

MHMR TARRANT FY 2025-2026 LOCAL PROVIDER NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Local Provider Network Development Plan: Fiscal Year 2025

The Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) requires all local mental health authorities (LMHA) and local behavioral health authorities (LBHA) complete the Local Provider Network Development (LPND) plan and submit in Word format (not PDF) to <u>Performance.Contracts@hhs.texas.gov</u> **no later than December 31, 2024**.

LMHAs and LBHAs are required to complete Part I, which includes providing baseline data about services, contracts, and documentation of the LMHA's or LBHA's assessment of provider availability; and Part III, which outlines Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC) involvement and public comment.

HHSC only requires LMHAs and LBHAs to complete Part II if there are new providers interested to include procurement plans.

NOTES:

- This process applies only to services funded through the Mental Health Performance Contract Notebook (MH/PCN); it does not cover services funded through Medicaid Managed Care. Throughout the document, only report data for the non-Medicaid population.
- The requirements for network development pertain only to provider organizations and complete levels of care or specialty services. Local needs and priorities govern routine or discrete outpatient services and services provided by individual practitioners, and these services are not part of the assessment of provider availability or plans for procurement.
- When completing the template, ensure conciseness, specificity, and use bullet points where possible, providing information only for the period since submitting the fiscal year 2023 LPND plan and adding rows in tables as necessary for responses.

PART I: Required for all LMHAs and LBHAs

Local Service Area

 Provide information in table 1 about your local service area using data from the most recent Mental and Behavioral Health Outpatient Warehouse (MBOW) data set on LMHA or LBHA Area and Population Statistics, found in the MBOW's General Warehouse folder.

Population	LMHA or LBHA Data
Square miles	865.2
Population density	2,340 ppl per sq mile
Total number of counties	1
Number of rural counties	0
Number of urban counties	1

Table 1: Area and Population Statistics

Current Services and Contracts

- 2. Complete tables 2 through 4 to provide an overview of current services and contracts.
- 3. List the service capacity based on the most recent MBOW data set.
 - a) For levels of care (LOC), list the non-Medicaid average monthly served found in MBOW using data from the LOC-A by Center (Non-Medicaid Only and All Clients) report in the General Warehouse folder.
 - b) For residential programs, list the total number of beds and total discharges (all clients).
 - c) For other services, identify the unit of service (all clients).

- d) Estimate the service capacity for fiscal year 2025. If no change is anticipated, enter the same information previous column.
- e) State the total percent of each service contracted out to external providers in fiscal year 2024. For LOCs, do not include contracts for discrete services within those levels of care when calculating percentages.

LOC	Most recent service capacity (non- Medicaid only)	Estimated FY 2025 service capacity (non-Medicaid only)	% total non-Medicaid capacity provided by external providers in FY 2025
Adult LOC 1m	1	1	0
Adult LOC 1s	3990	3995	0
Adult LOC 2	1017	1025	0
Adult LOC 3	936	933	0
Adult LOC 4	55	55	0
Adult LOC 5	163	163	0

Table 3: Service Capacity for Children's Community Mental Health ServiceLOCs

LOC	Most recent service capacity (non- Medicaid only)	Estimated FY 2025 service capacity (non- Medicaid only)	% total non-Medicaid capacity provided by external providers in FY 2025
Children's LOC 1	118	118	0
Children's LOC 2	152	151	0

LOC	Most recent service capacity (non- Medicaid only)	Estimated FY 2025 service capacity (non- Medicaid only)	% total non-Medicaid capacity provided by external providers in FY 2025
Children's LOC 3	165	164	0%
Children's LOC 4	3	3	0%
Children's LOC YC	2	2	0%
Children's LOC 5	15	15	0%

Table 4: Service Capacity for Crisis Services

Crisis Service	FY 2024 service capacity	Estimated FY 2025 service capacity	% total capacity provided by external providers in FY 2024
Crisis Hotline	131,251	112,020	0%
Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams	15,688	15,288	0%
Private Psychiatric Beds	17,746 Bed Days	17,746 Bed Days	100%
Community Mental Health Hospital Beds	6,916 Bed Days	6,916 Bed Days	100%
Contracted Psychiatric Beds (CPBs)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Extended Observation Units (EOUs)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Crisis Residential Units (CRUs) 21 Beds	Discharges: 268	Discharges: 264	0%

