

**JAIL AND DETENTION DIVERSION ACTION PLAN
FISCAL YEAR 2006
HEART OF TEXAS REGION
MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER**

INTRODUCTION:

In collaboration with community partners, the Heart of Texas Region Mental Health Mental Retardation Center (Center) has developed this Jail and Detention Diversion Action Plan to direct our efforts at diverting people with serious mental disorders away from the criminal justice system and into community based mental health services. A task force was created in June 2004, to look at the needs of the community and to identify key stakeholders who needed to be involved in the development and ongoing oversight of the plan. Those stakeholders were then involved in the creation of the initial Jail and Detention Diversion Action Plan that was submitted and approved in February 2005. This plan is a follow-up to the original plan and outlines progress made to date and outlines the goals for the FY06 year.

Background Information:

In 2003, nearly 11 million adults were booked into U.S. jails. Of those approximately 800,000 were people with serious mental health disorders. Seventy-two percent of those also had a co-occurring substance abuse problem. Additionally, the number of juvenile detentions has risen sharply over the past twenty years and it is now estimated that, nationwide, more than 100,000 youths are detained daily. While some of these individuals are appropriately incarcerated, many would be better served in community mental health services. Diversion programs are designed to prevent people with serious mental health disorders who commit crimes from entering or unnecessarily remaining in the criminal justice system.

Locally, from January 1, 2005 to November 30, 2005, 14,101 individuals were booked into the McLennan County Jail. Of these 3,031 individuals or 21.5% were identified as having a match with the State CARE system, and 738 individuals or 5.2% met the current Target Population as designated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. These include diagnoses of Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar Disorder or Major Depressive Disorder. Over the course of FY05 all jails in the six county area have begun to submit data to the Center for CARE cross referencing and the Bill Logue Juvenile Detention Center in Waco has also begun submitting data to match juvenile arrests and the CARE system.

While the overall goal of any diversion program is to engage individuals with severe mental health disorders with appropriate treatment as an alternative to or integral part of incarceration, an effective diversion program will serve to reduce both the financial and emotional costs and address the specific concerns of stakeholders as follows:

* Law enforcement concerns of risk of harm to officers; costs associated with medications, seclusion and specific medical services within the jails; lawsuits stemming from suicides and prolonged lengths of stay in local jails.

* Legal system concerns of costs associated with legal representation, competency evaluations and congestion of court dockets.

* Consumer and family concerns of costs associated with legal defenses, the potential decompensation of consumers due to stress or medication interruption and the potential loss of income due to incarceration.

This plan, therefore, is collaboratively established to implement an effective jail diversion program for adults and juveniles in the Heart of Texas Region that is characterized by interagency commitment to identification and delivery of appropriate intervention and treatment strategies at the earliest point possible.

ADULT DIVERSION PLAN

PRE-BOOKING STRATEGIES:

Pre-Booking strategies include two main components, 24-hour screening and assessment services and alternative placement options.

24-Hour Screening and Assessment Services:

Staff are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week to screen and assess the need for hospitalization as an alternative to incarceration. During regular working hours law enforcement can bring a person to any of HOTRMHMR's six county offices and have that individual evaluated to determine the need for admission to a local inpatient facility for diversion from incarceration. This may occur with or without a warrant. If a person is deemed appropriate for hospitalization the person will be taken to DePaul for admission. If DePaul does not have room for the person, they will make arrangements to divert the person to an out of county facility.

After hours an officer may begin by calling the Center's Emergency Services staff at (254) 776-1101 or 1-866-752-3451. The Emergency Services Worker will consult with law enforcement and either make recommendations for follow-up mental health services or will refer the officer to transport the person to Providence Emergency Room (ER) for further evaluation. Once at Providence ER the person will receive a face-to-face assessment and a determination will be made regarding the need for hospitalization. If DePaul does not have room for that individual they will make arrangements for that person to be diverted to another facility.

