



Meeting Notes

July 17, 2025

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

Meeting Room C

221 N. Kansas, 19th Floor

El Paso, Texas 79901

Attendees:

Elizabeth Arrellano

Sharon Butterworth

Anna Hart

Brittney Gatlin

Christopher Hendricks

Rebecca Isaac

Josue Lachica

Ismael Lopez

Enrique Mata

Aaron Palomino

Edythe Payan

Annabelle Perez (JLC Chair)

Ebony Super

Daniela Vargas

Representing:

County of El Paso – CJC - Reentry

Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute

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County of El Paso – CJC - Reentry

El Paso County Public Defender's Office

Judge 41st District Court

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County of El Paso

Welcome

Judge Perez convened the meeting at 2:10 p.m. and called for brief introductions.

Endeavors' New Health and Wellness Center

Ismael Lopez, Outreach Director for Endeavors, shared the exciting news that their new Health and Wellness Center on the east side of El Paso will be opening soon. He explained that the center's services will be broader than the current Cohen Veterans Network Center. The added approximately 45,000 square foot building will be open to a wide range of collaboration options. Services that will be available include gym, service dog programs, amphitheater, soccer

field, a community space (approximate 10,000 square feet for conferences), PE classes (Zumba, HIIT, personal training, spa, etc.), and a café. Endeavors is also seeking people to lease out space to offer programs such as legal services and others. For example, GECU will have a presence at the center to offer financial education classes for individuals and families. In addition to Veterans and their families, services are now being offered for first responders and their families such as Customs and Border Patrol, active military, first responders (currently Sheriff's Deputies but seeking to expand to municipal police departments). He encourages the JLC partners to learn more about the Center and hopes everyone will set aside November 11th as their grand opening is being planned for that day. PowerPoint slides are included with these notes. For more information, contact Ismael Lopez at: ilopez@endeavors.org or Ben Miranda, Jr. at: bmiranda@endeavors.org.

New Legislation Impact on the Jail Population

This topic was postponed to the next meeting. Presenters were not able to make it to the JLC Meeting due to a County Commissioners special meeting that ran long.

HHSC Jail In-Reach Programming

Anna Hart shared that Jail In-Reach programming in the El Paso County Jail System. She reported that since the March 10th start 20 participants are currently in the program with the team working for jail transfer. Of those, 5 have been found competent, 2 have not, and 8 are pending transfer. Communications with judges and attorneys are improving on these cases. For example, attorneys are now coming in earlier to discuss options with their clients. They are exploring possibilities for opening second program (e.g., a limit of 20 due to only one designated pod in the Jail). Funding is also a factor to ensure proper staffing. Ms. Hart recognized Jennifer Chavez for her work on this project. The importance of the program is that the individuals will continue to be followed to help ensure their success. She responded to questions from the group.

Reentry Work Group

Elizabeth Arrellano reported that the County Reentry Team is working to confirm MOUs with area organizations. She introduced Mr. Aaron Palomino who will be in charge of the Opioid grant program. They project needs more organizations to help with collaboration for shelter, medical services, SUD services, and behavioral health services. She provided updates on the GED Program, Project Chance, and the El Paso Promise Program including their efforts to improve Job and education training for the target age group between 17 and 28 years of age. Ms. Arrellano responded to questions from the group.

Jail Diversion Committee

Edy Payan reported that the Jail Diversion Committee did not meeting in July. Many groups were out of office for the July 4th holiday, which is the week of the regular meeting. The next meeting will be held on August 6th. Ms. Payan responded to questions from the group.

Other Business

The group entered into a discussion on the challenges faced by youth and transition aged youth (young adults ages 17-28) with complex needs (e.g., foster care, co-occurring conditions, human trafficking victims, unhoused, children without placement). Judge Perez reinforced the importance of improving options for this population as it is a group that without appropriate support will most likely end up in the justice system.

Several individuals commented that the Family Leadership Council has a Specialty Care Work Group meeting monthly on this topic. This population is one that is difficult to count so that solutions such as respite care and residential treatment can be made readily available. A presentation on the progress the group is making will be planned for the next JLC meeting.

Adjourn

Judge Perez adjourned the meeting at 3:02 pm.



