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All Texas Access

**Ensuring All Texans Have Access
to Care at the Right Time and
the Right Place**

Senate Bill 633 (1 of 2)

Passed in the 86th Texas legislative session, legislation recognizes that rural local mental health authorities and their regional partners are best qualified to collaboratively strategize about how to meet their population's urgent mental health needs.



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Senate Bill 633 (2 of 2)

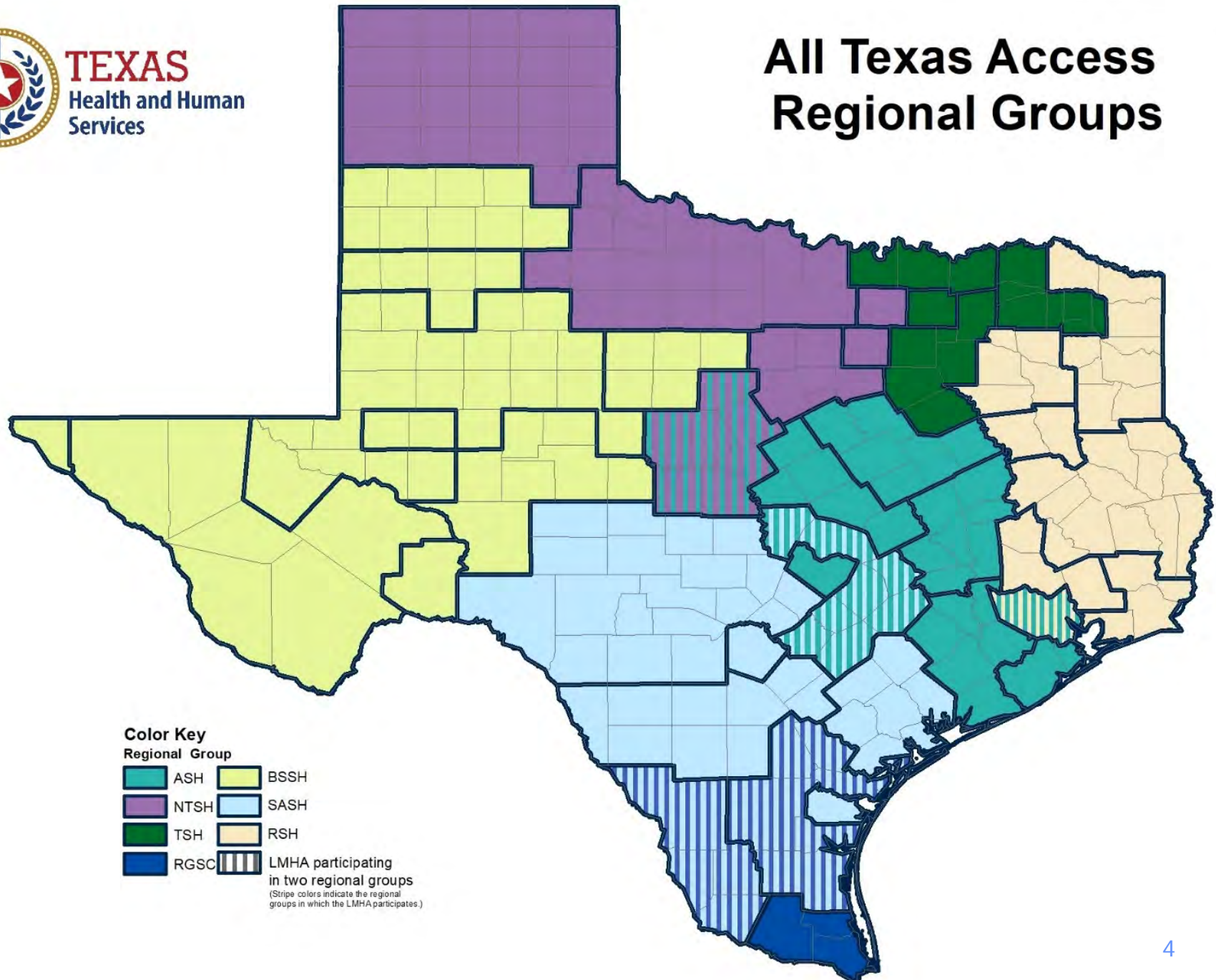
The goals of S.B. 633 are to reduce rural:

1. Cost to local governments of providing mental health crisis services;
2. Transportation of LMHA/LBHA clients to mental health facilities;
3. County jail incarceration of people with mental illness; and
4. Hospital emergency room visits by people with mental illness.



