

MINUTES

ASH Redesign Competency Restoration Workgroup

Thursday, June 9, 2022 • 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM • Conference Room

Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Recommendation review
- 3. Next Steps

Attendees

Tom McClure, Nancy Hohengarten, Karlee Anderson, Joey Smith, Cristyn Cordova, Erika Canales, John Petrila, Felix Torres, Erin Sreenivasan, Jason Steans, Reggie Smith, Dan Prashner, Krista Chacona, Jennie Simpson

Minutes

Welcome

Group was welcomed and agenda reviewed.

Recommendation Review

Basic outline of recommendations was shared with the group with rationale behind them. A member asked what kind of contributions will be sought from counties aside from Travis County. Clarified competency restoration is paid for by state funds. Also clarified report is missing some data, which has been requested from the appropriate organizations/departments. A member asked what was meant by quarter-housing. Group also clarified what the All Texas Access Program does. Discussed additional outpatient CR programs available in the catchment area. A member provided feedback regarding medication management for those who have discharged into another facility on the ASH campus being managed by ASH. Discussed concern over need for someone who transitions into a lesser restrictive environment that needs to return to a more restrictive environment, and how that process might work with the current availability of beds in the hospitals.

Group discussed recommendation two, which involves compensation. A member shared struggle over maintaining staff levels for all front-line staff, not just social workers and psychiatrists. Discussed gathering data on open positions and other relevant information to include in the report. A member shared staffing issues with the Sheriffs' Office and other county positions which impact the competency restoration path.

A member expressed need to include recommendation around training throughout the system. Discussed reasoning behind removing it from this report and how that may be addressed in other ways. Shared work currently being done with competency restoration curriculum inside the state hospital system.

Next Steps

Group was thanked for their time. Group was told that they would receive an updated draft for final review, which is unlikely to happen prior to the July meeting, therefore they agreed to cancel the July 7th meeting.