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JLC July 17th Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Endeavors' New Health and Wellness Center
- III. New Legislation Impact on Jail Population
- IV. Jail Based Competency Restoration
 - a) HHSC Jail In-Reach Programming

Other Updates

- VI. Reentry
- VII. Justice Leadership Coordinating Committee
- VIII. Jail Diversion Committee
- IX. Crisis System – MCOT/YCOT
- X. Other Business



Endeavors' New Center

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HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER



SERVING COMMUNITIES FOR OVER 55 YEARS

In 1969, five San Antonio Presbyterian churches saw a need in San Antonio. Together, they knew they could help.

Led by the Rev. Dr. Louis Zbinden of San Antonio's First Presbyterian Church, they created the San Antonio Urban Council to provide health care, education, homelessness support, senior citizen support, and childcare to low-income San Antonio families.

Endeavors, and many other community nonprofits, grew from this initial effort.



Snow on [First Presbyterian] church and building rooftops, San Antonio, Tex., 1949, San Antonio Light Photograph Collection, MS 359, University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries Special Collections.

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Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute



Today

Today, Endeavors continues to find ways to serve those in need, working hard to expand programs and services.

MISSION



Endeavors passionately serves vulnerable people in crisis through our innovative, personalized approach.

We seek to provide comprehensive, effective, and innovative services that encourage growth, allowing people to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities.

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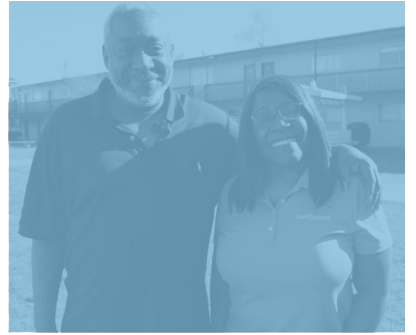
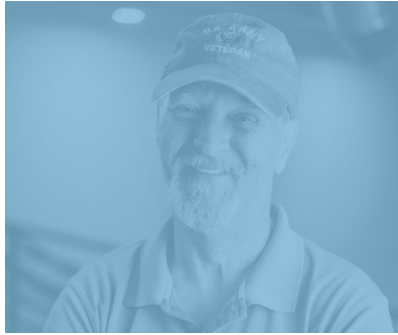


We are committed to providing a helping hand to restore dignity and improve the quality of life for every client, every time, in every community we serve.

CORE COMPETENCIES



Personalized Case Management
Mental Health & Wellness
Rapid Response
Sheltering Vulnerable Populations



WHO WE SERVE

- Active-duty military, veterans, first responders, and their families
- Families facing homelessness
- Communities recovering from disasters
- People with chronic physical and/or mental disabilities
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Children in crisis, including those in foster care and young adults aging out of foster

A Proud History of Support

Endeavors is proud to serve El Pasoans through:

- Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Endeavors
- Veteran Supportive Services
- Homelessness Prevention Services
- Customs & Border Protection Workforce Readiness
- Victim of Crime Assistance Program
- Disaster & Critical Incident Shelter Support



What's next: The Endeavors Health and Wellness Center



15 minutes from William Beaumont Army Medical Center

20 minutes from Fort Bliss

Community spaces

Medical and **wellness** services

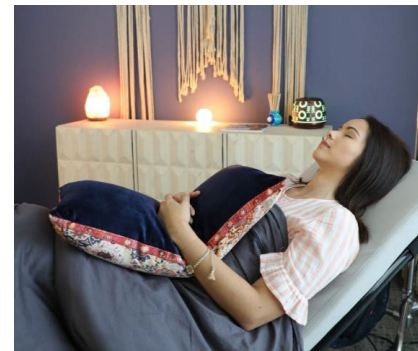
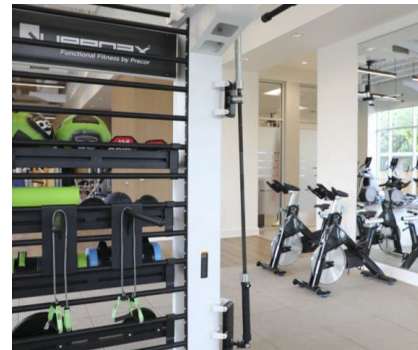
Mental health

**counseling Offices &
professional services**

The Endeavors Fitness Center

- Equipment is fully adaptable for Wounded Warriors
- Yoga, HiiT Classes, Zumba, and other functional fitness offerings
- Personal training sessions
- Guided group/individual meditation offerings
- Mindfulness coaching
- Reiki, breathwork, and a relaxation room

Open to everyone and offering a full-range of equipment and courses.



