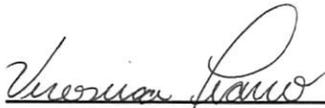


The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD  
9401 Southwest Freeway Houston, TX 77074  
Board Room #109

**Program Committee Meeting**  
January 16, 2024  
11:00 am

- I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. Approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee Held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
(*EXHIBIT P-1*)
- IV. REVIEW AND COMMENT**
  - A. DFPS Service Delivery  
(*Wayne Young*)
  - B. Forensic Division FY 23 Final Board Report  
(*EXHIBIT P-2 Monalisa Jiles*)
- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION – As authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from its attorney about any matters listed on the agenda.**
- VI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**
- VII. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VIII. ADJOURN**



**Veronica Franco, Board Liaison**  
**Bonnie Hellums, MED, LMFT, LCDC, AAC, JD Chairperson**  
**Program Committee**  
**The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD**  
**Board of Trustees**



# **EXHIBIT P-1**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
***The HARRIS CENTER for***  
**Mental Health and IDD**  
**PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

Mrs. Hellums, Board of Trustees Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m. in Room 109 of the 9401 Southwest Freeway location, noting a quorum of the Committee was present.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

Committee Members in Attendance: Dr. R. Gearing, Dr. L. Moore, B. Hellums

Committee Member in Absence: None

Other Board Members in Attendance: None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m.

**2. DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AS VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Judge Hellums designated Dr. G. Santos as a voting member.

**3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Mrs. Hellums declared a quorum of the committee was present.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

**5. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.**

**MOTION BY: GEARING**

**SECOND BY: MOORE**

**With unanimous affirmative votes**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 under Exhibit P-1, are approved and recommended to the Full Board for acceptance.

**6. REVIEW AND COMMENT**

**A. Healthy Minds Healthy Community Presentation-**Jennifer Battle and Lisa Blinn presented to the Program Committee.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session during the Program Committee Meeting.

**8. ADJOURN**

**MOTION: GEARING**

**SECOND: ZAKARIA**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 am.

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**Veronica Franco, Board Liaison  
Bonnie Hellums, Chairman  
Program Committee  
THE HARRIS CENTER *for* Mental Health *and* IDD  
Board of Trustees**

