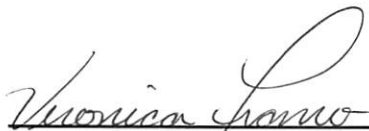


**Program Committee Meeting**  
October 15, 2024  
10:00 am

- I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. Approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee Held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
(EXHIBIT P-1)
- IV. REVIEW AND COMMENT**
  - A. Forensic Services Division-October 2024  
(EXHIBIT P-2 Mona Jiles)
  - B. Strategy Information from the IDD-PAC  
(EXHIBIT P-3 Evanthe Collins)
- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION –**
  - \* **As authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from its attorney about any matters listed on the agenda.**
- VI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**
- VII. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VIII. ADJOURN**



**Veronica Franco, Board Liaison**  
**Max A. Miller, Jr, MTh, D.D. Chairman**  
**Program Committee**  
**The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD**  
**Board of Trustees**



# **EXHIBIT P-1**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
***The HARRIS CENTER for***  
**Mental Health and IDD**  
**PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

Dr. Gearing, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m. in Room 109 of the 9401 Southwest Freeway location, noting a quorum of the Committee was present.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

Committee Members in Attendance: Dr. R. Gearing, Dr. J. Lankford, Dr. L. Fernandez, Ms. R. Thomas, Dr. K. Bacon

Committee Member in Absence: Dr. M. Miller, Jr.

Other Board Members in Attendance:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:16 a.m.

**2. DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AS VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Dr. Gearing declared a quorum of the committee was present.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

**5. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024.**

**MOTION BY: FERNANDEZ**  
**With unanimous affirmative votes**

**SECOND BY: GEARING**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee meeting held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 under Exhibit P-1, are approved and recommended to the Full Board for acceptance.

**6. REVIEW AND COMMENT**

**A. IDD Services Division Update-**Evanthe Collins presented to the Program Committee.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was needed.

**8. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

**MOTION BY: LANKFORD      SECOND BY: FERNANDEZ**

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**Veronica Franco, Board Liaison  
Max A. Miller, Jr. Mth, D.D., Chairman  
Program Committee  
THE HARRIS CENTER *for* Mental Health *and* IDD  
Board of Trustees**

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# **EXHIBIT P-2**



 *The*  
**HARRIS**  
**CENTER** *for*  
Mental Health and IDD

*Forensic*  
**SERVICES DIVISION**



Sean McElroy M.Ed., LPC-S  
Senior Director Forensic Services

*Forensic Services  
Division*

FY 2024  
A YEAR  
IN REVIEW



# WHAT WE DO

A word cloud of terms related to mental health and forensic services. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with some larger than others. The colors of the words include blue, orange, and light blue. The background is a light yellow with a subtle grid pattern.

Words included in the word cloud:

- Nursing
- Competency
- Needs
- Coordination
- Adult
- Peers
- Substance
- Crisis
- Management
- Assessment
- Restoration
- Sanity
- Abuse
- Triage
- Forensic Services
- Hope
- Encourage
- Juvenile
- Medication
- Advocate
- Referrals
- Support
- Psychiatry
- Addiction
- Evaluations



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# Adult SERVICES

## Adult Services

- Community Assessment Referral Program (CARP)
- Competency and Sanity Unit
- Dual Diagnosis Rehabilitation Program (DDRP)
- Forensic Court Clinical Interview Unit (FCCIU)
- Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR)

## Jail Clinical Services

- Mental Health Infirmary
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- 24/7 Mental Health Prescribers
- Specialty Mental Health Housing Units
- Forensic Nursing
- General Population Services (GPS)
- Discharge Treatment Planning
- Peer Support Services