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All Texas Access Regional Groups



All Texas Access Metrics



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Local Government: Modeled from costs to local government noted in the *Austin State Hospital Brain Health System Redesign*

Transportation: HHSC Mental Health and ID Business Objects Warehouse data on people who accessed state-funded inpatient facilities

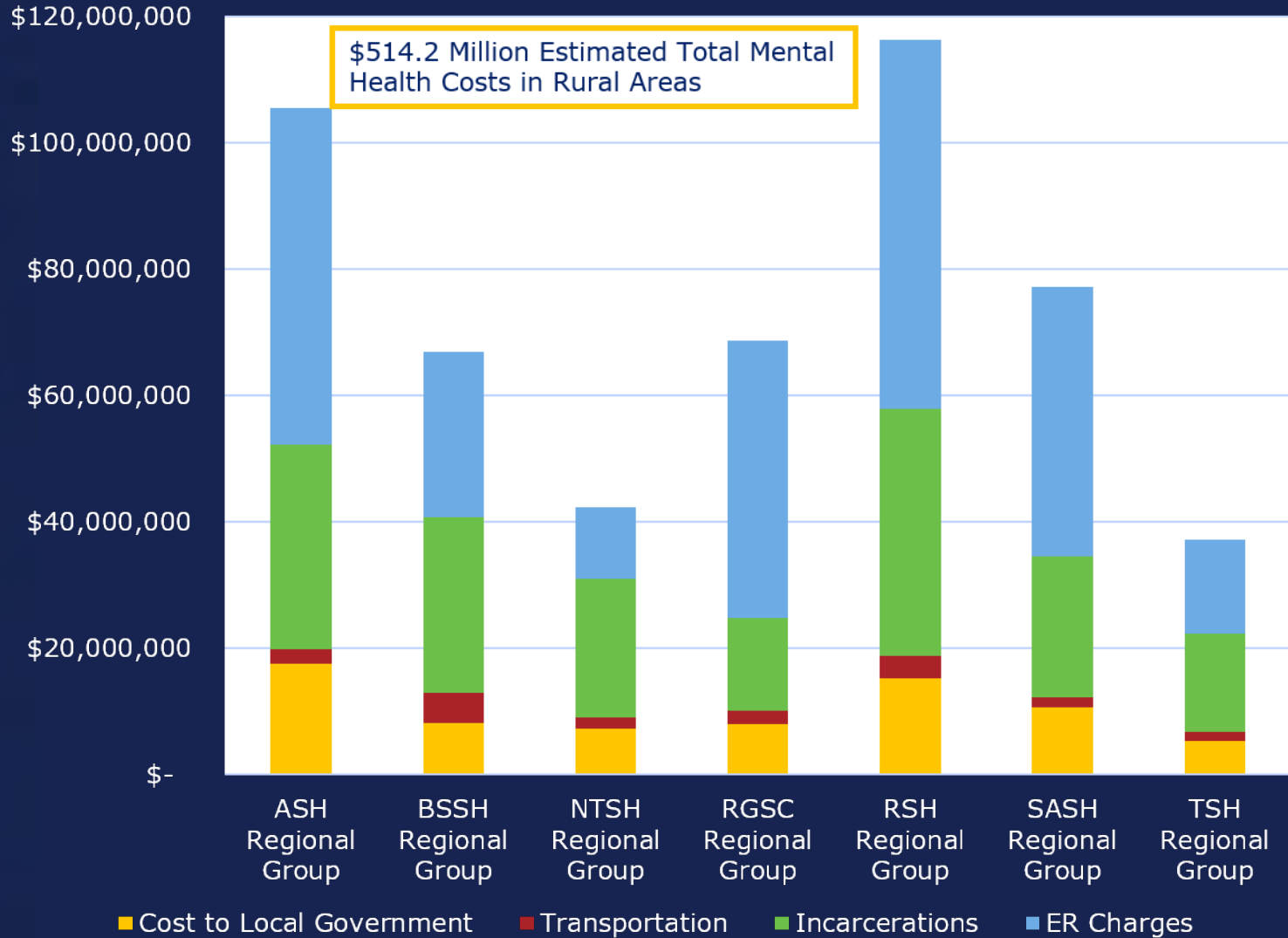
Incarceration: Texas Commission on Jail Standards data and Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunication System/Clinical Management of Behavioral Health Services matches

Emergency Departments: Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Department Public Use Data Files

