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NOTICE OF MEETING

BRAZORIA COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Brazoria County, Texas will be held at **10:00 AM** on **August 5, 2026** on the First-Floor Training Room of the Brazoria County Administration Building, 237 E. Locust St., Angleton, Texas.

At said meeting the Board will deliberate, discuss, consider and/or take final action on any or all the following matters:

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS**
   MMHPI, GCC; CJCC
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 2026**
4. **STANDING ITEMS AND RECAP**
   - LANDING PAGE FOR THE CJCC ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE WAS CREATED;
   - IN THE WORKS: SUBCOMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FLAGGING OF THE ODYSSEY SYSTEM, DIAGNOSING OF THE PLAN AND TESTING THE PLAN; IDENTIFICATION/DEFINITION OF ACRONYMS
5. **SYSTEM SCAN**
   - CREATING ACTIONS BASED ON SIM INTERCEPTS 3, 4 AND 5. SEE APPENDIX B.
6. **BALANCING CJCC TASKS AND GOALS**
7. **GUEST SPEAKER: DPS SPECIAL AGENT RYAN ARTHUR**
   - INTRODUCTION OF BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT (BTAM) PROGRAM AS SUBCOMMITTEE. SEE APPENDIX A.
8. **NEXT STEPS AND OPEN FORUM**
   - ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS, ETC.
9. **ADJOURN**

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BRAZORIA COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026 – 10AM
Brazoria County Administration Building -1ST Floor Training Room
237 E. Locust St., Angleton, Texas

MEETING MINUTES

1. **MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:04AM.**

2. **CHAIR ADAMS BEGAN INTRODUCTIONS OF ATTENDEES**

3. **KARL SANTOS GAVE A PRESENTATION OF CJCC'S* PURPOSE, MEMBERS, AND THE MEETING CADENCE IN ADDITION TO UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENT FUNDING LANDSCAPE AND THE SYSTEM SCAN.**

4. **NEXT STEPS INCLUDE:**

   - **A POSSIBLE WORKING GROUP OR SUBCOMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FLAGGIN OF THE ODYSSEY SYSTEM, DIAGNOSING OF THE PLAN AND TESTING THE PLAN;**
   - **IDENTIFICATION/DEFINITION OF ACRONYMS;**
   - **LANDING PAGE FOR THE CJCC* ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE FOR DOCUMENTATION PUBLISHING.**

5. **ADJOURNMENT BY CHAIR ADAMS AT 11:06AM**

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) OF BRAZORIA COUNTY ATTENDED ALL OR A PORTION OF THE JULY 1ST, 2026 MEETING:

- STACY ADAMS, CHAIR
- DAVID LINDER, CO-CHAIR
- BO STALLMAN, CO-CHAIR
- CARA DRENNER, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- CASSANDRA TIGNER, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- FELICIA JEFFERY, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- JAMES SIMMONS, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- JESSICA PULCHER, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- JIM JOHNSON, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- JOYCE HUDMAN, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- KYLE TEAT, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- MARY CHELINE SHINE, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- LIZ SITTA, COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER
- SABRINA QUINTANILLA, COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER

NOT PRESENT:

- EZREAL GARCIA, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- PAT SEBESTA, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- ROBERT E. LEE, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- RON HELSON, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- TOM SELLECK, COMMITTEE MEMBER
- DARCY PATTERSON, COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER

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Ron Stretcher, Vice President of Systems Integration

