

2020 Provider Network Development Plan

Complete and submit in **Word** format (**not PDF**) to Performance.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us no later than August 31, 2020.

All Local Mental Health Authorities and Local Behavioral Health Authorities (LMHA/LBHAs) must complete Part I, which includes baseline data about services and contracts and documentation of the LMHA/LBHA's assessment of provider availability, and Part III, which documents PNAC involvement and public comment.

Only LMHA/LBHAs with interested providers are required to complete Part II, which includes procurement plans.

When completing the template:

- ◆ Be concise, concrete, and specific. Use bullet format whenever possible.
- ◆ Provide information only for the period since submission of the 2018 Local Provider Network Development Plan (LPND Plan).
- ◆ When completing a table, insert additional rows as needed.

NOTES:

- This process applies only to services funded through the Mental Health Performance Contract Notebook (PCN); it does not apply to services funded through Medicaid Managed Care. Throughout the document, data is requested only for the non-Medicaid population.
- The requirements for network development pertain only to provider organizations and complete levels of care or specialty services. Routine or discrete outpatient services and services provided by individual practitioners are governed by local needs and priorities and are not included in the assessment of provider availability or plans for procurement.

PART I: Required for all LMHA/LBHAs

Local Service Area

1) Provide the following information about your local service area. Most of the data for this section can be accessed from the following reports in MBOW, using data from the following report: 2018 LMHA/LBHA Area and Population Stats (in the General Warehouse folder).

Population	665,274	Number of counties (total)	19
Square miles	22,541	♦ Number of urban counties	0
Population density	30	♦ Number of rural counties	19

Major populations centers (add additional rows as needed):

Name of City	Name of County	City Population	County Population	County Population Density	County Percent of Total Population
New Braunfels	Comal	57,757	134,788	241	20%
San Marcos	Hays	45,068	204,470	302	31%
Del Rio	Val Verde	35,926	48,881	16	7%
Kyle	Hays	28,016	204,470	302	31%
Kerrville	Kerr	22,384	51,504	47	8%
Uvalde	Uvalde	15,753	27,285	18	4%
Boerne	Kendall	12,835	42,450	64	6%
Fredericksburg	Gillespie	10,886	26,521	25	4%

Current Services and Contracts

- 2) Complete the table below to provide an overview of current services and contracts. Insert additional rows as needed within each section.
- 3) List the service capacity based on FY 2019 data.
- For Levels of Care, list the non-Medicaid average monthly served. (Note: This information can be found in MBOW, using data from the following report in the General Warehouse folder: LOC-A by Center (Non-Medicaid Only and All Clients).
 - For residential programs, list the total number of beds and total discharges (all clients).
 - For other services, identify the unit of service (all clients).
 - Estimate the FY 2020 service capacity. If no change is anticipated, enter the same information as Column A.
 - State the total percent of each service contracted out to external providers in 2019. In the sections for Complete Levels of Care, do not include contracts for discrete services within those levels of care when calculating percentages.

	FY 2019 service capacity (non-Medicaid only)	Estimated FY 2020 service capacity (non-Medicaid only)	Percent total non-Medicaid capacity provided by external providers in FY 2019*
Adult Services: Complete Levels of Care			
Adult LOC 1m	1	1	0%
Adult LOC 1s	2,608	2,704	0%
Adult LOC 2	185	260	0%
Adult LOC 3	62	64	0%
Adult LOC 4	6	9	0%
Adult LOC 5	20	18	0%

	FY 2019 service capacity (non-Medicaid only)	Estimated FY 2020 service capacity (non-Medicaid only)	Percent total non-Medicaid capacity provided by external providers in FY 2019*
Child and Youth Services: Complete Levels of Care			
Children's LOC 1	65	51	0%
Children's LOC 2	139	143	0%
Children's LOC 3	54	67	0%

Children's LOC 4	1	1	0%
Children's CYC	2	5	0%
Children's LOC 5	2	1	0%
Children's LOC YES	0	0	0%

