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Expand State Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Capacity 20-bed Jail-Based Restoration Program

Mental Health Institutes

- The Office of Behavioral Health operates two mental health institutes:
 - Pueblo: 451 beds (144 civil and 307 forensic)
 - Fort Logan (Denver): 94 adult civil beds
- The Institutes are the inpatient psychiatric hospital “safety net” provider in Colorado.
- Both Institutes serve indigent and Medicaid eligible individuals with a civil commitment (“27-65”) for treatment.

Demand for CMHIP Forensic Services

- The Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo (CMHIP) also serves individuals committed by the State’s criminal justice system:
 - Evaluation of competency to stand trial
 - Restoration of competency to stand trial
 - Not guilty by reason of insanity
- Over the last decade, orders for inpatient evaluation and restoration have increased by 337 percent (from 82 to 354)
- Orders for inpatient restoration have increased by 145 percent (from 111 to 272)
- CMHIP inpatient restoration orders are projected to increase 18.9 percent by FY 15-16.
- 2012 federal lawsuit settlement – No patient may wait more than 28 days for admission to CMHIP for a competency evaluation or restoration
- Growth in demand for CMHIP forensic beds, and lawsuit settlement, has reduced availability of CMHIP civil beds for mental health center referrals.

- An average of 20-22 civil beds at CMHIP are used for forensic restoration or evaluation patients on any given day.

Expand Capacity with 20-bed Jail Based Restoration Unit in Denver Metropolitan Area

- In an effort to expand state hospital capacity, the Department submitted a \$2.1 million FY 13-14 budget request to open a contract-operated 20-bed jail-based restoration unit in the Denver metro area on September 1, 2013. The JBC voted on March 12th to fund the program.
- Adding the jail-based restoration forensic capacity will “free up” CMHIP civil beds used for forensic patients and increase access for community mental health center patients.
- The jail-based restoration program will serve inmates with court orders for inpatient restoration to competency from a nine county area, including Arapahoe, Adams, Broomfield, Douglas, Denver, Jefferson, Weld, Larimer, and Boulder counties.
- Vendor will be selected using a Request For Proposals process and awarded a five-year contract.

Jail-based Restoration Program Components

- Partnership between selected program provider, county sheriff’s departments, and Office of Behavioral Health.
- Program provides multidisciplinary treatment team (including psychiatry, social work, psychology); comprehensive assessments upon admission; and, individual and group treatment sessions with each inmate five days per week.
- Inmates not appropriate to be restored in jail will be transferred to CMHIP. No inmate will spend more than 60 days in the jail-based restoration program.
- Individuals requiring inpatient hospitalization will be served at CMHIP. The jail-based program will not serve inmates requiring involuntary medications or with serious co-occurring conditions, including developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury, dementias.
- “Host” county jail is paid by the provider for housing, food, medications and related services. The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Department has offered to host the program.
- The Colorado program is based on a similar program operating in San Bernardino, California. This 20-bed jail-based program is operated by Liberty Healthcare, Inc. in partnership with the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department and the California Department of State Hospitals.
- A report by the California Legislative Analyst’s Office concluded that the San Bernardino program;
 - initiated restoration treatment more quickly than the state hospital;
 - restored individuals in fewer number of days; and,
 - is effective as only two of the approximate 155 individuals restored by the program returned to an incompetent status prior to their court hearing.