Pre-booking intervention has been identified as one area that the HOT Regional Jail Diversion Management Group can enhance services to better serve the community. The

identified goal we have established is to create additional face to face screening capacity in order to better identify individuals who should be treated in the community rather than be incarcerated. The Center is working with law enforcement agencies, substance abuse treatment facilities and Providence Health Care Center to create an alternative screening site to divert individuals picked up by law enforcement agencies to be pre-screened prior to booking into jail. It is believed that this will allow the Center to identify those individuals who are not appropriate for incarceration prior to booking and to create an alternative to jail as an option for these individuals. A grant is being developed to help fund this intervention and if approved should be available by February 1, 2006.

McLennan County currently has a specialized Mental Health Warrants Unit. In this unit, four specially trained law enforcement officers are assigned to enforce all orders to apprehend and/or transport mental health warrants produced out of the County Judge's Office. These officers execute all warrants for emergency detentions, transport all individuals to HOTRMHMR Center for evaluation and transport all individuals to DePaul or Austin State Hospital. These officers provide field consultation for the McLennan County Sheriff's Department on anyone who appears to be exhibiting signs of mental distress.

The significance of this program is that all people with serious mental health disorders are handled by a few trained officers who have specialized skills and who are familiar with the needs of these individuals.

Referrals for on-going mental health services are handled in two ways. If the individual is currently on Probation or Parole, the individual's officer may fax a referral to our Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) offices at (254) 757-2230. Within five working days an appointment letter will be sent out for an assessment with the TCOOMMI Assessment Therapist. All assessment appointments will be scheduled within two weeks. Within 30 days the officer will receive a fax indicating if that person is eligible for services. In emergencies the officer may call (254) 757-2207, and the person will be screened within 24 hours. Individuals who are assessed to be in need of intensive services will be assigned to specialized TCOOMMI caseworkers. Those with less intensive needs will be opened to regular HOTRMHMR Center services if they meet Target Population guidelines designated by the State.

Individuals who are not currently on Probation or Parole will be able to access services by contacting their local HOTRMHMR Center. Each county has an office where individuals can go to be screened for services. If determined to be eligible for services based on Targeted Population guidelines, the person will be assessed to determine the appropriate level of services for that individual. Criminal justice involvement is one of the criteria that are evaluated prior to an individual being assigned to a specific level of care.

Identification of high-risk consumers is accomplished through the use of the Uniform Assessment. The Uniform Assessment is a group of assessment tools that measure the

consumer's needs in a variety of areas. One of those scales measures the consumer's criminal justice involvement. Currently, 147 individuals being served by the Center have been identified as having had some criminal justice involvement. This tool is mandated by the State and used to identify the appropriate level of care for all consumers of the HOTRMHMR Center.

Specialized services are available through three main areas. These include specialized TCOOMMI Services, Level Three Teams and Assertive Community Treatment Teams (ACT). TCOOMMI Services provide intensive treatment services to consumers who are currently on probation or parole. Level Three Teams include a team approach to working with high risk consumers and has specialists in the areas of Co-Occurring Substance Abuse, Housing, Employment and Nursing. ACT Team services are even more intensive team-based services that provide the same specialized services as Level Three Teams but with smaller caseload sizes.

Alternative Placement Options:

Working in collaboration with the Center, Providence Hospital / Depaul offers an Evaluation Unit that can hold individuals for additional evaluation as an alternative to incarceration or hospitalization. This unit is often utilized when a person is intoxicated or currently under the influence of substances and an appropriate evaluation of the individual cannot be made at that time. A follow-up assessment is completed by the next day to determine the most appropriate treatment for that individual.

An additional goal for FY06, is the enhancement of respite and emergency housing options for mental health consumers. Currently these options are limited. Three initiatives are currently in progress. (1) The Center, in collaboration with the City of Waco, is working with the Homeless Coalition in the development of single dwelling housing for individuals who have mental health issues; (2) The Center is working with the Waco V.A. on a grant to create additional housing options; and (3) The Center is working to expand respite options for individuals who need some relief from the stressors of their current living situations.

