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State Hospital Forensic Services Update

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Brief Introduction

Education



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- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology (Behavioral Neurosciences Track), Yale University (2000)
- Medical Degree, Universidad Central del Caribe School of Medicine, Bayamón, PR (2004)
- Psychiatry Residency, Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers, New York, NY (2008)
- Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship, Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers, New York, NY (2009)
- Electroconvulsive Therapy Certification, Northwell Health, Zucker-Hillside Hospital, New York (2017)
- Masters of Business Administration, Double Concentration in Health Care Management and Leading Organizations, Johns Hopkins University, Carey School of Business (2018)
- Double Board Certified in Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
- Distinguished Fellow, American Psychiatric Association



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Professional Experience



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- Special Advisor to the American Psychiatric Association on the United Nations, American Psychiatric Association (2015-present)
- Corresponding Secretary, Executive Committee, NGO Committee on Mental Health, United Nations (2019-present)
- Physician Reviewer, American Psychiatric Association Website (2019-present)
- Founder and President/Consulting Forensic Psychiatrist, New York Forensic Psychiatry Consulting, PC (2010-present)
- Mental Health Contributor, NBC Universal/Telemundo (2009-present)
- Supervisory Psychiatrist/Chief of Acute Care Psychiatric Services, Central Texas Veterans Health Care System, Waco, TX (2019-2020)
- Vice Chair of Acute Care Services, Department of Psychiatry, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY (2016-2019)
- Director of Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) Services, Department of Psychiatry, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY (2018-2019)
- Inpatient Unit Director, Department of Psychiatry, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY (2015-2016)
- Psychiatric Consultant, New York State Unified Court System, Office of Court Administration (2012-2013)
- Psychiatric Clinical Coordinator, Sunset Terrace Family Health Center at NYU Langone, Brooklyn, NY (2011-2015)



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Fact-Finding Mission



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Vision

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*Enhancing the delivery of forensic care and services **within the Health and Specialty Care System's State Hospitals** through compassionate, high-quality, evidence-based, data-informed, comprehensive, and well-coordinated processes, while making a positive difference in the lives of the people we serve*



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Goals

Goals 1 of 3



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Extramural & Upstream

- Collaboration with community partners/outside stakeholders
- Education and training (judiciary, legal counsel, sheriffs, jail)
- Sequential Intercept Model as a framework
 - Community early interventions
 - Diversion opportunities
- Trial Competency Examination (TCE) quality assurance
- LMHA communication/coordination/collaboration

Goals 2 of 3



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Intramural

- Enhance throughput by improving efficiencies
- Data-informed interventions
- Standardization of care, administrative processes and deliverables
- TCE quality assurance
- Staff training
- LMHA communication/coordination/collaboration

Goals 3 of 3



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Extramural & Downstream

- Avoid downstream feeding upstream!
- Collaboration with community partners/outside stakeholders
- Education and training (judiciary, legal counsel, sheriffs, jail)
- LMHA communication/coordination/collaboration



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Recommendations



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Recommendations 1 of 3

- Continue and fully implement the “562 review process”
- Implement throughout the state hospital system the new Competency to Stand Trial report template
- Establish and implement a mechanism to monitor the timeframes for each of the six steps of the competency restoration process

Recommendations

2 of 3



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Intramural

- Specializing/Sub-Specializing Care at the SHs
- Optimization of Staff Utilization
- Setting Parameters for Data Extraction
- Forensic Dashboard/Report Card
 - Targeted Education/Intervention at SH Level
- Staff Training (Inoculation & Boosters)

Recommendations

3 of 3



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Intramural Standardization

- TCE and Report Template (under construction)
- Competency Restoration Process/Timeframes (under construction)
 - Admission to Referral
 - Referral to Assignment
 - Assignment to Evaluation
 - Evaluation to Report
 - Report to Court Submission
 - Court Submission to Discharge
- Data → Benchmarking of Processes/UM-Guided Approach*
- Competency Restoration Curriculum*
- Outpatient Management Plans*
- Centralization of Credentialing*
- TCE Peer Review Process*

FSC Workgroups



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Forensic Services Subcommittee Workgroups

- Competency Restoration Curriculum Workgroup (CRCW)
- Outpatient Management Plan Workgroup (OMPW)
- Trial Competency Evaluation (TCE) Peer Review Workgroup (TPRW)
- Forensic Data Workgroup (FDW)
- Forensic Evaluator Credentialing and Registry Workgroup (FECRW)

Competency Restoration Curriculum Workgroup



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Responsibilities:

- Evaluation of the competency restoration curricula used across all state hospitals
- Polling evaluators on how information is elicited for the six competency elements under CCP Article 46B.024
- Determination of best practices in competency restoration curricula and their implementation
- Solicitation of expert input on special populations

Deliverables:

- Development of a simplified and standardized competency restoration curriculum for use throughout the State Hospital System
- Development of a train the trainer workshop

Outpatient Management Plan Workgroup



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Responsibilities:

- Evaluation of the outpatient management plans used across all state hospitals, with Kerrville State Hospital staff serving as subject matter experts for 46C OMPs
- Determination of best practices, including the process, the collaboration with stakeholders, and the content of outpatient management plans

Deliverables:

- Development of a simplified and standardized outpatient management plan for use throughout the State Hospital System
- Development of an algorithm of the process and the stakeholder collaboration required in the completion of outpatient management plans
- Development of a train the trainer workshop

TCE Peer Review Workgroup



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Responsibilities:

- Evaluation of a sample of TCE reports using the TCE template as a point of reference
- Determination of best practices in TCE reports

Deliverables:

- Development of a TCE Peer Review tool
- Recommendation for membership on the TCE Peer Review Board

Forensic Evaluator Credentialing and Registry Workgroup



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Responsibilities:

- Determination of the required credentials/training for forensic evaluators under CCP Articles 46B.022 and 46C.102
- Evaluation of a process for the compilation and the repository of the required credentials
- Evaluation for a built-in review process for credentialing/training renewal

Deliverables:

- Development of an evaluator registry for the state hospitals with the recommended review process

Forensic Data Workgroup



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Responsibilities:

- Evaluation of currently available forensic data across all state hospitals with the goal of centralizing data collection and analysis
- Determination of best practices in forensic data-informed interventions throughout the SHs

Deliverables:

- Recommendation for a full set of forensic data points with possible locations for data mining within the electronic medical record



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Thank you

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