnicity, age) of BTCS staff with demographic data for persons in services; population data of our 8-county service area; and census data captured for Texas</li> <li>BTCS develops a Community Strengths and Needs Assessment informing the BTCS Staffing Plan</li> <li>The BTCS Staffing Plan includes strategies to ensure the BTCS workforce is representative of persons served; informed by the results of the most recent Cultural Competency and Diversity Survey. Currently, employee demographics align very closely with demographics of persons served (ages 20 and older)</li> </ul>	BTCS is updating its Cultural Responsiveness Plan for FY25-26 BTCS will update its Staffing Plan during 2025 for the FY26-27 period Although the current employee demographics match the current demographics of the persons we serve, we intentionally seek to understand the population patterns in our communities to ensure we do not miss opportunities to understand cultural differences, engage in conversations and offer meaningful services

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Assess ways to ease state contracting processes to expand the behavioral health workforce and services	<ul><li>Gaps 3, 13</li><li>Goal 3</li></ul>	<ul> <li>BTCS regularly provides feedback to HHSC on the contracting process</li> <li>BTCS actively participates on committees of the Texas Council of Community Centers to inform the HHSC contracting process</li> </ul>	BTCS seeks to collaborate with HHSC on the contracting process alongside the Texas Council of Community Centers
Create a data subcommittee in the SBHCC to understand trends in service enrollment, waitlists, gaps in levels of care and other data important to assessing the effectiveness of policies and provider performance	<ul><li>Gaps 3, 14</li><li>Goal 4</li></ul>	BTCS completes surveys as requested by the SBHCC and is a consumer of the information released by the SBHCC	We welcome the invitation to comment on the objectives and work of the subcommittee
Explore the use of a shared data portal as a mechanism for crossagency data collection and analysis	• Gaps 3, 14 • Goal 4	<ul> <li>BTCS regularly provides feedback to HHSC on the use of existing data portals and welcomes a single data portal for automated data reporting</li> <li>BTCS actively participates on committees of the Texas Council of Community Centers to inform data collection and analysis</li> </ul>	BTCS seeks to collaborate with HHSC to support data-sharing and analysis alongside the Texas Council of Community Centers

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Explore opportunities to increase identification of service members, veterans, and their families who access state-funded services to understand their needs and connect them with appropriate resources	• Goal 4	<ul> <li>BTCS inquires about service member and veteran status at the point of intake and captures this data in our electronic health record as a required field</li> <li>BTCS refers to internal veteran-serving programs including a Military Veterans Peer Network and Counseling Program for veterans and family members</li> <li>BTCS also recently operated a Veteran Affairs grant and we have applied for a new grant to continue similar veteran peer programming and general financial assistance funds</li> <li>BTCS seeks to serve the veteran as well as the family members experiencing secondary trauma</li> </ul>	BTCS seeks to collaborate with HHSC to support data-sharing alongside the Texas Council of Community Centers  BTCS seeks to collaborate with HHSC to support data-sharing alongside the Texas Council of Community Centers

Area of Focus	Related Gaps and Goals from Strategic Plan	Current Status	Plans
Collect data to understand the effectiveness of evidence-based practices and the quality of these services	<ul><li>Gaps 7, 14</li><li>Goal 4</li></ul>	<ul> <li>BTCS conducts internal audits to evaluate appropriate use of and quality of documentation for evidence-based practices (EBPs)</li> <li>The data exists in our electronic health record system to evaluate EBP effectiveness</li> <li>BTCS actively participates on committees of the Texas Council of Community Centers to inform data collection and analysis</li> </ul>	BTCS seeks to collaborate with HHSC to support data- sharing to evaluate effectiveness

## **III.C Local Priorities and Plans**

Based on identification of unmet needs, stakeholder input and internal assessment, identify the top local priorities for the next two years. These might include changes in the array of services, allocation of resources, implementation of new strategies or initiatives, service enhancements, quality improvements, etc.

List at least one but no more than five priorities.

For each priority, briefly describe current activities and achievements and summarize plans for the next two years, including a relevant timeline. If local priorities are addressed in the table above, list the local priority and enter "see above" in the remaining two cells.

**Table 15: Local Priorities** 

Local Priority	Current Status	Plans
Provision of care aligned with the Texas Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (T-CCBHC) Model as well as national CCBHC standards	<ul> <li>Policies and procedures reflect integration of programs and services</li> <li>We provide holistic, traumainformed, person and family-centered mental health, substance use and primary care services</li> <li>A patient portal is available for primary care patients</li> <li>We utilize Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment interventions</li> <li>We screen for Social Drivers of Health</li> <li>Care Coordinators are infused throughout our system to support transitions in care and communication among internal and external providers</li> <li>We operate a Substance Abuse and MH Services Administration (SAMHSA) CCBHC-Improvement and Advancement Grant</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Launch a premium Patient Portal in 2025 for clients receiving mental health services</li> <li>Conduct a new Community Strengths and Needs Assessment in 2026</li> <li>Achieve recertification when current T-CCBHC certification expires in 2026</li> <li>Continue to pursue CCBHC- related grants</li> <li>Expand utilization of evidence- based practices, responding to needs in our communities</li> <li>Successfully report new CCBHC metrics to SAMHSA and HHSC</li> </ul>