POST-BOOKING STRATEGIES:

Current post-booking initiatives include CARE Matches with Jail Census, HOTRMHMR Center's Jail Initiative, and TCOOMMI Services.

CARE Matches:

Based on a recent change in the Mental Disabilities/Suicide Prevention Screening Form required by Minimum Jail Standards, Chapter 273.5 (b), and as part of the contract that HOTRMHMR Center has with the State, the Center began a daily match of jail bookings with the State CARE system during FY 05. Currently all jails in the area are participating as well as the Bill Logue Juvenile Detention Center. We use this information to establish a database, which can then help us readily identify at-risk

consumers. The goal for FY 06 will be to receive the data from all jails in a more timely manner and to expand the acquisition of data from all juvenile detention centers in our six county area.

Center Jail Initiative:

The HOTRMHMR Center currently employs two full-time Master's Level clinicians to work exclusively in the jails in our six county catchment areas. Based on identification of a serious mental disorder through the CARE system, or based on referral from jail personnel based on State mandated mental health screening tools, the jail liaison will work with detainees while in the jail. These staff will conduct assessments to determine the presence of a serious mental health disorder, evaluate them for appropriate treatment services while in jail, work with medical personnel to determine the appropriate medication regime, determine if inpatient hospitalization is required and coordinate discharge planning and referrals for community mental health services. The liaisons will also work with the District and County Attorney's offices and the Courts to establish a mental health disposition in lieu of prosecution or as a condition of community supervision. In FY 05, 545 unduplicated individuals were assessed by these staff and assistance provided for them while in jail.

One goal from FY 05, was to secure funding from TCOOMMI to expand this program to add a therapist to cover the rural jails. While funding from TCOOMMI did not materialize, the Center did add a second therapist in March of 2005, who is providing services to the five rural counties. This expansion has allowed the Center to provide more in-depth services to these rural sites.

In FY06, the Center has also partnered with Limestone, Freestone and Leon Counties to provide additional support to individuals in those jails who have been identified as having mental health issues. The Center will provide assessment, continuity of care and social work services to individuals who have been provided specially trained legal defense through a grant with the Task Force on Indigent Defense, MHMR Defense Program.

Another initiative in FY05, was to seek funding for the expansion of telecommunication equipment for the four remaining jails and two juvenile detention facilities in our area that do not currently have such equipment. After consultation with the jails and detention facilities it was determined that having additional staff available was a higher priority and this goal was partially accomplished through the addition of a second assessment therapist for adults and the expansion of a regional caseworker for the child and adolescent program at the Center. The Center is working on a grant to add an additional part-time staff to work exclusively in the regional detention facilities and this should fulfill the need in that area.

In the juvenile arena, Klaras Center and Bill Logue have implemented the CARE match process and have agreed to a formal crisis response process for detained juveniles at risk of harm or psychiatric decompensation. Additionally in 2005, the McLennan County Drug Court, a collaboration between Bill Logue, Klaras Center, and other local agencies,

has begun to meet regularly in an attempt to identify and divert high risk juveniles from further penetration into the Juvenile Justice System. Goals for 2006, include expansion of the CARE Match process throughout juvenile detention centers in the other counties served by HOTRMHMR, increased participation in or development of drug courts in the rural counties served by HOTRMHMR, and expansion of Klaras Center's presence in truancy courts.

Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments:

Currently the HOTRMHMR Center operates both a local and regional TCOOMMI program.

The regional TCOOMMI program provides Continuity of Care and Benefits Eligibility services to prisoners who have been identified as having serious mental health disorders. These individuals are referred to us from the Huntsville office of Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and are individuals whose release from the prison system is pending. These individuals are evaluated and scheduled for community based mental health services upon their discharge to their home communities. They are also screened and an application for Social Security Disability is completed if they meet the criteria.

