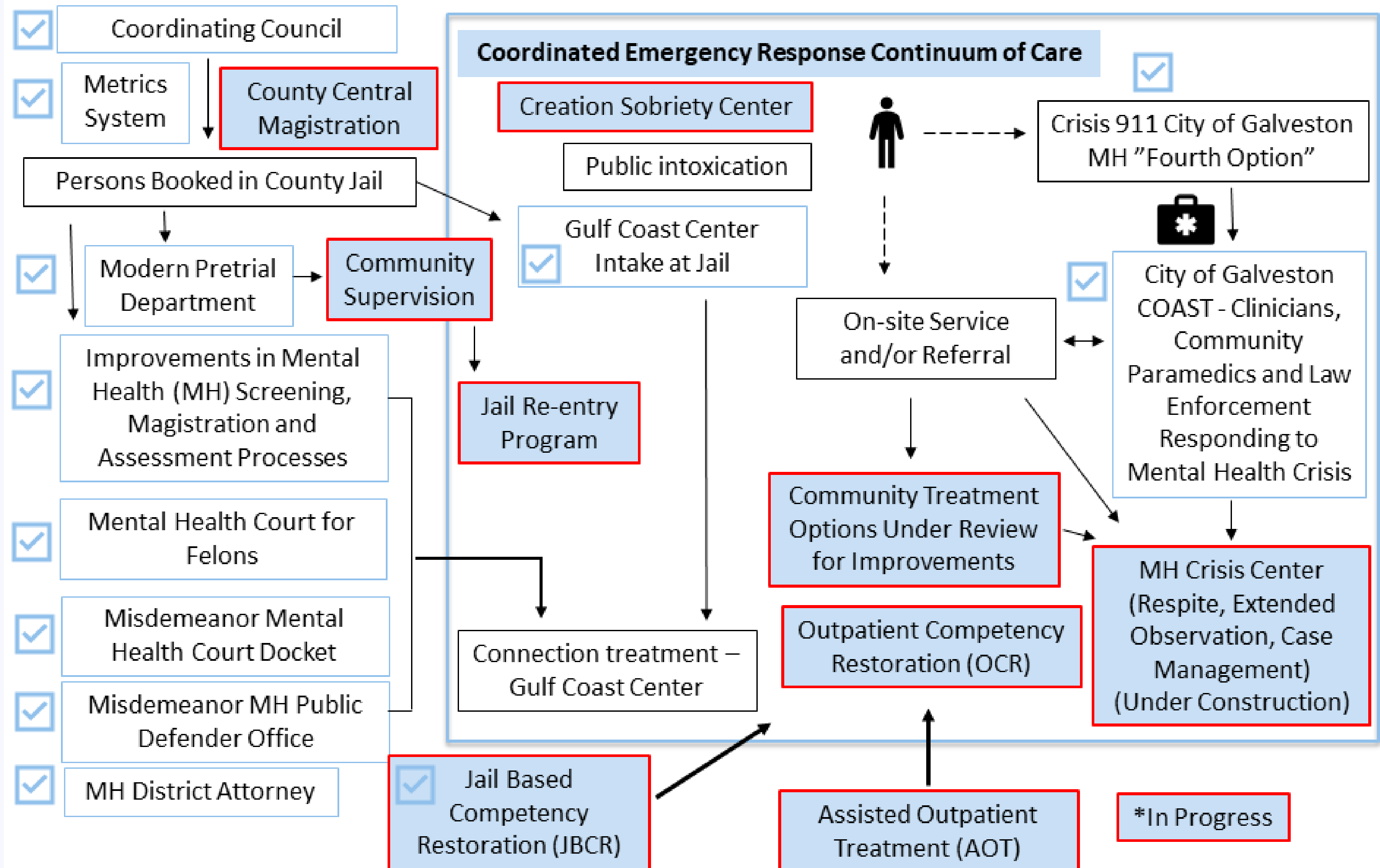




# GALVESTON COUNTY JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM MODERNIZATION PLAN





GALVESTON COUNTY HAS ENGAGED  
IN A LONG-TERM METHODOICAL DATA-  
DRIVEN PROCESS TO IDENTIFY  
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, AND THIS  
IS CRITICAL TO EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE  
THE NEW MH CRISIS CENTER.



