

Mental Health Project
Plan of Operation

This project was developed by the Leon County Health Department from a request of the Leon BCC to provide mental health services at Bond and NHS. The Board contributed \$97,671.00 and the Leon CHD allocated \$60,000.00 from County authorized fees for a total current year budget of \$157,671.00. Because all of the funding is County generated and authorized, only patients from Leon County will be seen.

We have a contract with Apalachee Center, Inc. to provide a psychiatric ARNP, a Psychiatrist, and a case manager for \$142,808.00. The balance of the funding, \$14,863.00, will be used to purchase drugs as needed. We expect to use the FAMU Pharmacy patient drug assistance program to give almost all needed drugs to the clients. On the occasion when this is not possible, we may use the money for drugs.

- Clients will be referred from Neighborhood Health Services, Bond CHC, and Leon CHD using DOH 5065 referral form.
- Case manager will date stamp the form in and review reason for referral. Patient/client will be contacted within three business days of receipt of referral. If there is an immediate need, the case manager will see the client within 24 hours.
- The case manager will assist the client to obtain Medicaid, Kidcare, SSI, VA, and any other benefit that may be available for the specific client.
- The case manager will refer the client to the patient assistance counselor, located at the FAMU Pharmacy at NHS and the Bond Clinic at 872 West Orange Avenue. If the client is on drugs that can be obtained through the patient drug assistance program, the client will be assisted to do that.
- Referral will be made for ongoing counseling services as needed.
- Staff will provide services at NHS (438 West Brevard Street), Leon CHD (782 West Orange Avenue) which also houses one of the Bond CHC clinics, and at the Leon CHD (1515 Old Bainbridge Road, known as the Roberts & Stevens Clinic).
- Services will be scheduled, initially, at the NHS and Bond sites two days a week for the medical provider and two days a week for the case manager. Services will be scheduled at the Roberts & Stevens Clinic site one day a week each for the medical provider and the case manager. Scheduling will be modified as the patient need becomes evident.