



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

Health and Human Services Agencies Briefing
April 19, 2012
10 am to 11:30 am
Capitol Extension, Hearing Room E1.014

Department of State Health Services

- a) Mental Health Update
- b) Tuberculosis Information



Patient Safety Update

- DSHS has contracted with an attorney with expertise related to peer-review processes in order to revise hospital peer-review policies and by-laws to implement needed changes.
- A tracking system for all Class 1 abuse allegations has been developed. The new policy was implemented on March 1.
 - As of March, a list of employees with multiple (2 or more) allegations will be generated and sent to each hospital for review. Employees identified will receive counseling.



Patient Safety Update

- The DSHS Assistant Commissioner for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has been working on a committee with DADS and DFPS to address some of the differences in policies and procedures among the agencies related to abuse and neglect investigations.
- Office of the Inspector General will also begin investigating cases of abuse in the state hospitals that are referred to them by DFPS.
 - This is the process that is utilized by the state supported living centers.



Patient Safety Update

Environmental Considerations

- Installation of windows in treatment rooms.
 - Approximately 342 windows are being installed.
 - These modifications are being made immediately using current resources.
- Evaluation of video cameras in hospitals.



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- Directs DSHS to develop a Request for Proposal to privatize one of the state mental health hospitals by September 2012.
- Approved contract must be for at least four years and must generate at least a 10% savings annually compared to fiscal year 2011 levels.
- Implementation of the privatization of a state hospital is contingent upon the approval of the final privatization contract by the Governor and Legislative Budget Board.



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Rider 63 Plan and Timeline

Draft RFP Released	March 7, 2012
Vendor Comments Due	March 26, 2012
Final RFP Released	April 13, 2012
Project Status Report sent to the Governor and LBB	April 30, 2012
Vendor Conference	May 11, 2012
Vendor Questions Due	May 15, 2012
Proposals Due	June 15, 2012
Tentative Award Announcement	July 15, 2012
Anticipated Contract Start Date	September 15, 2012
Project Status Report sent to the Governor and LBB	July 31, 2013



State Hospital Capacity

Background

- Disability Rights Texas filed a lawsuit against DSHS in February 2007.
 - Referred to as the forensic patient "capacity lawsuit."
 - Claimed that there was an excessive amount of time between a criminal defendant being found incompetent to stand trial and time of admission to state hospital.
- Judge ruled in plaintiffs' favor in January 2012.
- Judge ordered DSHS to make a bed available to a detainee who is incompetent to stand trial within 21 days of a notice to DSHS.



State Hospital Capacity

- DSHS has considered options for ensuring individuals committed to state mental health hospitals are admitted in a timelier manner as per the judge's order.
- The challenge for admitting patients more timely is maximum security capacity.
 - There are currently about 164 individuals waiting for admission to a maximum security bed.
- In addition to maximum security beds, transitional forensic beds must be added to allow for patients to transition out of maximum security.
- DSHS will also contract for civil beds in order to free up current state hospital resources for use with forensic patients.



State Hospital Expansion of Forensic Capacity

- 40 additional Maximum Security Beds are being added at the Maximum Security Unit at the Vernon Campus of North Texas State Hospital (NTSH)
- 60 Forensic Beds are being converted from Forensic to Maximum Security at Rusk State Hospital (RSH)
- 90 beds are being converted from Civil to Forensic at NTSH Wichita Falls Campus, San Antonio State Hospital (SASH) and RSH
- 90 beds will be contracted out to private hospitals to compensate for the loss of civil beds in the state hospitals
- Additional civil beds will also be added to Harris County Psychiatric Center



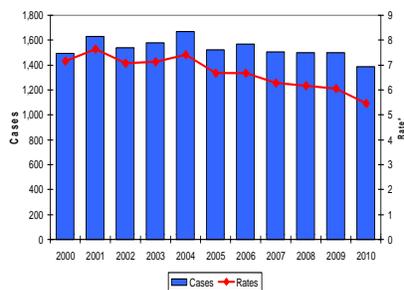
State Hospital Expansion of Forensic Capacity—Implementation

- 132 positions have been created to staff the additional maximum security beds.
- Necessary building enhancements and fence construction have begun.
- Local Mental Health Authorities and corresponding private psychiatric hospitals have been identified.
- Forensic capacity expansion cost:
 - FY2012- \$11.2M
 - FY2013- \$24.95M

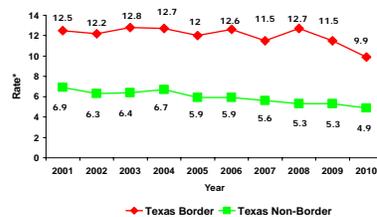


Tuberculosis (TB) in Texas

•TB Cases and Incidence Rates Texas, 2000-2010



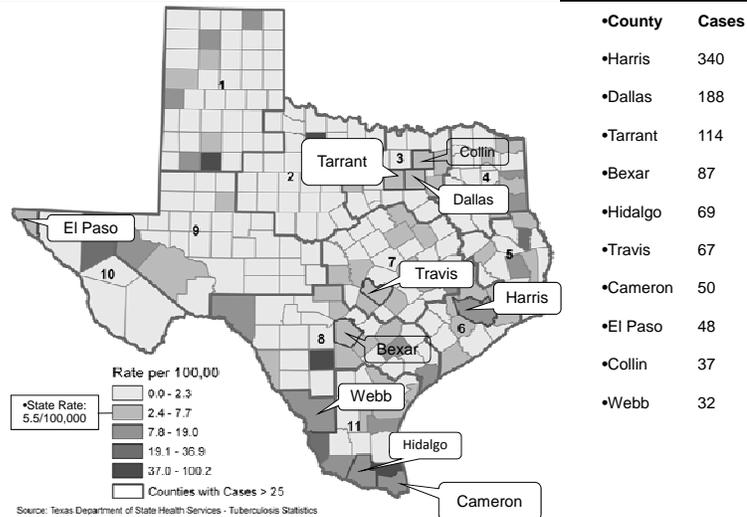
•TB Incidence Rate: Border vs. Non-Border Texas, 2001-2010



*Cases per 100,000 population. Population estimates from the Texas State Data Center, Office of the State Demographer as of July 1, 2011

•The number of reported TB cases declined 7% from 2000 to 2010.

TB Incidence Rates, Texas 2010



Challenges

- In 2011, there was one outbreak involving public schools in North Texas and 16 large-scale contact investigations in congregate settings (workplaces, schools).
- The outbreak and large investigations resulted in testing about 4,500 potentially exposed persons. Estimated cost for the outbreak and large investigations was \$1.3 million.
- Currently, in 2012, 10 large scale investigations (>100 contacts screened).
- In addition, there have been 20 regular investigations (<100 contacts screened).
- Fifteen of these investigations have been in school settings (including colleges and high schools).



Strategic Planning Process

- DSHS convening Expert Panel to support the strategic planning process and recommend evidence-based practices concerning the science, medical management, prevention and control of TB.
- Panel will consider treatment and clinical care, screening, and innovative technologies.
- Panel to be chaired by Jeffrey Stark, M.D., Baylor College of Medicine and will convene for 2 ½ day meeting to conduct its activities.



•TB Strategic Planning Process Overview

