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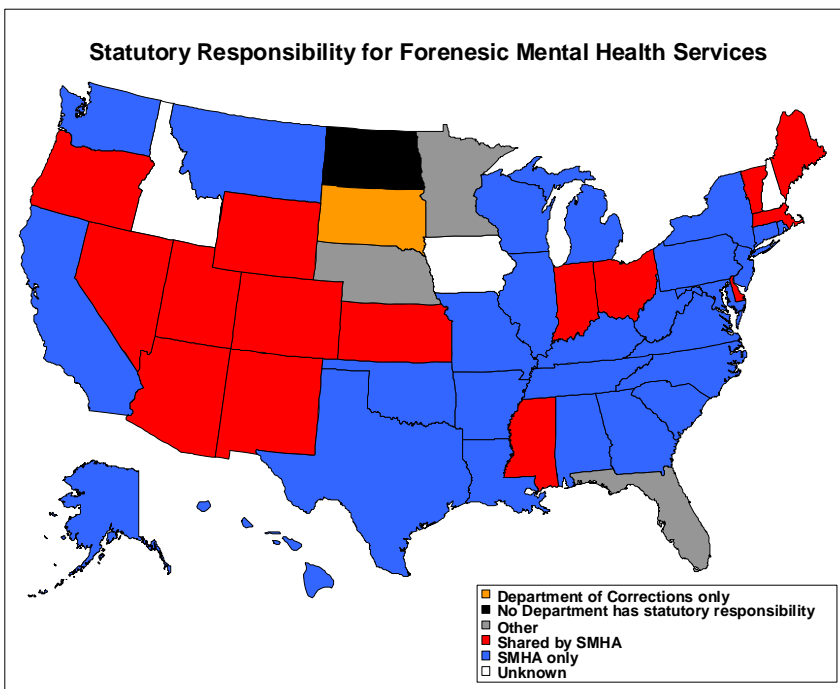
State Forensic Mental Health Services: 2004

MAJOR FINDINGS

- Nearly all SMHAs play a role in the provision of forensic mental health services.
- The SMHA has a central administrative management unit responsible for planning, administration and/or monitoring of forensic services in 29 states.
- Eighteen states have laws providing specifically for the hospitalization/commitment of sex offenders, including sexually violent predators, sexually dangerous persons, etc
- 76% of states use their psychiatric hospitals to provide services to forensic patients.

Forensic Mental Health Services – the treatment of persons with a mental illness sent to state mental health agencies (SMHAs) due their involvement with the criminal justice system – is a growing population served by the SMHAs. SMHAs vary in the role they play in providing forensic mental health services.

Organization of State Forensic Mental Health Services: Nearly all SMHAs play a role in the provision of forensic mental health services. In over three quarters of the states and the District of Columbia (39), the SMHA is responsible for adult forensic services. In Arizona, the responsibility is located in the same division as the SMHA. In 7 states, the responsibility is shared with another agency. Only in Iowa does the SMHA have no responsibility for adult forensic services.



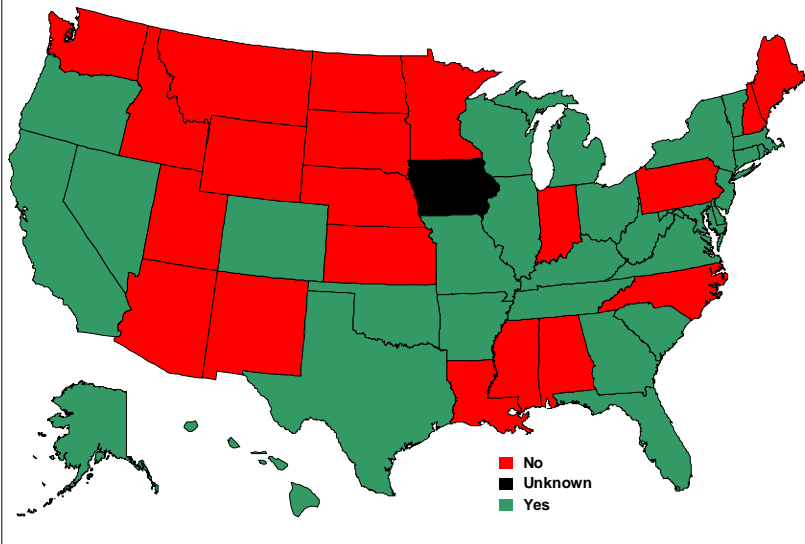
Most SMHAs play a role in administering court evaluation of mental health status. In two thirds of the states and the District of Columbia (34), the SMHA is responsible for court evaluations of mental health status. In Arizona, the responsibility is located in the same division as the SMHA. In 9 states, the responsibility is shared with another agency. In Minnesota and South Dakota, the SMHA has no responsibility for court evaluations of mental health status. In Connecticut, the agency responsible for adult mental health services is responsible for court evaluations while the agency responsible for children's services is not.

