



South Carolina  
Department of Mental Health

**DMH**

# Justice Involved Programming

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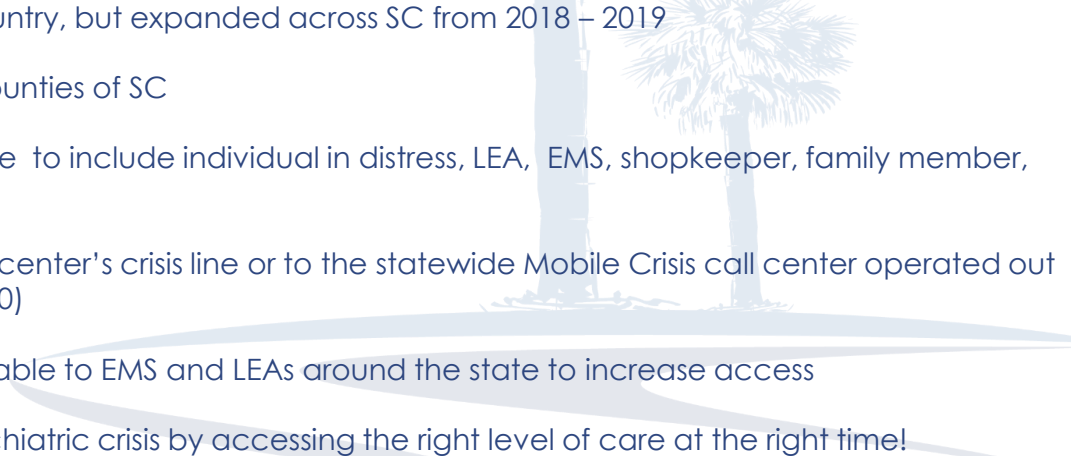
## Allison Farrell - Director of the Office of Emergency Services, which includes Suicide Prevention and JIP Programming

- Serves as state-level DMH Program Director to support SC Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) statewide
- Liaison to the SC Sheriffs' Association; SC Jail Administrators' Association; SC Department of Corrections; SC Police Chiefs' Association; State Law Enforcement Division (SLED); SC Department of Probation, Pardon and Parole Services; SC Department of Public Safety; SC Department of Natural Resources; etc.
- Liaison to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Program (SCLEAP) to further support the needs of LEA personnel and their families
- Oversees the office of Suicide Prevention Services which includes statewide training, data collection, and implementation of state-wide prevention and postvention efforts
- Oversees all state-wide emergency services such as Mobile Crisis, Crisis Intervention Team Training with NAMI, Expansion of clinicians embedded in LEA and detention centers, etc.