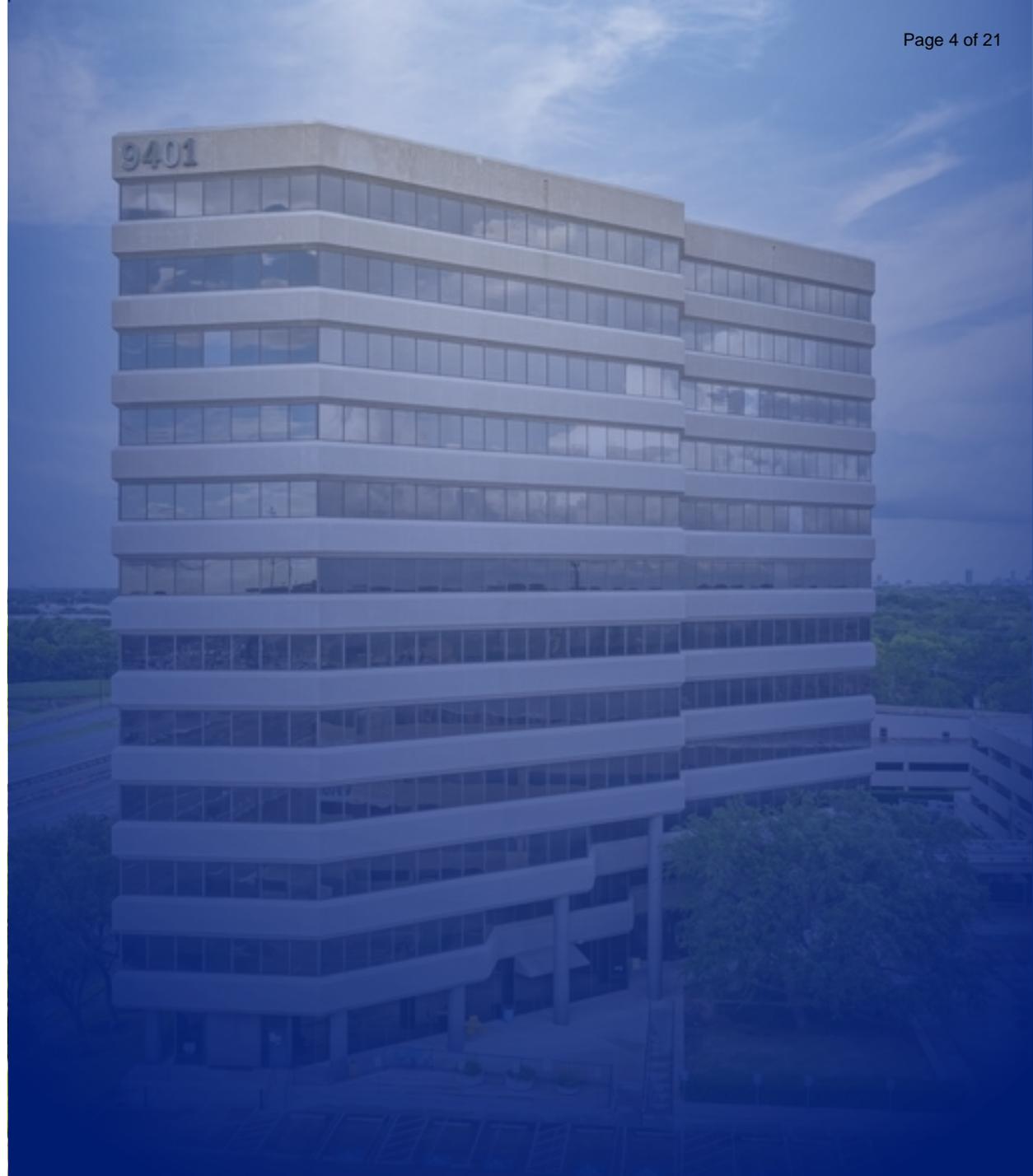
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# **EXHIBIT P-2**

# Forensic Division Services

FY 2023 Annual Report

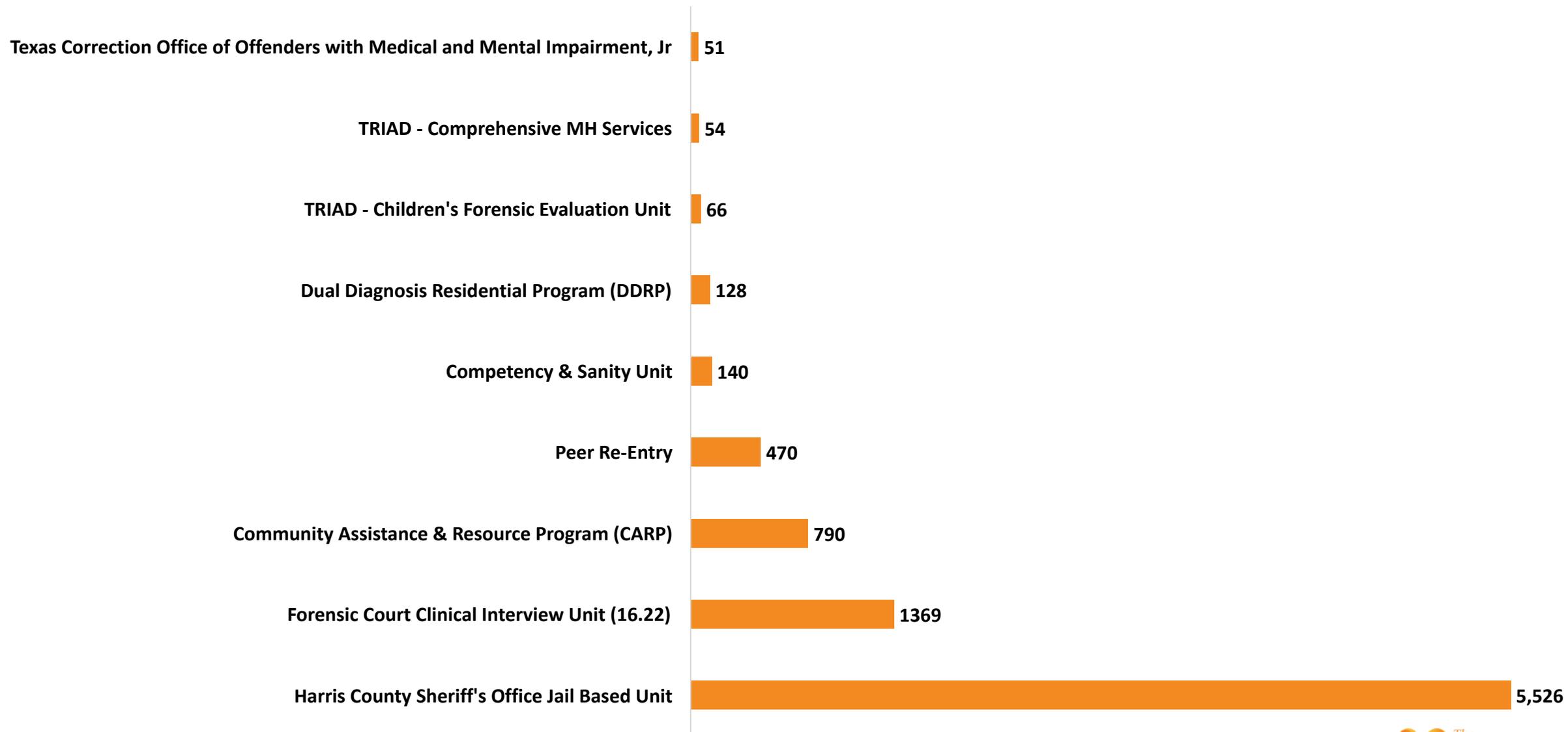
Presented By: Monalisa Jiles, LPC, LCDC, NCC, LBSW  
Vice President, MH Forensic Division



