

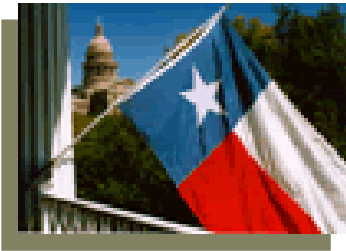
Senate HHS Committee: Interim Charge #12

Community MHMR Centers of Texas

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Texas Council of Community
Mental Health & Mental Retardation Centers, Inc.



Texas MHMR Act of 1965

- Authorized local taxing authorities (counties, cities, school & hospital districts) to organize a local service area and create a locally governed Community Center;
- Provided catalyst to develop statewide community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities;
- Established enduring partnership between Local, State and Federal Government.



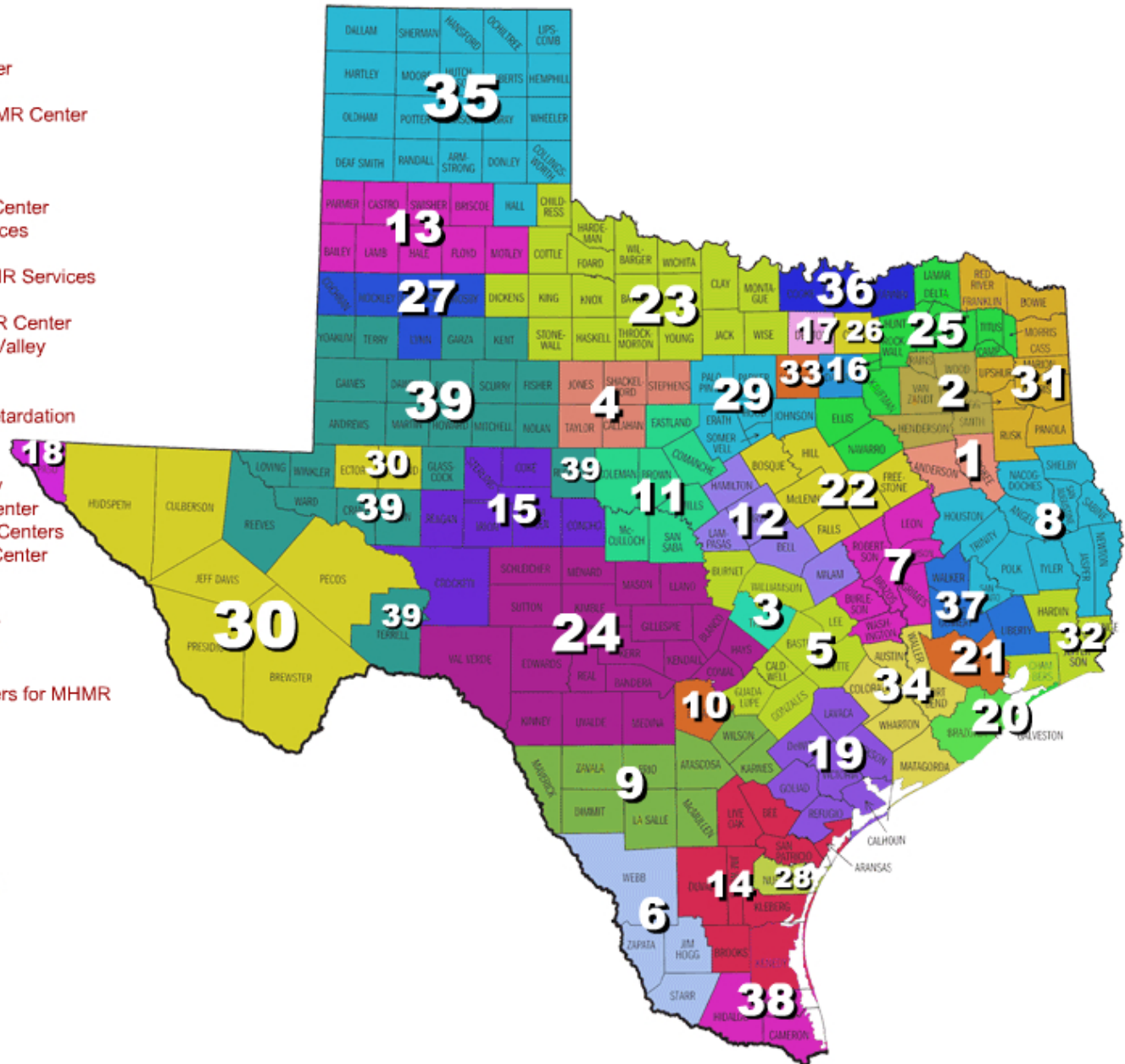
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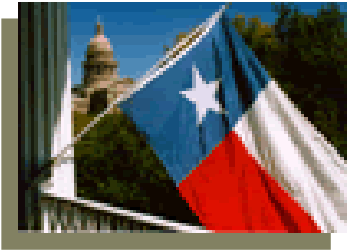
- Formed in 1976 to support and represent the locally governed system of care;
- To advance public policy & legislation that supports the public mission of the Community Centers.

