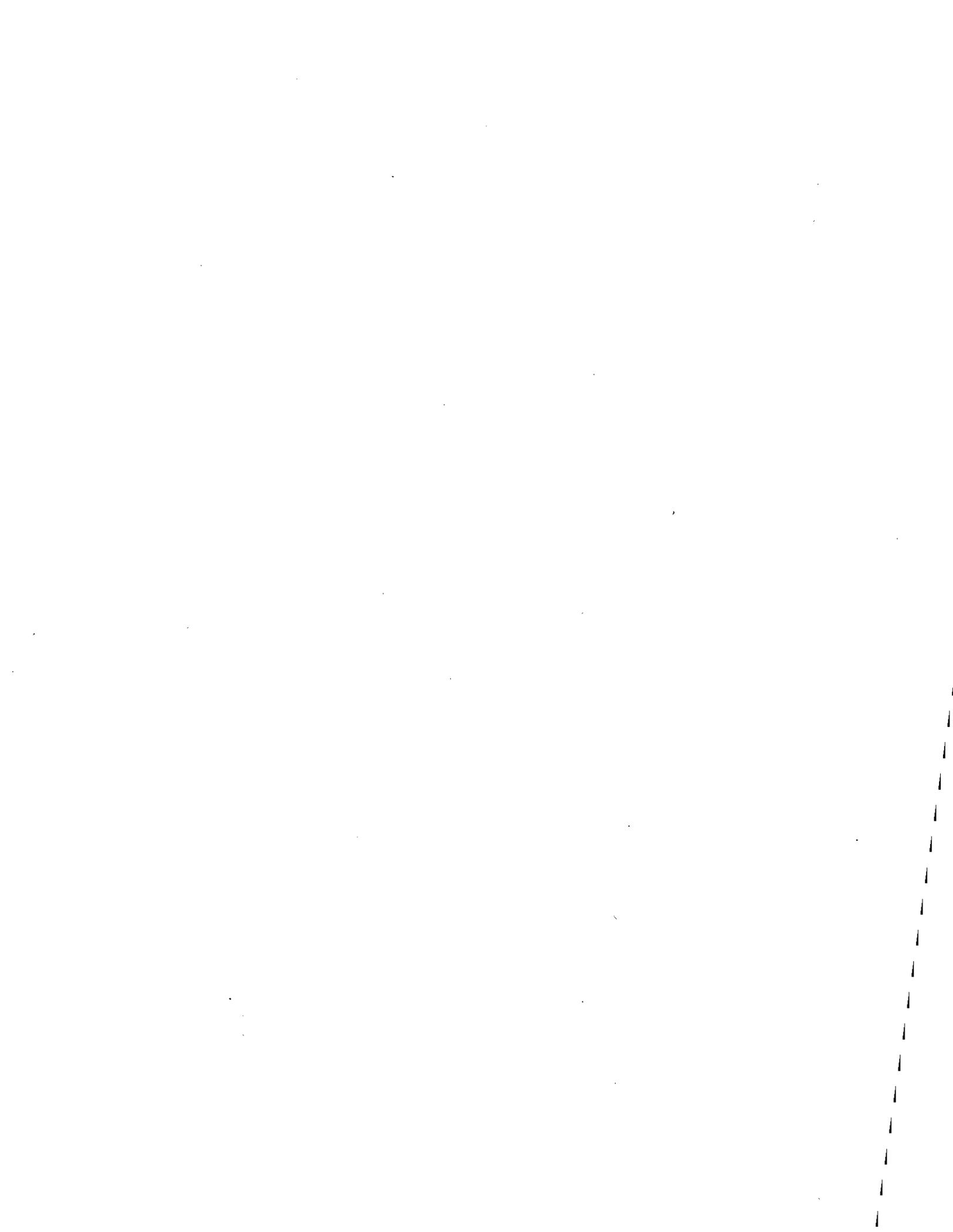


**Board of County Commissioners  
Leon County, Florida**

**Workshop on the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and  
Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program**

**January 18, 2011  
1:30-3:00 p.m.**

**Leon County Board of County Commissioners  
Leon County Courthouse, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**



# Board of County Commissioners

## Workshop Request

**Date of Meeting:** January 18, 2011

**Date Submitted:** January 11, 2011

**TO:** Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

**FROM:** Parwez Alam, County Administrator  
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**SUBJECT:** Status Report on the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program

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### **STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

This workshop serves as a status report on the County's utilization of the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment (CJMHSAR) Grant and seeks Board direction on the future of the Leon County Court Mental Health Program.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill and their resultant involvement in the criminal justice system continues to be an increasing burden to county jails and the criminal justice system. In recent years, mentally ill inmates have been serving time in jail more frequently and for longer periods of time. County jails have become some of the largest mental health facilities in the state. Often times, mentally ill inmates cost more than other inmates in county jails due to the cost of their mental health needs and the cost associated with providing adequate supervision during incarceration. The criminal justice system has been ill equipped to handle mentally ill defendants or process their cases efficiently.

During the FY 2003/04 budget process, the Board approved the creation of a Court Mental Health Coordinator position within the Court Administrator's Office. This position is modeled after the success of the Detention Review Coordinator and is focused on improving case processes, information availability, and problem resolution specifically associated with mentally ill defendants. The Court Mental Health Coordinator's current focus is to facilitate the development and implementation of the Court Mental Health Program for mentally ill, mentally retarded, and brain injured defendants along with continuing to identify areas in the entire Leon County criminal justice process where improvements can be made to decrease delays with cases involving these defendants. The Court Mental Health Coordinator provides services to all criminal divisions for all defendants that have been diagnosed as mentally ill, mentally retarded, and/or brain injured in an effort to decrease the cost of incarceration. It is important to note that while grant funded positions have added invaluable resources to the criminal justice system, they are limited to defendants in mental health court with a mental illness.

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During the 2007 legislative session, then-Representative Ausley sponsored and successfully passed HB 1477, creating the CJMHSAR Grant Program within the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The 2007 Legislature set aside grant funding for counties who would be able to bring together key stakeholders to implement programs that serve the mentally ill and substance abuse populations at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system. The purpose of the Grant was to provide funding to counties to plan, implement, or expand initiatives that increase public safety, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults and juveniles who have a mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders, in order to reduce the use of state forensic treatment facilities, jails, and prisons.