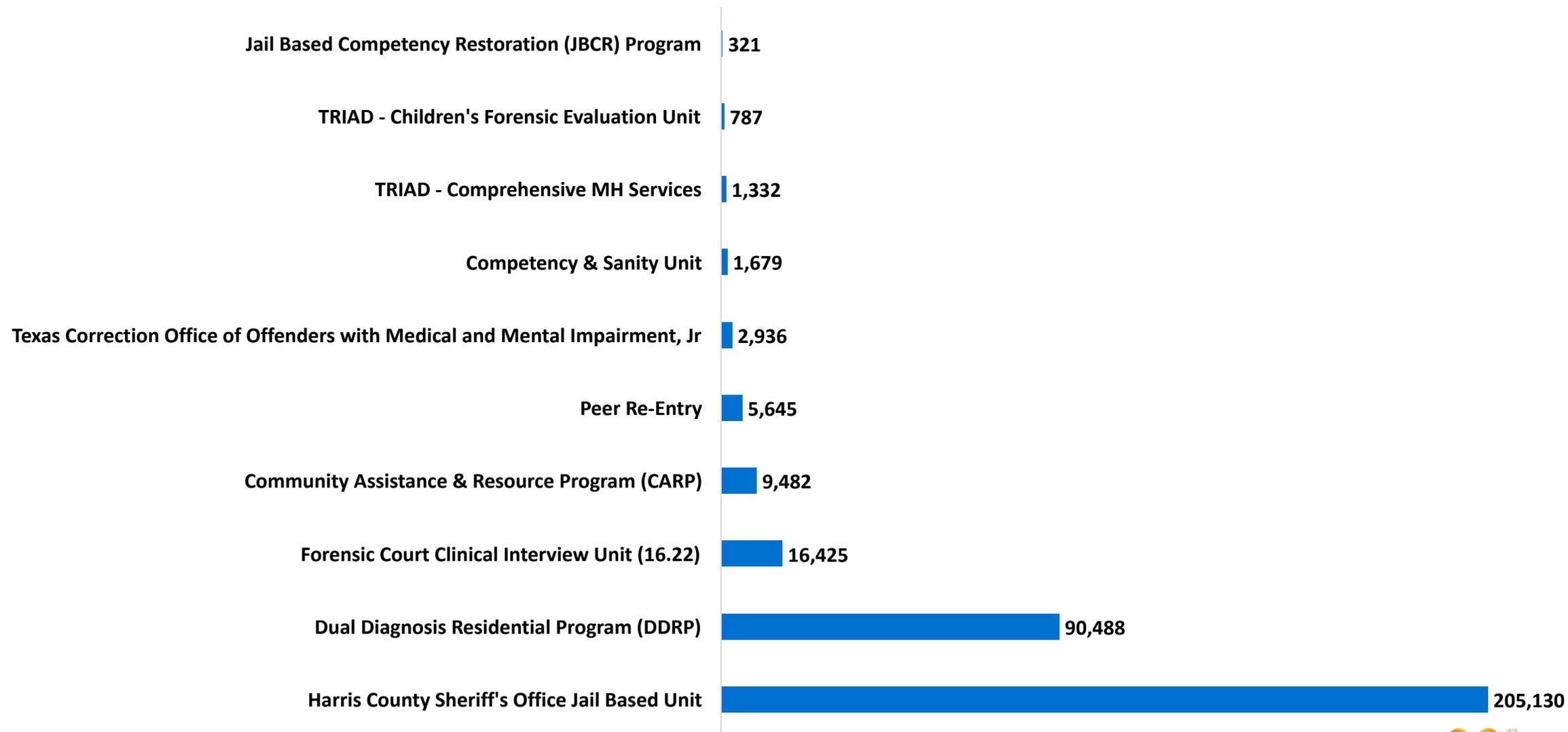
# Forensic Division Units/Programs & Partners

