House Committee on County Affairs: Disaster Preparedness & Behavioral Health

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# Hurricane Harvey Statistics

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<td>Physical Impact to Texas</td>
<td>41,500 square miles</td>
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<td>Storm Debris Removed</td>
<td>12 million cubic yards</td>
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<td>FEMA Assistance Registrations:</td>
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<td>• Submitted</td>
<td>895,327</td>
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<td>• Approved</td>
<td>372,577</td>
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<td>FEMA Public Assistance Grant Requests Received</td>
<td>1,261</td>
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<td>Funds Distributed to Survivors</td>
<td>$13.6 Billion</td>
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<td>Funds Distributed for Housing and Other Disaster-Related Expenses</td>
<td>$1.61 Billion</td>
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Hurricane Harvey Response Activities at HHSC

HHSC Behavioral Health Services

• Implemented a plan to provide daily medications to substance use disorder clients on Medication Assisted Treatment.

• Deployed 13 staff to accompany federal HHS staff on site visits in affected areas to assess and evaluate local recovery needs.

• Coordinated resource requests through the State Operations Center and State Medical Operations Center.

• Implemented Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program, which is a collaboration that will strengthen relationships between LMHAs, schools, and communities and build upon infrastructure of trauma-informed approaches to disaster response and recovery.
# Hurricane Harvey Recovery Support Function Activities

Federal HHS Recovery Support Function activities are funded by FEMA and support recovery efforts and focus on community behavioral health needs.

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<th>Project</th>
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<td>Peer to Peer Mentoring Education Sector Project</td>
<td>March 2018</td>
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<td>Psychological First Aid Train the Trainer Projects</td>
<td>June 2018</td>
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<td>First Responder Peer Support Project</td>
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<td>First Responder Crisis Intervention Training Project</td>
<td>July 2018</td>
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Prevalence and Significance of Co-Occurring Disorders in the Criminal Justice System

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in 2015:

• U.S. adult population on some form of criminal justice supervision is about 2.9 percent;

• Jail inmates with a mental health disorder is estimated at 17-34 percent; and

• Justice-involved individuals with a severe mental illness and a co-occurring substance use disorder is estimated at 60-87 percent.
Identifying Inmates with Behavioral Needs

HHSC and the Texas Department of Public Safety Data Exchange Match Request Queries identify the following behavioral health services provided prior to incarceration:

- Hospitalization in a state hospital,
- Admission to an HHSC-funded contracted psychiatric bed, or
- Assessment, authorization, or receipt of mental health community services by a local authority.

Prevalence Data Fiscal Year 2018 (through June 2018)

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<th>Match Type</th>
<th>Adult</th>
<th>Adolescent</th>
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<td>Total Match Requests</td>
<td>872,350</td>
<td>14,345</td>
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<td>Exact Matches</td>
<td>40,949 (21.3%)</td>
<td>555 (3.99%)</td>
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<td>Probable Matches</td>
<td>207,974 (23.8%)</td>
<td>6,109 (42.59%)</td>
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Identifying Inmates with Behavioral Needs

Suicide Screenings and Medical, Mental, or Developmental Impairment Screenings are administered by county jailers upon incarceration to:

• Triage those who may be at significant risk for suicide;
• Identify inmates who may be in distress related to symptoms of mental illness or complications from recent substance use; and
• Assist with the continuity of care of special needs offenders.

Magistrate-Ordered Mental Illness and Intellectual Disability Collection of Information Form must document:

• Information gathering procedures from previous or current mental illness or intellectual disability assessments and observations; and
• Any appropriate or recommended treatment services may be inclusive of previous competency examinations or competency restoration treatment.
HHSC Services Available to Inmates

Crisis Services and Continuity of Care

- Crisis Screening
- Crisis Assessment
- A recommendation about the level of care required to resolve the crisis situation
- Pre-release planning and continuity of care for inmates returning to the community who are eligible for local authority services
# Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Legislation

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<th>85R Bill</th>
<th>Program Name</th>
<th>Directive</th>
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<td>S.B. 292</td>
<td><strong>Mental Health Grant Program for Justice-Involved Individuals</strong></td>
<td>Establishes a statewide forensic grant program</td>
<td>• Access to Appropriate Behavioral Health Services&lt;br&gt;• Services for Special Populations</td>
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<td>S.B. 1326</td>
<td><strong>Jail-Based Competency Restoration (JBCR) Program</strong></td>
<td>Allows counties to establish JBCR programs; enables HHSC to inspect county-level JBCR programs; continues the JBCR pilot program established by HHSC</td>
<td>• Coordination Across State Agencies&lt;br&gt;• Continuity of Care for Individuals Exiting County and Local Jails</td>
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<td>S.B. 1849</td>
<td><strong>Healthy Community Collaboratives Rural Expansion under the Sandra Bland Act</strong></td>
<td>Renewed directive on awarding grants in existing Healthy Community Collaboratives program to extend to rural communities</td>
<td>• Access to Appropriate Behavioral Health Services&lt;br&gt;• Access to Timely Treatment Services&lt;br&gt;• Access to Housing</td>
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<td>H.B. 13</td>
<td><strong>Community Mental Health Grant Program</strong></td>
<td>Establishes matching grant program to support community programs providing mental health care services and treatment to individuals with mental illness</td>
<td>• Access to Appropriate Behavioral Health Services&lt;br&gt;• Access to Timely Treatment Services</td>
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Mental Health in Schools: Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an eight hour, evidence-based course, which:

• Teaches signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use problems;
• Increases awareness of mental health and building an understanding of its impact;
• Provides an overview of common treatments; and
• Provides an action plan to follow.

Since the initiative began in 2014, more than 48,000 individuals have received MHFA training, including:

• 915 instructors;
• 26,661 public school employees;
• 1,036 university employees; and
• 20,179 community members.
Mental Health in Schools: Texas System of Care

Texas System of Care is a way of providing mental health services and supports to children and their families based on a collaborative network of youth-serving providers.

- In 2017, HHSC was awarded a four-year, $11 million SAMHSA grant to expand and sustain the system of care approach.

- Any representative or agency that is part of the local system of care may refer a child to the local mental health authority (LMHA) for a mental health screening.

- Following the mental health screening, any child who meets criteria for intensive mental health services is eligible for enrollment in Wraparound Services.

- Local Governance board representatives include the local school districts, community resource coordination groups, Child Protective Services offices, juvenile probation departments, other child-serving agencies, youth, and family members.
Mental Health in Schools: HHSC and TEA Partnerships

- The Unified Services for All Children (USAC) is a cross-agency committee that addresses the behavioral health needs of public school students.

- Project AWARE is a SAMHSA grant opportunity that promotes youth mental health awareness and access to services for students.

- Collaborative efforts relating to disaster relief to develop a Hurricane Harvey Recovery website that provides a list of mental health resources for schools.

- MHFA training for school employees and educators.
Mental Health in Schools: School Safety Collaboration

Governor’s School and Firearm Safety Action Plan Recommendations to HHSC:

• Work with TEA to enhance school safety and ensure additional behavioral health services are available to students on campus.

• Increase MHFA training.

• Collaborate with DPS to ensure staff are trained and have the ability to make appropriate referrals.

• Expand the Texas Critical Incident Stress Management Network.