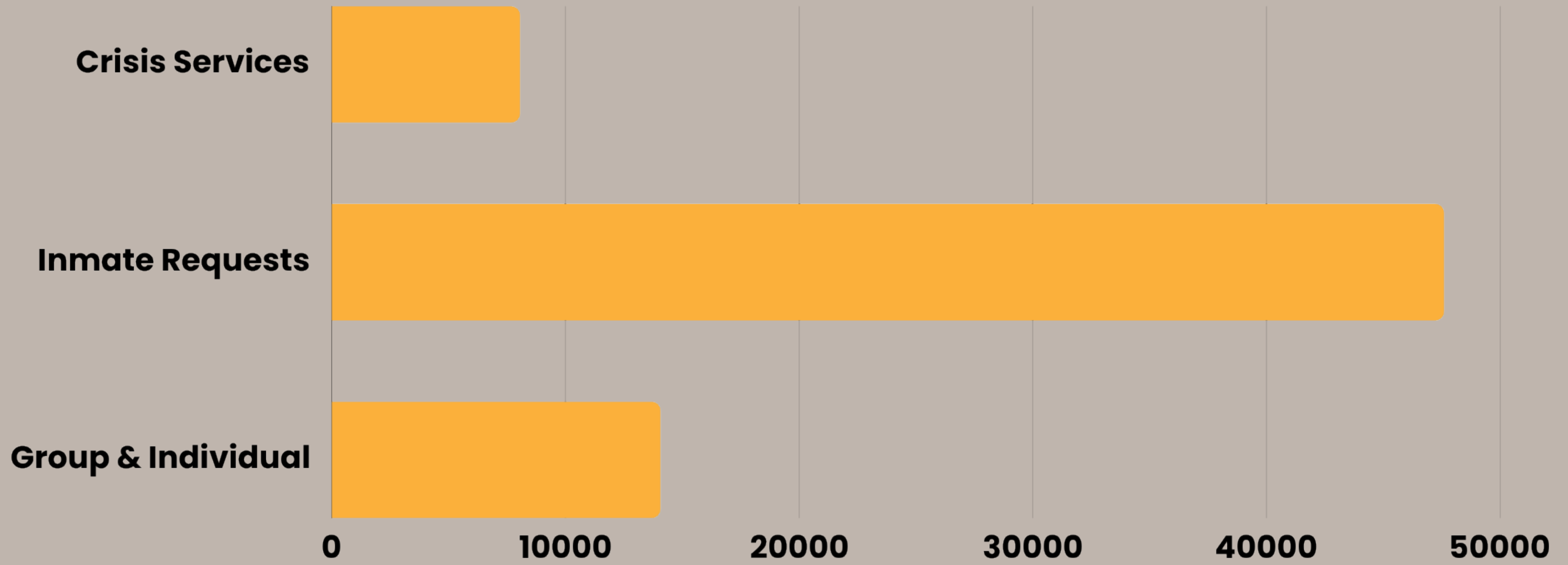


*Jail*

# SERVICES



### Services Provided at the Harris County Jail





# *Jail* SERVICES

## Program Specific Highlights

- Peer Re-Entry Program
  - Recidivism Rate: 2.38%
  - Submitted national presentation proposal
- Jail Based Competency Restoration
  - Restoration Rate: 91%
  - Admissions: 160
  - Received unanimous support in Commissioner's Court for continued county-supported funding for expansion



# Juvenile SERVICES

## Juvenile Services

- Texas Correctional Office of Offenders with Medical and Mental Health Impairments (TCOOMMI Jr)
- Transition Clinical Services
- Transition Psychiatric and Medication Management
- TRIAD Evaluation
- TRIAD Mental Health
- Youth Diversion Center (YDC)