Local Priority	Current Status	Plans
Implementation of Community-Based Crisis Stabilization Alternatives that meet behavioral health needs	<ul> <li>We currently operate 26 adult Respite beds, 26 youth therapeutic respite beds, and 10 adult diversion beds in Williamson and Guadalupe Counties</li> <li>BTCS holds Private         Psychiatric Bed contracts with 8 local private hospitals at a highly discounted rate to serve persons without insurance</li> <li>BTCS operates two State Hospital Step-Down Homes to receive persons directly from inpatient care</li> <li>Training has been provided to crisis staff to improve competency in serving individuals with substance use needs and intellectual and developmental disabilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Open a third State Hospital Step-Down Transitional Home in Bastrop County</li> <li>Pursue additional contracts with private psychiatric hospital partners to increase options for persons in crisis</li> <li>As a subrecipient of a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant received by Williamson County, BTCS will establish contracts with hospitals in 2025 to coordinate residential withdrawal management placement</li> <li>Continue to seek funding opportunities to expand community-based psychiatric stabilization.</li> </ul>
Integrated physical and behavioral health services	<ul> <li>See above</li> <li>BTCS achieved Rural Health Clinic (RHC) status for our La Grange location in 2022</li> <li>BTCS added Chronic Care Management as a service for Medicare recipients in 2024</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sustain Behavioral Health Consultant positions</li> <li>Achieve RHC status in Giddings</li> <li>Establish new healthcare partnerships with organizations committed to holistic care</li> <li>Participate in efforts to improve communication among healthcare providers through care coordination efforts</li> </ul>

Local Priority	Current Status	Plans
Implement models supporting recovery of individuals with behavioral health needs	<ul> <li>See above</li> <li>Certified Peer Specialists         and Family Partners serve in         State Hospital Step-Down         Programs and crisis units</li> <li>BTCS is a subrecipient of a         National Association of State         Mental Health Program         Directors grant which is         allowing us to expand peer         and family partner         programming</li> <li>BTCS has applied for a         Texas Veterans Commission         Grant to continue peer         support efforts and make         financial assistance available         to veterans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue to expand access to Certified Peer Specialists, Veteran Peers, Family Partners, Peer Recovery Coaches and Peer-to-Peer for First Responders</li> <li>Continue to coordinate training for staff, school personnel and community members for the early identification and intervention of behavioral health symptoms</li> <li>Expand the availability of substance use peer services in acute crisis settings</li> </ul>

## IV.D System Development and Identification of New Priorities

Developing the local plans should include a process to identify local priorities and needs and the resources required for implementation. The priorities should reflect the input of key stakeholders involved in development of the Psychiatric Emergency Plan as well as the broader community. This builds on the ongoing communication and collaboration LMHAs and LBHAs have with local stakeholders. The primary purpose is to support local planning, collaboration, and resource development. The information provides a clear picture of needs across the state and support planning at the state level.

Use the table below to identify the local service area's priorities for use of any new funding should it become available in the future. Do not include planned services and projects that have an identified source of funding. Consider regional needs and potential use of robust transportation and alternatives to hospital care. Examples of alternatives to hospital care include residential facilities for people not restorable, outpatient commitments, and other people needing long-term care, including people who are geriatric mental health needs. Also consider services needed to improve community tenure and avoid hospitalization.

Provide as much detail as practical for long-term planning and:

- Assign a priority level of 1, 2, or 3 to each item, with 1 being the highest priority.
- Identify the general need.
- Describe how the resources would be used—what items or components would be funded, including estimated quantity when applicable.
- Estimate the funding needed, listing the key components and costs (for recurring or ongoing costs, such as staffing, state the annual cost).

**Table 16: Priorities for New Funding** 

Priority	Need	Brief description of how resources would be used	Estimated cost	Collaboration with community stakeholders
1.	Seguin Diversion Center Operations	Funding is needed to operate a temporary Diversion Center and, ultimately, a permanent Diversion Center facility in Guadalupe County once constructed; this includes staffing, security, equipment and supplies	\$750,000 for temporary facility \$2,000,000/yr for permanent facility	Law Enforcement in Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales and Guadalupe Counties
2.	Round Rock Youth Residential Program Operations	Funding is needed to operate a new 16-bed facility in Williamson County (once renovations are complete); this includes staffing, equipment and supplies	Approximately \$2,600,000/yr	Williamson County, HHSC, DFPS
3.	Residential Withdrawal Management Program	Funding is needed to reopen a 4-bed withdrawal management program in Williamson County	Approximately \$1,500,000	Williamson County EMS, Law Enforcement
4.	Jail-Based Competency Restoration Expansion	Funding is needed for additional positions which would allow us to open a second pod in Williamson County (for females), or a second JBCR Program in our service area	Approximately \$250,000 annually for expansion of existing program, or \$675,000 for an entirely new program	Williamson County Jail, Other Local County Jails

