

Select Committee [2/12/08]

Services for Individuals Eligible
for Intermediate Care Facility
Services:

*The Role of Community MHMR
Centers of Texas*



Texas Council of Community
Mental Health & Mental Retardation Centers, Inc.





Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers

- Created in 1976 to support and represent the locally governed system of Community MHMR Centers;
- Primary Purpose: to advocate for public policy and legislation that supports the public mission of the 39 locally governed Centers;
- Governing Board of the Texas Council: comprised of a delegate from each Center's Board of Trustees.





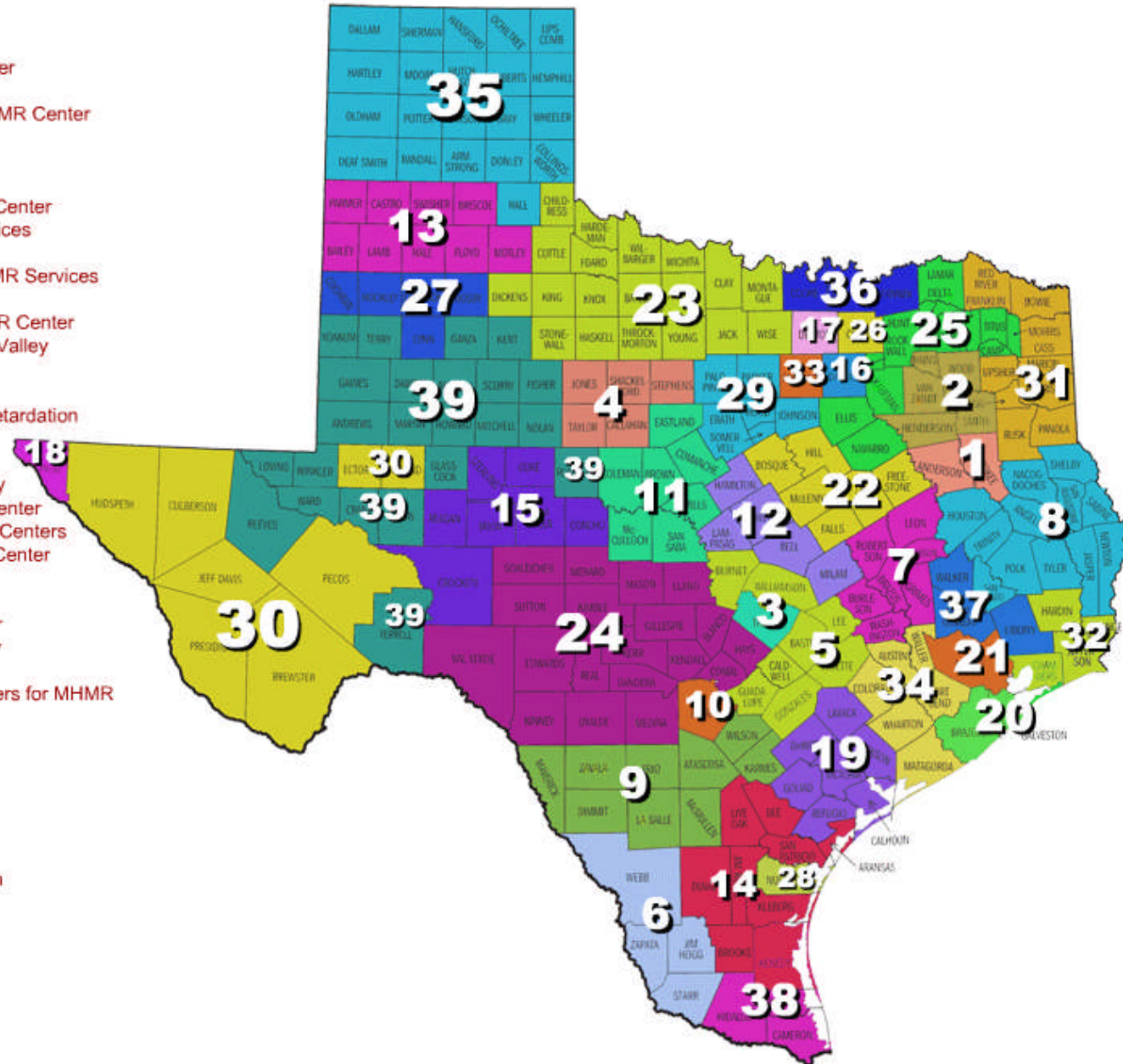
Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1965

- Authorized local taxing authorities (counties, cities, school & hospital districts) to organize a local service area and create a locally governed Community MHMR Center;
- Provided catalyst to develop statewide community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (mental retardation);
- Established enduring partnership between Local, State and Federal Government.



