

JAIL BASED MENTAL HEALTH PILOT

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IDHS FORENSIC TREATMENT PROGRAMS

REGIONS 1 & 2

Elgin Mental Health Center (371 beds)

Min & Med Security & Dually Diagnosed (Males/Females)

Chicago Read MHC (66 beds)

Min Sec & Dually Diagnosed (Males/Females)

*Ingalls Behavioral Hospital (24 beds)

Min Sec & Dually Diagnosed (Males/Females)

*Lake Behavioral Health Hospital (24 beds)

Min/Med Sec & Dually Diagnosed (Males/Females)

*Streamwood Hospital (12 beds)

12-17 y/o adolescents (Males/Females)

REGIONS 3 & 4

Packard Mental Health Center (100 beds)

Min & Med Security & Dually Diagnosed (Males/Females)

REGION 5

Alton Mental Health Center (110 beds)

Min & Med Security & Dually Diagnosed (Males/Females)

STATEWIDE

Chester Mental Health Center (241 beds)

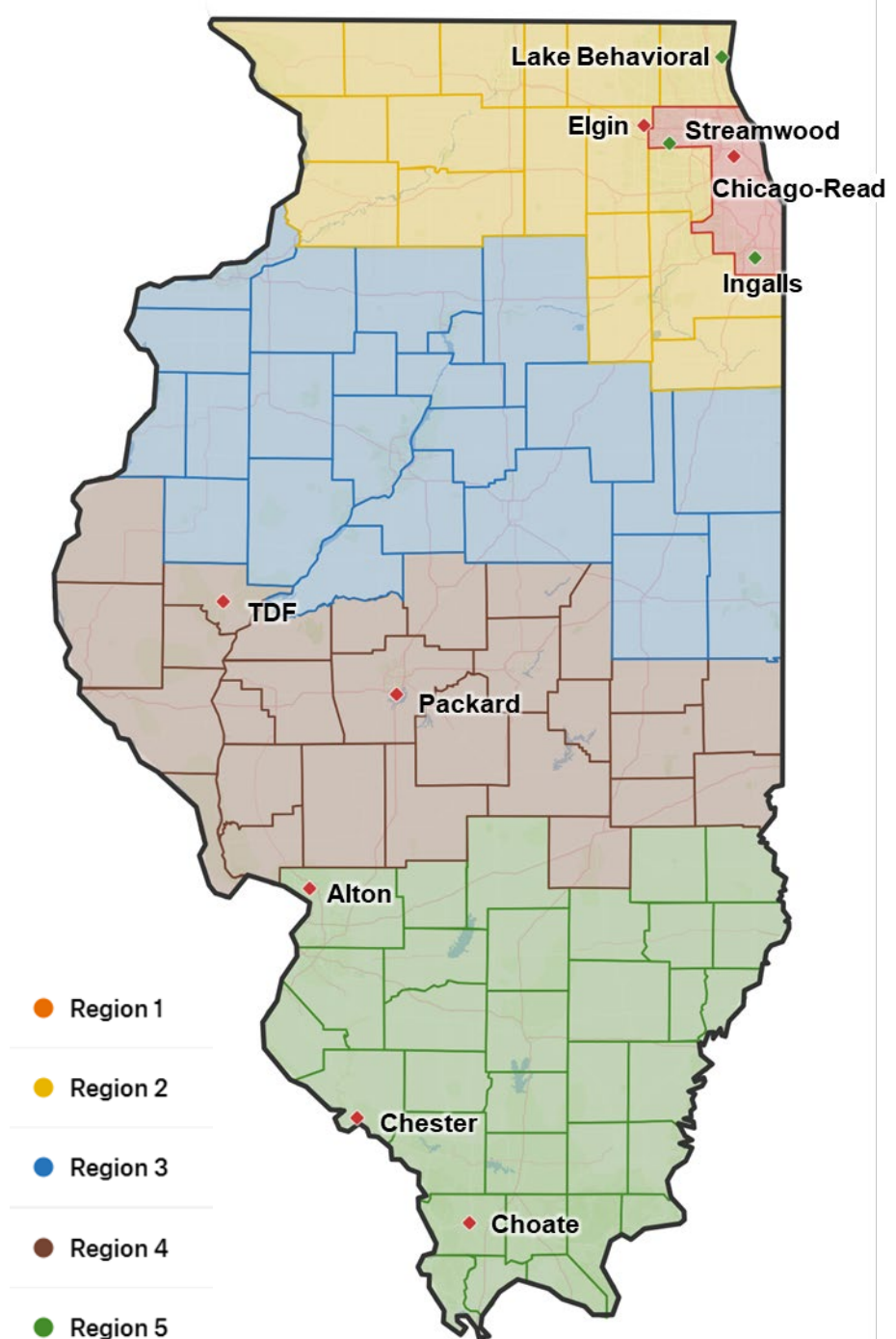
Med/Max Security & Dually Diagnosed (Males only)