In the local TCOOMMI program, three caseworkers are assigned specialized caseloads of consumers who have both a serious mental health disorder and are on probation or parole. These caseworkers work in collaboration with specialized probation and parole officers to try and meet the needs of the consumer and help them function in the community without further criminal justice involvement. A full-time Master's Level assessment therapist does the initial screenings and if appropriate refers the consumer to the TCOOMMI caseworkers. If not appropriate for TCOOMMI services, the assessment therapist works with the consumer to find other appropriate community based services. The assessment therapist also serves as a liaison with the Freeman Center to provide psychiatric services to individuals with a serious mental health disorder who are at the Freeman Center for substance abuse treatment. A full time supervisor and administrative assistant manage the overall operations of the program.

Juvenile Detention Diversion Action Plan

Pre & Post Booking Diversion Strategies

I. 24-Hour Screening and Assessment Services

Staff are available 24-hours per day, seven days per week to screen and assess juveniles in need of hospitalization as an alternative to incarceration. The same after-hour emergency services and Mental Health Deputy Unit services described in the adult section of this plan are applicable to juveniles.

II. Identification of Juveniles in Need of Mental Health Services

Juvenile Justice and Probation Departments in McLennan County and throughout the regional catchment area of HOTRMHMR—Hill, Bosque, Limestone, Freestone and Falls Counties—conduct a Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument 2 (MAYSI 2) screenings on pre-adjudicated juveniles upon their detention.

Juveniles scoring high on the mental health/emotional disturbance portion of the MAYSI 2, but not exhibiting crisis symptoms, are identified for referral to HOTR MHMR's Klaras Center for Families.

Juvenile Probation and Detention Departments will contact Klaras Center telephonically or by mail regarding identified juveniles and a designated Klaras Case Manager (Qualified Mental Health Professional) then meet with the juvenile, Probation Officer, and possibly the child's legally authorized representative (LAR) if the juvenile is still detained at the time of contact with Klaras Center. If the juvenile has returned to the community, the Klaras Center Case Manager arranges, with the Probation Officer, a Klaras Center intake/eligibility determination appointment for the juvenile.

If the referred juvenile is mandated by the Juvenile Probation department to seek mental health services, the Probation Officer will inform the juvenile and LAR of the scheduled Klaras Center intake appointment. If the juvenile is not mandated to seek services, the designated Klaras Center Case Manager contacts the child and LAR to discuss intake appointment.

If the juvenile is determined at Klaras Center intake to be eligible for services, and has been mandated by Juvenile Probation to seek mental health services, the Klaras Center Case Manager regularly updates the juvenile's Probation Officer regarding treatment progress and participation.

*Among current Klaras Center consumers approximately thirty percent have had, or currently have some involvement with the Juvenile Justice system.

III. Juvenile TCOOMMI and Juvenile Court

HOTRMHMR's Juvenile TCOOMMI Program will continue to serve approximately 14 consumers every month who are on probation and at high risk of recidivism. Intensive services including wrap around planning, case management and skills training will be provided by HOTRMHMR in conjunction with local Juvenile Probation staff.

A designated Klaras Center Case Manager will continue to attend weekly Juvenile Truancy Court sessions and will provide pre-screening services to high risk juveniles, as identified by the Court. The Klaras Center Case Manager will plan, with the juvenile and LAR, an appointment for intake/eligibility determination at Klaras Center and will

communicate with the Juvenile Judge concerning compliance and progress. Klaras Center screens an average of five or six juveniles per week in Truancy Court and about half that number ultimately receive on going services. Klaras Center will expand its presence in the Truancy Courts during the coming year to include bi-weekly participation in the truancy proceedings presided over by another local judge. It is anticipated that this will increase Truancy Court referrals to approximately ten juveniles per week.

IV. Matching of Detention Records with CARE

In an effort to identify recently detained juveniles who are active or formerly received mental health services within the State system. Juvenile Detention centers throughout the HOTRMHMR catchment area will fax daily detention records to Klaras Center. Klaras Center will compare received detention records to list of current consumers served and to CARE, thereby identifying all detained juveniles currently receiving MHMR services or with service histories. Currently, Klaras Center and Bill Logue Juvenile Justice Center communicate daily concerning CARE match cases. Since the implementation of the CARE match process in McLennan County, over the last half of 2005, more than 100 juveniles have been identified and screened. These juveniles, on average, forty per month, have received services from Klaras Center or another Texas community mental health center at some point in their lives. Work continues in an effort to expand this process throughout the rural counties within HOTR-MHMR's catchment area.

