



Hays Mental Health Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
May 6th, 2026
12PM
Microsoft Teams

1. Consent Agenda

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

2. Reports and Presentations

Mental Health Navigation Program Presentation

Alex Reed, Division Manager for Denton County Public Health, provided a presentation on Denton County's Mental Health Navigation Program. The presentation highlighted their service model, implementation process, and strategies for connecting residents to behavioral health resources. The group discussed potential opportunities to learn from Denton County's approach as Hays County continues strengthening its own behavioral health infrastructure.

Jail-Based Competency Restoration (JBCR) Updates

The group shared that the JBCR program recently celebrated a participant graduation. Additional participants are expected to enter the program in the coming weeks.

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Updates

The AOT Court continues to report positive outcomes and ongoing success among participants currently enrolled in the program.

Youth Mental Health Work Group (YMHWG) and Adult Mental Health Work Group (AMHWG) Updates

Several upcoming community events were shared with the group:

- *Vibrant Visions* hosted by Community Action and the CORE4 group will take place on May 7th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The event flyer will be attached for reference.
- The Behavioral Health Department will host an *Embodied Drumming Experience* on May 23rd as part of Mental Health Awareness Month programming.

Behavioral Health 360 Update

An update was provided on CredibleMind. The platform is currently pending approval from Commissioners Court and, if approved, is expected to launch this summer. The platform will provide behavioral health resources and support tools for Hays County residents.

Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Initiative Update

Izzy provided updates on the proposed Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) model, which now includes one community paramedic and one social worker. The group reviewed potential financial contributions from each city and discussed opportunities to present the proposal to city council members represented within MHCC. Additional discussion focused on identifying next steps to move the initiative forward.

Behavioral Advisory Team (BAT) Update

The group received updates regarding the Behavioral Advisory Team's restructuring and reprocessing efforts. Members discussed reviewing best practices from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) related to diversion models to help guide future priorities.

Mental Health Investment Data Update

Izzy shared that she is currently working with the Health Department's Data Program Specialist to analyze and contextualize county mental health investment data. A more comprehensive review will be shared with the group during the June meeting.

3. Next Steps and Action Items

Community Mental Health Interventions for Local Governments

The group will continue its ongoing discussion regarding community mental health interventions for local governments, including goal setting and identifying small wins to prioritize moving forward. This discussion will continue during the June meeting.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Next meeting is June 3rd at noon on Teams