2022 Kansas Mental Health Summit

Larned State Hospital
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Larned State Hospital is owned and operated by the State of Kansas under the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS).

Hospital Programs:

1. The Psychiatric Services Program
2. The State Security Program
3. The Sexual Predator Treatment Program
The State Security Program (SSP)

Referral sources are limited to courts of criminal jurisdiction.

SSP serves the entire State of Kansas (105 counties)
State Security Program

Isaac Ray Building
Roles of the State Security Program

**Evaluations**
- Competency Evaluations
- Lack of Mental State Evaluations
- Pre-Sentence Evaluations
- Sexual Predator Evaluations

**Treatment**
- Competency Treatment
- Not Guilty by Reason of Mental Disease or Defect
- Care and treatment in lieu of confinement
Coordinating Admissions to the State Security Program

• Admissions for all District Court referrals are coordinated through KDADS legal division.
• District Courts provide a copy of the Journal Entry to KDADS Legal.
• When defendants are ordered to SSP, the order is reviewed to determine if the defendant must be admitted to SSP or if the individual could be considered for Mobile Competency.
• If the defendant is ordered to come to SSP and a bed is not available, they are placed on a wait list in the order of date referred.
Obstacles or Bottlenecks in the Process

• Available bed capacity at Larned.
• COVID-19 concerns and staffing shortages.
• Transportation for moving defendants quickly when a bed is available.
• Transition from an evaluation order to a treatment order if found incompetent.
• Defendants found incompetent and awaiting an order to commence involuntary civil commitment.
• Defendant who is competent awaiting next trial date stops taking medication.

• Limitations of Court Orders:
  • Court Orders that specifically required admission to SSP.
  • Time to obtain updated Court Orders.
  • Inability to consider PSP or OSH for Misdemeanor cases when Court Orders are too specific.
Modernizing the Forensic Evaluation Process in Kansas

**Mobile Competency**

Complete forensic evaluations in secured confinement settings and in the communities where the individual is located.

- Criteria for Mobile Competency

- Success with Competency Evaluations (K.S.A. 22-3302)

- Pilot Project for Competency Treatment (K.S.A. 22-3303)
  - Shawnee County

- House Bill 2697
Moving Forward

Partnering with stakeholders across Kansas, including Sheriff’s, jails, Community Mental Health Centers, and others.

Expanding Pilot Projects for Competency Treatment (K.S.A. 22-3303 cases).

Working together to continue to modernize not only the forensic evaluation process but also forensic treatment for defendants across Kansas.
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