Estimated Rural Mental Health Costs FY 2019



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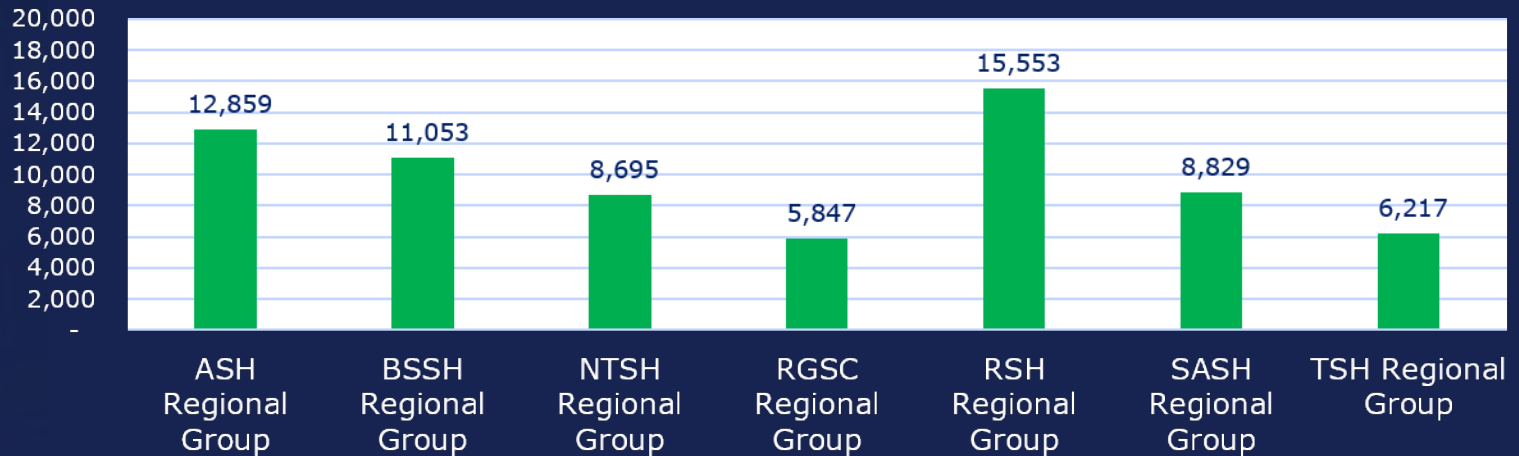