The state segmented the initial \$3.85 million for two different types of grants - planning and implementation/expansion grants. There was \$2 million available to counties for planning grants, with the maximum award of \$100,000 per applicant. The second type of grant had \$1.85 million earmarked for implementation and/or expansion of programs with a maximum award limit of \$1 million per applicant. Both grants called for a 1:1 equal match from the applicant county. Counties were allowed to contribute in-kind resources as part of the match contribution. In-kind resources included salaries, programming costs, supplies, or equipment provided by a county or third party that is dedicated to a particular mental health or substance abuse program.

On September 11, 2007, the Board adopted an Enabling Resolution establishing the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Advisory Council (Advisory Council), as required by the Grant, and directed the Council to submit a proposal to the Board at the October 23, 2007 Commission meeting. It is chaired by Circuit Judge Sjoström and made up of industry professionals and stakeholders in substance abuse, mental health, and corrections (Attachment #1). The Advisory Council collected mental health data on local services available, the number of mentally ill offenders in the jail, the costs associated with providing for the mentally ill in the jail, and the amount of time it takes for a mentally ill defendant to proceed through the court system. The Advisory Council also brought together local stakeholders to examine the effects that Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) had on the local law enforcement community in dealing with the local mental health consumer population.

The Advisory Council found that the deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill, and their resultant involvement in the criminal justice system, continued to be an increasing burden to the jail and the criminal justice system. Prison Health Services, the medical provider in the Leon County Jail, estimated seeing approximately 300 inmates per month in 2007 for psychiatric concerns and spending an average of \$13,000 per month for psychotropic medication. Additionally, the Advisory Council examined the benefits of implementing a mental health docket to better serve mental health consumers in the criminal justice system.

On October 2, 2007, the Advisory Council recommended that the Board pursue an implementation and expansion grant for mental health services. Three core programs were identified to be the most beneficial to the mental health population in or at-risk of entering the criminal justice system including the expansion of CIT, the implementation of a mental health

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court to include a specialized pretrial release program for mentally ill defendants, and the implementation of a community based competency restoration program. The Advisory Council also acknowledged the County's fiscal constraints at that time due to the pending property tax reform efforts and determined that it would not be fiscally prudent for the County to directly employ additional personnel. Therefore, the Advisory Council worked closely with local mental health agencies to secure "good faith estimates" for the County to contract with local mental health providers to provide additional mental health services upon receipt of the Grant.

On October 23, 2007, the Board approved the Advisory Council's recommendation to submit an application for the CJMHSAR Grant Program. The Grant application included a strategic plan and project narrative to address Leon County's critical mental health needs and focused on developing and implementing a comprehensive system that would quickly identify mentally ill defendants to appropriately dispose of their cases in a timely manner. The proposal included early screening for mental illness at each stage of the criminal justice process, community competency restoration services, the implementation of pretrial and post-adjudication alternatives to incarceration, and a method to measure program outcomes and accountability.

Staff identified the necessary in-kind contributions required for the local match which came from numerous existing Board programs that offer mental health services to the residents of Leon County, including the mental health coordinator position and support staff, funding set aside for additional mental health services at the Bond and Neighborhood Health Services clinics, and other support services related to mental health care. Additionally, the Apalachee Center Inc. and the Tallahassee Police Department made commitments to increase the County's in-kind contribution match. The County did not need to set aside additional funds or cash to meet the Grant's in-kind contribution requirements.

In January 2008, Leon County was awarded an implementation grant from DCF in the amount of \$792,624 over a three year period. The state awarded 22 total grants and Leon County was one of 11 counties to receive an implementation grant under this program. The programs implemented with the Grant funding include enhancements of CIT programs, a mental health court with a focus on specialized mental health pretrial release and probation programs, and a community competency restoration program. As a key component in implementing all of these programs, the Mental Health Coordinator worked with the County's MIS Department to establish an automated system for identifying mentally ill defendants, scheduling their cases, and generating data reports. Experts from Florida State University were contracted with to provide data analysis on the impact of the new programs and help identify areas for improvement during the initial year of implementation. The Analysis section provides greater detail on each program and the progress made over the Grant's lifespan.

The three year CJMHSAR Implementation Grant was designed to offer funding and guidance during the initial startup phase to achieve positive results that would encourage counties to fund these alternative programs beyond the Grant's lifespan. Given the state's budget shortfalls in recent years, the Legislature had considered reducing or eliminating funding of this Grant

program. On February 18, 2009, Leon County was recognized by the Florida Senate Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs and invited to make a presentation on the County's implementation of the CJMHSAR Grant. Through the success of the program and the continued lobbying by partner counties and industry supporters, the Legislature preserved its funding commitment for the life of the grant.

Following the 2010 legislative session, Leon County received \$261,200 for the final year of the Grant program. At this time, the grant is set to expire on April 30, 2011 but staff has requested an extension to utilize the previously allocated funds and preserve the program through September 30, 2011. This item provides the Board a status report on the Court Mental Health Program and seeks Board direction regarding its future, whether it expires in April or September 2011.

**ANALYSIS:**

In developing the Court Mental Health Program, it was evident that Leon County's program would differ from the typical court mental health programs in the nation in that it would not be a diversionary program. In 2007, the Advisory Council conducted an analysis of the case processing of a typical mentally ill defendant in the Leon County criminal justice system, and constructed a flowchart that aided in identifying where delays were occurring. As a result, the Advisory Council was able to identify points in the process where additional services could be implemented to have an immediate impact on decreasing the likelihood of case processing delays and the time of incarceration prior to disposition (Attachment #2). Based in part upon this process, the Judiciary took steps to implement a mental health program that would seek timely and appropriate case dispositions for mentally ill defendants in addition to upholding its primary function of public safety.

