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Eliminate the Wait Central Texas Regional Forum

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AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center

1900 University Avenue Austin, TX 78705

In October 2021, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Judicial Commission on Mental Health (JCMH) launched the Eliminate the Wait campaign to focus attention on reducing, and ultimately, eliminating the wait for inpatient competency restoration services.

HHSC and JCMH have partnered with Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, Sheriff's Association of Texas, Texas Police Chiefs Association, and Texas Council of Community Centers to host a regional forum for Central Texas counties to plan for and implement improvements to local competency restoration processes.

Goals for the regional forum are to:

1. Share national, state, and local best practices;
2. Provide stakeholder specific training to law enforcement, behavioral health providers, court officials, and jail administrators and jail medical staff; and,
3. Support county leadership, representing law enforcement, behavioral health providers, jail administration, and court officials, in reviewing waitlist data, discussing the local competency restoration process, and developing an action plan and task force for system and process change.

Agenda

8:00 Registration and Breakfast (*provided by Hogg Foundation*)

8:15 Opening Remarks

- Deputy Executive Commission Sonja Gaines, MBA, HHSC
- Dr. Octavio N. Martinez, Jr., MD, MPH, MBA, FAPA, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
- Chief Stan Standridge, San Marcos Police Department
- Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office

8:45 Keynote

- Judge Steve Leifman, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

9:15 Summary of Latest Research and National Best Practices

- Lisa Callahan, PhD, SAMSHA GAINS Center

9:45 Competency Restoration in Texas

- Competency Restoration Process in Texas and the Texas State Hospital Overview - *Dr. Felix Torres, MD, MBA, DFAPA, CCHP-MH, Chief of Forensic Medicine, Health and Specialty Care System, State Hospitals, HHSC and Simone Salloum, JD, Attorney, Policy Department, Legal Services Division, HHSC (15 min)*
- Eliminate the Wait Campaign Overview – *Dr. Jennie Simpson, PhD, Associate Commissioner, State Forensic Director, HHSC and Kristi Taylor, JD, Executive Director, Judicial Commission on Mental Health (15 min)*
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Behavioral Health and Justice – *Dr. Octavio N. Martinez, Jr., MD, MPH, MBA, FAPA, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health (15 min)*

10:30 Innovator Panel

- Cristyn Cordova, LCSW-S, Director of Social Work, Austin State Hospital
- Chief Ryan Braus, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office
- B.J. Wagner, MS, Senior Vice Present of Health and Public Safety, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

11:15 Break

11:30 Stakeholder Specific Training Sessions

- Behavioral Health Providers, led by Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- Law Enforcement, led by Texas Police Chiefs Association, Chief Stan Standridge, San Marcos Police Department
- Jail Administrators and Jail Medical, led by the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office
- Courts, led by Kristi Taylor, JD, Executive Director, Judicial Commission on Mental Health

12:30 Lunch (*provided by Hogg Foundation*)

1:15 County Action Planning (*by invitation only*)

- Map Existing County Process
- Review County Waitlist Data
- Discuss Strengths and Gaps in Current Practices
- Identify Strategies from the Eliminate the Wait Toolkit
- Develop Workgroup and Plan to Implement Strategies

3:00 Closing Remarks, *Dr. Jennie Simpson, PhD, Associate Commissioner, State Forensic Director, HHSC*

3:15 Adjourn

4:00 Optional Tour of New Austin State Hospital for County Leadership Teams (*1 Hour*)