

## **Journey to Resilience: Outpatient Competence Restoration Program**

The Outpatient Competency Restoration Program (OCRP) provides outpatient competency restoration services, which include mental health and competency education, for individuals found Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST). In general, OCRPs are designed to:

1. Reduce the number of individuals determined to be IST with mental illness or co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders on the waiting list for inpatient competency restoration services; and
2. Increase prompt access to clinically appropriate services for individuals determined to be IST who are bail-eligible and do not require the restrictiveness of a hospital setting.

### **Current OCRP Criteria**

- Charge is a misdemeanor AND does not involve “Use of Force”
- Patient has no history of felony charges (convicted or not)
- Patient is psychiatrically stable (their symptoms are not so severe that they are unable to care for their basic needs of health and safety in the community)
- Patient is treatment-compliant (including medication-compliant if applicable)
- Patient does not have current suicidal ideation/intent
- Patient is not at a heightened risk of harming others (endorsing homicidal ideation or engaging in aggressive/assaultive behaviors due to symptoms of mental illness)

### **OCRP Update**

- The facility and program have been open since November 2023.
- Since then, we have had over 59 referrals, 26 of which were for restoration for out-of-custody defendants; however:
  - 16 had felony charges.
  - 2 had misdemeanors without “Use of Force.”
    - Of those 2:
      - 1 had treatment compliance issues
      - 1 did not attend their bail hearings and acquired additional charges
  - These numbers do not include defendants who were not referred to restoration at all because they did not meet outpatient criteria.

### **Proposed OCRP Criteria**

- **Charge is a misdemeanor or a low-level, non-violent felony (i.e., DUI, fraud, first degree stalking, theft of a firearm, evidence tampering)**
- **Patient has no history of high level or violent felony charges**
- Patient is psychiatrically stable (their symptoms are not so severe that they are unable to care for their basic needs of health and safety in the community)
- Patient is treatment-compliant (including medication-compliant if applicable)
- Patient does not have current suicidal ideation/intent
- Patient is not at a heightened risk of harming others (endorsing homicidal ideation or engaging in aggressive/assaultive behaviors due to symptoms of mental illness)