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JAIL MENTAL HEALTH OFFICER:
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

To better serve the public and those in crisis entering the criminal justice system, a partnership was formed, with the Sheriff's Association of Texas spearheading the initiative, to create a **crisis intervention training specific to Texas jails and its jailers.**

This program was developed through a broad coalition of partners that included but was not limited to National Institute of Corrections (NIC), Texas Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments, Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS), Sheriff's Association of Texas, Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT), clinical faulty from the Psychological Services Center, Sam Houston State University, and Texas A&M Engineering Extensions Service (TEEX).

At the inception of this program, over 25 Sheriff's offices in Texas committed to send individuals to be certified and continue the "force multiplying" effect as master trainers. These trainers will return to their agencies as well as rural host agencies to train jailers throughout the State. The Sheriffs of Texas understand the need for crisis intervention training within a jail setting. As we are charged with the care and custody of those within our jails, we look for innovative methods to assist those under our care. It has been with the leadership and commitment of the Sheriffs of Texas in pooling limited resources, building collaborations and providing trainers, that this initiative will be the model for other states to follow.

This Master Trainer course of the Jail Mental Health Officer Certification Program will equip trainers with the ability to effectively facilitate the program and develop community partners who will collaboratively deliver the curriculum to county jail staff. Additionally, it is the goal of providing this course to make trainers available across the state, where agencies may not have the resources to deliver this training. Agencies who attend are committed to delivering this curriculum and opening their JMHO courses to outside participants in order to support delivery of the training in areas where it is not accessible.

SCHEDULED TRAININGS

Located at the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University, the Correctional Management Institute of Texas will provide the training at no cost to agencies. This program will be delivered annually.

ELIGIBILITY

This training is designed for **licensed county jailers in the State of Texas who have completed the 5900 Jail Mental Health Officer (JMHO) training and obtained their JMHO certification through TCOLE.** The nominee must also be a certified TCOLE instructor.

The JMHO training is not a program where by everyone and anyone that applies will attend. This program is limited to 24 participants. Staff must be nominated by their Sheriff and nomination forms and letters of support must be submitted by the deadline.

HOW WILL NOMINEES BE SELECTED TO ATTEND?

CMIT will consider a variety of diversity issues in selecting participants. The Institute will review nominations and select qualified participants that represent a diverse selection of regions and agencies. Substitutions are not permitted once the selection has been made.

GUIDELINES

Step 1 – Nomination
Nominations must be signed by the nominee's Sheriff and submitted, along with a letter of a support providing information on the nominee and the understanding of the agency's commitment to deliver the JMHO training. The TCOLE training record of the nominee must be included with the nomination form and letter.

Step 2 – Registration
Accepted nominees will receive a letter of acceptance and will be provided a link to register. The Sheriff of those staff who are not accepted, will be notified.

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be prepared to allow the nominee to be present for the entirety of the program, beginning with the first session at 8:00AM Monday morning and last session concluding at 2:00PM on Friday.
- Provide transportation or make arrangements to reimburse the nominee for round trip mileage between duty site and Huntsville. Agencies are responsible for travel.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Respond to the letter of acceptance by registering online by the due date provided within the letter.
- Notify both CMIT and their Sheriff if conflicts arise and are no longer able to attend.
- Be present for the entirety of the program.
- Actively participate in training activities.
- Maintain communication with CMIT regarding training delivered, as requested.

THE INSTITUTE (CMIT) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING:

- Accepted participants will receive a letter of acceptance (via email).
- The Sheriff will receive a notification of decline (if nominee is not accepted).
- 36-hours of relevant training in an atmosphere conducive to learning.
- All training materials.
- Provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner for participants.
- Provide hotel room. Checking in on Sunday and departing on Friday.

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Nomination Form

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RECEIVED	/	ACCEPTED	/

By the deadline of the designated class, nominations must be signed by the nominee's Sheriff and submitted, along with a letter of support. The letter should include information on the nominee and the understanding of the agency's commitment to deliver the JMHO training. **The TCOLE training record of the nominee MUST be included with the nomination form and letter.** If your nominee is not selected, the nomination is NOT transferable towards a future class (a new nomination is required).

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Please print legibly & accurately

☐ Mr ☐ Ms Name _____

Title _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Agency _____ PID _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Years with Agency _____ Years as Trainer _____

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The following statement **must** be signed by your organization's Sheriff

I nominate _____ to attend the Jail Mental Health Officer Master Trainer Course at the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center in Huntsville, Texas. If this nominee is accepted to attend the program, I understand he/she must be present for the entirety of the program beginning with the Opening Session at 8:00AM on Monday and the last session concluding at 2:00PM on Friday.

Additionally, our agency/department is responsible for providing transportation or making arrangements to reimburse the nominee for round trip mileage between duty site and Huntsville.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read all details pertaining to this program and I understand the responsibility of our agency/department, the nominee, and the Correctional Management Institute of Texas.

Sheriff's Name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Sheriff's Email _____

Sheriff's Phone _____

Return finished form to:

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