# T.E.A.M.

*Together Everyone  
Achieves More*

Forensic Services Division  
FY 2024 Highlights



# Investing in Future Leaders

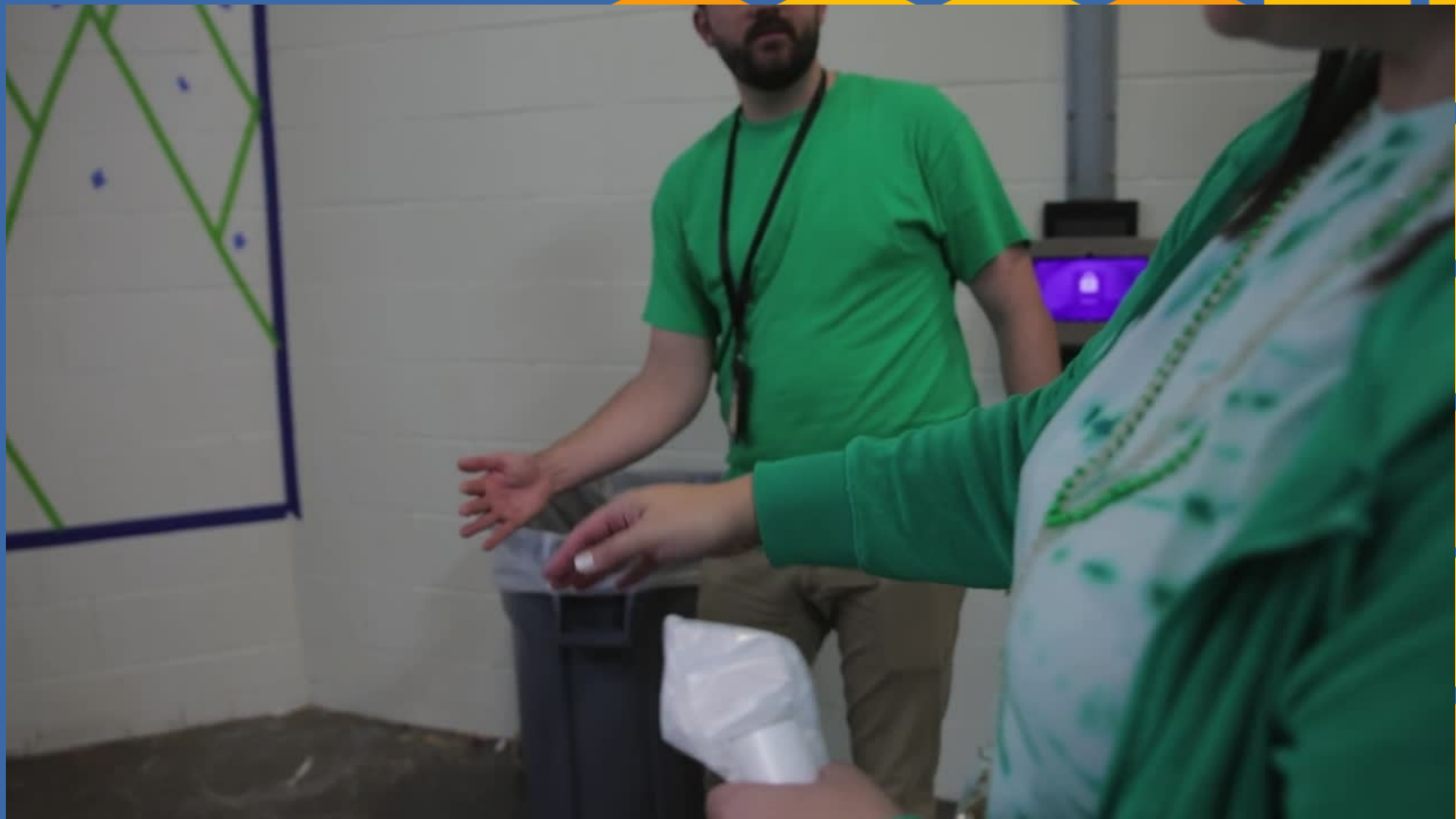
Annual Forensic Leadership Meeting  
September 23, 2024



# Mural of Hope

## JBCR Mental Health Awareness Project

May 30, 2024



*Connect for Success*

# COLLABORATION WITH AGENCY AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS



IDD Summit  
September 4, 2024

# Agency COLLABORATION

- Clinician Advancement Program (CAP) Committee Member
- Resilience in Stressful Events (RISE) Program Participant
- Veteran's Committee Participant



