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# Developing OCR and JBCR Programs in Harris County

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# A Full Continuum of Competency Restoration Services in Harris County

- **State Hospital**
- **UT Health- Harris County Psychiatric Center**
  - Can step-down into outpatient competency restoration, if appropriate
- **Jail Based Competency Restoration**
  - Accepts individuals on the Maximum Security Unit waitlist
  - Can step-down into outpatient competency restoration if appropriate
- **Outpatient Competency Restoration**
  - Services delivered in one location - provided by UT Health
  - Can step-up into JBCR or HCPC depending on patient need



# Outpatient Competency Restoration

- **FY 2022 Data**
  - Restoration Rate: 69%
  - Average Length of Stay: 61 days
  - Total Beds: 16
    - Resident: 54%
    - Commuter: 46%
    - Jail: 49%
    - Bond: 51%
- **Residential Component**
  - Participants can stay on-site or live in the community with court approval
- **Safeguards**
  - Rigorous assessment process
  - The Harris Center funds GPS ankle monitors for patients transitioning from jail

# Jail Based Competency Restoration

- **FY 2022 Data**

- Restoration Rate: 93%
- Average Length of Stay: 55 days
- Total Beds: 20
  - MSU: 52%
  - Felony: 83%
  - Misdemeanors: 17%

- **Key Points**

- Collaboration with Community Partners
  - Creating a workflow and including all parties
  - Including 17.032 Charges





# Jail Based Competency Restoration

- **Key Points**

- One centralized Competency Restoration Docket
- Weekly court staffings

- **Lessons Learned**

- Assessment orders allow for gatekeeping and quality control
- Addressing Misdemeanors and timeout issues
- JBCR to OCR Stepdown (if appropriate)
- Less than 1% of completed JBCR patients required their original MSU bed

# JBCR Highlights

- **May 2020-** Funding for the JBCR Program Provided by Texas Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- **October 2021-** The JBCR Mentorship Program was developed
- **December 2021-** The JBCR MD Virtual Cohort had its first meeting
- **December 2021-** The JBCR Program underwent an HHSC State Audit and passed with a score of 100%, citing no program deficiencies
- **January 2022-** Through collaboration, the Harris County JBCR Program assisted four other counties or jails with JBCR program development and start-up
- **April 2022-** Implementation of Client-Attorney Structured Engagement (CASE) virtual pilot program
- **July 2022-** Submitted the JBCR Program for an American Psychiatric Association Award
- **October 2022-** Presented at the National Commission on Correctional Health Care's (NCCHC) Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV