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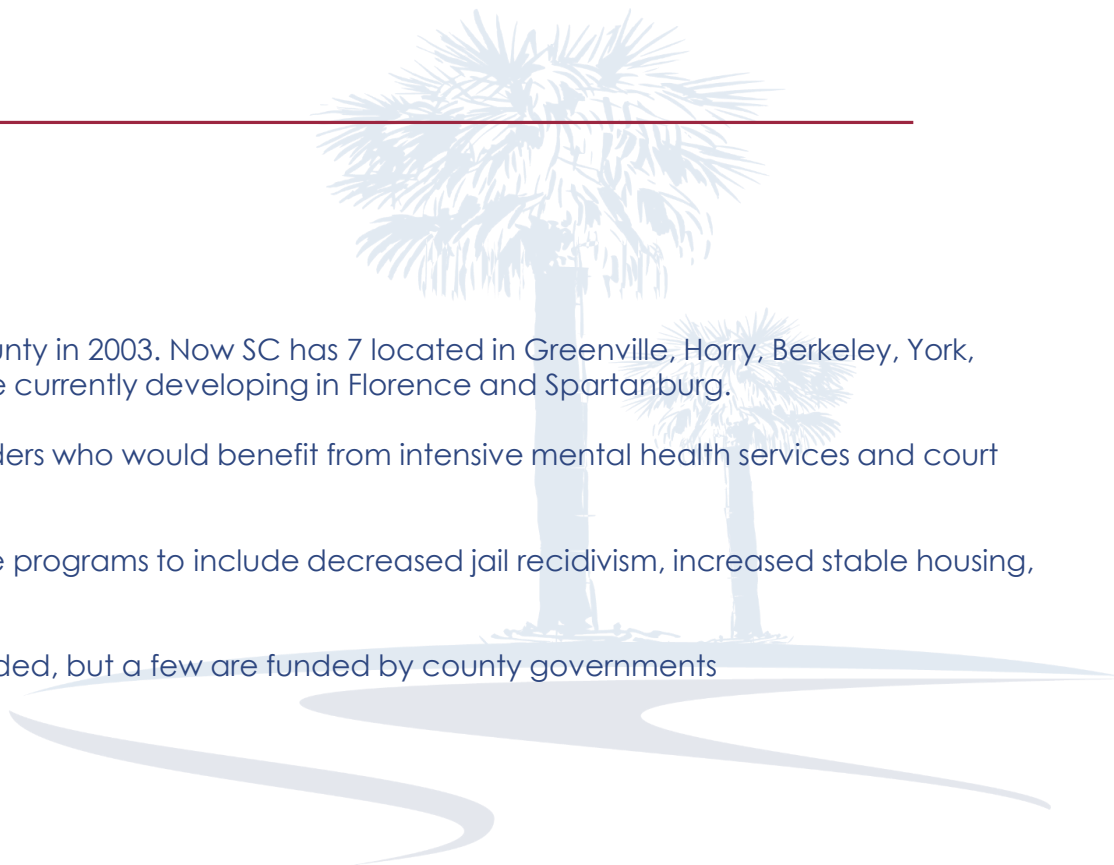
## Mobile Crisis (formerly known as CCRI)

- Created in 1987 in the Lowcountry, but expanded across SC from 2018 – 2019
  - 24/7 crisis response to all 46 counties of SC
  - Anyone can request assistance to include individual in distress, LEA, EMS, shopkeeper, family member, etc.
  - All calls either go directly to a center's crisis line or to the statewide Mobile Crisis call center operated out of the CDMHC (began in 10/20)
  - Telehealth option made available to EMS and LEAs around the state to increase access
  - Goal – to safely resolve a psychiatric crisis by accessing the right level of care at the right time!
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## Mental Health Courts

- Began in SC in Charleston County in 2003. Now SC has 7 located in Greenville, Horry, Berkeley, York, Richland, Aiken. MH Courts are currently developing in Florence and Spartanburg.
  - Created for non-violent offenders who would benefit from intensive mental health services and court oversight
  - Excellent outcomes from these programs to include decreased jail recidivism, increased stable housing, increased employment
  - Many MH courts are grant funded, but a few are funded by county governments
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**Detention Center Teams – currently there are 5, and these are located in:**

**Aiken county DC**

**Barnwell county DC**

**Al Cannon DC (Charleston)**

**Spartanburg County DC**

**York County DC**

- Provide MH assessments on incoming inmates as needed
- Serve inmates mental health needs while incarcerated
- Coordinate care between the MHC and the detention center upon release
- Provide MH training to detention center staff