Priority	Need	Brief description of how resources would be used	Estimated cost	Collaboration with community stakeholders
5.	Homeless Prevention	Funding is needed for emergency temporary housing and support, as well as long term, permanent housing	\$300,000+	Williamson County, Georgetown Police Department, Community First Village
	Integrated Healthcare		Approximately \$1,500,000	Texas A&M School of Nursing, Community Health Centers of South Central Texas

## **Appendix A: Definitions**

**Admission criteria** – Admission into services is determined by the person's level of care as determined by the TRR Assessment found <a href="here">here</a> for adults or <a href="here">here</a> for children and adolescents. The TRR assessment tool is comprised of several modules used in the behavioral health system to support care planning and level of care decision making. High scores on the TRR Assessment module, such as items of Risk Behavior (Suicide Risk and Danger to Others) or Life Domain Functioning and Behavior Health Needs (Cognition), trigger a score that indicates the need for crisis services.

**Community Based Crisis Program (CBCP) -** Provide immediate access to assessment, triage, and a continuum of stabilizing treatment for people with behavioral health crisis. CBCP projects include contracted psychiatric beds within a licensed hospital, EOUs, CSUs, s, crisis residential units and crisis respite units and are staffed by medical personnel, mental health professionals, or both that provide care 24/7. CBCPs may be co-located within a licensed hospital or CSU or be within proximity to a licensed hospital. The array of projects available in a service area is based on the local needs and characteristics of the community and is dependent upon LMHA or LBHA funding.

Community Mental Health Hospitals (CMHH), Contracted Psychiatric Beds (CPB) and Private Psychiatric Beds (PPBs) – Hospital services staffed with medical and nursing professionals who provide 24/7 professional monitoring, supervision, and assistance in an environment designed to provide safety and security during acute behavioral health crisis. Staff provides intensive interventions designed to relieve acute symptomatology and restore the person's ability to function in a less restrictive setting.

**Crisis hotline** – A 24/7 telephone service that provides information, support, referrals, screening, and intervention. The hotline serves as the first point of contact for mental health crisis in the community, providing confidential telephone triage to determine the immediate level of need and to mobilize emergency services if necessary. The hotline facilitates referrals to 911, MCOT or other crisis services.

**Crisis residential units (CRU)** – Provide community-based residential crisis treatment to people with a moderate to mild risk of harm to self or others, who may have fairly severe functional impairment, and whose symptoms cannot be stabilized in a less intensive setting. Crisis residential units are not authorized to accept people on involuntary status.

**Crisis respite units** – Provide community-based residential crisis treatment for people who have low risk of harm to self or others, and who may have some functional impairment. Services may occur over a brief period of time, such as two hours, and generally serve people with housing challenges or assist caretakers who need short-term housing or supervision for the person they care for to avoid mental health crisis. Crisis respite units are not authorized to accept people on involuntary status.

**Crisis services** – Immediate and short-term interventions provided in the community that are designed to address mental health and behavioral health crisis and reduce the need for more intensive or restrictive interventions.

**Crisis stabilization unit (CSU)** – The only licensed facilities on the crisis continuum and may accept people on emergency detention or orders of protective custody. CSUs offer the most intensive mental health services on the crisis facility continuum by providing short-term crisis treatment to reduce acute symptoms of mental illness in people with a high to moderate risk of harm to self or others.

**Diversion centers -** Provide a physical location to divert people at-risk of arrest, or who would otherwise be arrested without the presence of a jail diversion center and connects them to community-based services and supports.

**Extended observation unit (EOU)** – Provide up to 48-hours of emergency services to people experiencing a mental health crisis who may pose a high to moderate risk of harm to self or others. EOUs may accept people on emergency detention.

**Jail-based competency restoration (JBCR) -** Competency restoration conducted in a county jail setting provided in a designated space separate from the space used for the general population of the county jail with the specific objective of attaining restoration to competency pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 46B.

**Mental health deputy (MHD) -** Law enforcement officers with additional specialized training in crisis intervention provided by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

**Mobile crisis outreach team (MCOT)** – A clinically staffed mobile treatment teams that provide 24/7, prompt face-to-face crisis assessment, crisis intervention services, crisis follow-up and relapse prevention services for people in the community.

Outpatient competency restoration (OCR) - A community-based program with the specific objective of attaining restoration to competency pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 46B.

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## **Appendix B: Acronyms**

CBCP Community Based Crisis ProgramsCLSP Consolidated Local Service PlanCMHH Community Mental Health Hospital

**CPB** Contracted Psychiatric Beds

CRU Crisis Residential Unit
CSU Crisis Stabilization Unit

**EOU** Extended Observation Units

HHSC Health and Human Services CommissionIDD Intellectual or Developmental Disability

**JBCR** Jail Based Competency Restoration

**LMHA** Local Mental Health Authority

**LBHA** Local Behavioral Health Authority

MCOT Mobile Crisis Outreach Team

MHD Mental Health Deputy

OCR Outpatient Competency Restoration

PESC Psychiatric Emergency Service Center

**PPB** Private Psychiatric Beds

**SBHCC** Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

**SIM** Sequential Intercept Model

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