Program	Partners
Competency & Sanity Unit	Harris County Criminal Courts at Law & District Courts
Dual Diagnosis Residential Program (DDRP)	Harris County Community Supervision & Corrections Department & TCOOMMI
Forensic Court Clinical Interview Unit (16.22)	Harris County Criminal Courts at Law & District Courts & TCOOMMI
Community Assistance & Resource Program	Justice Administration Department, Pre-Trial Services, TCOOMMI & HCSO
Harris County Sheriff's Office Jail Based Unit	Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO)
Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR) Program	Harris County ARPA, HHSC & Harris County Sheriff's Office
Peer Re-Entry Services	HHSC & Harris County Sheriff's Office
Transition Services Unit	Harris County Juvenile Probation Department
Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI Jr.)	Texas Department of Criminal Justice Re-Entry & Integration Division
TRIAD Forensic Evaluation Unit	Harris County Juvenile Probation Department
TRAD Mental Health Services	Harris County Resources for Children & Adults
Youth Diversion Center	Harris County ARPA, Harris County Resources for Children & Adults, and Harris County Juvenile Probation Department

# Monthly Average Patients Served – FY'23



# Total Services Delivered – FY'23



# FY'23 Accomplishments

## Competency and Sanity

- On October 12, 2022, the unit presented a training led by Attorney Chris Feldman on the topic, "Role of the Psychologist as Expert Witness in Criminal Forensic Evaluation: Ethical and Legal Issues." Because the unit is approved by the Texas Psychological Association as a provider of professional development, attendees at this and other trainings offered by the unit received top-tiered continuing education credit.
- On January 27, 2023, the unit presented a training led by Dr. Aaron Boyce on a specialized forensic test called the "Evaluation of Competency to Stand Trial - Revised (ECST-R)." As a community service, that training was attended by psychologists from The Harris Center, Harris County Adult Probation, and Harris County Juvenile Justice.
- On February 15, 2023, the unit's psychology doctoral interns interviewed Chief Administrative Judge, Kelli Johnson, about the role of the psychologist as expert witness and the court's interests in their testimony.
- In May of 2023, the unit completed its first year as a psychology doctoral practicum training site in collaboration with the University of Houston. Our two interns for the year successfully completed their training with us and they, both, were accepted by their top-tiered internship sites for 2023-2024 with Travis County Adult Probation and Harris County Juvenile Probation.
- In June of 2023, the unit began its second year as a psychology doctoral practicum training site in collaboration with the University of Houston
- On June 6, 2023, Dr. Coats was a guest on the "Houston Matters" news show at the local public radio station, KUHF. Alongside Attorney Denise Oncken, Dr. Coats discussed issues regarding examination of competency to stand trial and competency restoration in Harris County.
- On June 16, 2023, Dr. Coats presented an annual training for the psychologists at the Harris County Juvenile Justice Department. The topic was examination of competency to stand trial and case studies.
- On June 27, 2023, Dr. Coats was a guest on the morning news show of station CW39 in Houston. He represented The Harris Center in expanding community awareness about mental health issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community and support available through the 988 Suicide Hotline.

