
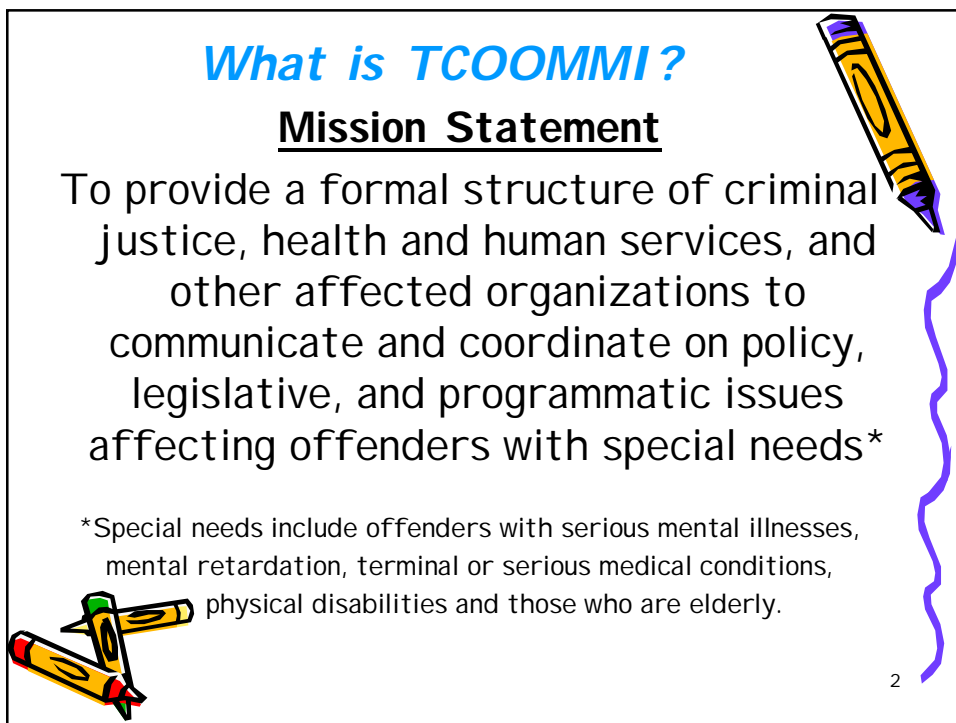


### *What is TCOOMMI?*

#### **Mission Statement**

To provide a formal structure of criminal justice, health and human services, and other affected organizations to communicate and coordinate on policy, legislative, and programmatic issues affecting offenders with special needs\*

\*Special needs include offenders with serious mental illnesses, mental retardation, terminal or serious medical conditions, physical disabilities and those who are elderly.



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## *What is TCOOMMI?*

### **OVERVIEW OF TCOOMMI ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- ❖ *10 Gubernatorial Appointees*
- ❖ *21 State Agencies or Associations consisting of the following*



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## **HB 3689 – TCOOMMI's Role?**

- TCOOMMI will coordinate and monitor a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among certain agencies to institute a continuity of care and service program for juveniles with mental impairments in the juvenile justice system
- Clarifies laws regarding the sharing of information and communication



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## What does Continuity of Care Mean?

Establishes an MOU for the following purposes:

- identifying juveniles with mental impairments in the juvenile justice system and collecting and reporting relevant data to TCOOMMI ;
- developing interagency rules, policies, and procedures for the coordination of care of and the exchange of information on juveniles with mental impairments who are committed to or treated, served, or supervised by certain agencies; and
- identifying the services needed by juveniles with mental impairments in the juvenile justice system.



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## What agencies are to be included in the MOU?

- Texas Juvenile Probation Commission
- Texas Youth Commission
- Department of Public Safety
- Department of State Health Services
- Department of Aging & Disability Services
- Department of Family & Protective Services
- Texas Education Agency
- Local juvenile probation departments



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## What entities shall exchange continuity of care information?

The following entities and individuals, a person with an agency relationship with one of the following entities or individuals, and a person who contracts with one or more of the following entities or individuals

- TX Dept of Criminal Justice
- Board of Pardons & Parole
- Dept of State Health Services
- TX Juvenile Probation Comm.
- TX Youth Commission
- Dept. of Assistive & Rehab. Services
- TX Education Agency
- Comm. On Jail Standards
- Dept. on Aging & Disability Services
- TX School for the Blind & Visually Impaired
- Community corrections & supervision departments
- Local juvenile probation departments
- Personal bond pretrial release offices
- Local jails regulated by Comm. On Jail Standards
- A municipal or county health departments
- A hospital district
- A judge of this state with jurisdiction over juvenile or criminal cases
- An attorney who is appointed or retained to represent...a juvenile with mental impairment
- Health & Human Services Comm.
- Dept. of Information Resources
- The bureau of ident. & records of the Dept. of Public Safety for the purpose of providing...ident. of individuals in the DSHS client data base
- Dept. of Family & Protective Services