While the Court recognized the need for a mental health program, it also understood that mental health in the criminal justice system will always have the potential to be a public safety issue. It is for this reason, the Leon County Court Mental Health Program is not a diversionary program, but one that was built upon a commitment to be efficient, effective, and accountable. Many mental health courts are diversionary in that they are voluntary and the defendant's cases are dismissed after successful completion of court sanctions. In Leon County, the judiciary chose to establish a mental health court where entry was not voluntary and the various types of case dispositions were possible. The program was designed in such a way to be efficient in immediately identifying when mentally ill defendants enter the criminal justice system and the processing of their cases. One of the primary goals of the Court Mental Health Program is to be effective enough that the various dispositions address public safety in addition to linking defendants to appropriate services in an effort to reduce the likelihood of re-offending. The Advisory Council agreed that accountability could be achieved by establishing a meaningful and reliable database system that tracks the program's progress and challenges even beyond initial grant funding. With the help of Leon County's MIS department and the Court Mental Health Coordinator, the Court Mental Health Program has been able to develop and implement a database system that has received favorable mention and praise from Grant auditors and other

implementation grantees for its comprehensive and sustainable approach in gathering and analyzing data. The database is one of the first in the state that has an implemented system of immediately identifying when a mentally ill defendant is booked into the jail and using that technology to notify key stakeholders in the criminal justice system at specified times each day. This process then allows the Pretrial Release team to present information at First Appearance so that all court parties are in a better position to make decisions regarding the case and that the case is routed to the appropriate court docket. The database is restricted from public access as it contains sensitive defendant information.

Based on the strategic plan and project narrative developed by the Advisory Council, the Court Mental Health Program focuses on developing and implementing a comprehensive system that will quickly identify mentally ill defendants to appropriately dispose of their cases in a timely manner.

Within the first year of implementing the Court Mental Health Program, it was evident to staff and the Advisory Council that several programmatic gaps existed. The first service gap, which was also noted by Grant auditors, was that of having adequate staff to continually input the data in a timely manner. At that time, the Court Mental Health Coordinator had limited support staff for data entry. The second service gap identified was that of the smooth transition/ re-entry to the community of mentally ill defendants upon release from custody. Another programmatic challenge that immediately presented itself was housing for mentally ill defendants in Leon County, as Leon County currently does not have an assisted living facilities available for this population and many landlords are reluctant to rent to individuals with criminal charges. At about the same time, Grant project managers recognized that Leon County had unspent funds from the first year of the Grant as a result of startup delays for a few of the program's components. Through a series of publicly noticed meetings, the Advisory Council agreed to address both issues by recommending that Leon County submit a request to utilize unspent Grant funds for programmatic enhancements. This request was approved and allowed the program to add 1) the services of two part time data entry positions contracted through the FSU School of Psychology; 2) a Transition Case Manager in the Pretrial Release Program; 3) increased contingency funds specifically to help address housing for mentally ill defendants being released from custody; and 4) supplies for the programs implemented. The Crisis Intervention Training, Mental Health Court, Mental Health Pretrial Release, Mental Health Probation, and a Community Competency Restoration Program remained the core components of the program and are explained in further detail:

Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

CIT is a community partnership that provides local law enforcement officers training to enable them to better respond to a mental health crisis. The program represents a collaboration between several stakeholders. The classes are organized and moderated by the Tallahassee Police Department, the Court's Mental Health Coordinator, and the Tallahassee chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). Typically, three (3) classes are held each year with no more than thirty (30) participants in each class. Classes are usually held at Apalachee Center Inc., who provides the space in-kind. It is important to note that the instructors for the CIT program render their services free of charge, which allows the program to run at little cost to participating agencies. Since its inception in 2004, CIT was only offered to a select group of local law enforcement officers and was the only mental health pre-booking diversionary program in Leon County.

**Table #1: CIT Graduates 2004 - 2010**

AGENCY	NUMBER OF GRADUATES
TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT	121
LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	67
FSU POLICE DEPARTMENT	22
FDLE CAPITOL POLICE	17
FAMU POLICE DEPARTMENT	4
TCC POLICE DEPARTMENT	1
LEON COUNTY PROBATION AND PRETRIAL	4
WAKULLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	15
GADSDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	4
QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT	1
FLORIDA DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS	15
APALACHEE CENTER FORENSIC TEAM	2
OTHER	2
TOTAL	275

The Grant expanded CIT to local emergency dispatch personnel and regional law enforcement officers to increase exposure to the identification and problem-solving techniques needed when coming into contact with mental health consumers. To date, 275 law enforcement personnel have graduated from the class, as noted in Table #1, with future efforts to include additional law enforcement agencies in the Second Judicial Circuit.

Mental Health Court

Leon County's mental health courts, felony and misdemeanor, were implemented on May 27, 2008 by Administrative Order, with the felony court being the third of its kind established in the State of Florida. Grant funding has allowed the mental health courts to utilize the contracted services of a Mental Health Court Case Manager through the Apalachee Center, Inc., and under the direction of the Court Mental Health Coordinator, to specifically assist with the mentally ill defendant caseload. The judiciary's initial plans were to merge the mental health consumer population from multiple dockets onto a single mental health court docket to expedite the resolution of mental health cases and

associated delays in the court system. However, after an analysis of which defendants with open cases met the criteria for mental health court, it was decided that placing the cases of the almost 400 defendants identified would put a considerable strain on a new mental health court. Consequently, felony and misdemeanor mental health courts were established as two separate dockets. Both dockets are conducted on two Tuesdays each month with the felony docket conducting an additional docket once per month for contested hearings. The Mental Health Court also established a staffing team by administrative order led by the Court Mental Health Coordinator each Wednesday in Court Administration. The primary focus of the staffing team is to gather verifiable information for each defendant in Mental Health Court and use this information to assist in making recommendations to all court parties regarding case disposition.

Leon County's Mental Health Court is one of the more progressive mental health courts in the state as the criteria for entry into the court is not limited to those with just a mental illness, but extends to defendants that are diagnosed with mental retardation and/or a traumatic brain injury. These inclusions have allowed the Court to address a defendant's competency concerns regardless of etiology, thus truly addressing mental health in the criminal justice system. The caseload of defendants

**Table #2: Mental Health Court Data**

	MISDEMEANOR	FELONY
Number of unduplicated defendants served since May, 2008	1,120	1,607
Number of distinct cases in Mental Health Court since May, 2008	1,531	2,143
Average days to case disposition for mentally ill defendants prior to Mental Health Court (2007)	133	187
Average days to case disposition in Mental Health Court	70	99
Percentage difference in days to disposition since Mental Health Court	53%	53%

with mental illnesses receive the services of Grant funded positions, while the caseload of defendants with mental retardation and/or brain injury receive the services of the Court Mental Health Coordinator. Table #2 provides data on the Mental Health Court for misdemeanors and felonies since May 2008 which illustrates the reduction in the number of days mentally ill defendants spent in jail awaiting disposition.