# FY'23 Accomplishments

## Jail Based Competency Restoration Program (JBCR)

- January 2023 – Expanded JBCR under ARPA Funding
- May 2023 – Continue expansion under HHSC

## Awards

- May 2023 – National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award

## Presentations

- October 2022 – NCCHC National Conference in Las Vegas, NV
- November 2022 – Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health, Grapevine, TX
- May 2023 – Behavioral Health Consortium, invited panelist, Austin, TX  
 NCCHC Spring Conference, New Orleans, LA
- July 2023 – NCCHC Mental Health Conference, Washington, DC

## JBCR Tours

- **October 2022**
  - Office of Justice and Safety Tour
- **December 2022**
  - Travis County Delegation Tour (Austin, TX)
- **January 2023**
  - Harris County District Attorney's Office Tour
  - Harris County Commissioners Tour
  - National Police Agency (Taiwan) Tour
  - Houston Local News Station Tour
- **February 2023**
  - Disability Rights of Texas (Austin, TX)
  - Bexar County
  - Bluebonnet Trails
- **March 2023**
  - Tri-County Behavioral Health Services
  - Texana Center
  - Gulf Coast Center
  - Ft. Bend County Sheriff's Office
- **April 2023**
  - Harris Center Board Members
  - Miami-Dade County Sheriff's Office (Miami, FL)
  - Emergence Health Network (El Paso, TX)
  - Houston Police Department Tour
- **May 2023**
  - ACCESS Center (Anderson & Cherokee County)
  - Travis County Judge's Tour (Austin, TX)
- **July 2023**
  - San Antonio State Hospital

# FY' 23 Accomplishments

## Jail Based Adult Services

### Awards

- June 2023 – U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance – HCSO Law Enforcement – Mental Health Learning Site Award

### Presentations

- July 20, 2023 – Panelist in the Council of State Government & U.S. Department of Justice Courts Leading Change through Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP), Washington D.C.
- July 27 & 28, 2023 – Participated in the Sequential Intercept Mapping Workshop for the Harris Center Substance Abuse
- August 9, 2023 – Presented on the mental health resources & services provided for defendants with mental health needs in Jail or on bond at the Harris County District Courts Judges Annual Training

# FY' 23 Accomplishments

## Youth Diversion Center

- May 1, 2023 – Soft opening of the new Youth Diversion Center
- May 15, 2023 – Ribbon cutting ceremony where different stakeholders and commissioners were invited to tour the new facility

## Tours

- Integrated Health Services
- Revision Program for Student Interns
- Representative Wu
- Health Human Services
- MBHC Students
- Forensic Evaluation Team

## Presentations

- August 3, 2023 - Panelist in the Innovation Across Texas Behavioral health and the Juvenile Justice Systems webinar series

## TCOOMMI Jr.

- Received funding to hire a parent partner
- One female youth has been accepted to Lamar University

# Next Steps

- Continue to expand the Youth Diversion Center to maximum capacity
- Continue to explore a regional JBCR pilot with state and neighboring counties
- Explore other potential grant opportunities to expand the Community Assistance Resource Program
- Explore grant opportunities with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

# This is why we do it!

## Dual Diagnosis Residential Program (DDRP)

*“Dear DDRP Treatment Team, I want to formally thank you all for giving me a chance to get my life back together. In these 5 months I truly believe I have learned how to deal with everyday struggles and how to be sober for it. I knew how to do it but now I know about myself and finally understand my triggers. I feel like knowing your triggers and having support on the same page as you is the biggest factor in staying sober and out of trouble. I lost my childhood to the system, and I feel like that plays a big part of my life. This program is the only one I have ever gotten something out of. Before I was arrested, I was using meth and opiates every single day. The day I was arrested my mom found me overdosed on the bathroom floor and when I was incarcerated, I just wanted to die because I know it took a huge toll on my mom. The only way I can ever make it up to her is to say sober and because you all let me do this program, I feel confident that I’ll be able to do that. As I said I didn’t have a childhood because my actions had me incarcerated constantly. I know have clarity and I’ve told my mom that I am ready to get rid of the drugs and crime to get my life back together. I haven’t been in my daughter’s life much, but I am ready to be there for her. I know I can be a great father and I will be thanks to Mr. Harrison because he has been teaching me fatherhood 24/7 during groups. Thank you for everything and if it means anything you all truly made a difference in at least one person’s life and that’s me.”*