THE MEMBERS AND ELECTED  
OFFICIALS SEE RESULTS, WHICH  
INCREASES THEIR CONFIDENCE TO  
TACKLE MORE COMPLEX ISSUES,  
LIKE MENTAL HEALTH.





THE MH CRISIS CENTER UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION NOW “PLUGS INTO”  
ALL THE SYSTEM CHANGES AND  
SHOULD BE A KEY COMPONENT TO  
CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DIVERSION  
EFFORTS.



## Results:

- The average number of releases to personal bond supervision Increased by 290% from 2021 to 2023 (from 66 to 258)
- The average monthly number of the population under the supervision of the PBO increased by 161% (from 425 to 1,109).
- The average size of the consolidated caseload in 2023 was 400 cases.
- The Galveston County Jail population has decreased 4% since 2021 and 6% from project start in 2018



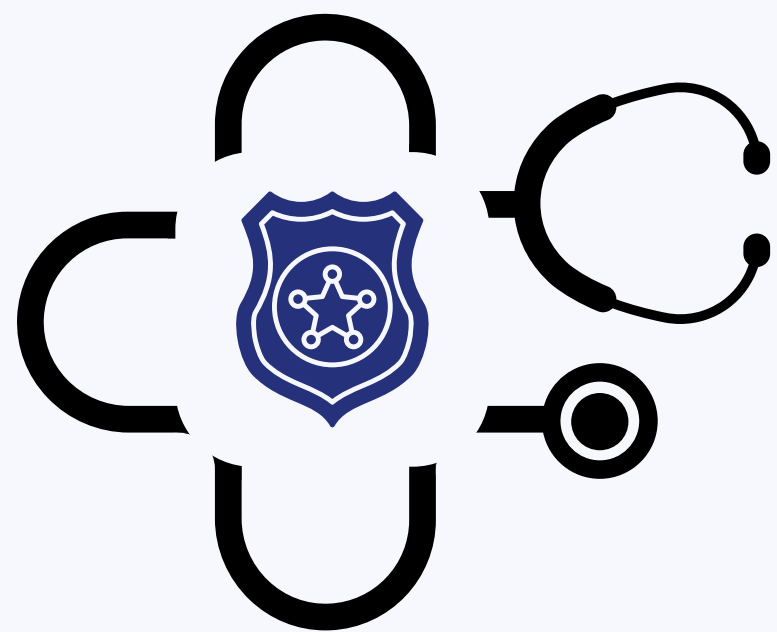


- The Galveston County Commissioners' County budgeted up to \$13 million for the construction cost of a first ever Galveston County Mental Health Crisis Center.
- Commissioners, Gulf Coast Center and other local officials were able to secure a rider in the State Health and Human Services Commission appropriation bill directing the commission to allocate \$4 million a year for two years for the operations of the crisis services.
- A Multi-Disciplinary Responses Team became operational in May 2023 in the City of Galveston testing a program like Right Care in Dallas.
  - In 2023 the C.O.A.S.T. (Compassionate Open Access to Services & Treatment) Team resolved 58% of their calls on the scene.