Crisis Services	FY 2019 service capacity	Estimated FY 2020 service capacity	Percent total capacity provided by external providers in FY 2019*
Crisis Hotline	8,161	8,501	100%
Mobile Crisis Outreach Team	5,929	8,619	0%
Other (Please list all PESC Projects and other Crisis Services):	Mental Health Deputy 349	Mental Health Deputy 349	100%
PESC hospital services	12 Beds annually PESC funded	12 Beds annually PESC funded	100%
PESC Crisis Stabilization Unit	505	358	0%
PPB hospital services	1,611 Beds Funded for PPB	2,370 Beds Funded for PPB	0%
Youth Crisis Respite	117	200	0%

- 4) List **all** of your FY 2019 Contracts in the tables below. Include contracts with provider organizations and individual practitioners for discrete services. If you have a lengthy list, you may submit it as an attachment using the same format.
- a) In the Provider column, list the name of the provider organization or individual practitioner. The LMHA/LBHA must have written consent to include the name of an individual peer support provider. For peer providers that do not wish to have their names listed, state the number of individuals (e.g., "3 Individuals").

b) *List the services provided by each contractor, including full levels of care, discrete services (such as CBT, physician services, or family partner services), crisis and other specialty services, and support services (such as pharmacy benefits management, laboratory, etc.).*

Provider Organizations	Service(s)
Georgetown Behavioral Health	Psychiatric Hospital
Clarity Child Guidance Center	Psychiatric Hospital
San Antonio Behavioral Health	Psychiatric Hospital
Cross Creek	Psychiatric Hospital
Rivercrest	Psychiatric Hospital
FasPsych, LLC	Physician/TelePsychiatry
ENVOLVE Pharmacy Solutions, Inc. (formerly US Script)	Pharmacy
River City Advocacy	Peer Advocacy
QoL Meds, LLC	Pharmacy Services
Avail Solutions	Crisis Hotline
Communication by Hand	Sign Language Services
Translator USA, LLC	Translation Services
Clear Springs Ranch Healthcare LLC	TelePsychiatry Services
Laurel Ridge Treatment Center	Psychiatric Hospital
Health Spring Life and Health Insurance Company, Inc.	Psychological Testing
ABA Center for Excellence	IDD Behavioral Therapy
myStrength, Inc.	Web-based Behavioral Health and Wellness Services
K16 Ready Society	Community Living Support Services, Paraprofessional Services, and In-home Respite

C.A.M.P. (Children’s Association for Maximum Potential)	Camp Services
ETBHN (East Texas Behavioral Healthcare Network)	Telemed
Counseling Link, LLC	YES Waiver Therapy
R.I.S.E. Therapies, LLC	YES Recreational Therapy
W.I.N.G.S. Community Services	YES Waiver Therapy
Pleasant Grove Equestrian Center, LLC	Equine Therapy
Beyond Limits, LLC	YES Waiver Therapy
Caliber Therapies	YES Waiver Therapy
Dream Walkers Equine Therapy Center	YES Waiver Therapy
Bridge Music Therapy	YES Waiver Therapy

Individual Practitioners	Service(s)
Tiffanie Armendariz	YES Waiver Provider
Jill Broussard, LPC/ATR	YES Waiver Recreational Therapist
Jose Perez	YES Waiver Provider
Megan Scott	YES Waiver Provider
Mary Ortiz	YES Waiver Provider

Administrative Efficiencies

5) *Using bullet format, describe the strategies the LMHA/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).*

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| ♦ Apply the requirements of Uniform Grant Management Standards when making financial decisions. |
| ♦ Use internal controls for expenditures which requires a chain of approval based on monetary amounts before a payment can |

be processed.
♦ Implemented state of the art accounting and purchasing systems which have reduced both overhead and administrative costs.
♦ Contracted with outside companies to audit expenses for telephone, cell phone, internet, and utilities in order to reduce cost and be remunerated for services that were overcharged.
♦ Implemented the Paycom system that provides Human Resources efficiencies.
♦ Implemented Relias Training Program that provides training modules and tracking that has created a more efficient training program. In the era of COVID-19, it has created significant efficiencies by allowing remote trainings.