Other services

We surveyed almost 1,500 individuals to determine the needs of El Paso's veteran and active-duty service member community. While we are open to all, we are prioritizing services that can aid our veteran, service members, first responders, and their families with mental health care, housing, education, case management, and readiness services.

Cohen Veterans Network	K9s for Warriors	Mental Health Counseling and Peer Support
Housing Programs	El Paso Sheriff's Department	Physical and Occupational Therapy
University of Texas at El Paso	City of El Paso	Massage Therapy
Wounded Warrior Project	Banking services	Psychiatry
Supportive Services for Veteran Families	Family Medical Practice	Family Medical Practice
Employment Assistance	Chiropractic Care	Acupuncture
Customs & Border	Pharmacy	Endeavors Cafe

Supporting the Community

Center will support growth on the east side

- Conveniently **located between the 79936 and 79938 zip code**, two of the most heavily veteran-populated zip codes in El Paso
- **Nearby veteran resources** include William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, and the new VA Hospital
- **Numerous medical specialties along the 375 East corridor**, and only 1.5 miles from Providence East Hospital
- Also hiring **mental health counselors, case managers, life skill coordinators, personal trainers, and landscaping and maintenance employees**

Green Spaces & Recreational Areas



Community Meeting Room



Endeavors Café



Check us out!



Grand Opening

Thursday, Nov 13

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Here to Help

Benjamin Miranda

Corporate External Affairs Officer, Endeavors

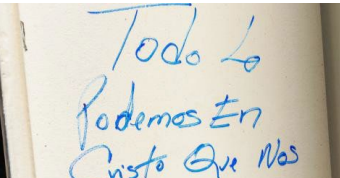
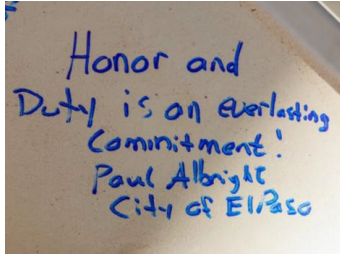


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New Legislation Impact on Jail Population



Jail Based Competency Restoration
a) HHSC Jail In-Reach Programming



Other Updates



NEXT MEETING

 Target – August 27, 2025,
2:00 pm

Justice Leadership Council

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Justice Leadership Council
Sheriff Wiles Chair
Chrystal Davis Vice Chair

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Facilitator/Technical Support

