



Presentation to the House Committee on Public Health: Implementation Update of Relevant Legislation

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Mental Health Parity: HB 10 (85R) Overview

HB 10 directed HHSC to:

- Create an ombudsman for behavioral health access to care.
- Establish a mental health condition and substance use disorder parity workgroup charged with:
 - Increasing the understanding of and compliance with rules, regulations, and statutes relating to the availability of benefits for behavioral health disorders, and
 - Submitting a legislative report and strategic plan.
- Conduct a study and prepare a report comparing data between benefits for medical or surgical expenses and mental health condition and substance use disorders provided by Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs).



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Mental Health Parity: HB 10 Implementation

The parity workgroup was established in October 2017, and has 19 representatives.

Accomplishments include:

- Development of vision, mission, and purpose statement;
- Convened a subcommittee structure to fulfill HB 10 directives;
- Completed legislative report; and
- Continued coordination with HHSC and the Texas Department of Insurance via:
 - Memorandum of understanding for behavioral health ombudsman (BHO),
 - BHO webpage launch,
 - Complaints process review, tracking, and improvements,
 - Data collection, and
 - Stakeholder identification and outreach.

Next steps:

- The parity workgroup's strategic plan will be completed by September 1, 2019.
- The workgroup and subcommittees will work together to create recommendations and a roadmap for mental health condition and substance use disorders parity in Texas.



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Behavioral Health Matching Grants Overview for FY 2018-19 Biennium

SB 292 (85R) – Mental Health Grant Program for Justice-Involved Individuals

- \$37.5 million appropriated through Rider 82.
- To reduce recidivism rates, arrests, and incarceration among individuals with mental illness and the wait time for forensic commitments.

HB 13 (85R) – Community Mental Health Grant Program

- \$30 million appropriated through Rider 83.
- To support community mental health programs providing services and treatment for individuals experiencing mental illness.

SB 292 and HB 13 Matching Funds Requirements

- Urban counties with populations 250,000 and more: 100 percent match.
- Rural counties with populations less than 250,000: 50 percent match.



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SB 292 Grant Program Requirements

Funding Supports:

- Community projects providing behavioral health care services for justice-involved individuals with a mental illness and unmet behavioral health needs; and
- Facilitation of cross-agency coordination of behavioral health, physical health, and jail diversion services.

Grantees must include:

- Collaboratives comprised of a county, the local mental health authority (LMHA) operating in the county, and each hospital district located in the county; and
- Other local entities as designated by the collaborative.



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SB 292

Apparent Awardees

Urban Grants Awards for Fiscal Years 2018-19

- 14 LMHAs and local behavioral health authorities (LBHAs).
- Projects include:
 - Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Teams,
 - Jail-Based Competency Restoration Programs, and
 - Continuity of Care programs for individuals leaving a state hospital.

