



### PROBLEM STATEMENT

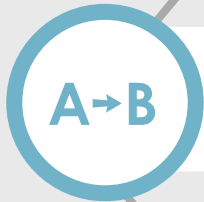
Texas citizens are losing access to inpatient psychiatric care in state hospitals because of the crisis in forensic commitments.

70%

of state hospital beds are occupied by forensic cases.

1,200+

Texans are awaiting admission to state hospitals for competency restoration.



### RESPONSE

Planning commissions and committees are identifying a range of project and process solutions addressing this access crisis.



### GOAL

Convene state leaders to identify alignment and cohesion of recommendations advancing forensic mental health systems and services in Texas.



### ALIGNMENT

RECS	JCAFS	ASH	SASH	JCMH
<b>STATEWIDE PLAN</b>	Establish an office of Forensic Services state-level strategic plan	Create roadmap to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations	Organize a regional coordinating council	Assist judges in local and regional initiatives
<b>DATA</b>	Provide a mechanism to monitor process	Map and monitor workflow and provide coordination	Optimize data exchange	Promote the value of collecting and sharing data
<b>DIVERSION</b>	Expand diversion programs around the state	Increase diversion options via supported housing	Increase diversion options via guardianship and ACT	



### CALL TO ACTION

Produce actionable policy brief for use by program participants. Coordinate advocacy on the consensus recommendations.



### TAGLINE

Stemming the crisis in forensic admission will require coordination of forensic services in Texas.

**CROSSWALK OF RECOMMENDATION LANGUAGE**

RECS	JCAFS	ASH	SASH	JCMH
<b>STATEWIDE PLAN</b>	Create an Office of Forensic Services (JCAFS #1) responsible for development of a comprehensive state-level strategic plan for the coordination and oversight of forensic services (JCAFS #2)	Reduce unnecessary forensic hospitalizations... by creating a rational roadmap (ASH #2b)	Organize a regional council to improve communication on admission criteria, clinical data, post-discharge services, and coordinating follow-up care (SASH p. 51)	Serve as statewide leader in mental health/SUD/IDD and assist judges in local and regional initiatives.
<b>DATA</b>	Establish and implement a mechanism to monitor the timeframes for steps in the competency restoration process for the state hospitals (JCAFS #5,c)	Engage academic and other service area experts to optimize efficient, evidence-based treatment (ASH #2c)	Address operational inefficiencies by optimizing data exchange (SASH p. 56)	Assess data collection, reporting, and sharing. Educate judiciary and stakeholders on the importance of collecting and sharing data. Explore technological solutions to... expand data-sharing between stakeholders.
<b>DIVERSION</b>	Expand and contract for diversion programs around the state (JCAFS #3)... including competency restoration services (JCAFS #4) and support with LMHA forensic coordination (JCAFS #7)	Increase discharge and diversion options by identifying... funding to build supported housing (ASH #2a)	Provide: outpatient and jail-based competency restoration, (SASH p. 84), guardianship support, (SASH p. 83), and assisted community treatment and adherence (SASH p. 82)	

**Sources:** JCAFS - Recommendations for the Transformation of Forensic and Diversion Services in Texas; ASH Redesign Recommendations and Priorities; SASH - Planning Report for the Redesign of San Antonio State Hospital and Reinvigoration of Behavioral Health Care in South Texas; JCMH – Judicial Commission on Mental Health Mission Strategy