Crisis Service	FY 2024 service capacity	Estimated FY 2025 service capacity	% total capacity provided by external providers in FY 2024
Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Crisis Respite Units (CRUs) 22 Beds	Discharges: 379	Discharges: 480	0%

- 4. List all contracts for fiscal year 2025 in the tables 5 and 6. Include contracts with provider organizations and individual practitioners for discrete services.
 - a) In tables 5 and 6, list the name of the provider organization or individual practitioner. LMHAs or LBHAs must have written consent to include names of individual peer support providers. State the number of individual peers (e.g., "3 individual peers") for peer providers that do not wish to have their names listed.
 - b) List the services provided by each contractor, including full levels of care, discrete services (such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, physician services, or family partner services), crisis and other specialty services, and support services (such as pharmacy benefits management, laboratory, etc.).

Provider Organization	Service(s)
Acclaim Physician Group, Inc.	Tarrant County Mental Health Jail Diversion Center -
	Medical Services
ACH Child and Family Services	Secure Crisis Respite Housing - Emergency Care Services
	Only
Alo Civitas Consulting LLC	Consulting Services - Administrative Support
Altman Psychological Services, PLLC	Competency Evaluations - 4806000.40.4200.0
Balance Forensic and General Psychological Service	Jail Based Competency Examinations & Evaluations
	Program
Charity Logic Corporation (iCarol)	Program Restrictions Feature
Day Resource Center for the Homeless (DBA DRC	Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC)
Solutions)	
Denton County MHMR Center	Denton County: Crisis Line Services

Table 5: Provider Organizations

Provider Organization	Service(s)
Depression Connection for Recovery	Consumer Operated Services Program (COSP) -
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Depression Connection for Recovery	Consumer Operated Services Program (COSP) - Regular Grant - GL 7033500.40.4400.4510.0
Duane Melvin Henderson	Experiential Therapy (ROPES) and Group Counseling
East Texas Behavioral Healthcare Network (ETBHN)	Telehealth - Psychiatric Services Telemedicine
Education Service Center Region 11 (ESC)	MHFA Training Space - Edwina Thompson
Empower Parent Inc (DBA MST Services LLC)	Licensing, Training, and Support Fees
Fort Worth Housing Solutions	Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) - Supportive Housing and Rental Assistance
Gifted Purpose Infant and Child Development Consulting Services, LLC	Consulting Services - Healthy Steps
Glint Advertising & Design	Purchase internet domain name - Think Before You Sleep.com (TBYS)
Guardianship Services, Inc. (GSI)	Guardianship Services - Court Appointed Guardian - GL 4820009
Hired Hands, Inc.	Translation and Interpretation Services - GL 4816500
Jennifer Beeson	Behavioral Intervention Services
Jeronimo Aviles	Training - Batterers Intervention Program (BIP) - Groups in Spanish - GL 4814000
Karten Psychological Services, P.C.	Jail Based Competency Examinations & Evaluations Program
Kristi Compton, Ph.D.	Competency Evaluations
Lena Pope Home	Community Resource Coordination Group (CRCG)
Mental Health Peer Services of Greater Fort Worth (MHPS)	Consumer Operated Services Program (COSP) - Expansion and Enhancement
Mental Health Peer Services of Greater Fort Worth (MHPS)	Consumer Operated Services Program (COSP) Regular Grant
Millwood Hospital	IOP, PHP, and Camp
Odysseyware (Formerly Edgenuity, Inc)	Online Curriculum
Pathways Vermont Inc	Training - High Impact
Patty Kake, Inc (DBA MedData Services)	Software License Fee
Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County (PNS)	Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC)
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Recovery Resource Council	Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC)
Recovery Resource Council	Outreach, Screening, Assessment, and Referral (OSAR)
Shelley J. Hardell (DBA Spectrum Interpreting Services)	Interpretation for hearing impaired individuals
Tarrant County	Joint Project - Case Manager
Tarrant County	Case Management for RISE Program
Tarrant County Challenge, Inc.	Family Recovery Court Oversight (through DOJ Grant)
Tarrant County Clubhouse (DBA Cowtown Clubhouse)	Clubhouse Services
Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC)	High ImpACT - Landlord Engagement Coordinator