Rural Grants Awards for Fiscal Year 2019

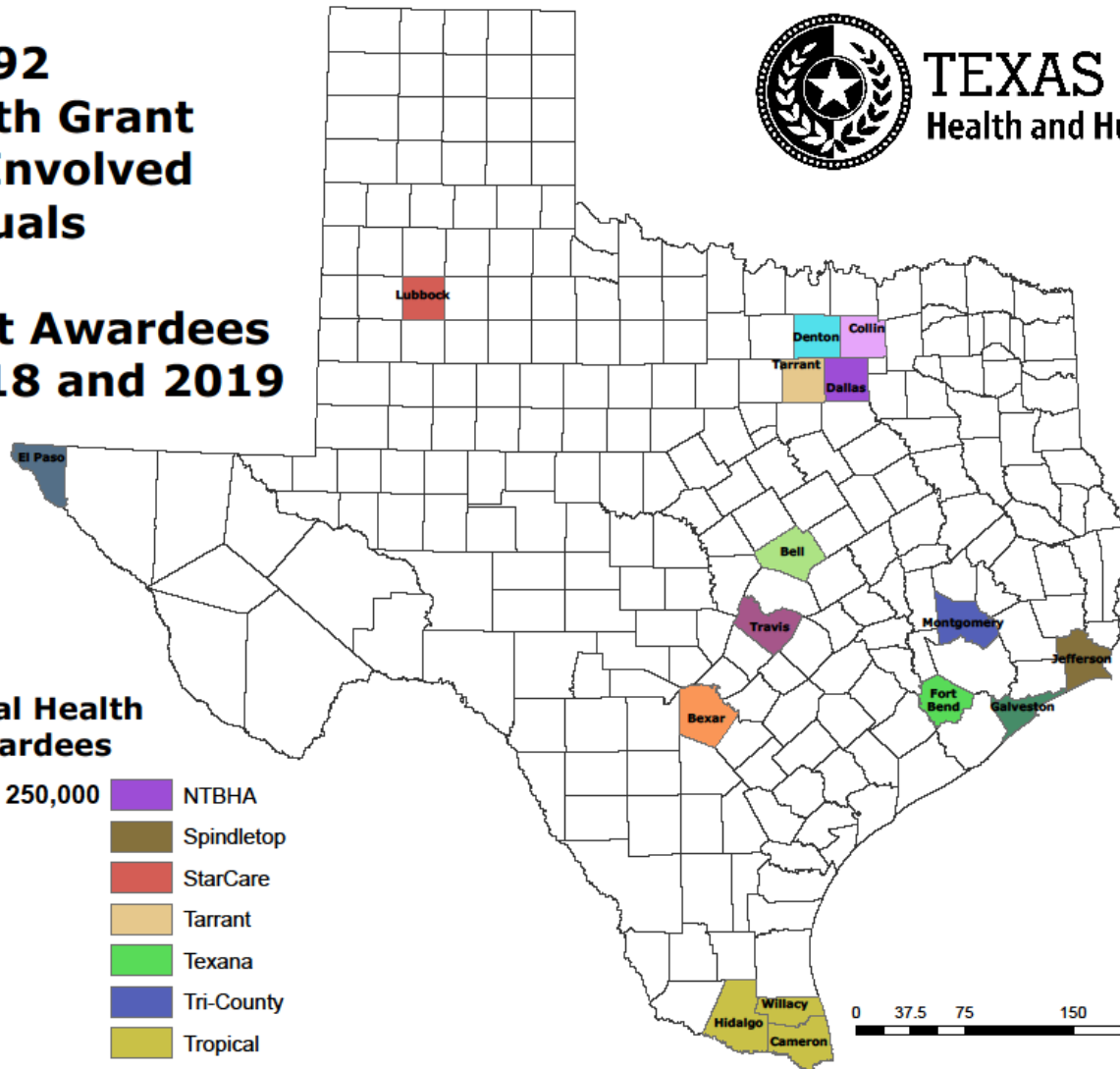
- 10 LMHAs.
- Projects include:
 - Interdisciplinary Rapid Response Teams,
 - Local community hospital, crisis, respite, or residential beds, and
 - Substance Use Disorder Treatment.

S.B. 292 Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved Individuals



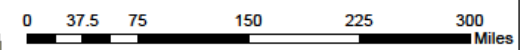
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Urban Apparent Awardees Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019



Local Mental/Behavioral Health Authority Apparent Awardees

- All counties have populations > 250,000
- Central Counties
 - CHCS
 - Denton
 - Emergence
 - Gulf Coast
 - Integral
 - LifePath
 - NTBHA
 - Spindletop
 - StarCare
 - Tarrant
 - Texana
 - Tri-County
 - Tropical