# This is why we do it!

## Dual Diagnosis Residential Program (DDRP) Cont.

*“My name is L. Lopez and I would like to notify the Admin Team on how valuable an asset you have in Nurse E. Horton. I speak for myself but I am sure that I would receive not one dispute on Nurse Horton’s value at the Harris Center. Mrs. E has pushed me up and practically saved my life. All this being done within the guidelines, rules and regulations of the DDRP Program. Her bedside manners makes us feel like family and her leadership allows the techs through the therapist to treat us in a humane manner. Please remember that even though she handles her workload like a superhero she should receive appreciation, gratitude and compensation as if she was one”.*

Thank you,  
L. Lopez



\*Patients names have been changed for privacy

# This is why we do it!

## Dual Diagnosis Residential Program (DDRP) Cont.

*“Ms. Keisha, thank you for your patience and wisdom in my first days here. Having you do my intake gave me hope for the months ahead. You continue to be my mentor on the hard days and help me find the silver lining at all times.*

*Ms. Brumley the way you encouraged me to participate in the talent show will always be one of my crucial moments. I felt brave because you believed in me. I won't ever forget that moment when I won. I looked at you first!*

*Ms. Taylor you are tough on us because you demand we respect ourselves and carry ourselves with dignity. I look up to you and when you speak I listen. Thank you for the way you have pushed me to hold my head up high. You make it hard to hate myself and that matters so much. There are a lot of techs here that do a phenomenal job amidst an often-ungrateful environment. They offer consistency and accountability like Ms. Cole and Ms. Felicia, because they care. They offer humor and levity like Christian and Ms. R because they don't want us to be miserable here. Ms. Flo and Ms. Jackson give us the word and remind us of our worth. Ms. O won't let us settle for our second best. Sweet Ms. Coleman her happiness and kindness are contagious. Ms. Stephanie is always patient with my multitude of questions. I am getting some names right now and that is not intentional because EVERY MEMBER of the tech staff I've encountered has made an impact on me therefore, I will continue do so throughout my stay here.”*

I got a call from Ms. Jane Doe today. She hit a year sober on July 11<sup>th</sup> of this year and she is starting classes next week at her local community college. She is going to be pursuing her LCDC. She reports she continues to cut out red light peers and she is using all of the skills she learned at DDRP to help her stay on track. She is living with her daughter full time, and she states she is finally able to be the mother she has always wanted to be.

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# This is why we do it!

## Jail Based Services – Peer Re-Entry Services

Earlier this year, CTL-Angela Hurd picked up pt Jane Doe to transport her to her probation appointment. The patient had been receiving services through our Jail Peer Reentry Program prior to her release. The jail's Peer Reentry Program allows staff to continue services until the patient has settled back into the community.

After picking up the client the CTL, observed that the client had a medical issue that needed immediate attention.

The CTL approached three different providers to no avail. The CTL reached out to a source she knew at another county who was able to provide her with another provider who was able to address the client immediate needs. That provider reported to the CTL that her persistence to get immediate help ensured the client was not left with a permanent physical disability.