A majority of SMHAs play a role in administering services to persons with mental illness in prisons and jails. In 6 states and the District of Columbia, the SMHA is responsible for services in prisons and jails. In 25 states, the responsibility is shared with another agency. In 17 states, the SMHA has no responsibility for services in prisons and jails. In

Connecticut, the agency responsible for children's mental health services is responsible for services in prisons and jails while the agency responsible for adult services is not.

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SMHA plans, administers and/or monitors forensic services



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Scope of Forensic Mental Health Services:

Twenty-seven states reported 7502 adult forensic beds and 36 states reported an adult forensic census of 13,569 persons. Thirty-eight states reported an adult forensic census for incompetence to stand trial of 5,554 persons.

Forty-four states have a Not Guilty by Reason of

Insanity (NGRI) statute. Thirty-seven states reported an adult forensic census of 5187 for NGRI. Fifteen states have a Guilty, but Mentally Ill (GBMI) statute. Forensic patients found NGRI or GBMI were 4928 of 23,089 (or 21.3%) of the adult patients in the state psychiatric hospitals of 36 states during fiscal year 2004.

Eight states reported 110 juvenile forensic beds and reported a juvenile forensic census of 179 persons. Five states reported a juvenile forensic census for incompetence to stand trial of 209. Four states reported a juvenile forensic census of 59 for pre-trial evaluation. Forensic patients found NGRI or GBMI were 47 of 2559 (or 1.8%) of youth patients in the state psychiatric hospitals of 29 states during fiscal year 2004.

Sexual Offenders: Eighteen states (AZ, CA, CO, FL, IL, KS, MA, MN, MO, ND, NE, NJ, PA, SC, TX, VA, WA, WI) have laws providing specifically for the hospitalization/commitment of sex offenders, including sexually violent predators, sexually dangerous persons, etc. Indiana and Oregon reported not having such a law.

- The Department of Corrections is responsible for screening corrections inmates to identify candidates for commitment proceedings in 14 states. The responsibility is shared by the Department of Corrections and the SMHA in Delaware and Missouri. In Florida and Maine, the SMHA is responsible.
- The SMHA is responsible for evaluating individuals whose commitment someone else has petitioned in 9 states. The responsibility is shared by the SMHA and the Department of Corrections in 5 states. In Colorado, Massachusetts, and Texas, the Department of Corrections is responsible.
- The SMHA is responsible for providing the facility in which the committed individual is served in ten states. The responsibility is shared by the SMHA and the Department of Corrections in Delaware, Missouri, and New Hampshire. In 5 states, the Department of Corrections is responsible.
- The SMHA is responsible for administering the commitment facility in 13 states. The responsibility is shared by the SMHA and the Department of Corrections in Delaware and New Hampshire. In 4 states, the Department of Corrections is responsible.
- The SMHA is responsible for providing or paying for the clinical services in 14 states. The responsibility is shared by the SMHA and the Department of Corrections in Delaware and New Hampshire. In Colorado, Massachusetts, and Texas, the Department of Corrections is responsible.
- The SMHA is responsible for providing or paying for security services in 10 states. The responsibility is shared by the SMHA and the Department of Corrections in Delaware, Missouri and New Hampshire. In 6 states, the Department of Corrections is responsible.