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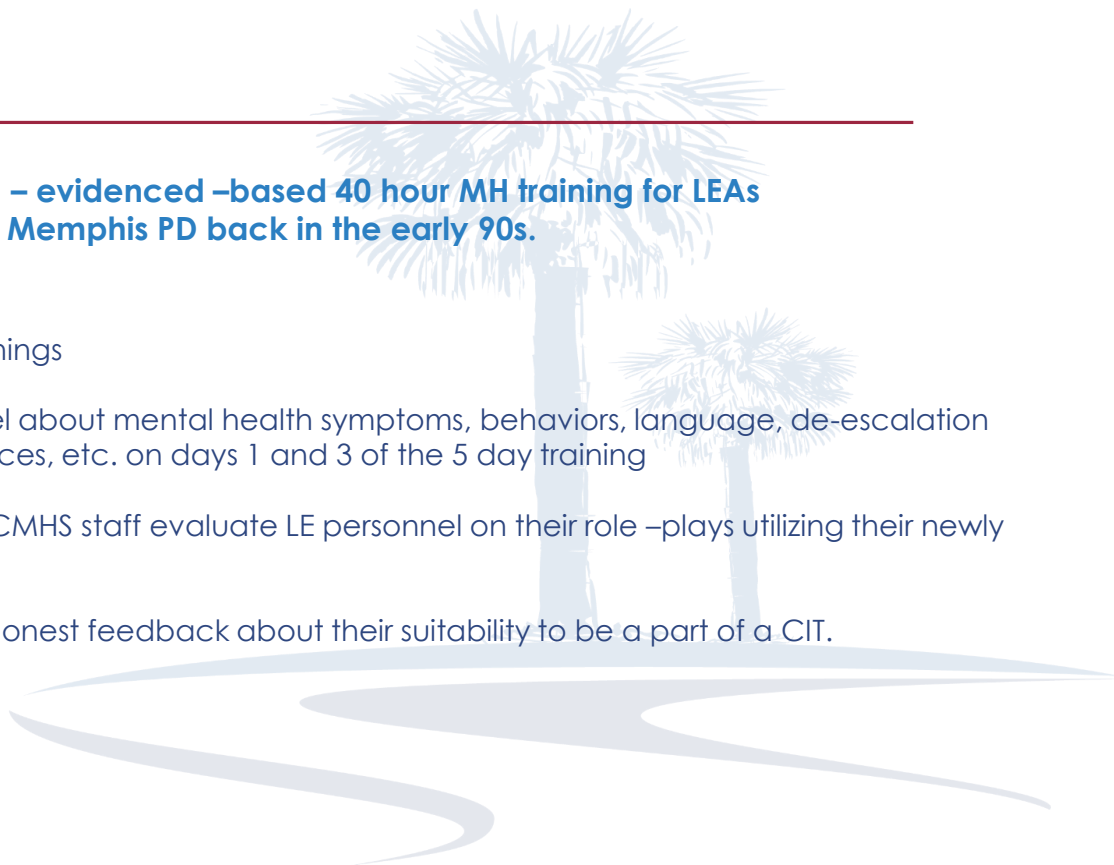
**Alliance Program – Mental health Professionals Embedded in LEA Agencies – currently 14 staff embedded in: Goose Creek PD, North Charleston PD, Summerville PD, Mt. Pleasant PD, Charleston PD, Newberry PD, Columbia PD, Myrtle Beach PD, Dorchester County SO, Richland County SO, Lexington County SO (currently vacant), Newberry County SO, Charleston county SO, Berkeley County SO with 5 pending in Beaufort, Kershaw, Georgetown, Laurens, and McCormick.**

- Some ride with LE and respond to psychiatric crises as needed
- Some respond to Domestic Violence calls after the scene has been made safe to assess and determine if MH care is need by any of the victims, children included
- Some respond to any victim of any crime as directed by the LEA to assess and determine if MH care is needed
- Function as the liaison between the LEA and MHC as needed.
- Train LEA as needed about MH issues.

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**Crisis Intervention Team Training – evidenced –based 40 hour MH training for LEAs created by Sam Cochran of the Memphis PD back in the early 90s.**

- IN SC, NAMI facilitates the trainings
  - CMHC staff teach LE personnel about mental health symptoms, behaviors, language, de-escalation techniques, community resources, etc. on days 1 and 3 of the 5 day training
  - On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the training CMHS staff evaluate LE personnel on their role –plays utilizing their newly learned skills.
  - CMHS staff give LE personnel honest feedback about their suitability to be a part of a CIT.
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**Street Medicine Teams – currently one in Charleston, the FARMACY, and one in Spartanburg, SCORE.**