Jail Diversion Committee
SIM Intercepts 0,1,2

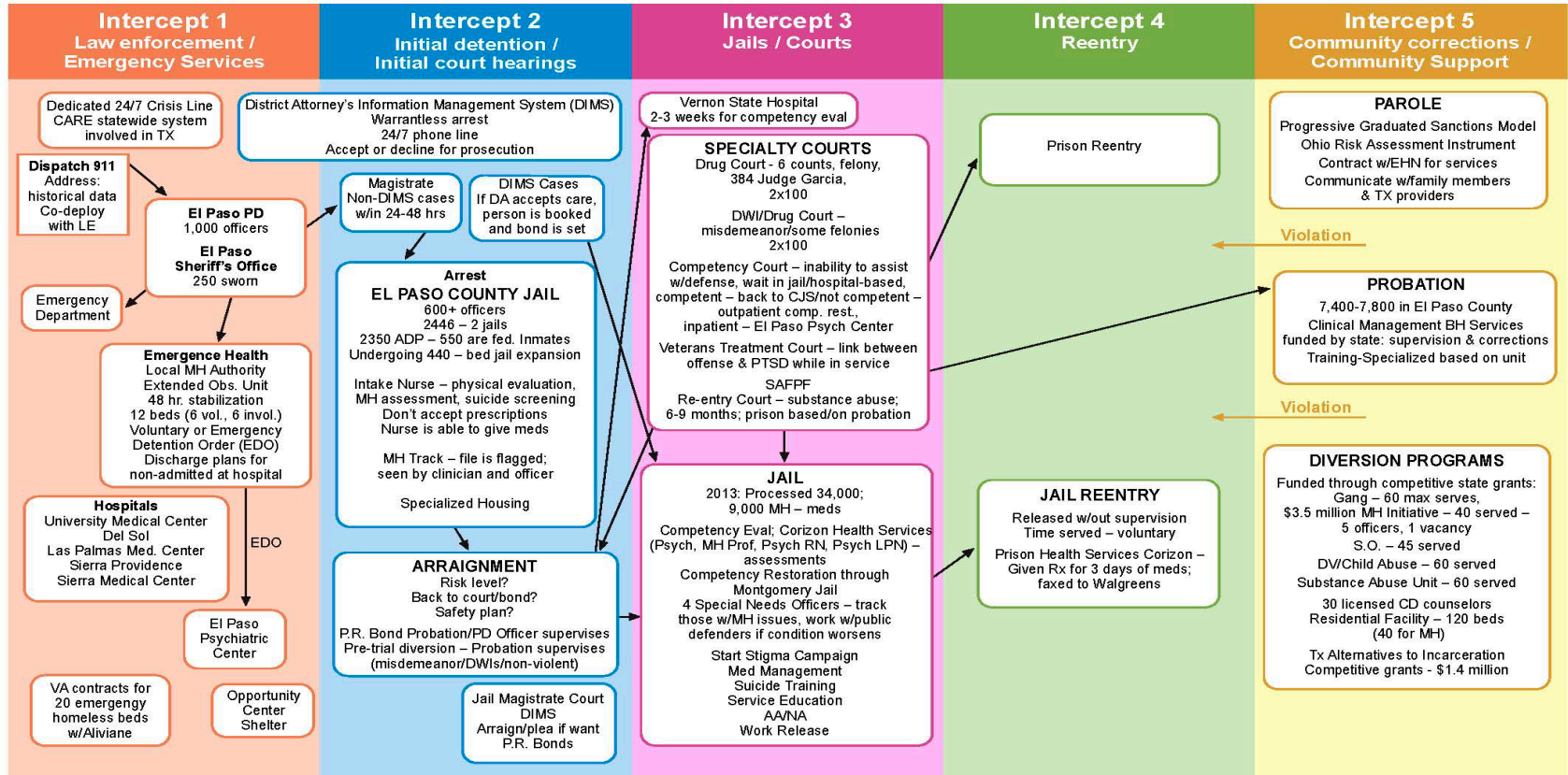


Justice Leadership Coordinating Committee



Reentry Task Force (BJA)
SIM Intercepts 3,4,5

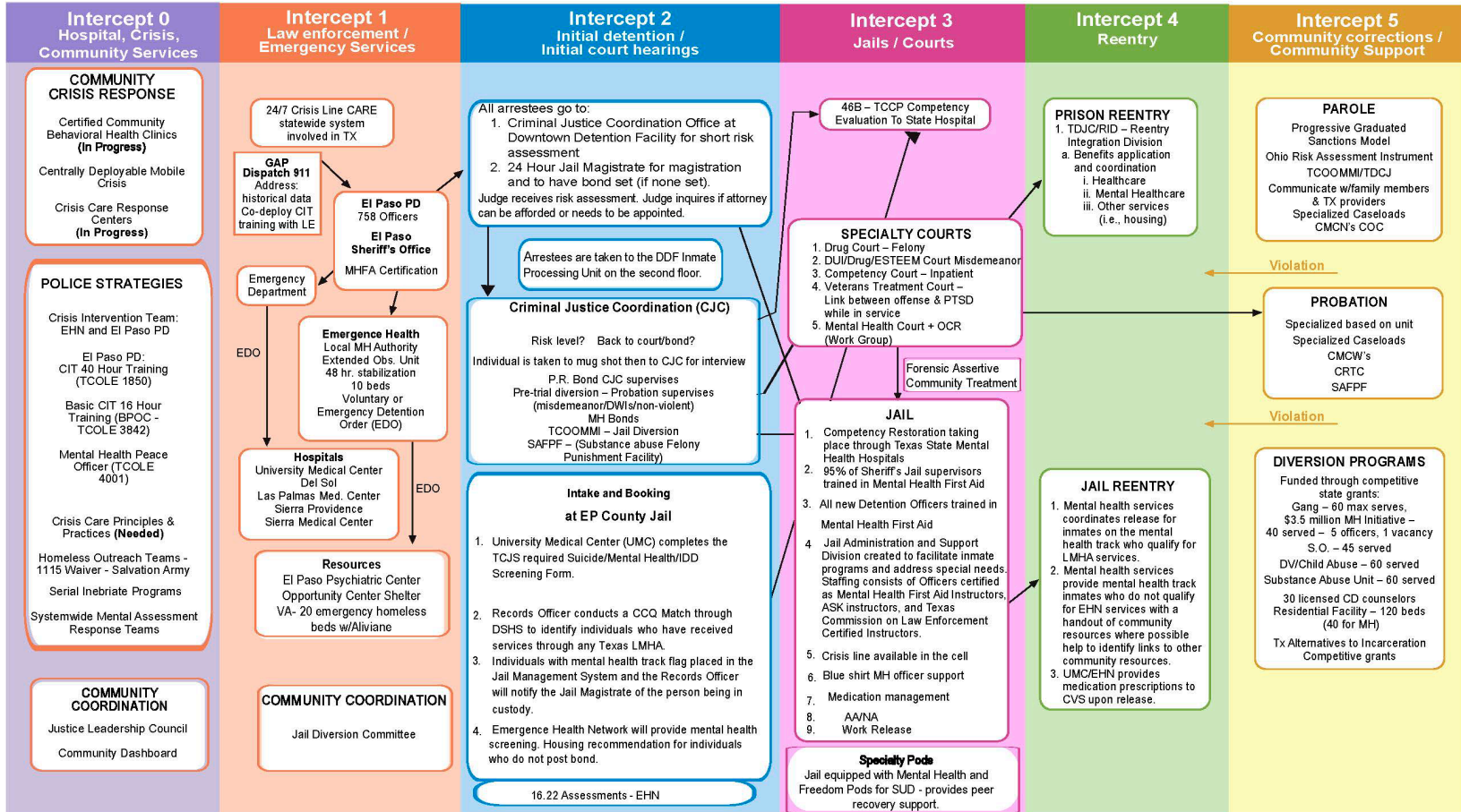
September 2014 El Paso County, TX Sequential Intercept Map



Community Resources



2019 El Paso County, TX Sequential Intercept Map



SIU UPDATE 2022

Intercept 0
Community Services

- **COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE**
 - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic - 1 active EHN Clinic
 - Centrally Deployable Mobile Crisis
- Crisis Care Response Centers (*In Progress*)
- **POLICE STRATEGIES**
 - Crisis Intervention Team: EHN and El Paso PD - 14 Units
 - CIT Expansion
 - El Paso County Sheriff - 3 Units
 - City of Socorro - 2 units
 - Exploring use of tablets for Mental Health provider virtual access on site
- El Paso PD: CIT 40 Hour Training (TCOLE 1850)
- Basic CIT 16 Hour Training (BPOC - TCOLE 3842)
- Mental Health Peace Officer (TCOLE 4001)
- Crisis Care Principles & Practices (*Needed*)
- Homeless Outreach Teams
 - Serial Inebriate Programs
 - Systemwide Mental Assessment Response Teams
 - Cohen/Endeavors Veterans Wellness Center
 - Substance use drop in (Punto de Partida)
 - project chance
- **COMMUNITY COORDINATION**
 - Justice Leadership Council
 - Community Dashboard

Intercept 1
Law Enforcement and Emergency Services

- 24/7 Crisis Line CARE statewide system involved in Conversion to 988 System and processes
- Dispatch 911 - Explore refined dispatch with mental health professional consults
- **El Paso PD**
 - 1024 Officers
- **El Paso Sheriff's Office**
 - 240 Deputies
 - MHFA Certification
- **EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK - LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**
 - Extended Obs. Unit
 - 48 hr. stabilization
 - 10 beds
 - Voluntary or Emergency Detention Order (EDO) Explore expanded availability of full service or medical clearance
- **HOSPITALS**
 - University Medical Center Del Sol
 - Las Palmas Med. Center
 - Sierra Providence Sierra Medical Center
- **RESOURCES**
 - El Paso Psychiatric Cntr.
 - Opportunity Center Shelter
 - VA- 20 emergency homeless beds w/Aliviane
 - Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH)
- **COMMUNITY COORDINATION**
 - Jail Diversion Committee
 - Re-Entry Taskforce

