

El Paso Criminal Justice Mental Health Jail Diversion Collaboration

This collaboration for jail diversion of appropriate individuals diagnosed with brain disorders, is hereby entered into on the dates set out below by and between the agencies and entities indicated below through the formal execution of this agreement by the agency or entity, as evidenced by the respective signature of the agency or entity's authorized official at the end of this collaboration.

Jail diversion, both pre-arrest and post-arrest, of individuals diagnosed with a brain disorder in our community is considered a priority by these agencies and entities. We agree to work together to effect a coordinated response to such individuals on the verge of or already in the criminal justice system through the sharing of resources and information, mutual cooperation, program development and implementation, and joint grant applications.

Though each agency's views and perceptions of the problem and the appropriate response to the problem may differ, each agency recognizes the need to join together in order to effect a coordinated response to the increasing mental health population currently involved in our criminal justice system. To that end, each agency or entity, to the extent permitted by law, regulation and the mission of the agency or entity, commits to actively explore and implement ways to appropriately and safely redirect away from and out of the criminal justice system those individuals diagnosed with brain disorders whose actions or behavior are the result of their brain disorders.

ENTERED into on the date and by the agency or entity listed below:

El Paso County, County Judge Anthony Cobos	Date
City of El Paso, Mayor John Cook	Date
El Paso Hospital District, Dr. Jose Luna, Board Chair	Date
El Paso County District Attorney, Jaime Esparza	Date
El Paso County Attorney, Jo Anne Bernal	Date
El Paso County Public Defender, Clara Hernandez	Date

El Paso County Sheriff, Richard Wiles	Date
El Paso County Council of Judges, Judge Patrick Garcia	Date
El Paso County Mental Health Court, Judge Ricardo Herrera	Date
El Paso County Jail Magistrate, Judge James Carter	Date
West Texas Community Supervision, Stephen Enders	Date
El Paso Mental Health Mental Retardation, CEO Gary Larcenaire	Date
El Paso Psychiatric Center, CEO Zulema Carrillo	Date
University Behavioral Health, CEO Kim Whitlock	Date
El Paso Coalition for the Homeless, Carole Bohle	Date
El Paso Rescue Mission, Blake Barrow	Date
El Paso Opportunity Center, Richard Tullis	Date
Peak Behavioral Health Services, CEO Joe Rodriguez	Date