*Mental Health Pretrial Release*

Prior to the application for Grant funds, staff determined that many mentally ill defendants were not being placed on pretrial release, and those that were, presented many challenges to the Pretrial Release Staff. The first step to address these problems was to have the Leon County Pretrial Release Program staff participate in CIT training to enhance their ability to properly identify and engage mentally ill defendants. The Advisory Council stakeholders that prepared the Reinvestment Grant application concurred that the addition of a Mental Health Pretrial Release Specialist would be a major benefit as it would allow many defendants with a mental illness to continue with treatment in the community while awaiting case disposition. This position was designed to help decrease the possibility of mentally ill defendants languishing in the jail and afford mentally ill defendants the opportunity to be better linked to appropriate community based services. A focal point of the Mental Health Pretrial Release Specialist would be to consult with defendants in the community at locations such as The Shelter, the Apalachee Center Drop In Center, and/or a psychiatric facility. This would allow mentally ill defendants that may not have an address and/or phone number to qualify for pretrial release and allow the Mental Health Pretrial Release Specialist to work with defendants in linking them to essential services that can continue even after their cases have been disposed.

The Mental Health Pretrial Release Specialist was contracted through the Apalachee Center Inc. under the direction of the Director of Probation. The position has been successful in linking defendants to programs such as initial psychiatric care, vocational rehabilitation, Safelink (for cell phones), the Apalachee Center Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) team, and substance abuse care. The timely linkages to such services are often times essential to keeping mentally ill defendants out of jail, thus decreasing the cost of incarceration that includes costly psychiatric medications. The Mental Health Pretrial Release Specialist was initially anticipated to have a caseload of 25 defendants but is currently averaging a caseload of 40 defendants. Table #3 illustrates the volume of the heavy caseload combined with the success rate of the program. It is also important to point out the increase in the number of new cases assigned each year as the Court Mental Health Coordinator, under the guidance of the Advisory Council, was able to refine the processes as the program took shape.

**Table #3: Mental Health Pretrial Release Data**

	FY 07/08	FY 08/09	FY 09/10	FY 10/11 (10/10 – 12/10)
<b>CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS FY</b>	33	24	27	36
<b>NEW CASE ASSIGNED</b>	39	74	101	17
<b>SUCCESSFUL TERMINATIONS</b>	N/A	36	54	23
<b>UNSUCCESSFUL TERMINATIONS</b>	N/A	22	20	3
<b>JAIL BED DAYS AVOIDED</b>	N/A	11,542	9,746	3,413

*Mental Health Probation*

Leon County's Court Mental Health Program is one of the few in the state that has an established mental health probation component for both county and circuit probation. Prior to the establishment of mental health probation, defendants with a mental illness were either placed on regular probation with few mental health conditions or were placed on administrative (non-reporting) probation where it was virtually impossible for probation officers to track their compliance with court ordered sanctions. The first step in implementing the Grant was to have probation officers from the Florida Department of Corrections Circuit Probation and Parole Office and the Leon County Probation Office complete CIT training. Each of these agencies then appointed the CIT trained officers as their mental health probation officers. Leon County courts now have the option of placing a defendant on mental health probation where the defendants are assigned to specific mental health probation officers. A major addition to the process is the development of defendant specific mental health probation plans. These requests can be initiated by any court party and submitted to the Court Mental Health Coordinator, who submits to all court parties upon completion. This helps to ensure that the defendant, the court parties, the mental health agencies, and the probation officers are aware of court sanctions and have a mechanism by which adherence to these sanctions can be monitored. Another addition to this program that is proving successful is the implementation of an "At Risk Form" which can be by any person working with the defendant if there are behaviors and/or circumstances that arise that put the defendant at risk for a violation. Once the At Risk Form is submitted, the defendant's case is reviewed at the subsequent mental health court staffing and/or is placed on the next mental health court docket for a status hearing. This allows for timely interventions that in many cases prevent a violation of probation. In the event a violation of probation does occur, the probation officers have the option to request a status hearing instead of re-arrest, provided there are no new law violations. Table #4 measures the number of defendants who successfully completed mental health probation.

**Table #4: County Mental Health Probation Data**

	FY 07/08	FY 08/09	FY 09/10	FY 10/11	TOTALS
NEW ASSIGNMENTS	33	45	58	14	150
SUCCESSFUL CLOSURES	5	34	16	5	60
UNSUCCESSFUL CLOSURES	3	20	18	5	46

*Community Competency Restoration Program*

The community competency restoration program created by the Grant was initially designed for defendants who are incompetent to proceed with their cases but are deemed by the Court to be safe enough to be maintained in the community. Through this program, defendants can be placed on a conditional release while the three FTEs that are contracted through the Apalachee Center Inc. and Ability First work to restore the competency of felony and misdemeanor defendants and enroll defendants in social service programs. The competency restoration team has been successful in referring defendants to services such as housing assistance, vocational rehabilitation, bus training, and entitlement programs (Medicaid, SSI) to enhance the continuity of care. The benefits of this program were immediately recognized by the Court to the extent that the Court is now able to utilize the services provided by the program for 1) assessing the competency of misdemeanor defendants not covered for services under Florida Statutes, and 2) ensuring that competent defendants placed on mental health probation are linked to appropriate services. Many defendants on mental health probation are in need of wrap around services to help ensure they successfully complete probation, which decreases the chances of re-arrest at additional costs to the County. The competency program staff has been able to address these needs by referring defendants on probation to any of the social services mentioned above. The competency program was also allotted contingency funds through the Grant to provide incidentals such as initial funding for housing, medications, and clothing for mentally ill defendants upon release from jail.

Table #5 depicts the utilization of the different types of competency restoration programs and their impact on the Leon County Jail. Leon County's community competency restoration program has been aggressive in seeking to reduce the number of mentally ill defendants that were languishing in the Leon County jail and/or having to be committed to a state forensic facility. Defendants only charged with a misdemeanor are not covered under Chapter 916, Florida Statutes to be placed in a state forensic facility. As a result, many mentally ill misdemeanants who were in psychiatric crisis at the jail were not having their cases progress, as they were clearly not in a position to accept a plea and there was not a strong mechanism in place at the jail to provide treatment without their consent. To address this dilemma, the Court and several stakeholders sought to implement two processes: 1) to initiate a Baker Act proceeding for misdemeanant defendants in the jail to relocate them to a local psychiatric facility to be stabilized and better facilitate case disposition, and 2) assess the competency of misdemeanants and, if needed, place them on misdemeanor conditional release.

