



The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

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ASH Redesign Competency Restoration Workgroup

Thursday, November 4, 2021 ▪ 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ▪ Conference Call

Agenda

1. Individual ideas for addressing competency restoration going forward
2. BHAC Recommendations
3. The Texas Forensic Plan
4. Statutory issues and approaches
5. Summary and next steps

Attendees

Nancy Hohengarten, Francela Brazil Williams, Sydney Harris, John Petrila, Erin Shinn Sreenivasan, Cory Morris, Felix Torres, Lauv Bruner, Erika Canales, Chris Lopez, Krista Chacona, Jennie Simpson, Cristyn Cordova, Thomas McClure, Jason Steans

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Individual ideas for addressing competency restoration going forward

Group was welcomed, agenda reviewed. Asked group for their thoughts on how things are going so far. Concerns/feedback discussed included wait time and support for those waiting, better understanding between individuals in the legal system and medical system of what incompetent/restoration means, education for both legal and medical individuals, communication between all resources and stakeholders in a case, accountability for how funds are spent and outcomes of programs, ensuring correct stakeholders and included in groups/meetings to create change, availability of judges/court dates in rural counties, and discharge placement issues. Group also discussed increasing utilization of virtual services.

BHAC Recommendations

A member presented BHAC recommendations, which will be shared with the group. The recommendations reference a draft version of the ASH report two.

The Texas Forensic Plan

A member presented the Texas Forensic Plan to the group. Presentation included key challenges and potential solutions for eliminating the waitlist. The Eliminate the Wait Toolkit will be shared with the group, which was part of the presentation. Another member gave a brief presentation on the Jail In-Reach Learning Collaborative.

Statutory issues and approaches

Group did not have time to review, but the member who was set to present shared their notes which have been shared with the group. They will present at a future meeting.

Summary and Next Steps

There will be no meeting in December. The Co-Chairs may reach out to individual members to discuss and gather more input before the end of the year. The team will come back together in January and the hope is for an extended in-person meeting in February.

Resources

- [ASH Redesign Project Website](#)
- [BHAC Recommendations](#)
- [Eliminate the Wait Toolkit](#)

Next Meeting – January 6, 2022 1-2pm CST