If it is noted that a juvenile currently receiving MHMR services has been detained, the juvenile's Klaras Center Case Manager will promptly make contact with the child, the child's LAR, and the responsible Juvenile Detention staff member and will continue to follow up with juvenile and LAR during the detention period and upon release. Services from Klaras Center will be modified according to need at this time, if necessary.

If the juvenile is found to have received MHMR services in the past, but is not a current consumer, a designated Klaras Center Case Manager will contact Juvenile Detention to discuss the case and, if appropriate, plan a subsequent intake appointment with Klaras Center.

V. Juvenile Drug Court

A designated Klaras Center Case Manager attends weekly McLennan County Drug Court meetings to coordinate appropriate care for adolescents referred by the Judge and Drug Court Team. During these weekly meetings, The Klaras Center Case Manager collaborates with the adolescent representatives of several child and family serving agencies to determine appropriate supports and resources.

If the Drug Court Team agrees that Klaras Center services are appropriate for an adolescent and/or his or her family, the Klaras Center Case Manager schedules an intake

appointment for the family. Klaras Center continues to communicate with the judge and the Drug Court Team concerning compliance and progress.

Klaras Center will, in the coming year, work in conjunction with Juvenile Justice Departments in the rural counties of HOTR-MHMR's catchment area to Assist in any other existing Drug Court programs or to develop similar programs as needed.

VI. Texas Youth Commission (TYC) and Law Enforcement Referrals

Referrals of juveniles by law enforcement agencies will be directed to Klaras Center's ACCESS Unit. Intake/eligibility determination appointments will be scheduled with the juvenile's LAR and law enforcement, if appropriate, will be updated regarding compliance and progress.

TYC referrals will continue to be processed through HOTRMHMR's TCOOMMI Program. TCOOMMI staff will contact Klaras Center or appropriate regional HOTRMHMR office to alert staff of referral. Either the Klaras Case Manager or regional Case Manager will contact the Parole Officer to schedule intake/eligibility determination appointment and will follow up with the Parole Officer concerning treatment on an on-going basis.

Crisis Screening and Assessment Process

Juvenile Justice and Probation Departments in McLennan County and throughout the regional catchment area of HOTRMHMR—Hill, Bosque, Limestone, Freestone, and Falls Counties—will conduct MYSI 2 screenings on pre-adjudicated juveniles their detention.

Klaras Center will be contacted telephonically by Juvenile Detention Departments when a detained juvenile is determined by Juvenile Detention, via MYSI 2 results or observed behavior, to be at "high risk" or in crisis (i.e., exhibiting suicidal ideation or rapid psychiatric deterioration).

*Those Juvenile Detention centers possessing pre-existing contracts with private psychiatrists and who thereby have crisis procedures already in place are exempted from this process.

In accordance with requirements of Title 37 TAC Rule 343.10, a designated Klaras Center Case Manager (Qualified Mental Health Professional) will arrange with Juvenile Detention to pre-screen the juvenile in crisis, at the detention center if possible, or at the local HOTRMHMR office if not.

The Klaras Case Manager will meet with the juvenile and the responsible Juvenile Detention staff, review the juvenile's record, and then do one of the following:

1. Determine that the juvenile is not in need of psychiatric consultation and advise Juvenile Detention of appropriate behavior management strategies
2. Determine that the juvenile is in need of psychiatric consultation and contact, telephonically, a HOTRMHMR psychiatrist in order to review the details of the case. The psychiatrist, in such instances, will do one of the following:
 - a) Determine that the juvenile is stable and advise that he or she remain in Detention
 - b) Determine that the juvenile is in need of immediate hospitalization and contact DePaul to place admission orders
 - c) Determine that the juvenile needs face-to-face psychiatric assessment. In such cases the Juvenile Detention center will transport the juvenile to HOTRMHMR for an immediate psychiatric appointment. Following the assessment, the psychiatrist will either recommend return to Detention or order admission into DePaul. The Case Manager will accompany the juvenile to the psychiatric appointment.