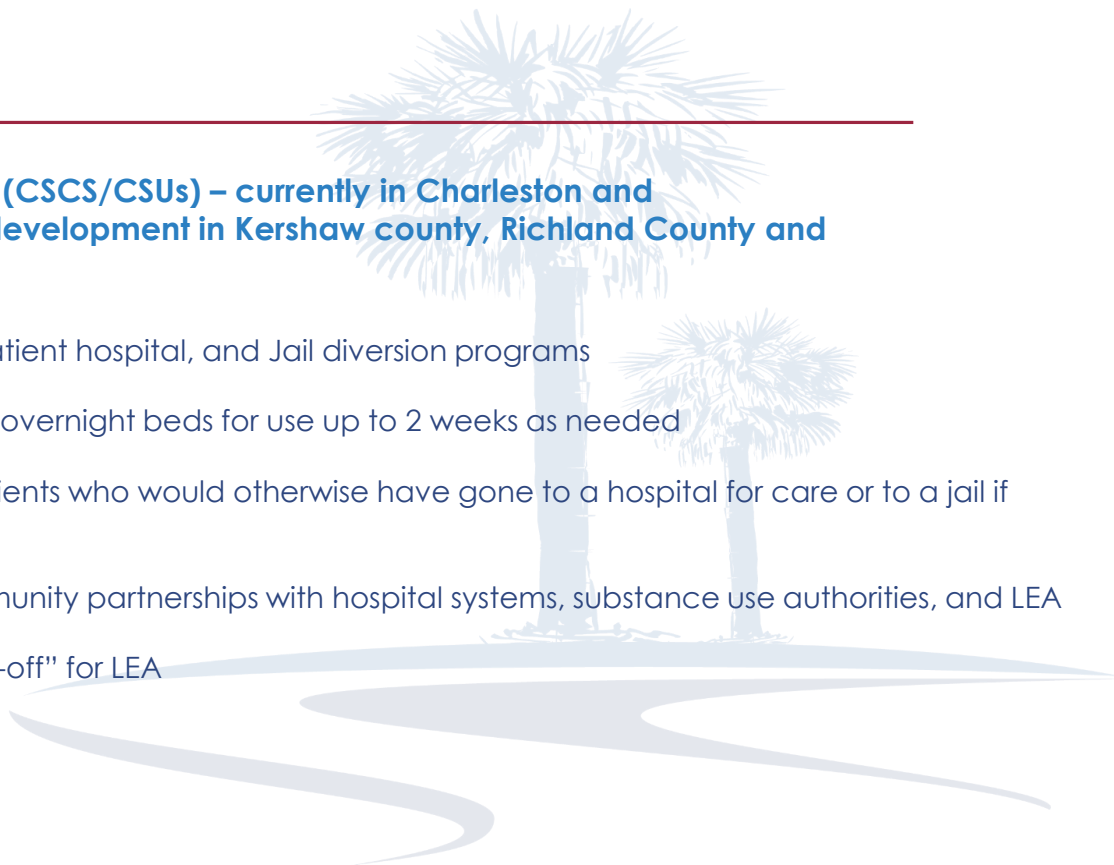
- First developed in New England, started in SC in 2016
- LEA, EMS, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospital systems, MHCs, foodbanks, neighborhood associations, and local Substance Use Authorities (formerly known as the 301 agencies) target high health disparity/high violent crime rate communities, usually in urban areas, to deliver programming in a very intentional, targeted way in order to build up community trust in the involved organizations
- Longitudinal outcomes expected – decreased emergency department use and decrease criminal activity in the community
- True partnership from all participating agencies with minimal financial investment



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## **Crisis Stabilization Centers/Units (CSCS/CSUs) – currently in Charleston and Spartanburg, with programs in development in Kershaw county, Richland County and Florence County**