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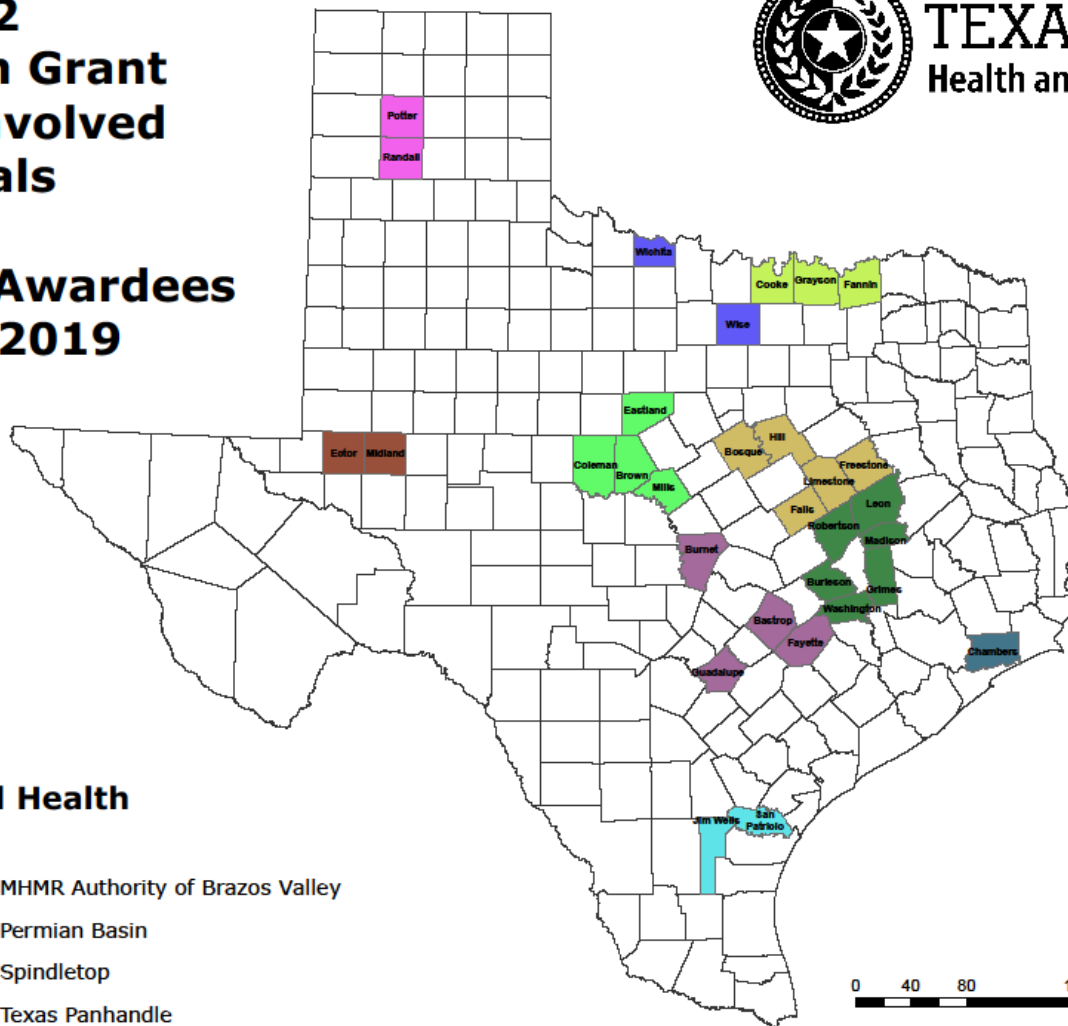
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S.B. 292 Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved Individuals



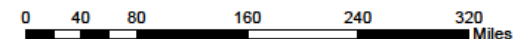
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Rural Apparent Awardees Fiscal Year 2019



Local Mental/Behavioral Health Authority Applications

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| Bluebonnet Trails | MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley |
| Center for Life Resources | Permian Basin |
| Coastal Plains | Spindletop |
| Heart of Texas | Texas Panhandle |
| Helen Farabee | Texoma |



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HB 13 Grant Program Requirements

Funding Supports:

- Community projects providing behavioral health care services for individuals with a mental illness; and
- Coordinating mental health care services with other supportive services.

Grantees must:

- Foster community collaboration;
- Maximize existing community mental health resources; and
- Strengthen continuity of care for individuals receiving services through a diverse network of local providers.



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HB 13 Apparent Awardees FY 2018-19

LMHA/LBHA Grant Awards through Needs and Capacity Assessment

- 25 LMHA/LBHAs identified as apparent awardees.
- Includes 16 with rural service areas.
- Projects address Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Gaps such as:
 - Access to Appropriate Behavioral Health Services,
 - Use of Peer Services, and
 - Services for Special Populations.

Nonprofit and Governmental Entities Grant Awards through Request for Applications