# This is why we do it!

## Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR)

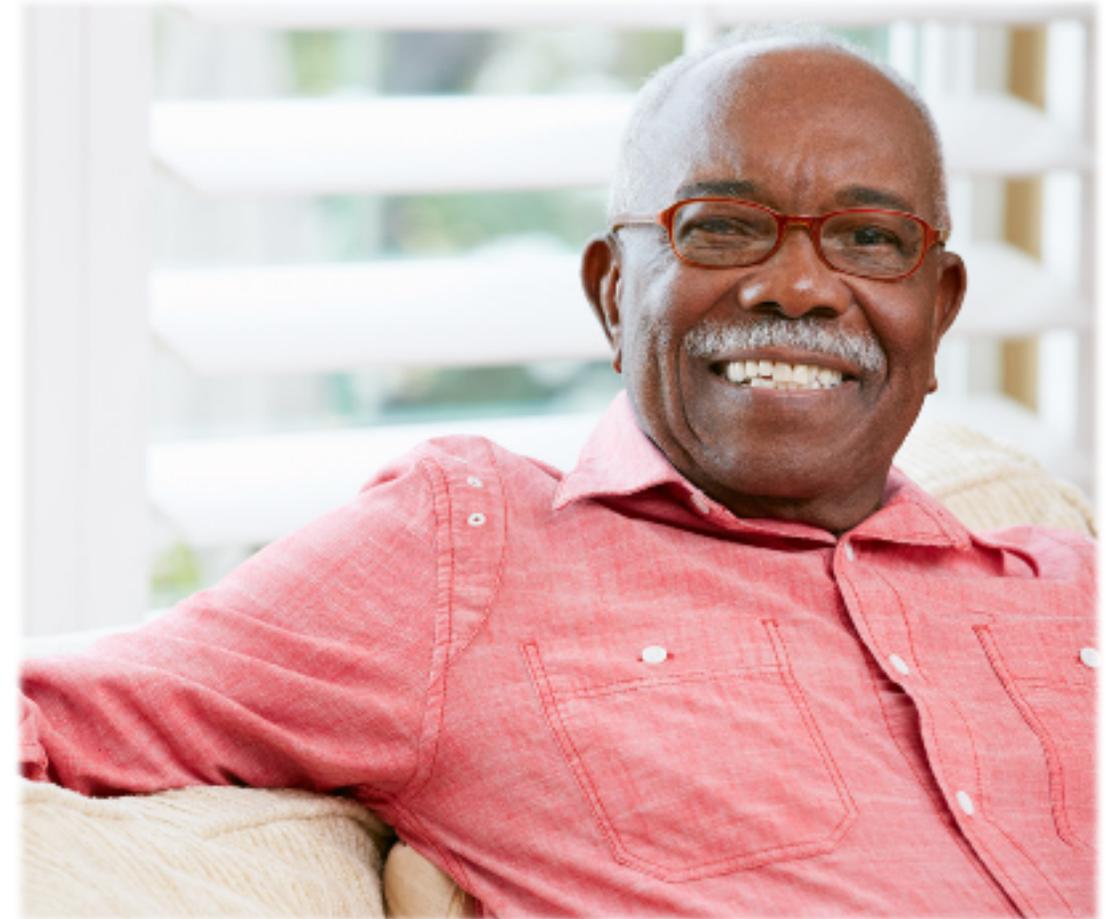
Mr. Jones was arrested and charged with a felony crime; however, his case could not move forward because he was found Incompetent to Stand Trial. After a very long wait on the State Hospital Waitlist, **Mr. Jones was one of the first patients to receive services in the Jail Based Competency Restoration Program (JBCR).**

Prior to his arrival on our unit Mr. Jones was very discouraged and had been to the state hospital several times in his life. After meeting with Mr. Jones for his assessment, **it was clear that he no longer wanted to continue in the same cycle** of being homeless, getting arrested, and going to the state hospital, only to repeat the process all over again. He described spending much of his life in and out of incarceration and at hospitals.

He was ready to try something new and worked very hard to restore his competency while in the JBCR program. He was one of the older patients and many of the other participants looked up to him, which improved his self-esteem. By the end of the program, **Mr. Jones was opined competent to stand trial and the court formally restored his competency.** He was very grateful to receive his certificate of successful completion and was looking forward to his upcoming release.

Through a collaboration of programs at the jail, a discharge plan was created, and he was found placement in a personal care home. Mr. Jones was released from custody after spending 512 days incarcerated. **He is currently doing well and has not returned to the Harris County Jail.**

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# This is why we do it!

## Youth Diversion Center (YDC)

One of the adolescent clients in the Youth Diversion Program was considering leaving the program and had even started walking away from the building.