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Texas Community MHMR Center Service Areas

1. ACCESS
2. Andrews Center
3. Austin Travis County MHMR Center
4. Betty Hardwick Center
5. Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center
6. Border Region MHMR Center
7. MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley
8. Burke Center
9. Camino Real Community MHMR Center
10. The Center for Health Care Services
11. The Center for Life Resources
12. Central Counties Center for MHMR Services
13. Central Plains Center
14. Coastal Plains Community MHMR Center
15. MHMR Services for the Concho Valley
16. Metrocare SERVICES
17. Denton County MHMR Center
18. El Paso Mental Health Mental Retardation
19. Gulf Bend MHMR Center
20. The Gulf Coast Center
21. MHMR Authority of Harris County
22. Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center
23. Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Centers
24. Hill Country Community MHMR Center
25. Lakes Regional MHMR Center
26. LifePath Systems
27. Lubbock Regional MHMR Center
28. MHMR Center of Nueces County
29. Pecan Valley MHMR Region
30. Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR
31. Community HealthCORE
32. Spindletop MHMR Services
33. MHMR of Tarrant County
34. Texana Center
35. Texas Panhandle MHMR
36. MHMR Services of Texoma
37. Tri-County MHMR Services
38. Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
39. West Texas Centers for MHMR





Texas Community MHMR Centers

- General Revenue Funded Services
- Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)
- Home & Community Services (HCS)
- Texas Home Living (TxHML)



Texas Community MHMR Centers

- MRA Role: created in response to settlement of [Lelsz] lawsuit
- Single Point of Access (front door) to ICF, HCS & TxHML Waiver (Medicaid funded)
- Service Coordination (access to needed medical & social services)
- Community Safety Net (GR Funded)

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HB 2439 [80th Session] Clarifies Texas Health & Safety Code

- Section 533.035 establishes limitation on provider role of the MRA
- Section 533.0355 describes responsibilities of the MRA



Texas Health & Safety Code Section 533.0355: MRA Functions

- Access
- Intake
- Eligibility Functions
- Enrollment
- Utilization Management
- Safety Net
- Service Coordination
- Oversight of GR Funded Services
- Local Planning
- Accountability Processes

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MRA Functions

Single Point of Access

- Eligibility Determination (diagnostic & functional assessment)
- Explanation of Service Options
- Identification of Service Preferences
- Enrollment (ICF, HCS, TxHML)
- HCS Interest List

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MRA Roles & Responsibilities

- Community Living Options Information Process (CLOIP) in State Supported Living Centers
- Permanency Planning for Children
- Continuity of Care (from SSLCs to Community)
- Closure or decertification of HCS Provider

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MRA Roles & Responsibilities

As a Community Safety Net

- Organized to provide services for a vulnerable population that would not otherwise have access to critical services;
- Statutorily directed to provide services (within available resources) regardless of ability to pay;
- GR funds (including In Home & Family Support) offer basic access to essential services.

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MRA Roles & Responsibilities

Community Safety Net Services (GR Funded)

- Respite
- Employment Assistance
- Supported Employment
- Nursing
- Behavioral Support
- Specialized Therapies
- Vocational Training
- Day Habilitation

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MRA Roles & Responsibilities

- HCS Total Enrolled
 - 16,827 (12.31.09)
- HCS Interest List Reduction
 - 2741 people (FY06 & FY07)
 - 3716 people (FY08 & FY09)
 - 1032 people (To Date: FY10)
- HCS Current Interest List
 - 42,360 people (8.31.09)

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SB 1, Section 48 (81st Session) Reshaping the System of Care

- Provides \$207 million GR for HCS
 - Funding contingent on transfer of CM from HCS to the MRA
 - Census management approach for State Supported Living Centers
 - Managed Care Study
- 7,832 additional people to receive waiver services
- HCS services for people leaving large & medium ICFs, children out of foster care and those at risk of institutionalization
- Safety Net funds partially restored (from cuts in 78th Legislative Session, 2003)



Independent Service Coordination: A Unique Role

- Ensures people understand options
- Provides comprehensive view of services and supports
- Provides local monitoring and oversight
- Provides support negotiating services & problem solving
- Partnership with providers



Future Considerations

Evaluate, refine & comprehensively manage:

1. Tiered system currently in place
2. Reshaping of the system currently underway
3. The universe of services supporting people with Intellectual Disabilities



Future Considerations

Tiered system currently in place

- Safety Net (GR)
- Texas Home Living
- Home & Community Services (HCS)
 - Supported Home Living
 - Foster Care
 - Residential
- ICF/MR (Community)
- ICF/MR (State Supported Living Centers)

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Future Considerations

Reshaping the System of Care

- Census Management
- MRA Case Management
- Person Directed Planning (Renewed Emphasis)
 - Self-Determination (who, what, when, where & how)
 - Encourages individual responsibility & natural supports
 - Encourages use of less expensive alternatives
 - Improves satisfaction
 - Outcome Based
 - Cost Effective

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Future Considerations

Evaluate service delivery patterns & utilization data across the service system that supports people with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities and recommend strategies that ensure:

- individuals receive the services they want & need in appropriate settings that provide best value;
- Service delivery is flexible and affords options over time;
- Provider rates & reimbursement methodologies align with desired outcomes (quality of care & cost effective).

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Future Considerations

The unexamined life is not worth living.

—Socrates

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