

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE
INTEGRATION ADMINISTRATION**



**JLARC Recommendations for Competency Evaluations
2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET**

Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	3.0	3.0	3.0
GF-State	\$423,000	\$405,000	\$828,000
Total	\$423,000	\$405,000	\$828,000

DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration (BHSIA) requests 3.0 FTEs in order to comply with recommendations 3 and 4 made by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) 2014 report for improving the state hospitals’ ability to keep up with demand for competency evaluations. By funding this request, the state hospitals are expected to meet statutory targets, reduce waiting lists, and avoid contempt of court by addressing the demand for competency evaluations.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Eastern and Western State Hospitals’ forensic departments are not meeting legislated targets for completing competency evaluations which is considered contempt of court. The 2014 JLARC Report recommends the following: address non-compliance with statutory requirements.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

3.0 FTEs are requested to address the non-compliance areas identified by JLARC.

JLARC Recommendation 3: Address non-compliance with statutory requirements.

- **OUTSTATIONED:** Three additional forensic evaluator positions are requested to be out stationed in counties with high referral rates. This will decrease the travel time and allow more time to be spent on conducting evaluations.

EXPECTED RESULTS

This budget request primarily supports DSHS Goal 1: Health – Each individual and each community will be healthy.

The decision package is essential to implementing the BHSIA Strategic Objective 2.1 - Safety: Decrease the number of adults waiting in jail more than seven days for inpatient competency evaluations at Eastern State Hospital and Western State Hospital.

This request supports the Results Washington Goal 4: Help keep people safe in their homes, on their jobs and in their communities.



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The added resources will decrease the number of adults waiting in jail more than seven days for competency evaluations. Courts holding the state in contempt will decrease. Patients will not linger in jails beyond the statutory time allowed. Public Safety is improved.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

County Law Enforcement/Jails, County Courts, State Hospital Forensic Programs and State Hospital Unions will support this request.



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