Veteran's Day  
November 10, 2023

# Community COLLABORATION

- Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) Program with the Houston Veterans Affairs Department (*Formerly Mayor's Challenge*)
- Coordinated continued education training on Veterans for all jail staff in partnership with the Veteran's Mental Health Department
- In partnership with HCSO, we provided Mental Health Training to New Promotion Classes at the Harris County jail
- Collaborated with Harris Health for EPIC Implementation to advance patient care through technological advances
- Collaborated with Harris Health and HCSO to implement the Zero Suicide Initiation at the Harris County Jail







*Setting the Standard*

PRESENTATIONS AND  
COMMUNITY IMPACT

COMMUNITY JAIL

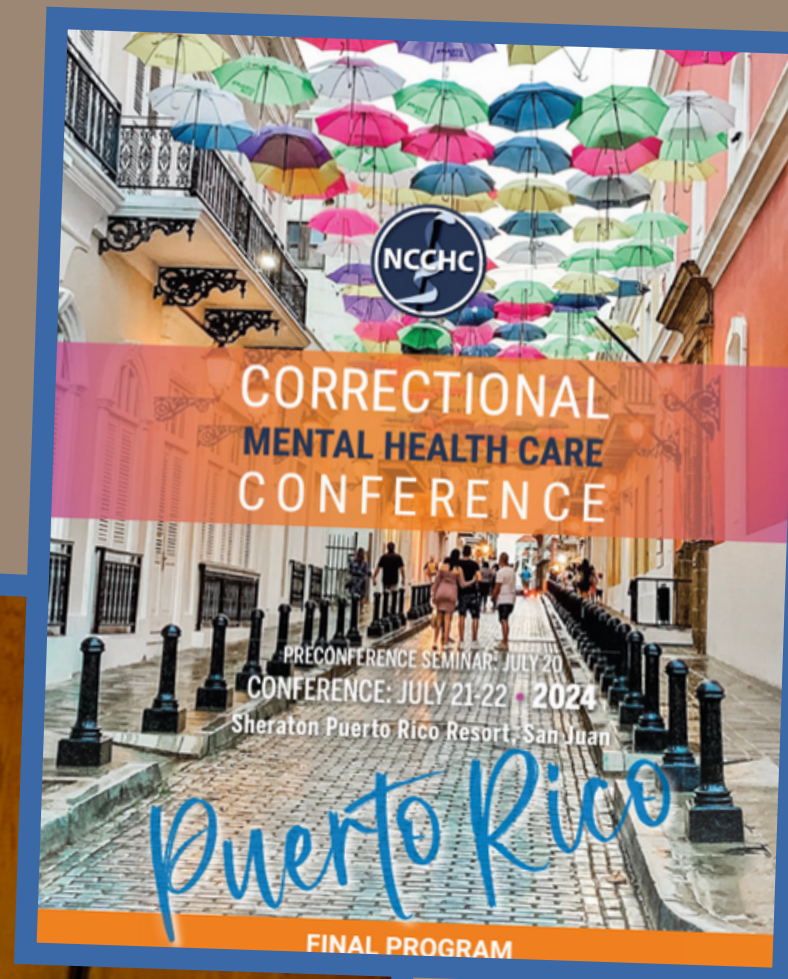
# Division Impact PRESENTATIONS

## FY 2024 Presentations

- NCCHC Spring National Conference – St. Louis, Missouri
  - Trauma Informed Care in JBCR
- NCCHC Summer Mental Health Conference – San Juan, Puerto Rico
  - Closing the Revolving Door: A Different Approach to Reentry (CARP)
  - Best Practices in JBCR
- Harris County District Court Coordinator Conference – Houston, Texas
  - Mental Health Symptoms and Referrals
- Harris County District Judge’s Annual Meeting – Houston, Texas

## FY 2024 Presentation Submissions

- NCCHC National Conference – Las Vegas, Nevada
  - Best Practices in JBCR (*Accepted*)
- Correctional Management Institute of Texas – Corpus Christi, Texas
  - Best Practices in Competency Restoration Collaboration (*Accepted*)
- NCCHC Spring Conference – Louisville, Kentucky
  - Peer Perspective (*Submitted*)
  - Bullseye: Hitting the Mark in Developing a JBCR (*Submitted*)