Texas Community MHMR Center Service Areas

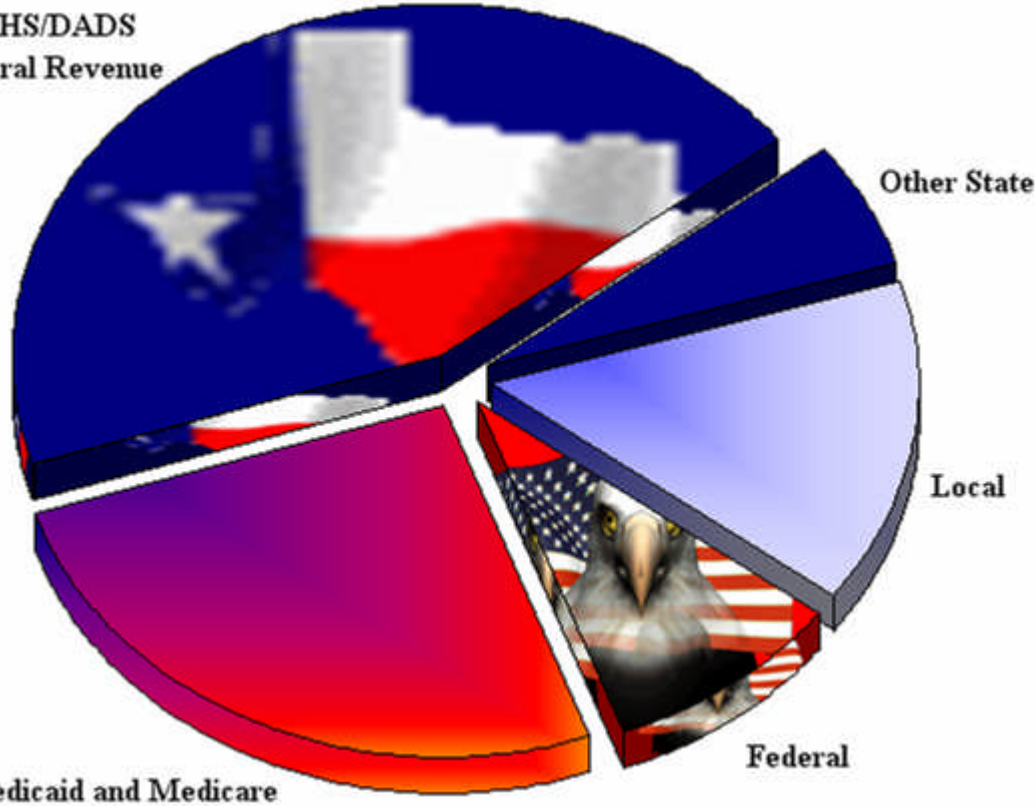
1. ACCESS
2. Andrews Center
3. Austin Travis County MHMR Center
4. Betty Hardwick Center
5. Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center
6. Border Region MHMR Center
7. MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley
8. Burke Center
9. Camino Real Community MHMR Center
10. The Center for Health Care Services
11. The Center for Life Resources
12. Central Counties Center for MHMR Services
13. Central Plains Center
14. Coastal Plains Community MHMR Center
15. MHMR Services for the Concho Valley
16. Metrocare SERVICES
17. Denton County MHMR Center
18. El Paso Mental Health Mental Retardation
19. Gulf Bend MHMR Center
20. The Gulf Coast Center
21. MHMR Authority of Harris County
22. Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center
23. Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Centers
24. Hill Country Community MHMR Center
25. Lakes Regional MHMR Center
26. LifePath Systems
27. Lubbock Regional MHMR Center
28. MHMR Center of Nueces County
29. Pecan Valley MHMR Region
30. Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR
31. Community HealthCORE
32. Spindletop MHMR Services
33. MHMR of Tarrant County
34. Texana Center
35. Texas Panhandle MHMR
36. MHMR Services of Texoma
37. Tri-County MHMR Services
38. Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
39. West Texas Centers for MHMR