Provider Organization	Service(s)
Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC)	Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC), Economic Mobility
Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC)	HR133 Mobile Housing Assessors
Texas Council of Community Centers	Youth Crisis Outreach Teams (YCOT) initiative in Texas
Texas Health Physicians Group	Physician - EKG Interpretation
Texoma Community Center	Outreach Screening Assessment Referral (OSAR) - Outreach
The Salvation Army North Texas Area Command	Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) - START Program
The Salvation Army North Texas Area Command	Mabee Center Simon House - Transitional Housing Program
Translation & Interpretation Network, LLC	FY25 - Translation and Interpretation Services
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Trilogy Integrated Resources, LLC	Web Site Design - Homeless Services
Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County (UGM)	Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) - Homeless Individual Employment Training
University of Texas at Austin	Preschool Development Grant, Birth to Age 5

Table 6: Individual Practitioners

Individual Practitioner	Service(s)
Duane Mel Henderson	Counseling
Duane Mel Henderson	ROPES Instructor
Van Eric Martin	COPSD Counselor

Administrative Efficiencies

- 5. Using bullet format, describe the strategies the LMHA or LBHA is using to minimize overhead and administrative costs and achieve purchasing and other administrative efficiencies, as required by the state legislature (see Appendix C).
 - MHMR Tarrant utilizes Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) procured contracts whenever possible.
 - MHMR Tarrant has implemented an Electronic Health Record, replacing its paper medical records.

- MHMR Tarrant has increased the number of contracted Medicaid and Commercial Health Plans to pay for mental health services.
- MHMR Tarrant is under contract with certain Medicaid MCOs to provided additional services through delegated service agreements.
- List partnerships with other LMHAs and LBHAs related to planning, administration, purchasing, and procurement or other authority functions, or service delivery in table 7. Include only current and ongoing partnerships.

Start Date	Partner(s)	Functions
9/1/2005	Denton County MHMR	Crisis Line
12/1/2007	Heart of Texas Region MHMR	Crisis Line
10/1/2016	LifePath Systems	Crisis Line

Table 7: LMHA or LBHA Partnerships

Provider Availability

The LPND process is specific to provider organizations interested in providing full LOCs to the non-Medicaid population or specialty services. It is not necessary to assess the availability of individual practitioners. Procurement for the services of individual practitioners is governed by local needs and priorities.

7. Using bullet format, describe steps the LMHA or LBHA took to identify potential external providers for this planning cycle. Be as specific as possible.

For example, if you posted information on your website, explain how providers were notified the information was available. Describe contacts with your existing network, Managed Care Organizations, past providers and other behavioral health providers and organizations in the local service area via phone and email. Include information on meetings with stakeholders, networking events and input from your PNAC about local providers.

- MHMR Tarrant maintains a "Business Opportunities" page on the agency's website to inform interested providers of current contracting opportunities. Interested providers are directed via telephone or email how to access the website and access available open enrollment applications.
- MHMR Tarrant monitors and maintains an email address (<u>Provider.Relations@mhmrtc.org</u>) to facilitate potential provider inquires. MHMR's Tarrant Provider Relations office responds to both email and telephone inquiries about contracting opportunities. Provider interest continues largely to focus on residential or discrete services.
- 8. Complete table 8 by listing each potential provider identified during the process described above. Include all current contractors, provider organizations that registered on the HHSC website, and provider organizations that have submitted written inquiries since submission of the fiscal year 2023 LPND plan. HHSC will notify an LMHA or LBHA if a provider expresses interest in contracting via the HHSC website. HHSC will accept new provider inquiry forms through the HHSC website from September 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. When completing the table:
 - Note the source used to identify the provider (e.g., current contract, HHSC website, LMHA or LBHA website, e-mail, written inquiry).
 - Summarize the content of the follow-up contact described in Appendix A. If the provider did not respond to your invitation within 14 days, document your actions and the provider's response. In the final column, note the conclusion regarding the provider's availability. For those deemed to be potential providers, include the type of services the provider can provide and the provider's service capacity.