- Emergency Department, inpatient hospital, and Jail diversion programs
  - Best practice model includes overnight beds for use up to 2 weeks as needed
  - For non-violent, voluntary patients who would otherwise have gone to a hospital for care or to a jail if arrested
  - These programs require community partnerships with hospital systems, substance use authorities, and LEA
  - CSUs can be used as a “drop-off” for LEA
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## Clinicians Embedded in 911 Consolidated Dispatch – currently in Charleston county, but soon to be in Richland County

- Callers in Psychiatric Crisis immediately get connected to a Mental health Professional (MHP) embedded in the dispatch center.
- This immediate connection can sometimes immediately de-escalate the caller and resolve the crisis.
- If the crisis cannot be ameliorated telephonically, the MHP can usually gather enough information to expeditiously inform the responding agency of an appropriate response to the scene. This information helps keep all safe.
- The responding MHP can also usually keep the caller safe until responding units arrive on the scene.

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## **First Responder Support Teams – currently in Charleston/Dorchester, Beckman, and Columbia, with one in development in Greenville**

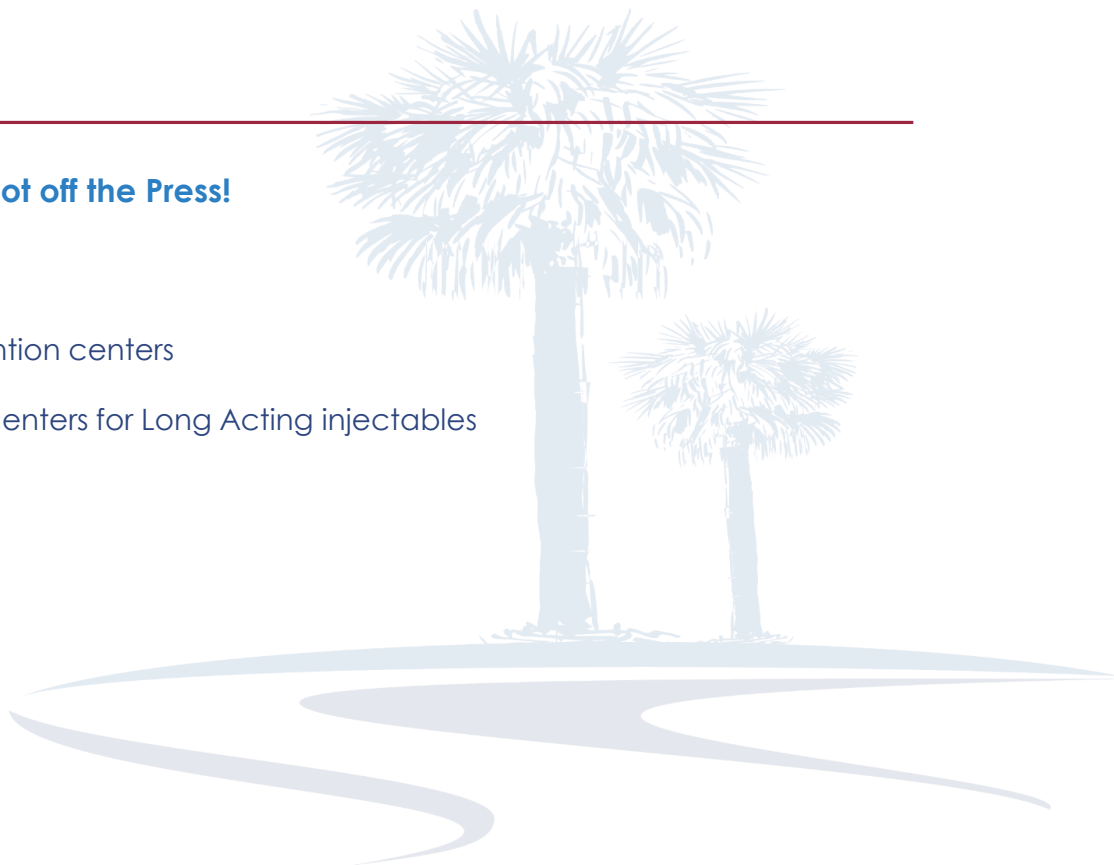
- Developed first a the Fire Support Team after the Sofa Super Store Fire in Charleston
- Recognition that LEA, EMS, Dispatchers, and Coroners also need attention as a result of exposure to constant traumas
- Specified and specially trained staff serve only first responders. Often these teams are housed off sight of the MHC
- CMHS staff participate in SCLEAP Programming to support the mental health of LEAs
- The General Assembly designated specific funding to support the mental wellbeing of SC's first responders.

