

Mobile Crisis Response

The Trueblood v. DSHS lawsuit challenged unconstitutional delays in competency evaluation and restoration services for individuals detained in city and county jails. The Trueblood Contempt Settlement Agreement establishes a plan for providing services to persons involved in the criminal court system and for providing treatment to people when needed so they are less likely to become involved in the criminal court system. The Trueblood Settlement Agreement includes a plan for phasing in programs and services:

- Phase 1: Pierce, Southwest and Spokane regions (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021)
- Phase 2: King region (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023)
- Phase 3: To be determined (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025)

The Health Care Authority, in collaboration with the Department of Social and Health Services and community stakeholders, is leading this element of the Trueblood Contempt Settlement Agreement.

Mobile Crisis Response is a statewide crisis service contracted through the Health Care Authority and administered through the 10 regional behavioral health administrative service organizations.

The goals for mobile crisis response services are for contracted teams in phased regions to increase their response time for providing a timelier intervention to people experiencing a behavioral health crisis and to prevent people from entering unneeded hospitalization, arrest or incarceration.

Regional MCR teams are comprised of behavioral health professionals skilled in providing professional services to individuals at the community level. While the makeup of the teams may vary, their core personnel consist of mental health professionals, behavioral health specialists and certified peer specialists.

Although each region's proposals differed based on needs, proposals received from Phase 1 regions uniformly included a desire to:

- Hire additional mobile crisis response staff
- Increase community awareness of services through outreach and education
- Enhance collaboration efforts with law enforcement, co-responders and other first responders
- Provide additional training opportunities

Pierce region

The enhancements to Pierce regional MCR services are contracted through Pierce Beacon Health Options, which subcontracts with MultiCare Behavioral Health.

Southwest region

The enhancements to the Southwest region MCR services are contracted through Southwest Beacon Health Options, which subcontracts with:

- Seamar/CSNW (Clark County)
- Comprehensive Health (Klickitat County)
- Skamania County Community Health (Skamania County)

Spokane region

The enhancements to the Spokane region MCR services are contracted through Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, which subcontracts with:

- Frontier Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Response (Spokane, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln and Ferry counties)
- Adams County Integrated Health Care (Adams County)

For more information

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