# Division Impact

## SITE TOURS

- Harris County Veterans Services Department
- Harris Center Practicum Students
- Grassroots Leadership
- University of Houston-Downtown/Central Police
- University-Taiwan
- Office of County Administration
- Polk County Sheriff's Office (FL)
- Harris County Public Defender's Office
- State Auditor's Office (TX)
- Angelina County Sheriff's Office
- Brazos County Sheriff's Office
- Hill County MHMR
- County Judge's Office Policy Advisor Tour
- Harris County Commissioner PCT 4





*Raising the Bar*

RECENT SUCCESSES  
AND DIVISION WINS

# *Recent* SUCCESSES

## COMMISSIONER'S COURT

Support and Resources Provided for the following Forensic Programs

Community Assessment Resource Program (CARP)

Competency & Sanity Unit

Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR)

Youth Diversion Center (YDC)

# Recent SUCCESSES

## ► IDD and Justice Involved Individuals

In collaboration with The Harris Center's IDD Division, Forensic Services has developed a strategy for enhancing services for individuals with IDD and justice involvement through additional screening and referral processes.

- Creation of an IDD-Competency Restoration Sub-Committee
- Utilization of a Learning Needs Assessment to help screen and identify justice-involved individuals
- Developed for use by Harris County Juvenile Probation Officers
- Competency Restoration Programs
- Youth Diversion Center (YDC)

**LEARNING NEEDS SCREENER**

INTERVIEWER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEW DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT/CLIENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER:    Male    Female

HOW MANY YEARS OF SCHOOLING HAVE YOU HAD? \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE QUESTIONS, READ THIS STATEMENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL:**

The following questions are about your school and life experiences. It is important to find out how it was for you when you were in school/ training and if there is anything that would get in the way of your learning and understanding.

Section A	
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5. Do you have problems working from a test booklet to an answer sheet?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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# Recent SUCCESSES



## ► Detention Crisis Response Co-Responder Unit

In collaboration with the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), Forensic Services was awarded a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to develop a Detention Crisis Co-Response Unit at the Harris County Jail.



- BJA FY24 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program
- Award Amount: \$495,757
- Term: 3 years
- Mental Health Detention Officer and Clinician partnered together to assess individuals experiencing psychiatric crisis in the jail using a multidisciplinary approach



# Recent SUCCESSES



## ► Legal Education & Attainment Program (LEAP)

The Legal Education & Attainment Program is the Juvenile Forensic unit's outpatient fitness attainment – competency restoration – program. LEAP is designed to provide legal education services to youth awaiting transfer to the state hospital who are found “not fit to proceed”

- LEAP is one of the few programs in the country serving justice-involved youth with competency and co-occurring mental health or IDD issues
- LEAP has successfully restored 4 out of 7 participants
- LEAP services are provided by Triad Evaluation Unit comprised of postdoctoral psychology fellows, pre-doctoral psychology interns, doctoral-level and master's-level practicum students





# Next Steps

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Enhancement of IDD Services within the Harris County Jail
- Community Assessment Resource Program (CARP) Felony Expansion Pilot
- Community Assessment Resource Program (CARP) Program Collaboration with Harris County Pretrial Services
- Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR) Program Expansion
- Development of a Detention Crisis Response Co-Responder Unit

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# **EXHIBIT P-3**



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Wayne Young, Chief Executive Officer

From: Dr. Evanthe Collins  
Vice President of Intellectual Disabilities Services Division

Date: October 2, 2024

Subject: Recommendation #439R – IDD Planning Advisory Council Strategic Plan 2025-2027 Strategy Recommendations

The Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council (IDD-PAC) recommends to The Harris Center Board of Trustees the attached Strategy Recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

### Attachments:

1. Excerpt from the minutes from The Harris Center Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council taken on October 1, 2024
2. IDD Planning Advisory Council Strategic Plan 2025=2027 Strategy Recommendations.