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## New Programming with LEAs – Hot off the Press!

- Mobile Crisis response to detention centers
- Reimbursement to detention centers for Long Acting injectables
- Alternative Transportation Pilot
- Jail - Based Restoration pilot



# Division of Inpatient Services JIP

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- Forensic Evaluation Services
- Bryan Psychiatric Hospital-Forensics
- Forensic/NGRI (Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity) Outreach Clinic
- Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Treatment Program



# SCDMH JIP LEADERSHIP TEAM

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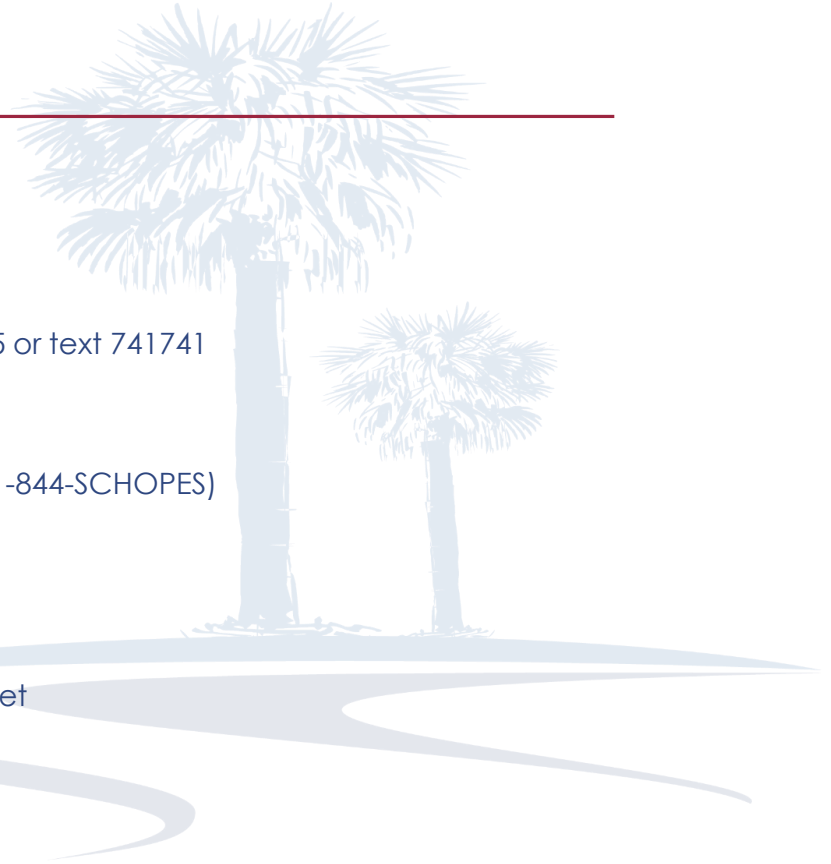
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## Resource List

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1-800-273-8255 or text 741741
- SCDMH Mobile Crisis – 1-833-364-2274
- SCHOPES – support/resource line – 1-844-724-6737 (1-844-SCHOPES)
- SCDMH Deaf Services – 1-800-647-2066 V-ttv
- SCDMH Public Information – 1-800-898-8581
- To find a mental health center near you – [SCDMH.net](https://www.scdmh.net)



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“There is a crack in everything;  
that’s how the light gets in.

– Leonard Cohen

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# Thank you for your ongoing support!

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