Estimated MH People in ER and County Jails FY 2019

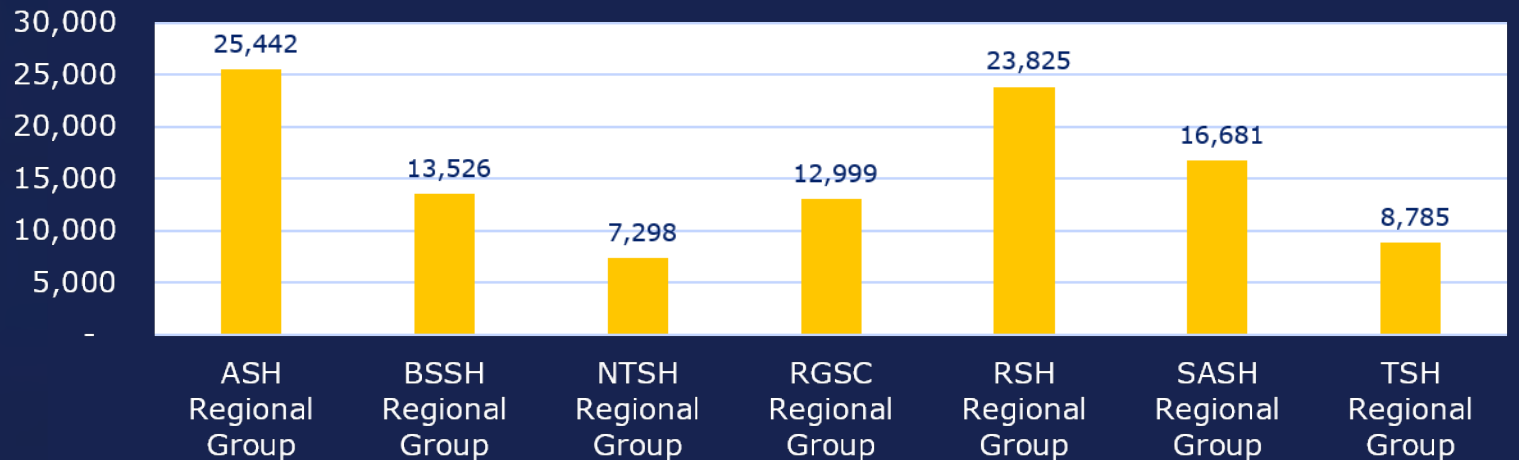


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Incarcerations*



ER Visits*



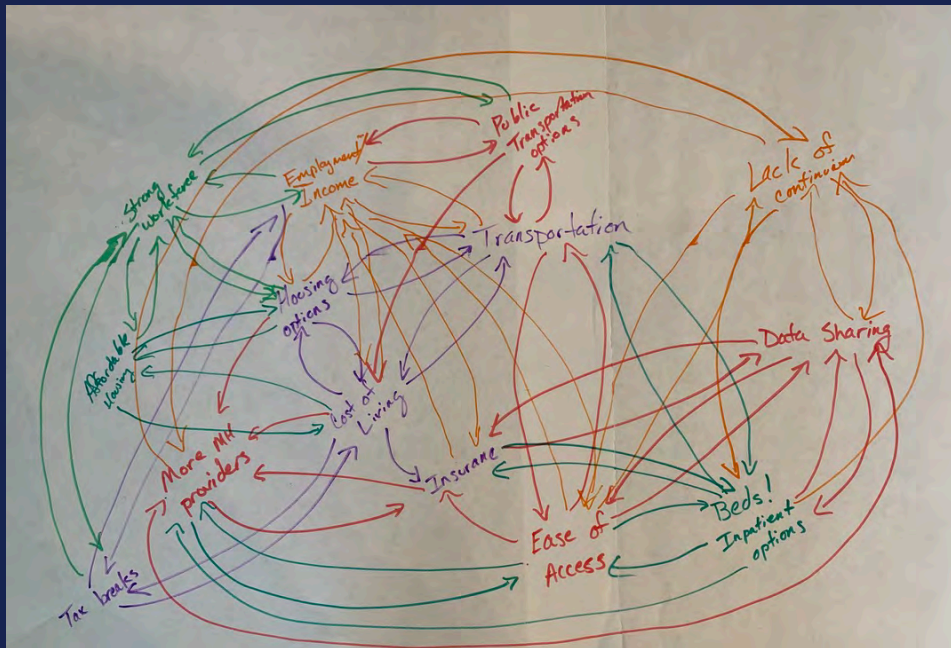
*These are events, not individuals. One individual could have several events.



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System Mapping

Created system maps with regional groups to establish regional themes.



Communication with Stakeholders



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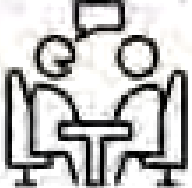


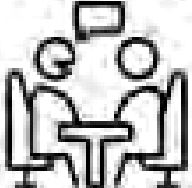
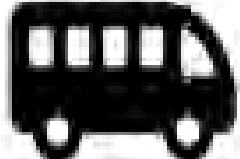


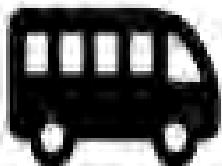
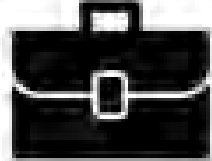



- LMHA/LBHAs
- Internal Stakeholder Workgroup
- External Stakeholder Workgroup
- Focus Groups
- ~~Town Halls~~
- Statewide Survey



Statewide Survey Results



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Category	Top Three Responses		
Most Helpful	Counseling 	Medication 	Crisis Services 
Most Needed	Counseling 	Transportation 	Crisis Services 
Greatest Opportunities	Reduce Wait Time for Services 	Increase Transportation Services 	Increase Mental Health Workforce 
Significant Barriers	Lack of Services in Rural Areas 	Transportation 	People Unaware or Uninformed of Available Services 

Existing Opportunities Overview



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Peers – 2
Regional Plans

Housing – 3
Regional Plans

Facility/Group
Setting – 3
Regional Plans

Step-Down Pilot – 3 Regional Plans

Workforce –
3 Regional Plans

Outpatient Competency Restoration
– 5 Regional Plans

Collaboration – 5 Regional Plans

Opportunities to Expand Capacity Overview



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Crisis Services – 2
Regional Plans

Jail Telepsychiatry – 2
Regional Plans

Transportation – 3
Regional Plans

Peer Clubhouses – 3
Regional Plans

Integrated Care – 3
Regional Plans

Psychiatric Inpatient –
3 Regional Plans

Step-Down/Transitional Living – 5 Regional Plans

Remote Crisis Screening – 5 Regional Plans

Statewide Analysis (1 of 2)



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- Workforce shortage impacts everyone.
- Peers are underutilized.
- Dynamic partnerships are more challenging in rural areas.
- Law enforcement wants to help people access mental health treatment.
- Many Texans access mental health treatment in jail.

Statewide Analysis (2 of 2)



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- Rural Texans access urban systems of care when there are no other options.
- An underdeveloped broadband infrastructure and current insurance requirement make telehealth services challenging to access.
- The end of the DSRIP funding will have significant impact on rural-serving LMHA/LBHAs.



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Legislative Recommendations (1 of 2)

- Consider amending Texas Health and Safety Code §573.012(h) to streamline emergency detentions.
- Consider reducing grant match percentage for rural areas to allow greater participation.
- Enhance collaboration among community mental health partners.
- Consider building on the Broadband Development Council.





Legislative Recommendations (2 of 2)

- Evaluate innovations around telehealth in behavioral health services.
- Increase support and training for mental health professionals.
- Incentivize mental health deputy program and LMHA/LBHA collaboration.
- Continue to assess inpatient capacity for civil commitments.





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Questions?

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