**Table #5: Community Competency Restoration Program (05/2008 - 12/2010)**

LEGAL STATUS	Number of Defendants Referred	Number of Jail Bed Days Avoided due to Services Provided	Estimated Cost Avoidance
Incompetent to Proceed (ITP)	26	9,515	\$513,810
Mental Health Probation	31	7,334	\$396,036
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGI)	2	690	\$37,260
No Current Charges (Previously received services but all criminal cases are now disposed)	42	9,549	\$515,646
Re-offended with new charges	21	3,061	\$165,294
Totals	122	30,149	\$1,628,046

The Advisory Council continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers and continues to monitor the mental health program's progress and address challenges. On January 20th, 2010, the Advisory Council teamed with the former Healthcare Advisory Board to host a one day Leon County Mental Health Summit for stakeholders (Attachment #3). The summit was well attended and represented the first steps of working toward better collaboration between community partners in delivering mental health services in Leon County. Several weeks later on February 3, 2010, the Advisory Council hosted a successful town hall meeting entitled "Facing Mental Illness in Leon County" (Attachment #4). The event was fashioned after the *Minds on the Edge* series produced by Fred Friendly Seminars, and allowed for a dialogue that exposed several vital issues regarding mental illness in Leon County. Since these events, members of the Advisory Council and other community and state agencies embarked on intensive workgroup project that sought to produce a report, with recommendations, on the Mental Health Summit and the Town Hall Meeting. Once the report is completed, the Advisory Council will seek to present it to the County Commission.

To assist in the oversight and assessment of the program, the Advisory Council developed a two-tiered approach for the evaluation and data analysis requirements of the Grant. The County contracts with the Florida State University's School of Psychology and the Askew School for Public Administration and Public Policy to evaluate and interpret different types of data. The School of Psychology is utilized to measure the effectiveness and quality of care for the County's expanded mental health services. The Askew School is used to measure qualitative and quantitative program outcomes with data gathered by staff. These two approaches allow the County to identify areas for improvements and adjustments by providing an all-encompassing evaluation of all three parts of the Court Mental Health Program.

The Court Mental Health Coordinator also provides the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) with quarterly reports on the status of the Grant program. Under its purview of jail population management, the PSCC meetings provide another venue for the judiciary, law enforcement, and other stakeholders in the criminal justice system to weigh in on the program and identify areas for improvement.

Financial Considerations:

As previously noted, the County received \$261,200 for the final year of the Grant program. The Grant is set to expire on April 30, 2011 but staff has made several requests for an extension to fully utilize these funds and preserve the program through September 30, 2011. Two letters have been submitted to the Department of Children and Families Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Mr. David Sofferin. The first letter was submitted on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, after which staff was asked to submit another letter containing details on the number of defendants that could be served with an extension. The second letter was submitted on January 4, 2011. Staff has also engaged the County's legislative lobbying team to assist in these efforts to encourage DCF to grant the County's request for an extension.

Should DCF provide the County the extension through September 30, 2011, the Court Mental Health Coordinator and the contracted providers will continue to carry out the program objectives. If the extension is not permitted, the program will conclude on April 30, 2011 barring an infusion of resources. The Court Mental Health Program is expected to require approximately \$125,000 to continue operating from May to September 2011. If DCF does not permit the extension and the Board wishes to continue this program through the remainder of the fiscal year, staff could bring back an agenda item for Board consideration to temporarily fund the program.

To date, the Court Mental Health Program has not been contemplated in the FY 2012 County budget. The Board has the discretion to allow the program to sunset as the Grant funding runs out. Should the Board wish to continue the program in FY 2012, staff recommends bringing the issue back as a budget discussion item to evaluate it in context with other County priorities. The current program has cost approximately \$260,000 annually. Based on preliminary data provided by the Court Administrator's Office, the Court Mental Health Program could be modified to an annual cost of \$200,000 in future years.

**OPTIONS:**

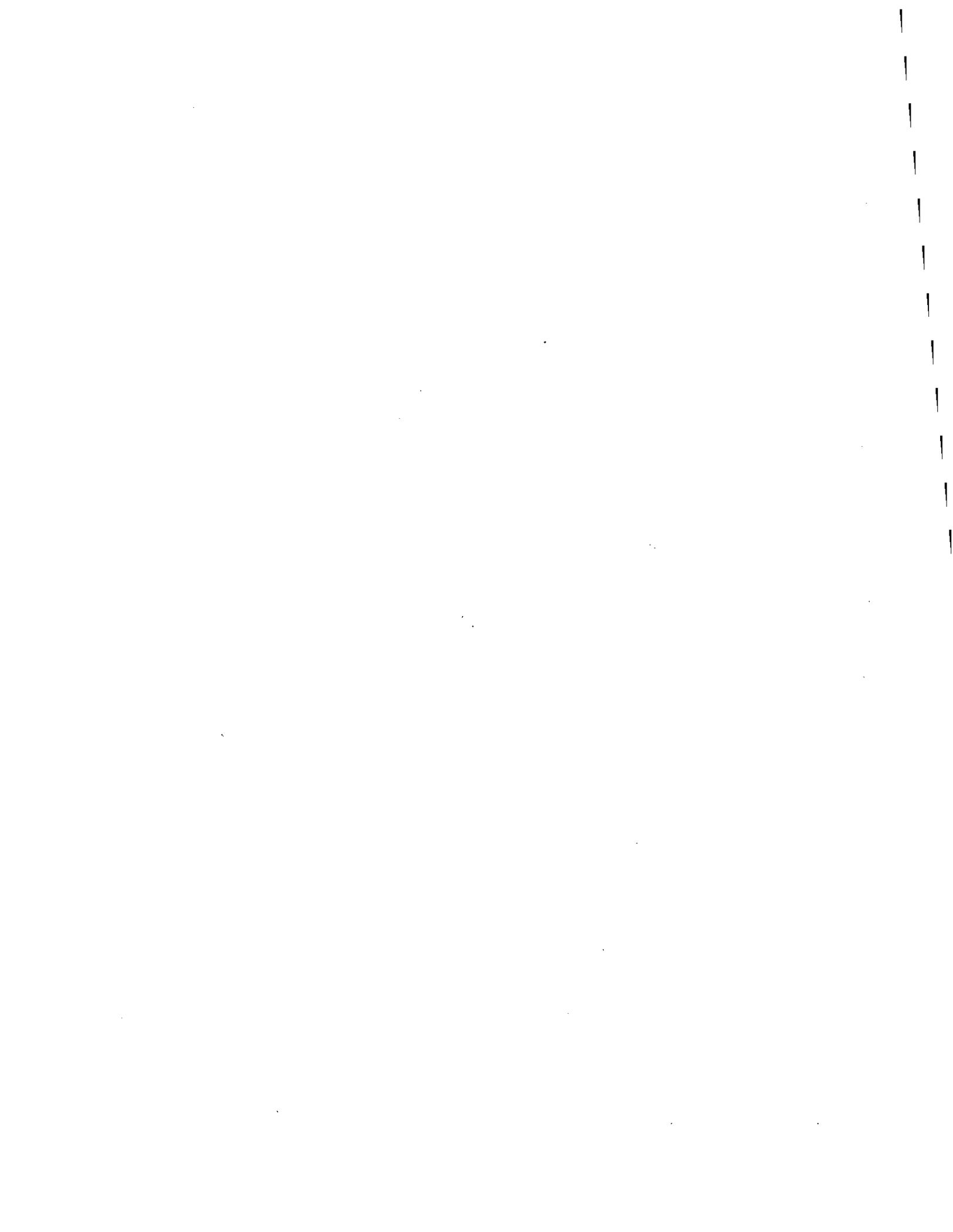
1. Accept the status report on the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program.
2. Direct staff to bring back an agenda item if the Department of Children and Families does not authorize the extension of the Grant funds.
3. Direct staff to include the Court Mental Health Program as an FY 2012 budget discussion item.
4. Board Direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