6) *List partnerships with other LMHA/LBHAs related to planning, administration, purchasing, and procurement or other authority functions, or service delivery. Include only current, ongoing partnerships.*

Start Date	Partner(s)	Functions
2018	Tejas	Administration, Authority Functions

Provider Availability

NOTE: The LPND process is specific to provider organizations interested in providing full levels of care 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/LBHA took to identify potential external providers for this planning cycle. Please be as specific as possible. For example, if you posted information on your website, how were providers notified that the information was available? Other strategies that might be considered include reaching out to YES waiver providers, HCBS providers, and past/interested providers via phone and email; contacting your existing network, MCOs, and behavioral health organizations in the local service area via phone and email; emailing and sending letters to local psychiatrists and professional associations; meeting with stakeholders, circulating information at networking events, seeking input from your PNAC about local providers.*

♦ Regular communication with potential providers or providers who have expressed an interest during past planning cycles.
♦ Monitored DSHS website for potential providers who completed the registration or provider inquiry form.

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| ◆ Posted contact information and plan on website and no response from providers. |
| ◆ Regular communication with potential providers or providers who have expressed an interest during past planning cycles. |

8) Complete the following table, inserting additional rows as needed.

- ◆ List each potential provider identified during the process described in Item 7 of this section. Include all current contractors, provider organizations that registered on the HHSC website, and provider organizations that have submitted written inquiries since submission of 2018LPND plan. You will receive notification from HHSC if a provider expresses interest in contracting with you via the HHSC website. Provider inquiry forms will be accepted through the HHSC website through February 28, 2020. **Note:** Do not finalize your provider availability assessment or post the LPND plan for public comment before March 1, 2020.
- ◆ Note the source used to identify the provider (e.g., current contract, HHSC website, LMHA/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.

Provider	Source of Identification	Summary of Follow-up Meeting or Teleconference	Assessment of Provider Availability, Services, and Capacity
No providers to-date have expressed an interest.			

Part II: Required for LMHA/LBHAs with potential for network development

Procurement Plans

If the assessment of provider availability indicates potential for network development, the LMHA/LBHA must initiate procurement. 25 TAC §412.754 describes the conditions under which an LMHA/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 the following table, inserting additional rows as need.*
- ◆ *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.*
 - ◆ *State the capacity to be procured, and the percent of total capacity for that service.*
 - ◆ *Identify the geographic area for which the service will be procured: all counties or name selected counties.*
 - ◆ *State the method of procurement—open enrollment (RFA) or request for proposal.*
 - ◆ *Document the planned begin and end dates for the procurement, and the planned contract start date.*

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
N/A: No providers to-date have expressed an interest.						

Rationale for Limitations

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

10) Complete the following table. Please review 25 TAC §412.755 carefully to be sure the rationale addresses the requirements specified in the rule (See Appendix B).

- ◆ Based on the LMHA/LBHA's assessment of provider availability, respond to each of the following questions.
- ◆ If the response to any question is Yes, provide a clear rationale for the restriction based on one of the conditions described in 25 TAC §412.755.
- ◆ If the restriction applies to multiple procurements, the rationale must address each of the restricted procurements or state that it is applicable to all of the restricted procurements.
- ◆ The rationale must provide a basis for the proposed level of restriction, including the volume of services to be provided by the LMHA/LBHA.

	Yes	No	Rationale
1) Are there any services with potential for network development that are not scheduled for procurement?		X	No providers to date have expressed an interest.
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?		X	No providers to date have expressed an interest.
3) Are any of the procurements limited to certain counties within the local service area?		X	No providers to date have expressed an interest.
4) Is there a limitation on the number of providers that will be accepted for any of the procurements?		X	No providers to date have expressed an interest.

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

Service	Transition Period	Year of Full Procurement
No providers to-date have expressed an interest.		

Capacity Development

12) *In the table below, document your procurement activity since the submission of your 2018 LPND Plan. Include procurements implemented as part of the LPND plan and any other procurements for complete levels of care and specialty services that have been conducted.*

- ◆ *List each service separately, including the percent of capacity offered and the geographic area in which the service was procured.*
- ◆ *State the results, including the number of providers obtained and the percent of service capacity contracted as a result of the procurement. If no providers were obtained as a result of procurement efforts, state "none."*

Year	Procurement (Service, Percent of Capacity, Geographic Area)	Results (Providers and Capacity)
	No providers to-date have expressed an interest.	

PART III: Required for all LMHA/LBHAs

PNAC Involvement

13) Show the involvement of the Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC) in the table below. 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.