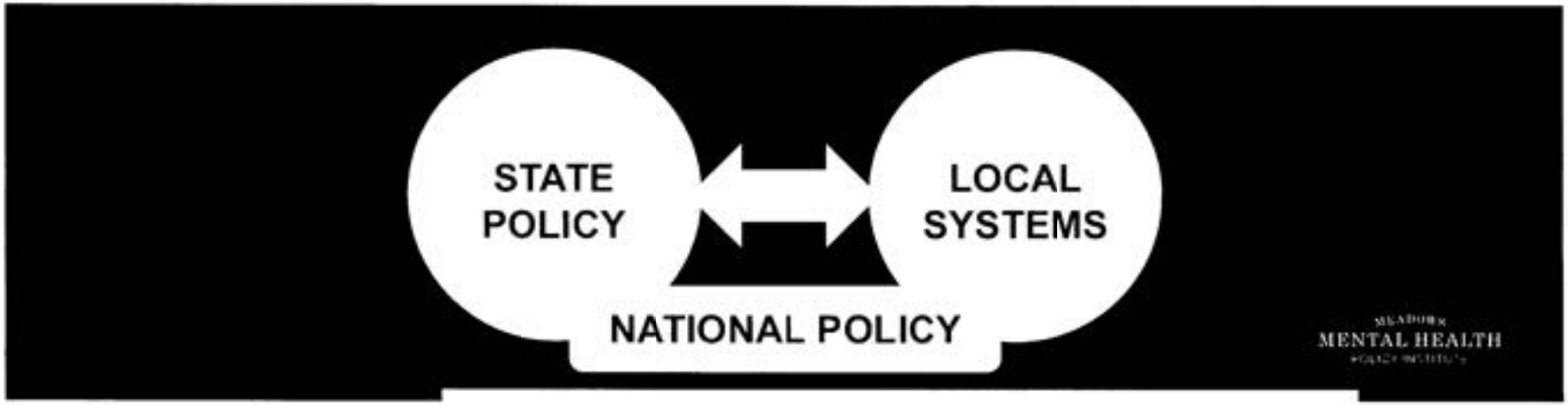
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Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI):

Vision: We envision Texas to be the national leader in treating people with mental health needs.

Mission Statement: To provide independent, non-partisan, data-driven, and trusted policy and program guidance that creates equitable systemic changes so all Texans can obtain effective, efficient behavioral health care when and where they need it.



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MMHPI Project Team



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Senior Vice President for Adult Systems of Care



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Project Coordinator for Center for Health System Transformation

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Project Background

MMHPI, GCC, and the CJCC

- The Gulf Coast Center (GCC), received a one-time grant from the State, towards system improvements in the mental health space.
- As part of this, MMHPI is conducting work with GCC to establish a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC).
- This initiative aims to foster collaboration with key stakeholders from neighboring spaces (criminal justice, emergency services, mental health, step-down services, etc.), towards improvements to the existing system.

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Agenda

- Approval of Minutes from July 2026.
- Standing Items and Recap.
- System Scan – Creating Actions Based on Intercepts 3; 4; and 5.
- Balancing CJCC Tasks and Goals.
- Next Steps and Open Forum – Announcements, Questions, etc..

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Standing Item: General CJCC Membership

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As listed in the bylaws:

Two (2) **County Commissioners Court** Officials

Elected Sheriff, **Brazoria County Sheriff's Office**

[redacted]

[redacted]

Elected County Court-at-Law Judge representing **Misdemeanor Courts**

Chief Magistrate, **Magistration and Specialty Courts**

A Police Chief, representing **Local law enforcement agencies**

[redacted]

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, **Juvenile Probation**

Elected County Clerk, **County Clerks Office**

Elected District Clerk, **District Clerk's Office**

A **Defense Bar** Attorney (accepts indigent cases)

CEO of **GCC, Mental Health/SUD**

CCBHC Crisis Services Manager, **Brazoria County Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Coalition**

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Community Health Care Provider, **CHN**

Business Community, **Pearland Chamber of Commerce**

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Standing Item: Discussions on Funding Opportunities

Importance of Funding Coordination:

- Present a unified voice to legislators and funding agencies.
- Coordinate grant pursuits to minimize duplication and maximize resources.
- Track funding opportunities and outcomes to strengthen future funding applications.