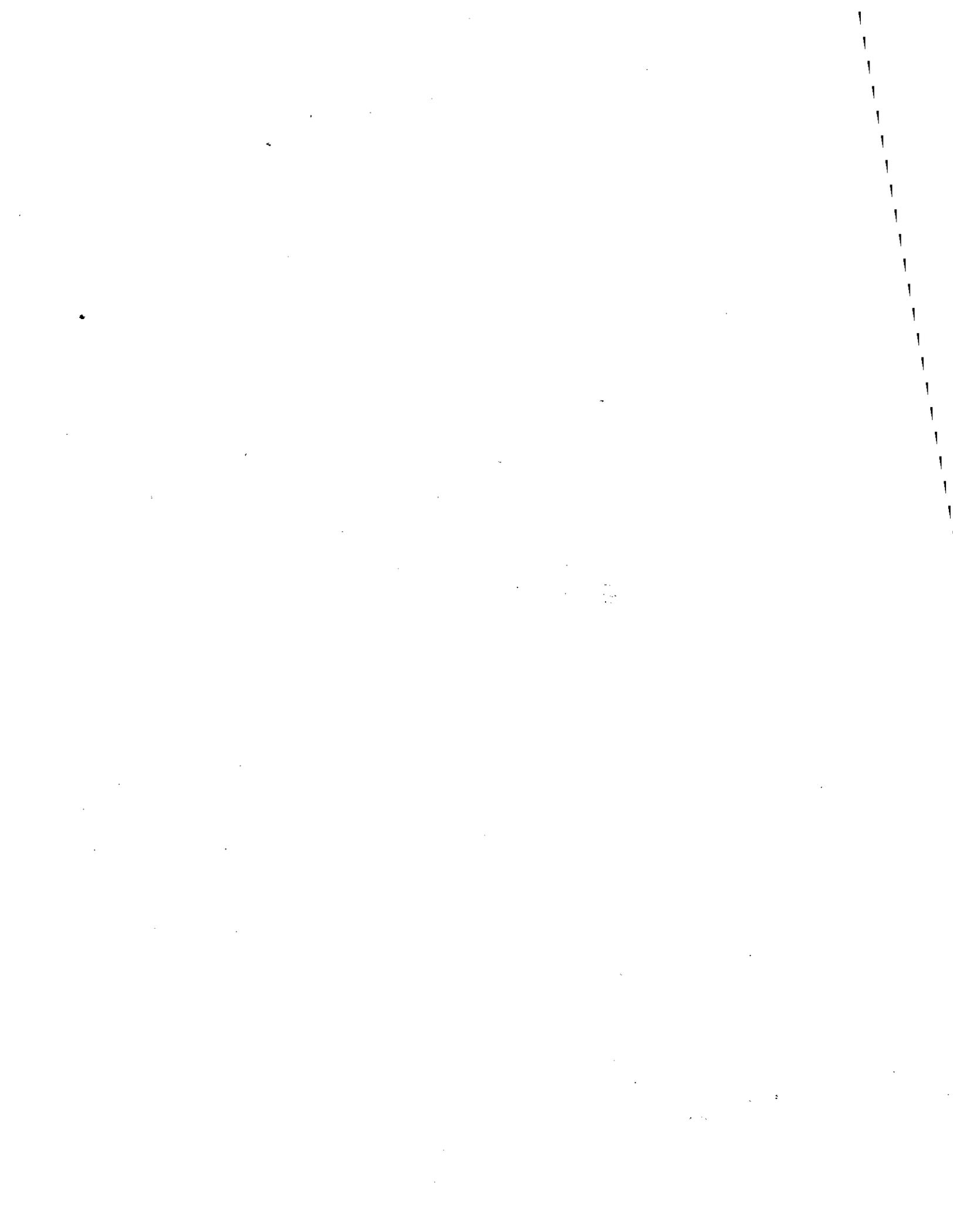
Board Direction.

**Attachments:**

1. Membership of the County's Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Advisory Council.
2. Flow of Events Involving a Mentally Ill Person – Leon County Integrated Mental Health Court.
3. Leon County Mental Health Summit Announcement.
4. Leon County Town Hall Meeting Announcement.