Funding Partnership

DSHS/DADS
General Revenue



Medicaid and Medicare

Federal



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Community MHMR Centers: Role as Service Provider

- General Revenue Funded Services
- Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)
- Home & Community Services (HCS)
- Texas Home Living Waiver (TxHmL)





Community MHMR Centers: Role as Mental Retardation Authority (MRA)

- MRA Role: created in response to settlement of lawsuit (Lelsz)
- Single Point of Access (front door) to ICF, HCS & TxHmL Waiver (Medicaid funded)
- Service Coordination (access to needed medical & social services)
- Community Safety Net (GR Funded)





HB 2439 [80th Session] Clarifies Texas Health & Safety Code

- Section 533.035 establishes limitation on provider role of the Mental Retardation Authority (MRA)
- Section 533.0355 describes responsibilities of the MRA





Community MHMR Centers: Role as Mental Retardation Authority [Section 533.0355 THS Code]

- Access
- Intake
- Eligibility Functions
- Enrollment
- Utilization Management
- Safety Net
- Service Coordination
- Oversight of GR Funded Services
- Local Planning
- Accountability Processes





Community MHMR Centers: Role as Mental Retardation Authority

Single Point of Access

- Eligibility Determination (diagnostic & functional assessment)
- Explanation of Service Options
- Identification of Service Preferences
- Enrollment (ICF, HCS, TxHmL)
- HCS Interest List





Community MHMR Centers: Role as Mental Retardation Authority

- HCS Interest List Reduction
 - 2815 people (FY06 & FY07)
 - 2676 people (Projected: FY08 & FY09)
- HCS Current Interest List
 - 34,540 people





Community MHMR Centers: Role as Mental Retardation Authority

- Community Living Options Information Process (CLOIP)
- Permanency Planning for Children
- Continuity of Care (from state schools to community)
- Responsibilities when provider closes or is decertified





Community MHMR Centers: Role as Mental Retardation Authority

Community Living Options Information Process (CLOIP)

- SB 27 (80th legislature, effective 01/01/08)
- Offered annually to state school residents over age 22 (or legally authorized representatives)
- Ensures informed choice
- 13 MRA contracts (1 MRA per state school)





Community MHMR Centers: Role as Mental Retardation Authority

Abilene State School – Betty Hardwick Center
Austin State School – Austin Travis County MHMR
Brenham State School – Brazos Valley MHMR
Corpus Christi State School – Nueces County MHMR
Denton State School – Denton County MHMR
Lubbock State School – Lubbock Regional MHMR
Lufkin State School – Burke Center
Mexia State School – Heart of Texas MHMR
Richmond State School – Texana MHMR Center
San Angelo State School – Concho Valley MHMR Center
San Antonio State School – Bexar MRA
El Paso State Center – El Paso MHMR Center
Rio Grande State Center – Tropical Texas Behavioral Health





Community MHMR Centers: Role as Mental Retardation Authority

Permanency Planning

- SB 368 (77th legislature)
- Goal of permanent family support for children under age 22 in residential services (ICF, HCS or Nursing Homes)
- Planning is individualized & ongoing
- MRA reviews initial plan with parent/legally authorized representative every six months





Community MHMR Centers: Role as Mental Retardation Authority

As a Safety Net Provider

- Organized to provide services for a vulnerable population that would not otherwise have access to critical services;
- Statutorily directed to provide services (within available resources) regardless of ability to pay;
- General Revenue funds (including In Home Family Support) offer basic access to essential services.





Community MHMR Centers: Role as Mental Retardation Authority

Community Safety Net Services (GR Funded)

- Respite
- Employment Assistance
- Supported Employment
- Nursing
- Behavioral Support
- Specialized Therapies
- Vocational Training
- Day Habilitation





System Measures To Reduce Risks to Health & Well-Being

Community Programs

- DADS Regulatory Process
- DFPS Abuse & Neglect Investigations
- Quality Reporting System (ICF & HCS Services)
- Workforce Development





Adequacy of “Community Safety Net”

Future Considerations

- Texas Population Growth
- Longer Life Expectancy of People with Disabilities
- Aging Caregivers