GCC's Rider 64 Funding:

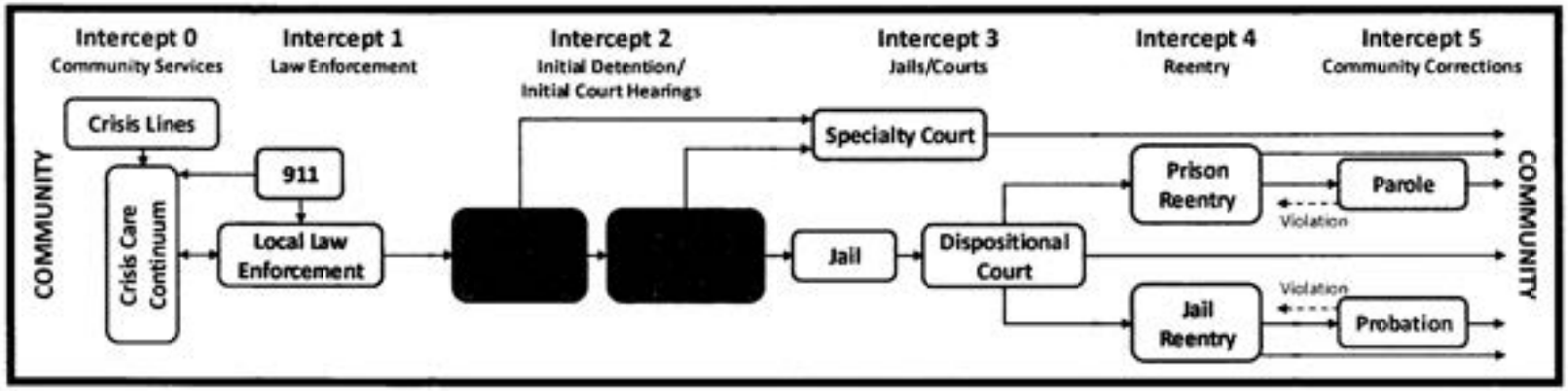
- $5 million allocated to expand crisis stabilization services and facilities and increase state-purchased psychiatric inpatient beds serving Brazoria and Galveston Counties.

What additional funding opportunities are being pursued?

Discuss funds from the last legislative session - what can be used for the County?

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Recap: Sequential Intercept Model



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Recap: Actions Based on the July Meeting

Defining and storing acronyms across sectors.

- Organize a workgroup for this.
- Identify where the resource will be accessible and how often it will be updated.

IT Issue regarding cross system interaction.

- Organize a workgroup for this.
- Identify the individuals/groups that need to meet and get a meeting scheduled.

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Recap: Top Priority Considerations

Intercept 0 - Community Services:

- Brazoria County should continue efforts to plan, develop and implement a crisis facility with inpatient treatment capacity.

Intercept 1 – Law Enforcement:

- Expand partnerships like those at Alvin and Lake Jackson Police Department to embed behavioral health staff in police crisis response and follow up.

Intercept 2 – Initial Detention and Initial Court Hearings:

- A priority for the CJCC is to collect and report on key data metrics for the justice system, publish that data to stakeholders and use the data for planning system improvements. The dashboard under development at the Sheriff's office is a key first step.

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- A priority for the CJCC is understanding the steps and timeframes for processing cases of persons in jail in the pretrial stage. The time required for cases to be filed, scheduling grand jury, obtaining evidence such as drug analysis and court capacity can all impact the time a person spends in jail awaiting case disposition

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- Rapidly review current discharge planning to ensure continuity of care, especially for persons on medication. Ensuring a strong connection to community care is critical to successful reentry.

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- A priority for the CJCC is to connect community stakeholders to expand affordable housing, broaden transportation, clarify program eligibility, and increase shelter access for justice-involved individuals.

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Top Priority Considerations

Intercept 3 – Jails and Courts:

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The 16.22 Process:

STEP 1: ARRIVAL AT JAIL

- The defendant is arrested for Class B misdemeanor or higher and is brought to jail.