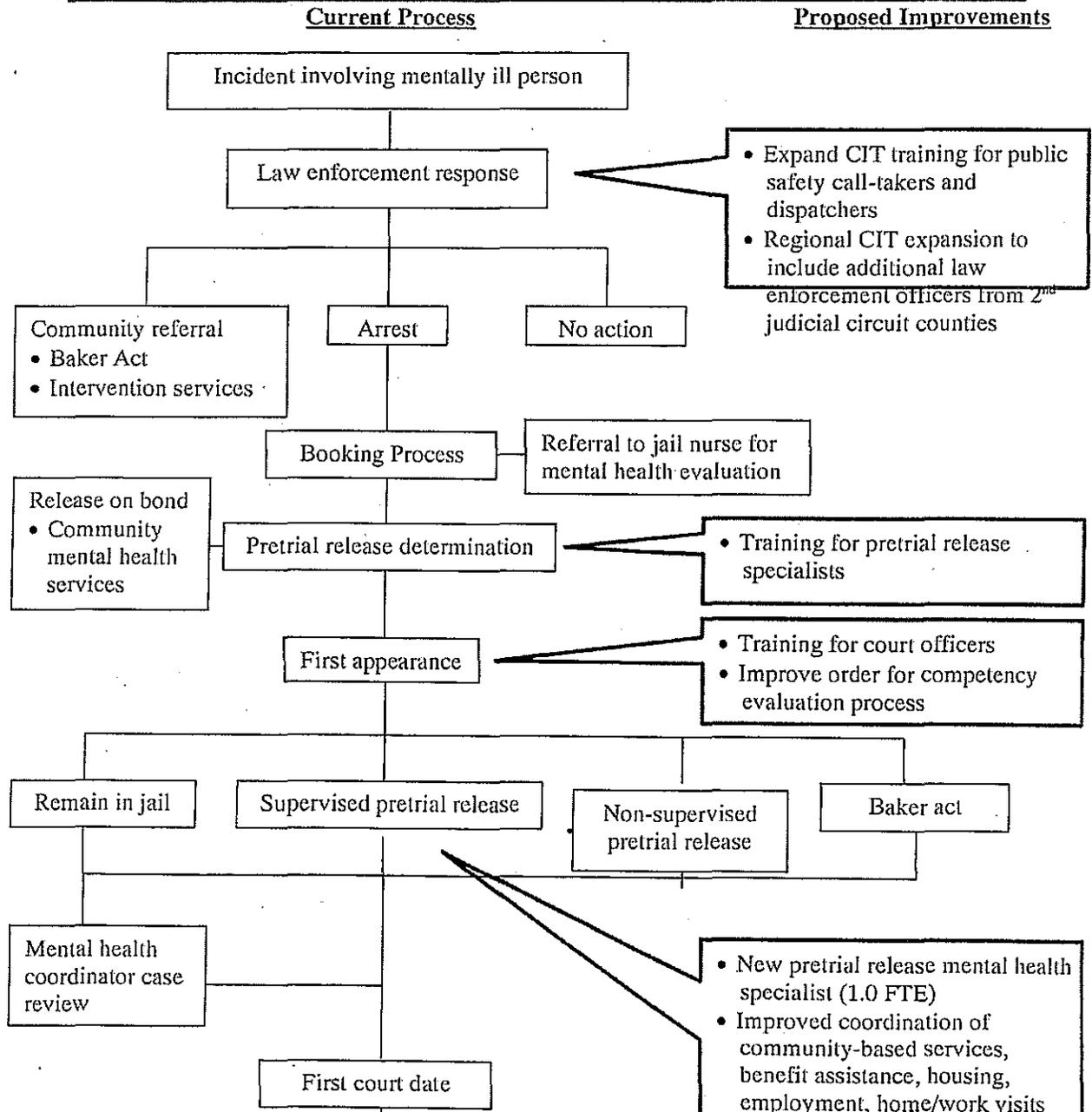


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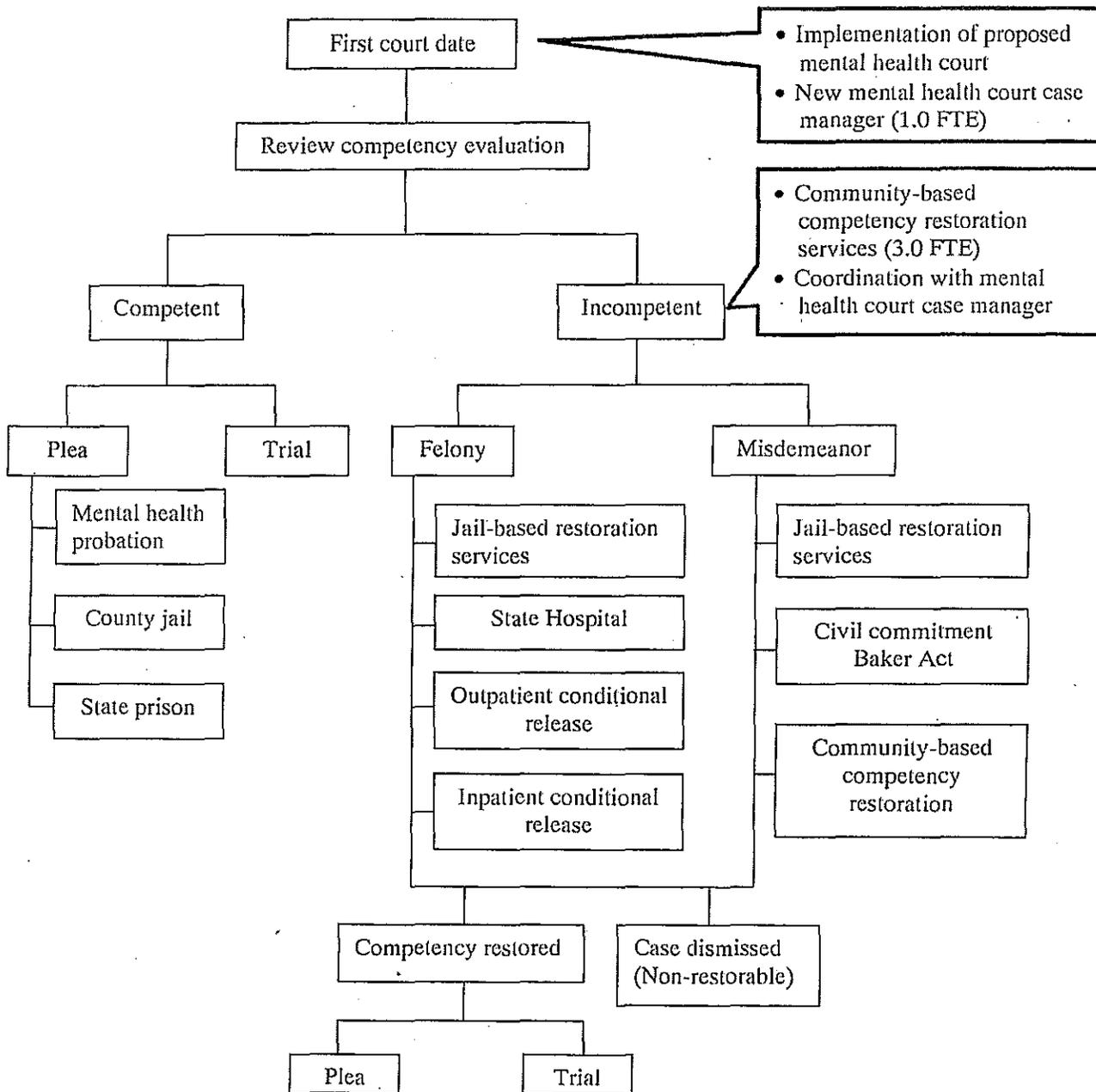


