

## Summary of HHSC Response to Uvalde

As of August 1, 2022

### Disaster Behavioral Health Services Program

- HHSC deployed three staff from the Disaster Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) program to Uvalde within 24 hours of incident.
- DBHS conducted a community behavioral health needs assessment to gauge the level of need and available assets and resources.
- DBHS' ongoing efforts include:
  - ▶ Coordinating with the Texas Children Mental Health Care Consortium to provide behavioral health support to Hill Country MHDD and the Uvalde Federally Qualified Healthcare Center;
  - ▶ Working with group of 11 behavioral health providers who are supporting the local community's long-term behavioral health recovery needs; and
  - ▶ Coordinating with the Family Resiliency Center, Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services, and Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute to identify behavioral health resources and long-term providers for first responders.
- Hill Country MHDD Services
  - ▶ Hill Country MHDD Centers in collaboration with The Harris Center for Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Call Center, is continuing to respond to calls relating to the Robb Elementary incident to provide emotional support to callers.
  - ▶ Provided crisis counseling sessions to during interviews conducted by officials from the Department of Justice.
  - ▶ Building the Uvalde Mental Health Coalition, in conjunction with the Uvalde Together Resiliency Center, to better understand the mental health needs of the people and services provided by participating entities.
  - ▶ Building the Uvalde Community Resource Coalition, in conjunction with the Uvalde Together Resiliency Center, to better understand the social service needs of the people and services provided by participating entities.
  - ▶ Engaged in neighborhood outreach and distributing information.
  - ▶ Building relationships with the community faith-based leaders by attending the Uvalde Ministerial Alliance meetings.
  - ▶ Coordinating with UCISD counselors to collaborate on student, family, and staff needs including joint training efforts to train school staff in Mental Health First Aid.
  - ▶ Total Contacts:

Hill Country MHDD 4,400 *as of August 1	First Responders 1,324 *as of August 1	FQHC 917 *as of July 7 <sup>th</sup>
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### **Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) – \$950K Available**

HHSC will consider prior LMHA/LBHA proposals for new CSC teams and identify up to three expansion sites to receive an estimated \$317k per site.

### **Multisystemic Therapy® – \$4.7M Available**

HHSC released a Needs Capacity Assessment July 22 to expand the use of MST® in Texas. HHSC seeks to fund seven to nine local mental and behavioral health authorities to provide services directly or indirectly.

### **Uvalde Mental Health Needs Assessment – \$5M Available**

HHSC will amend its existing contract with Hill Country Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Center by adding a needs assessment intended to capture the behavioral health needs of the contiguous local mental health authorities whose service areas include the 33 rural counties surrounding the Uvalde area.