STEP 2: IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL SUSPECTED OF MENTAL ILLNESS

Initial identification can come from any source of credible information, which may include:

- Information from:
  - Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) Jail Screening Form – mandatory for all jail intake
  - TLETS CCQ (*Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, Continuity of Care Query*)
  - Witnesses / Witness Statements / Probable Cause Affidavit
  - Staff familiar with the individual from the Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA), Local Intellectual or Developmental Disability Authority (LIDDA), or other care providers
  - Defendant's family members or friends
  - Medication brought into the jail with or for the defendant
- Observations of:
  - Law Enforcement
  - Jail Staff*
  - Magistrate Judge

**Magistrate Judge must be notified of any credible information within 12 hours of the discovery of that information by jail staff.*

STEP 3: MAGISTRATE MAKES REASONABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION

1. Magistrate should:
   - Review the notification of credible information and any supporting documents
   - Review the defendant's charges and criminal history
   - Meet with the defendant
   - Communicate with the LMHA/LIDDA/LBHA/Mental Health Service Provider
2. Magistrate then decides whether there is reasonable cause to believe the defendant has a mental illness or IDD.

STEP 4: IF REASONABLE CAUSE IS FOUND

- If reasonable cause is found that an individual has a mental illness or IDD, then the magistrate shall order a qualified mental health professional to interview the individual and complete a 16.22 report.

STEP 4B: EXCEPTIONS TO ORDERING THE INTERVIEW AND REPORT

- If the defendant had a 16.22 interview and report done within the year prior to the arrest date, then Magistrate may, but does not have to, elect to use the previous report instead of ordering a new one.
- If the defendant is no longer in custody, then Magistrate may choose whether to order a 16.22 Interview and Report.

STEP 5: MAGISTRATE REVIEWS THE 16.22 REPORT

- Magistrate Receives Report: For a newly ordered report, the interview and report must be completed and received by the Magistrate within 96 hours of the order (or 30 days of the order if the defendant is out of custody).
- The Magistrate must review the 16.22 report.
  - The Report must contain:
    1. A description of the procedures used in the interview and collection of information; and
    2. Expert's observations pertaining to:
       a. Whether the defendant has MI or IDD;
       b. Whether the defendant may be incompetent; and
       c. Any appropriate or recommended treatment or service.

STEP 6: DISTRIBUTION OF THE 16.22 REPORT

Whether the Magistrate elects to use a previous report or a new report,

- The Magistrate must send a copy of the 16.22 report to the following stakeholders:
  - Trial Court
  - Prosecutor's Office (County or District Attorney's Offices, or both)
  - Defense Counsel
  - Sheriff (or other person that is responsible for the defendant's medical records while they are in custody)
  - Personal Bond Office/ Director of Pretrial Supervision Office.
- The Magistrate should send a copy of the report to:
  - The County or District Clerk for inclusion in the case file and recording; the clerk then uses the reports to report to the Office of Court Administration (OCA).

STEP 7: TRIAL COURT USES & CONSIDERATIONS OF 16.22 REPORT

The Court can use the results of the 16.22 report for a variety of purposes, including:

- Considering a mental health personal bond pursuant to CCP art. 17.032. CCP art. 16.22(c)(1).
  - *Note that MH personal bond is required in certain circumstances under CCP art. 17.032(b) unless good cause shown otherwise.*
- Resuming or initiating competency proceedings under CCP art. 46B. CCP art. 16.22(c)(2).
- Consideration of 16.22 report during penalty phase as a part of the pre-sentence investigation report, or in imposition of conditions of a community supervision program. CCP art. 16.22(c)(3).
- Referring the defendant to a specialty court or docket. CCP 16.22(c)(4).
- Release on bail and transfer of individual to a civil court for court-ordered outpatient mental health services (regardless of competency status) CCP art. 16.22(c)(5).
- Appointment of defense counsel. CCP art. 26.04.
- Specifically tailored bond conditions. CCP art. 17.032.

Post-adjudication: If an individual is remanded to the custody of TDCJ then the 16.22 report must be included in the individual's pen packet. Any other mental health records, screening reports, or similar information must also be included.

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Top Priority Considerations

Intercept 4 - Reentry:

- Rapidly review current discharge planning to ensure continuity of care, especially for persons on medication. Ensuring a strong connection to community care is critical to successful reentry.