### Flow of Events Involving a Mentally Ill Person Leon County Integrated Mental Health Court

The following flow chart reflects the current Leon County process when a mentally ill person becomes involved with the criminal justice system. The intent of the chart is to provide an overview of the primary steps in the process. Information in the red boxes describes the system improvements that are proposed as part of Leon County's Mental Health Reinvestment Grant proposal.



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**January 20, 2010**

**8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Location:**

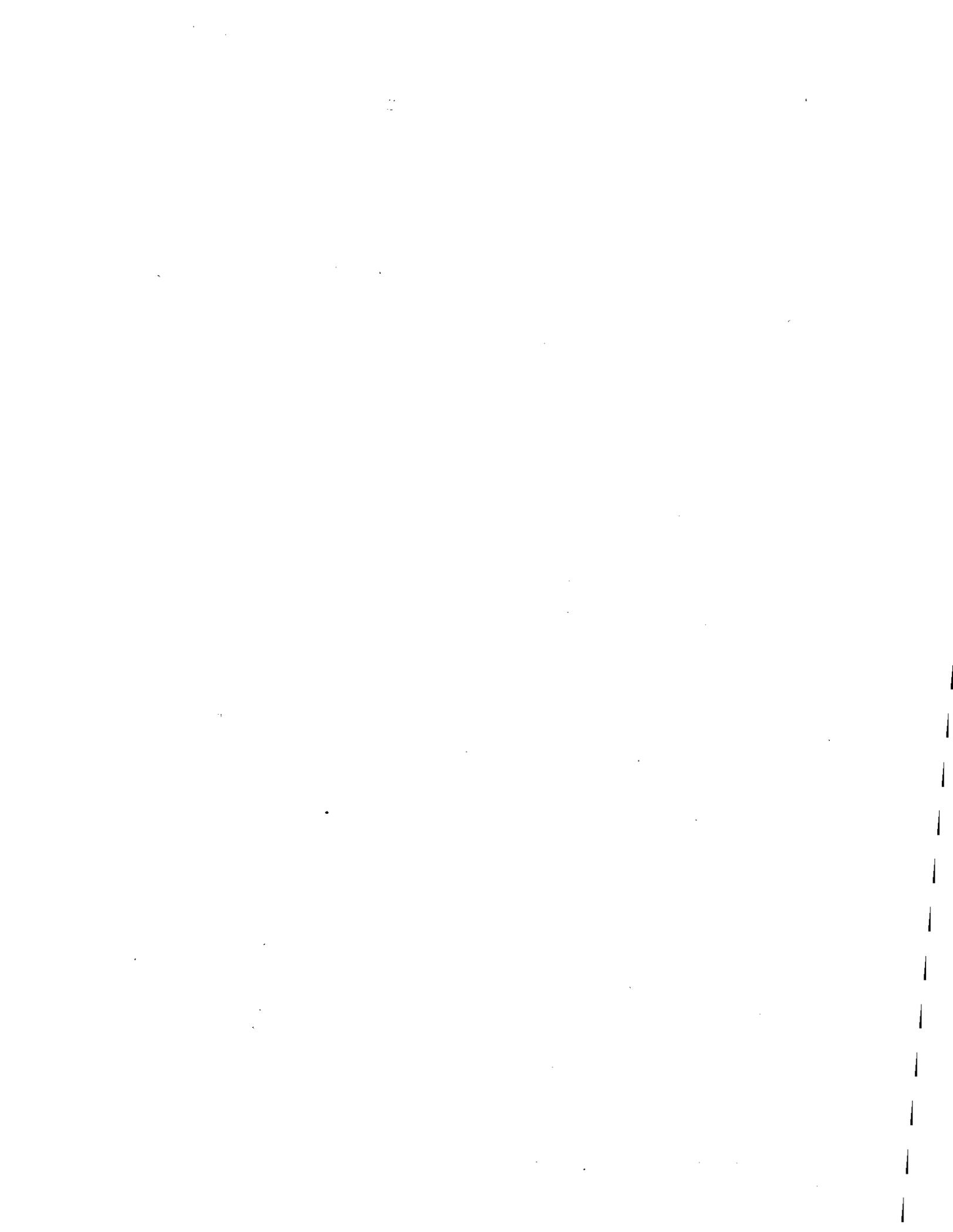
**Center for Workforce Development  
Tallahassee Community College**

The attached registration form should be completed for each person from your agency that will be attending. Registration forms should be emailed or faxed no later than *Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010* and should be sent to:

Renee Dukes

Leon County Health and Human Services

Email: [DukesR@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:DukesR@leoncountyfl.gov) or Fax: (850)606-1901





**LEON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE REINVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

PRESENTS

**“FACING MENTAL ILLNESS IN LEON COUNTY”  
~ A TOWN HALL MEETING ~**

**Leon County Commission Chambers**

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

**6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

Join us in a dialogue that explores and helps define the face of mental illness in Leon County while seeking concrete solutions that can help to develop an integrated system of care.

This dialogue will be fashioned after the *Minds on the Edge* Series produced by Fred Friendly Seminars, and will address adult mental health, children's mental health, and co-occurring disorders.

Inquiries are to be directed to Kendra Brown at (850)577-3-4438 or [brownken@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:brownken@leoncountyfl.gov)

