

Forensic Supervised Transitional Residential Aftercare

PROPOSED: To utilize FSTRA as a resource to provide secure community-based competency restoration

GOAL: Provide excellent, competent psychiatric treatment and competency restoration education services, alleviating the burden on the forensic and mental hospitals, the courts, and jails.

PROPOSED POPULATION:

Criminal defendants from around the state, who have been found incompetent to proceed, and meet certain categories:

- 1) Incarcerated individuals who do not meet criteria for inpatient admission to mental hospital (most misdemeanors and drug charges)
- 2) Incarcerated individuals that can be released from jail to the custody of Grace Outreach
- 3) Individuals on bond who are unable or unwilling to follow and comply with outpatient treatment and competency restoration services
- 4) Individuals who have been restored to competency at mental hospital, but require a continued restricted, psychiatric setting to maintain competency

DESCRIPTION OF GRACE OUTREACH WITH STAFFING, SECURITY, SUPERVISION, AND TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED

CHANGES TO CURRENT FSTRA PROGRAMMING TO ACCOMMODATE:

The addition of legal rights/courtroom procedure to programming...twice weekly, by trained individuals in competency restoration criteria

dedicated case workers to coordinate with court

Routine and as needed reports to the court regarding progress and recommendations

OTHER PROGRAMMING TO CONTINUE:

Contract with psychiatric providers

Nursing staff with medication administration

Restricted movement

Forensic mental health services (therapy, education, case management, housing)

PROPOSED QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND POSITIONS

Director of program

Medical Director

Quality Assurance Manager/Compliance Officer – in addition to in-house compliance, this individual will report regularly to the undersecretary and DHH, and any designees of their choice

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Local hospitals – Grace Outreach already has relationships and contacts with local, acute psychiatric units

Coroner's Office – Should an Order for Protective Custody be required

Local recovery community – individuals from the community provide 12 step meetings

Louisiana parish jails

Criminal courts from the entire state

Mental hospital