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Top Priority Considerations

Intercept 5 – Community Corrections:

- A priority for the CJCC is to connect community stakeholders to expand affordable housing, broaden transportation, clarify program eligibility, and increase shelter access for justice-involved individuals.

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Example 1: Impact x Effort Matrix

	LOW EFFORT	HIGH EFFORT
HIGH IMPACT	Quick Wins	Major Projects
LOW IMPACT	Fill-ins (if time permits)	Reconsider or Delay

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Example 2: Prioritization Scorecard

Recommendation	Impact (1–5)	Feasible (1–5)	Mission Alignment (1–5)	Total
Standardize referral process	5	5	5	**15**
Purchase new software	5	2	5	**12**
Expand into another neighborhood	4	1	5	**10**
Hire another case manager	5	1	5	**11**

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Next Steps and Open Forum



- Next Meeting:
  September 2026



- Announcements
- Questions

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Lizeth Sitta

From: Michael Vandergrifft
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 9:54 AM
To: Lizeth Sitta
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] BTAM Overview from DPS

DPS program for Brazoria County , think this would be a good review and program with CJCC.

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From: Michael Vandergrifft <MichaelV@brazoriacountytx.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2026 12:13 PM
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Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] BTAM Overview from DPS

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From: John Moore <JMoore@brazoriacountytx.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2026 11:29 AM
To: Michael Vandergrifft <MichaelV@brazoriacountytx.gov>
Cc: ryan.arthur@dps.texas.gov <ryan.arthur@dps.texas.gov>; Carter Heckethorn <CarterH@brazoriacountytx.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] BTAM Overview from DPS

Summary of Meeting Between BCSO Crisis Intervention Supervisor, DPS Threat to Life Team, DPS Agents/Analyst, and BCSO Crime Analyst

The group met to discuss developing and coordinating a Behavioral Threat Assessment Management (BTAM) framework involving mental health professionals, law enforcement, prosecutors, schools, faith organizations, major industry, animal welfare, EMS, and fire services. A proposed structure includes anchoring BTAM within the CJCC, potentially as an active subcommittee, with BCSO and DPS as initial core partners and expansion to PPD and agencies with existing mental health infrastructure.

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Operational Workflow

The team outlined current pathways for mental health–related contacts, including patrol-initiated referrals, direct LMHA requests, hospital transports, CIRT follow-ups, and interagency requests for assessments or transports.

Intelligence & Assessment Tools

Relevant intelligence sources include threat and analysis matrices, school-based resources, law enforcement data, and publicly available information. Discussion focused on defining escalation factors and establishing a clear escalation workflow.

Reporting & Data Management

BCSO generates a mental health report for every MH-related contact, stored in RMS. BCSO will soon join the GRID consortium, gaining access to shared data from over 60 agencies without controlling the database.

Training Framework

A multilayered training structure was reviewed:

- TROW (3 hours) for agency heads and elected officials
- BTERC (8 hours) covering basic threat evaluation
- TERC (24 hours) for core BTAM teams conducting full assessments
- ATAP involvement recommended for continued professionalization

Communication Platforms

Platforms discussed included Bridge4PS and email, with emphasis on determining appropriate access levels and ensuring any system used meets MH privacy and CJIS compliance requirements.

Coordination, NGOs & Funding

LMHA involvement remains essential. The BTAM model does not require new funding, instead leveraging and aligning existing infrastructure across agencies.

Documentation Requirements

Items to be reviewed include MOUs (such as TrapWire) and NDAs to support formal information-sharing practices.

BTAM Meetings & Structure

BTAM will hold monthly meetings, with core team sessions focused on new assessments, interventions, risk-level reviews, legacy case follow-ups, training, and decisions on adding cases to TrapWire or the broader BTAM program. Some agencies conduct similar meetings up to three times per week. A coordination channel will also operate with the DPS Threat to Life team.

Next Steps

1. Present the BTAM proposal to the CJCC.

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The attached documents explain BTAM. The BTAM Program Strategy outlines the governor's directive to the state and DPS in establishing BTAM and is a good summary of BTAM.

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