## A PROMISING MODEL: THE EOU DIVERSION PROGRAM & CRISIS CONTINUUM OF CARE

### Law Enforcement & Local Mental Health Authority Collaboration

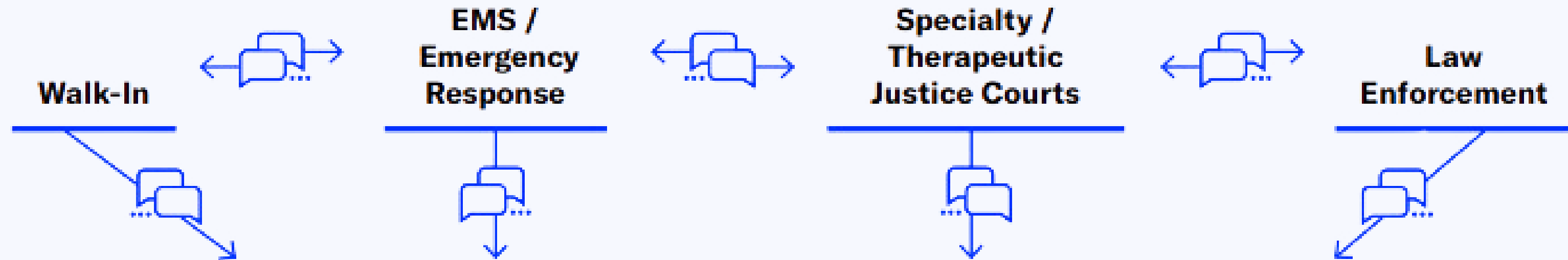


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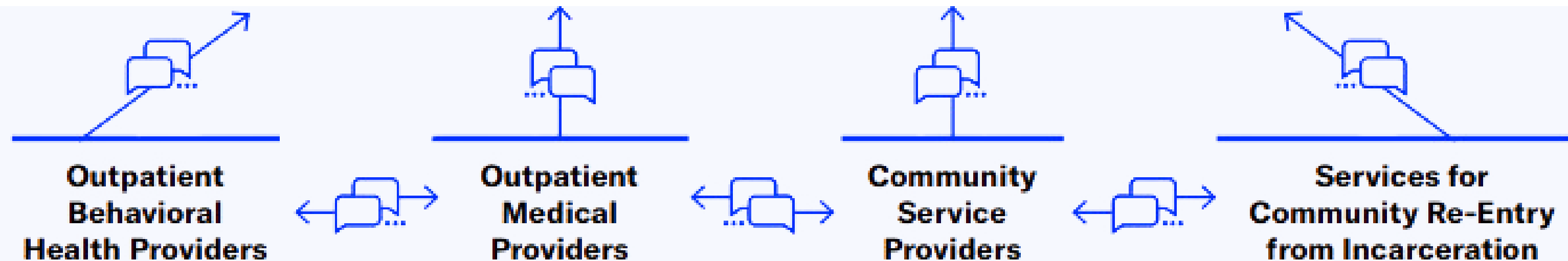
Divert individuals from Jails, ERs, and the community while supporting the rapid stabilization & delivery of targeted services to adults with a mental health diagnosis for up to 72 hours and Crisis Respite up to 14 days.



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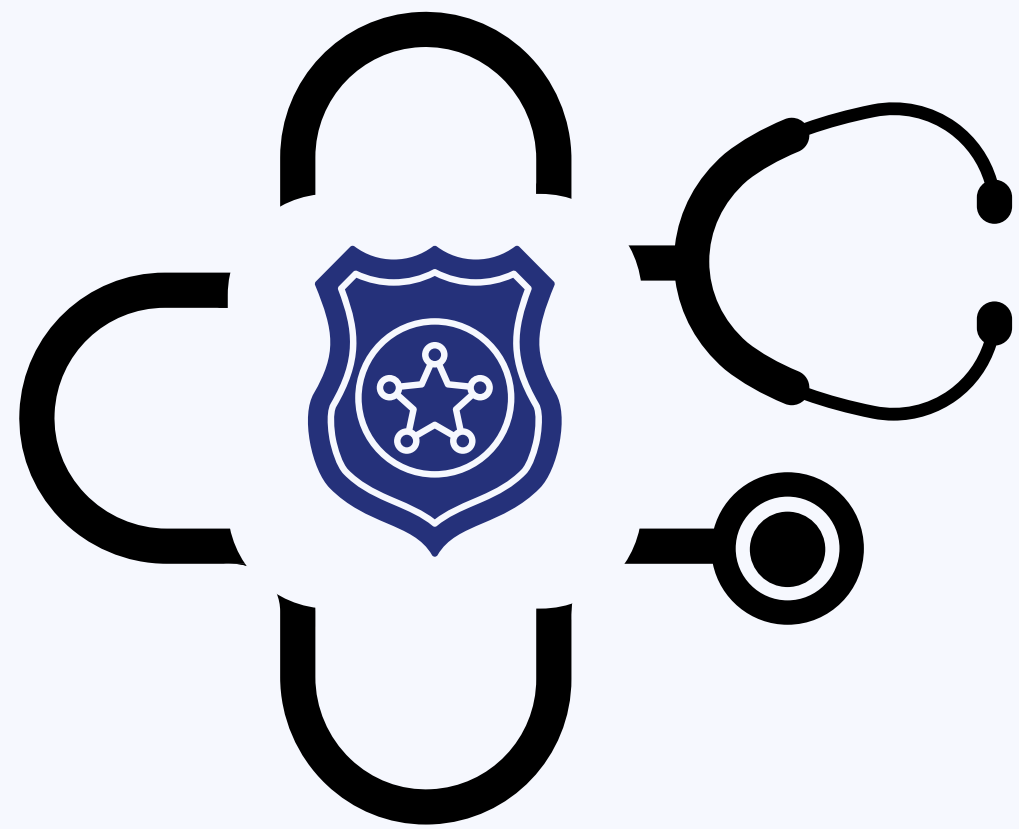
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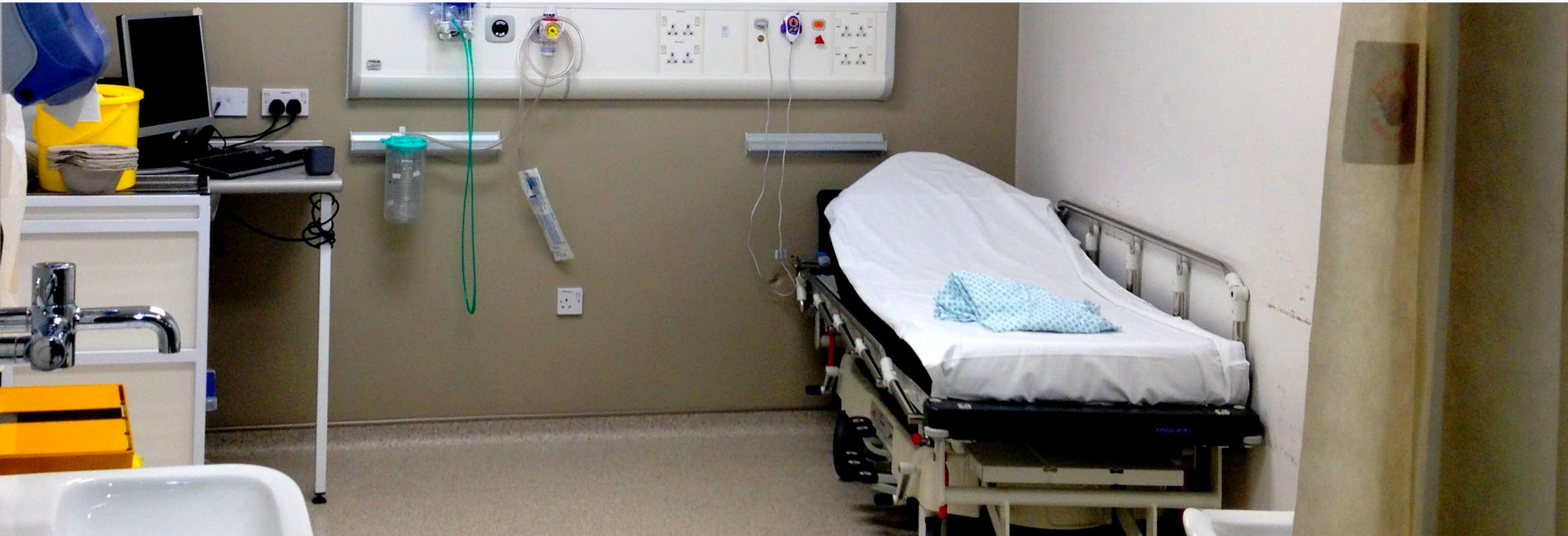
- Rapid Assessment
- Care Coordination for smooth transitions of care
- Medication Management
- Crisis Stabilization Services
- Diversion from jails & ERs to appropriate mental health intervention
- Discharge Planning to the GCC Crisis Respite Unit or Home-Based Safety Plans
- Follow-up from community treatment Providers
- Provision of Discharge Medications
- Faster return to the field for Law Enforcement
- Coordination Of an increased level of care- including hospitalization
- Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) triage & assessment
- Safety Planning with the individual & their family
- Immediate access to a bed at the EOU or a hospital
- Reception through an Emergency Detention Order or Voluntarily



# Law Enforcement Diversion Efforts



# Emergency Room (ER) Bed



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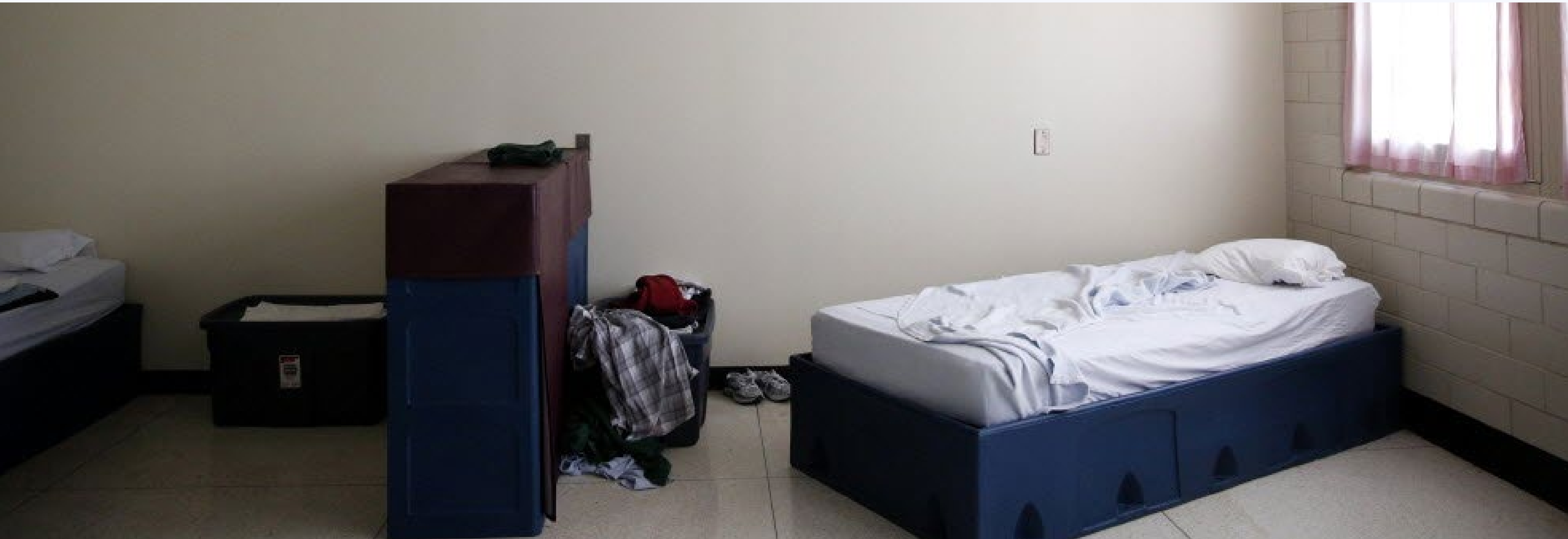
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# Least Restrictive Environment







Gulf Coast Center's skilled clinicians collaborates with community partners to design interventions that promote whole-health and wellness. Our preference is to work with individuals in outpatient treatment, with an array of supports, and avoid hospitalization whenever possible. Individuals are equipped with a safety plan while they recover in the least restrictive environment.