If the juvenile in crisis is admitted to DePaul, Klaras Center and Juvenile Detention/Probation will continue to communicate upon DePaul discharge and a full scale Klaras Center intake will be conducted with the juvenile once he or she returns home.

In the event of an after hours crisis—HOTRMHMR regular business hours are 8 to 5, Monday through Friday—Juvenile Detention and Probation staff may contact MHMR Emergency Services at 254-776-1101 or 1-866-752-3451 for after-hours referrals. At the time of contact Emergency Services staff will schedule follow-up services for the next day or recommend that the juvenile in crisis be transported to Providence Emergency Room where an assessment will determine the need for admission to DePaul.

- * If DePaul is at capacity in any of the above-described cases, DePaul will make arrangements for the juvenile to receive in-patient care at another facility.

Law enforcement may exercise the option to transport a juvenile directly to DePaul in the event that the juvenile is in obvious crisis or is exhibiting severe psychiatric symptoms.

ADULT AND JUVENILE DETENTION DIVERSION PLAN JOINT ISSUES

Integration of Community Resources:

Current financial resources allocated to this project are primarily from TCOOMMI, McLennan County Sheriff's Department, TDCJ and HOTRMHMR Center. The Adult TCOOMMI Program provides \$455,656 and the Juvenile TCOOMMI Program provides

\$97,507 for specialized services to mental health consumers on probation or parole. The McLennan County Sheriff's Department contributes \$225,000 to support the Mental Health Deputies Program. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice provides a total of \$117,986 (\$30,020 in Hill County and \$87,966 in McLennan County) for specialized mental health probation officers. HOTRMHMR budgets over \$500,000 for crisis inpatient services and observation unit operations, \$106,693 for the Jail Initiative, and \$540,866 for consumers at risk for criminal justice involvement (\$406,447 for the adult population and \$134,419 for juveniles). HOTRMHMR funds are restricted to the provision of psychiatric services for mental health consumers.

Process for On-Going Collaboration:

The HOT Regional Jail Diversion Management Group has met at least quarterly to address the on-going provision of jail and detention diversion activities. This group has also directed specialized work groups that have looked at issues such as law enforcement training, local hospitalization options, transportation issues, and pre-booking activities. The HOT Regional Jail Diversion Management Group consists of stakeholders from mental health providers, consumers, family members, advocacy groups, law enforcement, probation and parole departments and the judiciary. The group is responsible for the development of an Annual Diversion Action Plan and will coordinate any collaboratively funded activities. Membership for this group can be found in Appendix A. Additionally, several others groups are currently meeting on a regular basis to address specific issues relating to jail diversion. Some of these groups are:

TCOOMMI Adult Meetings (Probation & Parole) – Monthly
Adult and Children's Community Resource Coordination Group (CRCG)'s – Monthly
Crisis Inpatient Group – Monthly
Executive Director (ED) / Sheriff's Meetings – As Called
Project Manager's Meeting (MHMR & Probation Departments) – Quarterly
TCOOMMI Juvenile Meetings – Weekly

Education and Training for Law Enforcement:

The Heart of Texas Region Mental Health Mental Retardation Center is available to all law enforcement entities to provide comprehensive training for officers on mental health issues including early identification, intervention, and accessibility to the juvenile and adult mental health systems. In FY06, the Center will provide Crisis Intervention Training to all law enforcement and jail staff in the six-county catchment area. This training will meet the 16-hour requirement mandated of all law enforcement officers by TCLEOSE. The training was developed and will be provided by the Houston Police Department and Officer Frank Webb.

The local police academies now provide 24 hours of training in the area of mental health issues and have included the HOTRMHMR Center in these academies to ensure that new officers are given the most current information.