Intercept 2
Initial Detention and Initial Court Hearings

- **ALL ARRESTEES GO TO:**
 - Criminal Justice Coordination Office at Downtown Detention Facility for short risk assessment
 - 24 Hour Jail Magistrate for magistration and to have bond set (if none set).
 - Judge receives risk assessment. Judge inquires if attorney can be afforded or needs to be appointed.
 - Arrestees are taken to the DDF Inmate Processing Unit on the second floor.
- **CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION (CJC)**
 - Risk level? Back to court/bond?
 - Individual is taken to mug shot then to CJC for interview
 - P.R. Bond CJC supervises
 - Pre-trial diversion - Probation supervises (misdemeanor/DWIs/non-violent)
 - MH Bonds
 - TCOOMMI - Jail Diversion
 - SAFFP - (Substance abuse Felony Punishment Facility)
- **INTAKE & BOOKING AT EP COUNTY JAIL**
 - University Medical Center (UMC) completes the TCJS required Suicide/Mental Health/IDD Screening Form.
 - Records Officer conducts a CQ Match through DSHS to identify individuals who have received services through any Texas LMHA.
 - Individuals with mental health track flag placed in the Jail Management System and the Records Officer will notify the Jail Magistrate of the person being in custody.
 - Emergence Health Network will provide mental health screening. Housing recommendation for individuals who do not post bond.

Intercept 3
Jails and Courts

- **46B - TCCP COMPETENCY EVALUATION TO STATE HOSPITAL**
- **SPECIALTY COURTS**
 - Drug Court - Felony
 - DUI/Drug/ESTEEM Court Misdemeanor
 - Competency Court - Inpatient
 - Veterans Treatment Court - Link between offense & PTSD while in service
 - Mental Health Court + OCR (Work Group)
- **FORENSIC ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT (AOT) Service for 50 INDIVIDUALS**
- **JAIL**
 - Competency Restoration taking place through Texas State Mental Health Hospitals
 - Competency Waitlist(160)
 - 112: Non-Max Security
 - 54: MaxSecurity
 - 95% of Sheriff's Jail supervisors train in Mental Health First Aid
- All new Detention Officers trained in Mental Health First Aid
- Jail Administration and Support Division created to facilitate inmate programs and address special needs. Staffing consists of Mental Health First Aid Instructors, ASK Instructors, and Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Certified Instructors.
- Crisis line available in the cell
- Blue shirt MH officer support
- Medication management
- AA/NA
- Work Release
- **SPECIALTY PODS**
 - Jail equipped with Mental Health and Freedom Pods for SUD - provides peer recovery support.

Intercept 4
Reentry

- **PRISON REENTRY**
 - DJC/RID - Reentry Integration Division
 - Benefits application and coordination
 - Healthcare
 - Mental Healthcare
 - Other services (i.e., housing)
- **JAIL REENTRY**
 - Mental health services coordinates release for inmates on the mental health track who qualify for LMHA services.
 - Mental health services provide mental health track inmates who do not qualify for EHN services with a handout of community resources where possible help to identify links to other community resources.
 - UMC/EHN provides medication prescriptions to CVS upon release.
- **COMMUNITY COORDINATION**
 - Re-Entry Transitional Living and Support Center (EP County - near Jail Annex)
 - Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) EHN

Intercept 5
Community Corrections and Community Support

- **PAROLE**
 - Progressive Graduated Sanctions Model
 - Ohio Risk Assessment Instrument
 - Contract w/EHN for services
 - Communicate w/family members & TX providers
- **PROBATION**
 - 7,400-7,800 in El Paso County
 - Clinical Management BH Services funded by state: supervision & corrections
 - Training-Specialized based on unit
- **DIVERSION PROGRAMS**
 - Funded through competitive state grants:
 - Gang - 60 max serves, \$3.5 million MH Initiative
 - S.O. - 45 served
 - DV/Child Abuse - 60 served
 - Substance Abuse Unit - 60 served
 - 30 licensed CD counselors Residential Facility - 120 beds (40 for MH)
 - Tx Alternatives to Incarceration Competitive grants

Preventing Isolation and Promoting Social Connection

“isolation and silos weaken our communities; without strong communities, we cannot pull together in times of hardship and our diversity turns from a source of strength to a source of conflict. **When we have strong connections with each other everything is possible”.**

- U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy