Working Countywide on Mental Health Issues and the Sandra Bland Act
Texas Commission on Jail Standards
Composition of the Board
We have walked and are walking in your shoes
Regulatory by Statute
BUT
A Resource for Counties
The County Judge/Sheriff Relationship
LMHA Jail Procedures at the Gregg County Jail
A) Community HealthCORE and the Gregg County Sheriff’s Office have identified the need to create a policy and procedure to screen inmates based on the newly developed Screening Form for Suicide and Medical/Mental/Developmental Impairments (see attachment). These guidelines have been created and agreed upon by both entities and approval signatures are herein.

B) The goals of this policy are as follows:
- Establish a chain of command which both CHC and Gregg County Sheriff’s Office can utilize.
- Establish a procedure that effectively identifies inmates needing to be screened.
- Establish a procedure that allows Gregg County Sheriff’s Office to either refer inmates to mental health services within their facility, or be referred elsewhere (i.e., population) based on CHC screenings.

C) The proposed procedure is as follows:
- Screener will be at the jail Monday-Friday from 8am-12pm per previous agreement. This is to include holidays unless appointed staff is otherwise taking PTO.
- Screener will report to North Jail starting February 1. The screener will receive a list of who was put on suicide watch the previous day as well as a coordinating Intake Screening Form for those inmates.
- Screener will be taught by GCSO how to access jail information in Odyssey.
- For jail screening purposes, CHC will use the following vernacular: “According to client report, CHC screening, and the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale, client does/does not present as a danger to themselves or others.”
Reassessment will be a follow up screening and will utilize the same vernacular in aforementioned bullet point.

Screening will assess as follows: (Please refer to Intake Screening Form attachment).

- A positive answer to 1a, 1b will have an initial screening and then be placed on a reassessment list to be reassessed **48-72 hours later**.
- A positive answer to 1c (if it has been less than one year) will have an initial screening and then be placed on a reassessment list to be reassessed **48-72 hours later**.
- A positive answer to 1d will be placed on reassessment list **per screener discretion**.
- A positive answer to any other question, **IF** they have been put on suicide watch, will result in an initial screening as well as placement on the reassessment list.

Reassessment schedule is as follows:

- Initial assessment Monday – Reassessment Wednesday or Thursday
- Initial assessment Tuesday – Reassessment Thursday or Friday
- Initial assessment Wednesday – Reassessment Friday or Monday
- Initial assessment Thursday – Reassessment Monday
- Initial assessment Friday – Reassessment Monday or Tuesday

Screening will report findings to supervising sergeants on their respective shifts. These sergeants are Jason Brannon and Jennifer Nieves. Lieutenant Mark North and Captain Doug Morgan are available if further assistance is required. Community Healthcare will appoint a supervisor for the jail supervisors to contact if questions/concerns arise.

Based on screening findings (refer to: “according to client report, CHC screening, and the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale, client does/does not present as a danger to themselves or others.”) Gregg County Jail will then either remove the offender from suicide watch or have the offender remain on suicide watch. If the offender is to remain on suicide watch, need for placement in a psychiatric facility or further follow up by Dr. White can be recommended.
1. Community Mental Health Grant Program

Background

In an effort to promote recovery-based treatment, the Texas Legislature authorized the development of a community mental health grant program through H.B. 13. This grant program for mental health services seeks to establish a matching grant program to support community mental health programs providing services and treatment for individuals experiencing mental illness.

Populations to be served include individuals with mental illness and unmet behavioral health needs. Governmental entities and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding.

Grant Program Overview

The community mental health grant program is designed to foster community collaboration, reduce duplication of mental health services, and strengthen continuity of care for individuals receiving services through a diverse local provider network. The purpose of the grant program is to:

- Support community programs providing mental health care services and treatment to individuals with a mental illness; and
- Coordinate mental health care services for individuals with a mental illness with other transition support services.

Fifty percent of the total to be awarded will be reserved for community mental health programs located in counties with a population not greater than 250,000.

Implementation Approach

Funds associated with the community mental health grant program will be awarded using two methods: an NCA and an RFA.
# Form P BUDGET SUMMARY

**Legal Name of Respondent:** Sabine Valley MH MR Center DBA Community Healthcare  
**Funding period:** 06/15/18 - 06/30/19

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**NOTE:** The "Total Budget" amount for each Budget Category will have to be allocated (entered) manually among the funding sources. Enter amounts in whole dollars. After amounts have been entered for each funding source, verify that the "Distribution Total" below equals the respective amount under the "Total Budget" from column (1).

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**TOTAL FOR:** Distribution Totals $317,141  
**Budget Total $317,141**

*Letter(s) of good standing that validate the respondent’s programmatic, administrative, and financial capability must be placed after this form if respondent receives any funding from state agencies other than DSHS related to this project. If the respondent is a state agency or institution of higher education, letter(s) of good standing are not required. DO NOT include funding from other state agencies in column 4 or Federal sources in column 3 that is not related to activities being funded by this DSHS project.

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The Sandra Bland Act
SB1849
(13) provide procedures that shall give inmates the ability to access a mental health professional at the jail or through a telemental health service 24 hours a day and approved by the Commission by August 31, 2020. If a mental health professional is not present at the county jail at the time or available by telemental health services, then require the jail to provide the inmate access to, at a minimum, a qualified mental health professional (as defined by 25 TAC, §412.303(48)) within a reasonable time; and
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