Choate DD/Forensic (IDHS-DDD) (43 beds)

Med Security, Developmentally Disabled (Males)

Treatment and Detention Facility (TDF) (500+ beds)

Individuals committed under SVP statute



Jail-Based Mental Health

- The Pilot was inspired by **Kankakee County Sheriff, Mike Downey**
- Sheriff Downey was interested in collaborating with DHS regarding its waiting list of jail detainees waiting for transfer to a DHS facility for forensic treatment.
- The purpose of the pilot is to assist smaller county jails that lack mental health services and give those detainees an opportunity to access psychiatric medication and counseling

STRUCTURE

- Began with a 12-bed capacity and currently operates 20 beds
- Accepts both male and female referrals
- It is NOT jail-based restoration; however, it gives detainees access to mental health services that may improve their clinical status such that they achieve restoration in custody
- Participation in the program does not impact the consumer's place on the waiting list or their admission to a State Operated Hospital

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Kankakee County Jail works in collaboration with **Iroquois Mental Health Center** for mental health services.
- Detainees receive supportive individual counseling, are encouraged to engage in medication treatment where appropriate and clinical stability is monitored.
- Detainees are evaluated for psychiatric medication by a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, and receive ongoing monitoring and adjustments to medications (**treatment is voluntary**)
- Detainees are offered the opportunity to receive education on fitness

FUNDING

- DHS funds:
 - KCJ's per diem,
 - Transportation from the home jail to KCJ & to DHS hospital
 - Medication
- DHS contracts with Iroquois Mental Health Center for:
 - Mental health staff (e.g., Psychiatric NP, mental health therapist)
 - Mental health services (evaluation, medication, monitoring & supportive counseling)
- Emergency medical services are the responsibility of the home jail

REFERRAL PROCESS

- DHS staff reviews referrals and works with the mental health staff to determine appropriateness
- Detainees who are displaying severe behavioral problems (such as aggression toward officers, other inmates, and property) or are medically complex, may not be appropriate
- Detainees who are displaying mental health symptoms but follow directives are generally appropriate

TRANSFER PROCESS

- Once a detainee is approved for transfer, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) is signed. The MOU is an agreement between Kankakee County Jail/DHS/Home Jail.
- After the MOU is signed arrangements are made for transport.
- Kankakee County Jail is responsible for transport to KCJ, but the home county may also elect to do the transport

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTNER 1 (Kankakee County Jail)

To provide housing, meals, clothing, in-house medical care and transportation services to defendants declared Unfit to Stand Trial and remanded to the inpatient care of PARTNER 2, while such inpatient admission to PARTNER 2 remains pending.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTNER 2 (DHS)

To pay the costs of the above-mentioned responsibilities of PARTNER 1 under the terms of an Inter-Agency Agreement previously entered into between PARTNER 1 and PARTNER 2 and to utilize best efforts to admit defendants housed by PARTNER 1 to a Forensic Treatment Program operated by PARTNER 2 at the earliest opportunity consistent with the safe and orderly operations of PARTNER 2.

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTNER 3 (Home Jail)

To pay the costs of any external medical care/hospitalization incurred by PARTNER 1 in the course of discharging its responsibilities under Par. IV of this Memorandum.

LIMITATIONS

- Mental health services cannot force detainees to take medication or participate in counseling or fitness education.
- The program is not intended to be a substitution for a State Operated Hospital admission and treatment

BENEFITS

- Provides relief for smaller county jails
- Gives detainees the opportunity to receive medication and fitness education while waiting for DHS transfer
- Some detainees become Fit in Custody and are not sent to a State Operated Hospital
- DHS is working with McHenry County Jail on a similar pilot to begin by the end of FY25

Questions

