

## Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

### Comprehensive Mental Health Needs Assessment for Nueces County – Monthly Progress Report, April 2020

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In September 2019, Nueces County and the Nueces County Hospital District (NCHD) engaged the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) to conduct a comprehensive mental health needs assessment to inform the county's efforts to improve services for its residents.

We (MMHPI) are pleased to provide a monthly progress report on the status of our assessment and the work we accomplished in April 2020.

#### Milestones for the Month – April 2020

- During April, we reviewed and revised the draft needs assessment report. In the coming weeks, we will deliver this report for initial feedback from designated community stakeholders as identified by Nueces County Judge Barbara Canales and Dr. Jonny Hipp, NCHD administrator and chief executive officer. After we receive community member feedback, our team will incorporate it into the final report.

#### Adult

- Members of our Adult Team facilitated a follow-up meeting between the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) School of Medicine and the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (NCMHID) to discuss next steps related to the Community Psychiatric Workforce Expansion program under Senate Bill 11. The Community Psychiatric Workforce Expansion program will provide full-time psychiatrists to serve as academic medical directors at facilities operated by community mental health providers as well as new psychiatric resident rotation positions at those facilities. To-date, UTRGV is proposing to provide up to 16 hours of psychiatry time at NCHMID.

#### Deliverables for Month

- We submitted our *Monthly Status Report for March 2020* to Judge Canales and Dr. Hipp.

#### Upcoming Deliverables

- April/May 2020: We will submit a draft report of our comprehensive community mental health needs assessment.
- June/July 2020: We will submit a final report of our comprehensive community mental health needs assessment.
- June to September 2020: We will provide consultation on report recommendations and how to implement them.