Do not finalize your provider availability assessment or post the LPND plan for public comment before September 1, 2024.

Table 8: Potential Providers

Provider	Source of Identification	Summary of Follow- up Meeting or Teleconference	Assessment of Provider Availability, Services, and Capacity
No Interest Indicated			

Part II: Required only for LMHAs and LBHAs with potential for network development

Procurement Plans

If the assessment of provider availability indicates potential for network development, the LMHA or LBHA must initiate procurement.

26 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 301, Local Authority Responsibilities, Subchapter F, Provider Network Development describes the conditions under which an LMHA or LBHA may continue to provide services when there are available and appropriate external providers. Include plans to procure complete levels of care or specialty services from provider organizations. Do not include procurement for individual practitioners to provide discrete services.

- 9. Complete table 9, inserting additional rows as need.
 - a) Identify the service(s) to be procured. Make a separate entry for each service or combination of services that will be procured as a separate contracting unit. Specify Adult or Child if applicable.
 - b) State the capacity to be procured, and the percent of total capacity for that service.
 - c) State the method of procurement—open enrollment Request for Application (RFA) or request for proposal (RFP).
 - d) Identify the geographic area for which the service will be procured: all counties or name selected counties.
 - e) Document the planned begin and end dates for the procurement, and the planned contract start date.

Table 9: Procurement Plans

Service or Combination of Services to be Procured	Capacity to be Procured	Method (RFA or RFP)	Geographic Area(s) in Which Service(s) will be Procured	Posting Start Date	Posting End Date	Contract Start Date

Rationale for Limitations

Network development includes the addition of new provider organizations, services, or capacity to an LMHA's or LBHA's external provider network.

- Complete table 10 based on the LMHA's or LBHA's assessment of provider availability. Review <u>26 TAC Section 301.259</u> carefully to be sure the rationale addresses the requirements specified in the rule (See Appendix B).
 - a) Based on the LMHA's or LBHA's assessment of provider availability, respond to each of the following questions.
 - b) If "yes" is answered for any restriction identified in table 10, provide a clear rationale.
 - c) If the restriction applies to multiple procurements, the rationale must address each of the restricted procurements or state that it is applicable to all the restricted procurements.
 - d) The rationale must provide a basis for the proposed level of restriction, including the volume of services to be provided by the LMHA or LBHA.

Table 10: Procurement Limitations

		Yes	No	Rationale
1.	Are there any services with potential for network development that are not scheduled for procurement?			
2.	Are any limitations being placed on percentage of total capacity or volume of services external providers will be able to provide for any service?			
3.	Are any of the procurements limited to certain counties within the local service area?			
4.	Is there a limitation on the number of providers that will be accepted for any of the procurements?			

11. Complete table 11 if the LMHA or LBHA will not be procuring all available capacity offered by external contractors for one or more services and identify the planned transition period and the year in which the LMHA or LBHA anticipates procuring the full external provider capacity currently available (not to exceed the LMHA's or LBHA's capacity).

Table 11: Procurement Transitions

Service	Transition Period	Year of Full Procurement

Capacity Development

- 12. In table 12, document the LMHA's or LBHA's procurement activity since the submission of the fiscal year 2023 LPND plan. Include procurements implemented as part of the LPND plan and any other procurements for full LOCs and specialty services that have been conducted.
 - a) List each service separately, including the percent of capacity offered and the geographic area in which the service was procured.
 - b) State the results, including the number of providers obtained and the percent of service capacity contracted because of the procurement. If no providers were obtained because of procurement efforts, state "none."

