



TCOOMMI Programs

Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments



TCOOMMI Programs Provide:

Pre-release screening and referral to aftercare treatment services for special needs offenders with significant mental health diagnoses referred from:

- State Correctional Institutions
- County and Local Jails
- Other referral sources to include offenders and families



House Bill 1908

As a result of the 84th Legislative Session, House Bill 1908, TCOOMMI programs may serve individuals releasing from TDCJ and/or under community supervision with the following diagnoses:

- Major Depressive Disorder, including single episode or recurrent Major Depressive Disorder;
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder;
- Schizoaffective Disorder, including Bipolar and depressive types;
- Psychotic Disorder;
- Anxiety Disorder;
- Delusional Disorder; or
- Any other diagnosed mental health disorder that is severe or persistent in nature.

**Underlined text indicates newly added diagnoses eligible for services per HB 1908.*



Special Needs Reentry Case Managers

During the 84th Legislative Session, the TDCJ was provided funding for 10 special needs reentry case managers located at select units across the state.

- Crain
- Duncan
- Estelle
- Hospital Galveston
- Hughes
- Jester IV
- Michael
- Montford
- Skyview
- Carole Young



Special Needs Reentry Case Managers (continued)

- TCOOMMI services are offered during reentry case planning utilizing the Texas Risk Assessment System (TRAS) prior to release on supervision.
- The TRAS is used as a tool to determine the level of supervision post release and detects any identified barriers in which assistance can be provided.
- An offender does not have to release on supervision to receive post-release referral TCOOMMI services.



Special Needs Reentry Case Managers (continued)

- If an offender is determined eligible for TCOOMMI services prior to release, a Special Needs Reentry Case Manager can:
 - Assist in submitting benefit applications prior to release;
 - Work with unit medical staff and TCOOMMI Human Service Specialists for post-release continuity of care needs; and
 - Assist in obtaining birth certificates and other identification documents prior to release.



TCOOMMI Local Mental Health Authority

Contracted Programs

- TCOOMMI monitors, coordinates, and implements a continuity of care system for the targeted population through collaborative efforts with 38 local mental health authorities throughout the state.
- For offenders under supervision, levels of service include Intensive Case Management, Transitional Case Management and Continuity of Care.
- Components of case management include case management services, rehabilitation/psychological services, referral to substance abuse treatment, psychiatric services, medication monitoring and linkage to hospice and medical services if appropriate.



TCOOMMI Programs: Levels of Service

TCOOMMI program services may vary depending on the local mental health authority. A description of each service level is provided below:

- **Intensive Case Management (ICM)** services focus on high risk/high clinical needs of clients. This level of service utilizes the Texas Resiliency and Recovery (TRR) measure as well as the parole or probation risk measures and includes 3.5 hours of comprehensive team-oriented services and monthly contact with supervising officer.
- **Transitional Case Management (TCM)** focuses on moderate risk/ moderate clinical need clients and utilizes the TRR measure as well as the parole or probation risk measures. This level of service includes 1.5 hours of transition/stepdown oriented services and monthly contact with supervising officer.



TCOOMMI Programs: Levels of Service

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- **Continuity of Care Programs (COC)** are designed to provide a responsive system for local referrals from parole, probation, jail, family and other related agencies.
- **Special Needs Diversionary Program (SNDP)** provides case management services to identified juvenile offenders within the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.



Jail Diversion

With legislative funding for the FY 16-17 biennium, TCOOMMI Jail Diversion Program efforts expanded. Each site began hiring and implementation at various times due to county specific needs. The following received an allocation for funding through TCOOMMI contracts:

- Austin Travis County Integral Care
- Dallas Metro Care (Northstar)
- Emergence Health Network (El Paso County)
- Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD
- Center for Health Care Services (Bexar County)
- Concho Valley Mental Health Authority (Tom Green County)
- Tarrant County Mental Health Authority



TCOOMMI Jail Diversion:

Participant Desired Outcomes:

- Improved mental health
- Decreased likelihood of relapse
- Decreased likelihood of recidivism
- Linkage to healthcare
- Increased likelihood of obtaining employment, housing and the necessary means to provide for basic needs
- Decreased homelessness
- Linkage to substance abuse treatment
- Linkage to support systems within the community