**EXCERPT FROM THE  
MINUTES FROM THE HARRIS CENTER  
INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Prepared by: The Office of the Vice President for Intellectual Disabilities Services Division**

**This is an official record of The Harris Center Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council.**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mercedes Alejandro (Advocate); Judy Blake (Advocate); Dory Cayten (Advocate); Charles Davis (Harris County Psychiatric Center); Cynthia Fannin (Richmond State Supported Living Center); Tasheara Jennings Gobert (Texas Workforce Solutions – Vocational Rehabilitation Services); Naila Ibrahim (Dar-us-Sakina); Elworth Lusk (Consumer Advocate); Michael Roberts (Down Syndrome Association of Houston); Paola Jimenez Rodriguez (Advocate); Gene Rowe (Advocate); Dr. Bill Schnapp (Community Member); Janniece Sleigh (The Arc of Harris County); Shelley Townsend (University of Houston); Mary Jane Williams (Advocate); Albert Williamson (Spring Independent School District)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ellen Goudeau (Advocate); Angel Ponce (Mayor’s Office for People w/ Disabilities); Eileen Lam (Consumer Advocate); Iris Lewis (Harris County Juvenile Probation Department); Kassandra Malveaux (Harris Co. Protective Services); Dr. Deborah Pearson (McGovern Medical School, UT Health Science Center – Houston, Dept. Psychiatry); Jennifer Singletary (Region 4 Education Service Center); VACANT (The Center for Pursuit); VACANT (Community Care Services Eligibility – HHSC)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**The Harris Center Staff:** Patrina Anthony; Margo Childs; Dr. Evanthe Collins; Randi Garza; Cindy Hernandez; Francisco Hernandez; Dr. Trista Huckleberry; Kenyonika Johnson; Amanda Jones; Charles Kerlegon; Consuelo Martinez; Alejandra McKinney; Latedra Montgomery; Keena Pace; Samor Sherrod-Haynes; Dana Sobers-Ben; Katrina Ware; Amanda Willis

**Public Attendees:** Kevin Kern; Ana Perez (Pasadena Independent School District); Kelly Pillow (Pasadena Independent School District); Eric Prim (Texas Workforce Solutions – Vocational Rehabilitation Services); Sarah Sanchez Pequeno (Maximus); Maria Thompson (Spring Independent School District)

**The meeting was called to order on October 1, 2024 at 10:01 a.m. by Mary Jane Williams, Co-Chair, there being a quorum present.**

**RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 439R**


**MOTION BY: Dr. Bill Schnapp**

**SECOND BY: Judy Blake**

**The Harris Center Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council recommends the attached strategy recommendations to The Harris Center Board of Trustees.**

I, Alicia Cindy Hernandez, Recording Secretary for The Harris Center Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council, do hereby certify that this Recommendation was discussed and approved at a meeting of The Harris Center Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October of 2024.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Alicia Cindy Hernandez, Recording Secretary  
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council  
The Harris Center

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**The Harris Center for MH/IDD  
IDD Planning Advisory Council  
Strategic Plan 2025-2027  
Strategy Recommendations  
Approved October 1, 2024**

1. Expand IDD/Autism expertise to all MH diversion services by aggressively addressing county and state resources.  
**BOARD STRATEGY 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 5.2**

**A. Embed IDD & Behavioral Expertise (ie Board Certified Behavior Analysts) at various locations where it is needed to support individuals with IDD/Autism (*ie Harris County Jail, Ed Emmett MH Jail Diversion Center, After Hours Call Center Line, Juvenile probation, etc.*)**

**B. Convene a multiagency group to create solutions across agencies to address the safety net needs of the IDD/Autism Population in Harris County. Group should include, but is not limited to, representatives from School districts, The Harris Center, Harris County Bar Assoc, Harris County Jail, Probation Dept., Juvenile Justice, CPS, Medical Schools, Schools of Social Work and others.**

**C. Increase the availability of General Revenue funded preventative services (Clinical Care, Step down, Diversion services) for individuals with IDD/Autism.**

**D. Reintroduce a Medical Director embedded within IDD Division to improve behavioral & primary care collaboration & services for individuals with IDD/Autism.**