Twenty-four states reported an adult forensic census of 1727 for sexual offenders. Washington reported 1 juvenile sexual offender. Most SMHAs play a role in administering sexual offender services. In 8 states, the SMHA is responsible for sexual offender services. In 22 states, the responsibility is shared with another agency. In 17 states, the SMHA has no responsibility for court evaluations of mental health status. In Connecticut, the agency responsible for children's mental health services is responsible for court evaluations while the agency responsible for adult services the responsibility is shared with another agency.

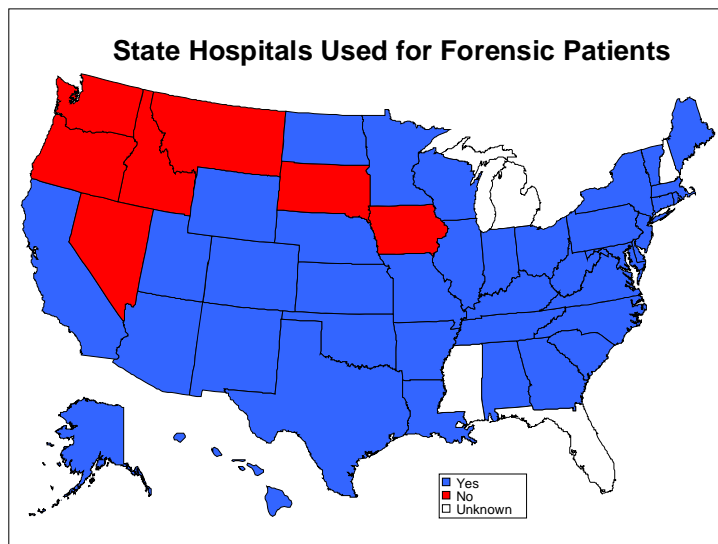
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Local Jails and Detention Centers: City/County governments and mental health agencies have responsibility for the provision of mental health services to adults with severe mental illness in local jails and detention centers in 25 states. The responsibility is shared by City/Counties and the SMHA in 8 states. The SMHA is responsible in the District of Columbia, Maine, and New Mexico. The responsibility is shared by the SMHA and the Department of Corrections in Vermont. The Department of Corrections is responsible in Alaska, Connecticut, and Minnesota.

City/County governments and mental health agencies have responsibility for the provision of mental health services to children/adolescents with severe mental illness in local jails or detention centers in 21 states. The responsibility is shared by City/Counties and the SMHA in 5 states. The SMHA is responsible in the District of Columbia and Maine. The responsibility is shared by the SMHA and Children’s Services agencies in Alaska and Vermont. Children’s services agencies are responsible in 4 states. The Department of Juvenile Justice is responsible in Georgia and the Department of Corrections is responsible in Minnesota.

The SMHA funds, operates or provides community mental health programs that provide mental health services to:

- Adults in local jails or detention centers in 28 states and to juveniles in 20 states;
- Adults among the community corrections population in 27 states and to juveniles in 20 states;
- Adults in local sherriffs’ offices in 9 states and to juveniles in 4 states.



State Psychiatric Hospitals: The SMHA uses its state psychiatric hospital beds for acute inpatient (less than 30 days) for forensic patients in 31 states. The SMHA uses its hospital beds for intermediate inpatient (30-90 days) for forensic patients in 37 states. The SMHA uses its hospital beds for long-term inpatient (more than 90 days) for forensic patients in 39 states.

Diversion Programs: In 31 states, communities have adopted pre-booking diversion programs to help divert adults with mental illness into treatment. In 27 states, communities have adopted post-booking, pre-adjudication programs to help divert adults with mental illness into treatment. In 29 states, the SMHAs have to help divert youth with mental illnesses from the juvenile justice system into treatment.

Over the last two years, 28 SMHAs had activities or funding to stimulate or support pre-booking diversion programs. In the next fiscal year, 24 SMHAs will have activities or funding to stimulate or support any type of criminal justice diversion programs.