ACTION PLAN FY 05:

Action Steps			
Project	Description	Status	Result
Care Match	All HOTRMHMR catchment area jails and juvenile detention centers will be contacted to establish protocols for the matching of daily jail and detention records with the CARE system.	Partially completed	All jails are submitting data on a regular basis. Bill Logue J.D.C. is submitting data. The remaining detention centers will be contacted regarding submitting data.
Rural Jail Grant	Implementation of Rural Jail initiative to expand existing regional services.	Modified and completed	HOTRMHMR designated funding for this project and was able to implement both a rural jail diversion initiative and regional juvenile case management services.
Telecommunications Grant	Will submit funding application for the purchase of telecommunication equipment and operational costs to establish telemedicine capabilities in all catchment area jails and detention centers.	Modified	After consultation with rural jails and detention facilities it was determined that additional staffing was sufficient to meet the need of the facilities.
Treatment Foster Care	Identification of parties and resources to develop and establish Treatment Foster Care services.	Delayed until FY06	Will continue to pursue this goal in FY06.
The HOT Regional Jail Diversion Management Group	Establishment of the structure for on-going oversight and augmentation of the Jail and Detention Diversion Project.	Completed	Task force members have met on a quarterly basis to address issues related to jail and detention diversion.

ACTION PLAN FY 06:

Action Steps			
Project	Description	Time Frames	Members Involved
Law Enforcement Training	HOTRMHMR will conduct Crisis Intervention Training for all law enforcement and jail personnel in the six county area. Will ensure that the training meets the guidelines established by TCLEOSE for required CIT credit.	March 2006	HOTRMHMR will take a lead role in implementing the training series. The course will be taught by the Houston Police Department. The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee of the HOTCOG and TCOOMMI will assist in funding the project.
Integration of jail diversion activities to include the VA system.	The HOTRMHMR will work with the Waco VA Medical Center to integrate jail diversion activities to include veterans.	February 2006	HOTRMHMR and the Waco VA Medical Center will work on this initiative.
Development of after hour triage services designed to divert mental health consumers from the criminal justice system and into community based treatment services.	These services would be conducted prior to booking into jail and would serve to screen those persons with a mentally illness who are not appropriate for incarceration from ever penetrating into jail. Mental health professionals would be available 24-hours per day to assess and direct appropriate treatment services.	May 2006	HOTRMHMR will work with law enforcement, VA, local substance abuse providers and Providence Hospital to secure funding to create these triage services.
CARE Match	Expand CARE cross-referencing to all juvenile detention facilities in the six county area. Will work to make sure that all data submissions from local jails are completed in a timely fashion.	May 2006	HOTRMHMR will work with detention facilities in Limestone and Hill counties to submit data on all juveniles detained in their facilities. HOTRMHMR will work with Bosque and Falls County to ensure timely submission of booking data.

Treatment Foster Care	Develop treatment foster care options for juveniles in need of out of home treatment services.	August 2006	HOTRMHMR, Child Protective Services and local probation departments.
Expansion of juvenile justice services to the rural counties.	HOTRMHMR will work to acquire funding to expand treatment services for juveniles involved in the criminal justice system in five rural counties in our catchment area.	May 2006	HOTRMHMR, Falls, Freestone, Limestone, Bosque and Hill County Juvenile Detention Services.
Drug Courts	Development of Drug Courts to appropriately deal with juveniles involved with substance abuse issues.	August 2006	HOTRMHMR, County and District Courts, Juvenile Probation Departments, and local law enforcement entities.
Transportation Issues	Develop a collaborative to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the transportation of mentally ill persons in need of psychiatric hospitalization.	August 2006	Law Enforcement Agencies, HOTRMHMR, County Judges in McLennan, Falls, Freestone, Limestone, Hill and Bosque Counties.
Continuum of Care	The HOT Regional Jail Diversion Management Group will work to establish a blueprint for community treatment services for the mentally ill which would provide the needed array of services to help reduce incarceration and criminal justice involvement.	August 2006	HOTRMHMR, Community Social Service Agencies, Foundations, City and County Governments, Law Enforcement and Judicial Entities and the HOT Regional Jail Diversion Management Group.