Date	PNAC Activity and Recommendations
August 20 and 21, 2020	Received commends from PNAC, "This looks great." No recommendations made.
August 19, 2020	PNAC received an updated copy of Draft Final Plan with changes added for review and recommendations.
August 14, 2020	PNAC received copy of Draft Final Plan for review and recommendations.
August 11, 2020	PNAC received report on LPNDP process and that no providers have been obtained through the procurement efforts. Due to COVID-19, the plan had been delayed due to PNAC cancelling sub-committees and staff reassignments. PNAC recommends staff complete the written part of the plan and post it on our Website and send a final copy to them for review prior to submission to the state.
June 9, 2020	PNAC received update on Plan development. No action or recommendations made.
April 28, 2020	PNAC reviewed LPNDP progress. Staff informed due dates have been extended to August 2020. PNAC recommended review to be moved to next meeting.
March 10, 2020	PNAC cancelled.
January 28, 2020	PNAC Reviewed the purpose of the LPND. Held discussion on how HCMHDD plans and develops a provider network via the LPNDP. Due to changes in PNAC structure, the PNAC recommends reviewing via email and provide input as it is developed.
October 15, 2020	PNAC reviewed LPNDP Development Process. Reviewed Information I (Instructions for Local Planning) and purpose of Consolidated Local Service Plan (CLSP) for MH and IDD and Local Provider Network Development Plan (LPNDP). Staff described process and timelines for LPNDP. Staff and PNAC discussed the importance of these plans related to HHSC and legislative initiatives. PNAC recommended staff proceed with process.

Stakeholder Comments on Draft Plan and LMHA/LBHA Response

Allow at least 30 days for public comment on draft plan. Do not post plans for public comment before March 1, 2020.

In the following table, summarize the public comments received on the 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. Describe the LMHA/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 explain the LMHA/LBHA’s rationale for rejecting the comment.

Comment	Stakeholder Group(s)	LMHA/LBHA Response and Rationale
No comments from Website	Web	N/A
Groups not available due to COVID-19	N/A	N/A
PNAC Responses – “Looks great!” and no recommendations	PNAC	N/A

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ENTIRE PLAN TO Performance.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us by August 31, 2020.

Appendix A

Assessing Provider Availability

Provider organizations can indicate interest in contracting with an LMHA/LBHA through the [LPND website](#) or by contacting the LMHA/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/LBHA when the Provider Inquiry Form is posted.

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

The LMHA/LBHA must work with the provider to find a mutually convenient time. 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/LBHA's initial contact, the LMHA/LBHA may conclude that the provider is not interested in contracting with the LMHA/LBHA.

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

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

Appendix B

25 TAC §412.755. Conditions Permitting LMHA Service Delivery.

An LMHA may only provide services if one or more of the following conditions is present.

- (1) The LMHA determines that interested, qualified providers are not available to provide services in the LMHA'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 individuals and their legally authorized representatives can choose from two or more qualified providers.
- (3) The network of external providers does not provide individuals 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, as of a date determined by the department. An LMHA 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 service capacity for each level of care identified in the LMHA's plan.
- (5) Existing agreements restrict the LMHA's ability to contract with external providers for specific services during the two-year period covered by the LMHA's plan. If the LMHA relies on this condition, the department shall require the LMHA to submit copies of relevant agreements.
- (6) The LMHA documents that it is necessary for the LMHA to provide specified services during the two-year period covered by the LMHA's plan to preserve critical infrastructure needed to ensure continuous provision of services. An LMHA 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 LANAC 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 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 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

House Bill 1, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (Article II, Health and Human Services Commission Rider 147):

Efficiencies at Local Mental Health Authorities and Intellectual Disability Authorities. The Health and Human Services Commission shall ensure that the local mental health authorities and local intellectual disability authorities that receive allocations from the funds appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission shall maximize the dollars available to provide services by minimizing overhead and administrative costs and achieving purchasing efficiencies. Among the strategies that should be considered in achieving this objective are consolidations among local authorities and partnering among local authorities on administrative, purchasing, or service delivery functions where such partnering may eliminate redundancies or promote economies of scale. 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 third party billing opportunities, including to Medicare and Medicaid. Funds appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission 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 services. (Former Special Provisions Sec. 34)