However, thanks to the Billy's intervention and persuasive skills, he was able to convince him to stay and give us a chance. I understand that it took about an hour of his time, outside in the heat, but his efforts were well worth it.

Patient successfully completed the program and was reunited with family.



# This is why we do it!

## Transition Services Unit

Our Transition Services Coordinator Lisa Byrd received a letter that was sent to Probation from a parent who wanted to thank her for the work she did with the family:

*“My name is Ms. Doe, I am the parent of Jane Doe. The last couple of months I’ve been receiving help from Ms. Byrd. The work ethic this young lady has provided me is amazing. When I was first assigned to her Ms. Byrd showed compassion for us. She stayed calling making sure the services were available for my daughter. She has done follow ups for appointment timing. Ms. Byrd called the staff members to make sure we knew the correct location of the building. I would like to thank her for all she does for the community. This is an amazing person and team player staff member”.*



# This is why we do it!

## Inter Agency Division Success (Forensics & CPEP)

On Thursday morning, July 20<sup>th</sup> JBCR staff arrived to work and learned that a program participant had been released from the Harris County Jail. After doing some research the team found out his case had been dismissed and he was immediately processed out of the jail by 6 am on the morning of July 20<sup>th</sup>.

As the patient was fairly new to the program, there was not a concrete discharge plan in place yet and he was essentially discharged to the street. Throughout the day, JBCR staff attempted to contact him and call his family in order to provide him with a discharge prescription and try to help with his transition back into the community, however, his phone was not working and we were not able to get in touch with the family member.

While staff was walking outside to leave for the day, they saw our patient sitting by himself and stopped to talk to him about what happened. He reported he was told his family would be coming to get him, but it was late and still no one had arrived. He had been out in a heat index of over 100 degrees for about 10 hours at this point. Since our patient was dressed in sweat pants and a hooded jacket, he was hot, tired, hungry, and in need of immediate shelter.

The team immediately took action upon finding him, gathering water and some snacks donated by Ms. Rebecca Schatte, Forensic Administrative Assistant. They also sat and talked with him so that he did not feel forgotten about while they called us to ask what we could do for him. This patient struggled with rejection, loneliness, and was prone to SI – something our staff had been working with him on in his individual sessions.

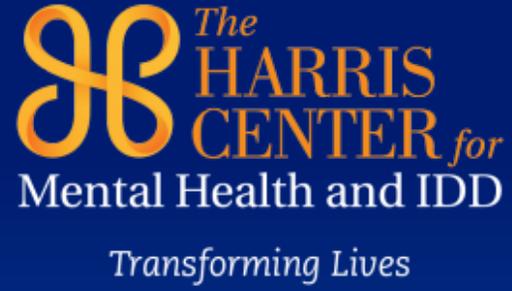


While my team was taking care of the patient's immediate needs, I called Shalanda Williams, Program Director at 6160, and asked if she had room to take our patient for a few days until he could be reunited with his family. Without hesitation, Shalanda informed me to send over his information and that they had a bed for him.

Due to it being late in the afternoon and with our patient having been outside all day already, I informed her that we could transport to 6160 if the patient was agreeable and since we were familiar to him. We then asked the patient if he would want to go to another Harris Center program for a few days so that he was not on the street and could be taken care of until his family could come get him. He was initially hesitant, but quickly realized he needed help and agreed to go with us to the program.

Lauren Stoehr, JBCR CTL and I then picked up the patient and took him to 6160 for admission. On the ride over, CTL Stoehr and I informed him about 6160 and the services he could receive. He was surprised to learn he could make phone calls he didn't have to pay for and that he could get clothing, meals, and shower. Upon arrival, the patient was thankful and stated "Y'all have really done a lot for me" and expressed his gratitude for the team's help. He seemed to be in disbelief that people were willing to help him to this extent.

When we arrived at 6160 the staff was kind, courteous, and most importantly, treated our patient with the dignity and respect he deserved. We are so grateful for their help, and I am so proud of our JBCR Team, the forensic administrative support, and the 6160 staff who banded together immediately to help a patient in dire need. These close working relationships and variety programs available are what make The Harris Center a great organization to work for and I believe this moment truly made a major impact in the patient's life.



**Thank You**