Behavioral Health: Addressing Needs Through Local Partnerships

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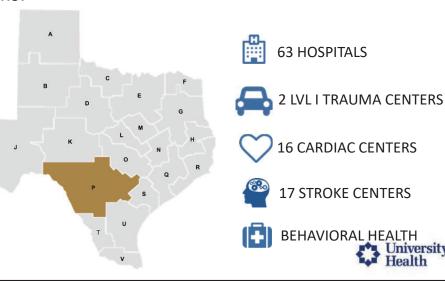




STRAC: Who We Are

Mission: To reduce death / disability related to trauma, disaster, and *acute illness* through implementation of *well-planned* and coordinated regional *emergency response systems*.





STRAC Organization

Acute Care

- Trauma/Cardiac/Stroke
- EMS and EMS Medical Directors
- Air Medical
- Pediatric
- MIH
- Perinatal
- MEDCOM
- EMS EMR
- Clinical Registries

Behavioral Health

- Southwest Texas Crisis Collaborative Steering Committee
- Law Enforcement Navigation
- · Homeless Acute Care
- ER Crisis Transfer
- Social Determinants of Health
- Data Collection

Emergency Preparedness & Response

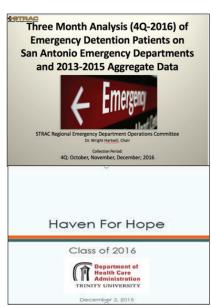
- Healthcare Coalition
- Regional Medical Operations Center
- Rescue Team
- Logistics
- EMTF
- Disaster IT
- Patient Tracking
- AssetTrak





STCC Background: What We Learned (2016)

- 9,000+ Emergency Detentions annually
- Nearly 1/2 only needed a medical screening prior to psychiatric care
- Were going to hospital ERs & became part of the national "boarding" problem
- Lack of integration between medical/behavioral health care system on the Haven for Hope homeless campus
- Haven for Hope: #1 spot for 9-1-1 calls







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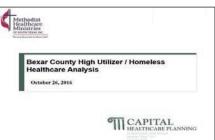
- Study of BH System in Bexar County
- Commissioned and funded by MHM
- Numerous findings, most notably:

Cross-payer effort must be developed for assertive and intensive ongoing services for the highest utilizers of:

- Jail
- Crisis Services
- Homeless Shelters
- Emergency Response System
- Hospital Emergency Departments
- Inpatient Care

What we knew anecdotally to be problems in our system now had true COSTS associated.













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