Year	Procurement (Service, % of Capacity, Geographic Area)	Results (Providers and Capacity)

Table 12: Procurement Activities

PART III: Required for all LMHAs and LBHAs

PNAC Involvement

13. Complete table 13 to show PNAC involvement. PNAC activities should include input into the development of the plan and review of the draft plan. Briefly document the activity and the committee's recommendations. Add additional lines as needed.

Table 13: PNAC Involvement

Date	PNAC Activity and Recommendations
	Reviewed and discussed draft LPND Plan with agency's Adult Behavioral Health Community Advisory Committee.
	Reviewed and discussed draft LPND Plan with agency's Youth Behavioral Health Community Advisory Committee.

Stakeholder Comments on Draft Plan and LMHA or LBHA Response

Allow at least 30 days for public comment on draft plan. Do not post plans for public comment before September 1, 2024.

In table 14, summarize the public comments received on the LMHA's or LBHA's draft plan. If no comments were received, state "none". Use a separate line for each major point identified during the public comment period and identify the stakeholder group(s) offering the comment. Add additional lines as needed. Describe the LMHA's or LBHA's response, which might include:

- Accepting the comment in full and making corresponding modifications to the plan;
- Accepting the comment in part and making corresponding modifications to the plan; or
- Rejecting the comment. Please provide explanation for the LMHA's or LBHA's rationale for rejecting comment.

Table 14: Public Comments

Comment	Stakeholder Group(s)	LMHA or LBHA Response and Rationale
No comments received.		

Complete and submit entire plan to <u>Performance.Contracts@hhs.texas.gov</u> by **December 31, 2024**.

Appendix A: Assessing Provider Availability

Provider organizations can indicate interest in contracting with an LMHA or LBHA through the <u>LPND website</u> or by contacting the LMHA or LBHA directly. On the LPND website, a provider organization can submit a Provider Inquiry Form that includes key information about the provider. HHSC will notify both the provider and the LMHA or LBHA when the Provider Inquiry Form is posted.

During its assessment of provider availability, it is the responsibility of the LMHA or LBHA to contact potential providers to schedule a time for further discussion. This discussion provides both the LMHA or LBHA and the provider an opportunity to share information so both parties can make a more informed decision about potential procurements.

The LMHA or LBHA must work with the provider to find a mutually convenient time for an informational meeting. If the provider does not respond to the invitation or is not able to accommodate a teleconference or a site visit within 14 days of the LMHA's or LBHA's initial contact, the LMHA or LBHA may conclude that the provider is not interested in contracting with the LMHA or LBHA.

If the LMHA or LBHA does not contact the provider, the LMHA or LBHA must assume the provider is interested in contracting with the LMHA or LBHA.

An LMHA or LBHA may not eliminate the provider from consideration during the planning process without evidence the provider is no longer interested or is not qualified of specified provider services in accordance with applicable state and local laws and regulations.

Appendix B: Guidance on Conditions Permitting LMHA and LBHA Service Delivery

In accordance with <u>26 TAC Section 301.259</u> an LMHA or LBHA may only provide services if one or more of the following conditions is present.

- 1. The LMHA or LBHA determines that interested, qualified providers are not available to provide services in the LMHA's or LBHA's service area or that no providers meet procurement specifications.
- 2. The network of external providers does not provide the minimum level of individual choice. A minimal level of individual choice is present if a person and their legally authorized representative(s) can choose from two or more qualified providers.
- 3. The network of external providers does not provide people with access to services that is equal to or better than the level of access in the local network, including services provided by the LMHA or LBHA, as of a date determined by the department. An LMHA or LBHA relying on this condition must submit the information necessary for the department to verify the level of access.
- 4. The combined volume of services delivered by external providers is not sufficient to meet 100 percent of the LMHA's or LBHA's service capacity for each level of care identified in the LMHA's or LBHA's plan.
- 5. Existing agreements restrict the LMHA's or LBHA's ability to contract with external providers for specific services during the two-year period covered by the LMHA's or LBHA's plan. If the LMHA or LBHA relies on this condition, the department shall require the LMHA or LBHA to submit copies of relevant agreements.
- 6. The LMHA and LBHA documents that it is necessary for the LMHA or LBHA to provide specified services during the two-year period covered by the LMHA's or LBHA's plan to preserve critical infrastructure needed to ensure continuous provision of services. An LMHA or LBHA relying on this condition must:
 - a) Document that it has evaluated a range of other measures to ensure continuous delivery of services, including but not limited to those

identified by the PNAC and the department at the beginning of each planning cycle;