Mental Health Courts: Thirty states reported having at mental health courts for a total of 178 courts. Virginia had the most (40 courts), followed by Oregon (36), Ohio (24), Georgia (10), and Florida (9). Nine states had 1 court and 16 states had between 2 and 7 courts. Twenty states reported that a total of 5251 persons were seen by these courts. The actual total is likely to be far higher since neither Virginia nor Ohio reported the number of persons seen. Eleven states, including Georgia, reported that their courts have access to resources to provide community-based treatments and in one state the court does not have access but services are being provided. Nineteen states, including Virginia, Oregon, Ohio and Florida, reported that their courts to not have access to these resources.

Re-entry Programs: Twenty-seven states reported that the SMHA has adopted, funded, or operated re-entry programs to provide support for prisoners or jail detainees with mental illnesses and/or co-occurring substance abuse disorders who are returning to the community.

State	Responsibility of the SMHA in Administering				Current Forensic Census	
	Adult forensic mental health services.	Court evaluation of mental health status.	Services to persons with mental illness in prison/jail.	Sex offender services.	Adults	Juveniles
AK	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency		10	0
AL	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency	No responsibility	204	
AR	Part of the SMHA	Part of the SMHA	Shared with another agency	Shared with another agency	80	
AZ	Same SMHA Division		Shared with another agency		158	0
CA	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency		4064	
CO	Shared with another agency		No responsibility	Shared with another agency	266	3
CT	Adults	Part of the SMHA	No responsibility	Shared with another agency	227	
	Children	No responsibility		Part of the SMHA		2
DC		Part of the SMHA				
DE	Shared with another agency	Part of the SMHA	No responsibility		33	
FL	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency	Part of the SMHA	1278	
GA	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility		460	
HI	Shared with another agency	Part of the SMHA	Shared with another agency		173	
IA	No responsibility	Shared with another agency	No responsibility	Part of the SMHA		
ID	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility			
IL	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency		856	15
IN	Part of the SMHA	Shared with another agency	No responsibility		220	
KS	Shared with another agency	Part of the SMHA	No responsibility	Shared with another agency	231	
KY	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency			
LA		Part of the SMHA		No responsibility		
MA	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency	No responsibility	248	4
MD	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency			
ME	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency		4	0
MI	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency	No responsibility		
MN	Part of the SMHA	No responsibility	Shared with another agency	Part of the SMHA		
MO	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility	Part of the SMHA		
MS	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility		35	
MT	Adults					
NC	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency		174	
ND	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency		33	0
NE	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility	Part of the SMHA	86	0
NH						
NJ	Adults	Part of the SMHA	Shared with another agency	Part of the SMHA	423	
		Part of the SMHA	Shared with another agency		71	0
NM	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility		48	
NV	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility		701	
NY		Part of the SMHA		No responsibility		
OH	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility		665	0
OK	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency	No responsibility	170	0
OR	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency		365	
PA	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency		194	0
RI	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility		18	
SC	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency			
SD	Shared with another agency	No responsibility	Part of the SMHA	No responsibility	0	0
TN	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility		194	38
TX	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility	Shared with another agency	488	77
UT		Part of the SMHA		No responsibility		
VA	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency		394	11
VT	Shared with another agency	Part of the SMHA	No responsibility	Shared with another agency	23	0
WA		Part of the SMHA	Shared with another agency			
WI	Part of the SMHA		Shared with another agency	Part of the SMHA	913	29
WV	Part of the SMHA		No responsibility	Part of the SMHA	62	
WY		Shared with another agency		No responsibility		
	Same SMHA Division = 1	Same SMHA Division = 1	No responsibility = 18	No responsibility = 17	Total = 13,569.00	Total = 179.00
	No responsibility = 2	No responsibility = 3	Part of the SMHA = 6	Part of the SMHA = 9		
	Part of the SMHA = 40	Part of the SMHA = 35	Shared with another agency = 26	Shared with another agency = 22		
	Shared with another agency = 7	Shared with another agency = 9				

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