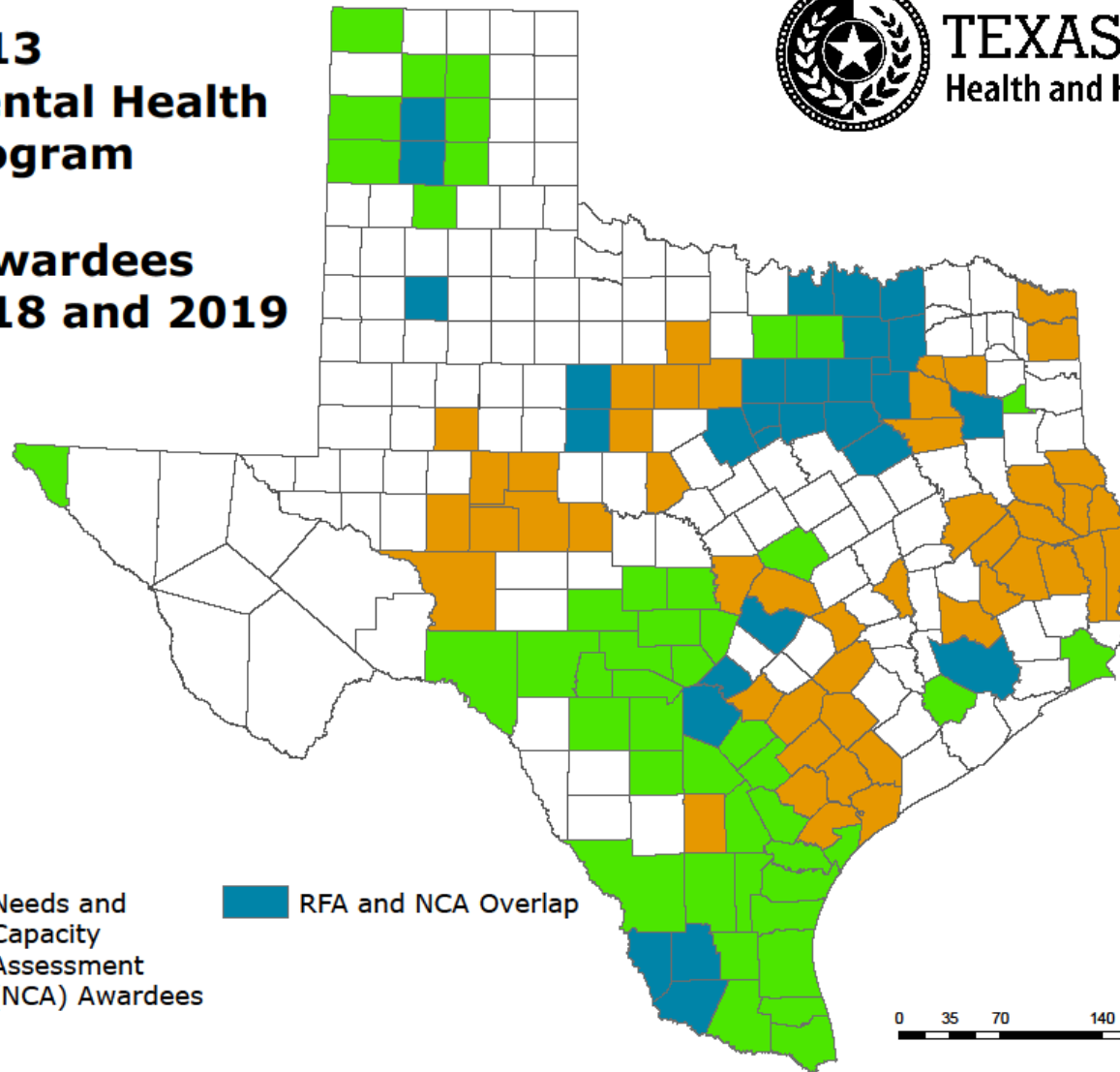
- 31 non-profit organizations and governmental entities identified as apparent awardees.
- Includes 7 with rural service areas.
- Projects address Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Gaps such as:
 - Behavioral Health Needs of Public School Students, and
 - Access to Timely Treatment Services.

H.B. 13 Community Mental Health Grant Program

Apparent Awardees Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019



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Procurement Type

- Request for Applications (RFA) Awardees
- Needs and Capacity Assessment (NCA) Awardees
- RFA and NCA Overlap

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SB 292 & HB 13 Grant Programs Progress and Outcomes

Grantee Reporting Requirements Upon Contract Execution

- Expenditure reports including:
 - Grantee funds spent on grant activities to be reimbursed by state funds; and
 - Matching funds spent on grant activities.
- Performance reports noting progress toward:
 - Identified milestones;
 - Project goals and outcomes;
 - The number of individuals served;
 - Successes and challenges related to project implementation; and
 - Value of the collaborative in implementing the project.



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SB 292 & HB 13 Grant Programs Implementation Timeline

Status	SB 292 Urban	SB 292 Rural	HB 13 NCA	HB 13 RFA
Apparent Awardee Announcement	Jan. 2018	Aug. 2018	Jan. 2018	May 2018
Contract Negotiations	FY 2018, 2nd Quarter	FY 2018, 4th Quarter to FY 2019, 1st Quarter	FY 2018, 2nd Quarter	FY 2018, 3rd and 4th Quarters
Contract Processing	FY 2018, 2nd Quarter to FY 2019, 1st Quarter	FY 2019, 1st Quarter	FY 2018, 2nd Quarter to FY 2019, 1st Quarter	FY 2018, 4th Quarter to FY 2019, 1st Quarter
Anticipated Contract Execution	FY 2019, 1st Quarter	FY 2019, 1st Quarter	FY 2019, 1st Quarter	FY 2019, 1st Quarter
Grant Period Start Date	FY 2019, 1st Quarter	FY 2019, 1st Quarter	FY 2019, 1st Quarter	FY 2019, 1st Quarter