*TX Health & Safety Code 614.017*



## TCOOMMI Continuity of Care System & Activities (614.013 – 016, HSC)

Juvenile System → Arrest → Pre-Trial /Jail Diversion → Probation → CID → Parole

**10 – 17 YEARS OF AGE**

<p>JUVENILE PROBATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPECIALIZED OFFICERS</li> <li>• TARGETED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES</li> <li>• TRANSITIONAL SERVICES</li> </ul>	<p>TEXAS YOUTH COMMISSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRE/POST RELEASE REFERRAL SERVICES</li> <li>• TARGETED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR PAROLEES AND CONTINUITY OF CARE SERVICES FOR YOUTH DISCHARGED DUE TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND FOR THOSE OF PAROLE WITHOUT A TARGET DIAGNOSIS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MANDATORY PRE/INSERVICE TRAINING ON MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER DISABILITIES (TCLEOSE STANDARDS)</li> <li>• SPECIALIZED MENTAL HEALTH PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION DEPUTY PROGRAMS (1701.404, 222-11 OC)</li> <li>• CIT TRAINING (SB1473, 79<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> <li>• JAIL DIVERSION: CRISIS PROGRAMS (HB1, 80<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MANDATORY JAIL SCREENING AND COURT NOTIFICATION OF DEFENDANTS POSSIBLE MENTAL HEALTH RETARDATION WITHIN 72 HOURS OF INTAKE (17.032, 16.22 CCP)</li> <li>• REVISED STATUTORY GUIDELINES FOR ENHANCED COMPETENCY DETERMINATION AND MONITORING (SB 867, 80<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> <li>• CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR 46.B DEFENDANTS (HOSPITAL, TO JAIL TO COMMUNITY) (HB1, 80<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> <li>• MHMR DATABASE TO BE MERGED WITH DPS TLETS SYSTEM FOR REAL TIME IDENTIFICATION AT TIME OF JAIL INTAKE (SB 839, 80<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> <li>• IMPROVED CONTINUITY OF CARE STANDARDS TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE JAIL COMMISSION, AND STATUS REPORTING TO TCOOMMI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPECIALIZED OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAMS (HB1, 80<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> <li>• SPECIALIZED PROBATION OFFICERS (HB1, 80<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> <li>• COORDINATED EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE REVOCATIONS OF SPECIAL NEEDS OFFENDERS (CJAD STANDARDS)</li> <li>• MENTAL HEALTH COURTS (HB 2518, 79<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> <li>• SPECIALIZED RESIDENTIAL COURT FACILITIES (HB1, 80<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> <li>• NGRI PRE AND POST RELEASE TREATMENT (SB837, 79<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CROSS-REFERENCING OF OFFENDERS WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES DATABASE AT TIME OF INTAKE</li> <li>• MANDATORY PRE AND POST RELEASE CONTINUITY OF CARE (614.013-016, HSC)</li> <li>• PRE AND POST RELEASE SS/SSI APPLICATION INITIATIVE</li> <li>• SPECIAL NEEDS OFFENDER PROGRAMS (HB1, 80<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> <li>• SPECIALIZED PAROLE CASELOADS (HB1, 80<sup>TH</sup> LEG.)</li> <li>• COORDINATED EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE REVOCATIONS OF SPECIAL NEEDS OFFENDERS (Parole Standards)</li> </ul>
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(Mandatory sharing and cross-referencing of offender information throughout the continuum) (HB 3689, 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature)

TCLEOSE – Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education  
 CIT – Crisis Intervention Team  
 CJAD – Community Justice Assistance Division  
 SS/SSI – Social Security/Supplement Security Income  
 MH/MR – Mental Health/Mental Retardation  
 NGRI – Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity

## What should you be aware of regarding exchange of information?

- Consent is still required to release information about substance abuse
- Information obtained under this section may not be used as evidence in any criminal proceeding, unless obtained and introduced by other lawful evidentiary means and
- A person commits a Class B misdemeanor if the person releases or discloses confidential information obtained under this section for purposes other than continuity of care and services, except as authorized by other law or by the consent of the person to whom the information relates.



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## What services are currently funded in the Mental Health/Criminal Justice Initiative?

- TJPC funds specialized Juvenile Probation Officers to provide supervision and team with their mental health counterpart
- TCOOMMI funds staff at the local public mental health authorities to provide mental health treatment and team with their probation counterpart



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## What services are provided with TCOOMMI funds?

- ✓ Service coordination and planning
- ✓ Medication and monitoring
- ✓ Individual and/or group therapy, skills training
- ✓ Assessments for service referral
- ✓ In home services such as Multi-systemic Therapy or Functional Family Therapy
- ✓ Family focused support services
- ✓ Substance abuse treatment
- ✓ Benefit eligibility services
- ✓ Transitional services



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## Who should you call with questions about TCOOMMI?

Call your local MHMR's TCOOMMI  
Program Director

or

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TCOOMMI -Austin office  
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