- b) Document implementation of appropriate other measures;
- c) Identify a timeframe for transitioning to an external provider network, during which the LMHA or LBHA shall procure an increasing proportion of the service capacity from external provider in successive procurement cycles; and
- d) Give up its role as a service provider at the end of the transition period if the network has multiple external providers and the LMHA or LBHA determines that external providers are willing and able to provide sufficient added service volume within a reasonable period of time to compensate for service volume lost should any one of the external provider contracts be terminated.

Appendix C: Legislative Authority

2022-23 General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 139)

Efficiencies at Local Mental Health Authorities and Intellectual Disability Authorities. HHSC shall ensure that LMHAs, LBHAs and local intellectual disability authorities that receive allocations from the funds appropriated above to HHSC shall maximize the dollars available to provide services by minimizing overhead and administrative costs and achieving purchasing efficiencies. The Legislature also intends that each state agency which enters into a contract with or makes a grant to local authorities does so in a manner that promotes the maximization of thirdparty billing opportunities, including to Medicare and Medicaid.

Funds appropriated above to HHSC in Strategies I.2.1, Long-Term Care Intake and Access, and F.1.3, Non-Medicaid IDD Community Services, may not be used to supplement the rate-based payments incurred by local intellectual disability authorities to provide waiver or ICF/IID^a

^a ICF/IID - Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability

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	Most recent service capacity (non- Medicaid only)	Estimated FY 2025 service capacity (non-Medicaid only)	% total non-Medicaid capacity provided by external providers in FY 2025
	1700	1700	

Table 14: Service Capacity for IDD Services

Table 15: List of Providers

Provider Organization	Service(s)
Advocates for Special People (DBA Special Connexion)	Day Habilitation Services
Aileen Sapian Hummel	Music Therapy
APRX Inc (DBA Randol Mill Pharmacy)	Medications
Behaviorist On Call	Crisis Respite Services
Champion Rehabilitation and Support Services PLLC	Speech & Language Therapy Services
Dwight Ruddock, DDS	Dental Care Services
Expanco, Inc. (DBA Amplify)	Day Habilitation Services
Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth	Day Habilitation Services
Heather's Old Skool Village	Day Habilitation Services
Hired Hands, Inc.	Translation and Interpretation Services - GL 4816500
National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP)	Subscription - E-Badge Academy - 50 Users Online Access
National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP)	Training - Informed Decision Making
National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP)	Training - Direct Service Provider On-Boarding
Quality Living Through Choices (QLTC)	Day Habilitation Services
Red Road Ventures, LLC (DBA Quillo)	Subscription - Application to help Agency engage, inspire, and educate caregivers.
The Clubhouse for Special Needs, Inc.	Day Habilitation Services
Thomas Cockerell, DDS	Dental Care Services
Trinity Challenge LLC	Equine Therapy

Table 16: Procurement Activities

Year	Procurement	Results
Ongoing	Open Enrollment Application for: Audiology Behavioral Supports Community Supports Counseling Day Habilitation Dietary Employment Assistance Nursing Respite Supported Employment Crisis Respite Specialized Therapies	3 to 4 new contracts per year.

Table 17: PNAC Involvement

Date	PNAC Activity and Recommendations
	Reviewed and discussed draft LPND Plan with agency's Intellectual & Developmental Disability Community Advisory Committee.

Table 18: Public Comments

Comment	Stakeholder Group(s)	LMHA or LBHA Response and Rationale
No Comments Received		