

# **Regional Mental Health Issues Update**

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Work Session  
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**Topic:        MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**

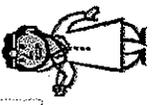
- **The anatomy of our local mental health care system**
- **Now comes the Crisis Triage Center**
- **Local opposition/history**
- **Funding issues**
- **City's obligation**
- **Action needed**

**Rondeau M.( Ron ) Gurley  
Executive Director  
Forensic Intervention Consortium  
of Dona Ana County (FIC-DAC)**

**Served for over 50 years as public service officer. Born and raised in West Texas was a three sport college athlete. After graduation from the University of North Texas started his career as a high school coach and teacher. Later served as Chief Probation Officer in the courts of Texas. He co-authored a book " Juvenile Offender and Texas Law" ,University of Texas Press. Served as state president of the Texas Juvenile Officer's Association, Chairman, Texas Institute on Children and Youth. Gurley served as instructor in the US Army Aviation School during the Korean Conflict. After working for county government in Texas he worked as a pioneer in the Job Corps Civilian Conservation Corps as counseling director and Regional Manpower Director. Federal agency training and safety director for several federal agencies including US Forest Service, Animal Plant Inspection Service, Food Safety Inspection Service and finally the national Director of Human Resources Development for the US Department of Agriculture in Washington. After retirement worked as a Development Officer at NMSU. Served as the southern director for NM Works and the Welfare to Work program. As a family member of a mentally ill child became and advocate and activist for the mentally and their families. Gurley was state president and legislative director for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Starting in 1999 FIC-DAC manages the Jail Diversion Program that includes statewide training of peace officers, first responders and detention officers. Currently the agency operates the Treatment Guardian Program for southern New Mexico.**

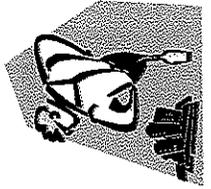
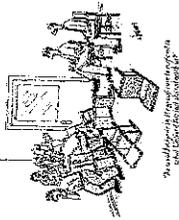
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Enforcement order is issued to police

TG files a petition of enforcement order

Client goes through a new episode



Client is released

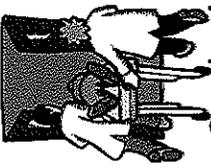
Local MHP provides treatment to client





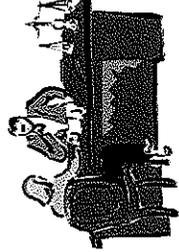

Order of transport is executed, 30 days - 6 months

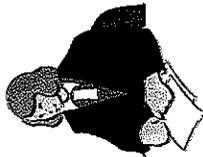
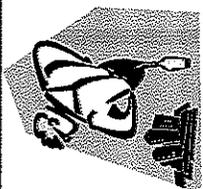
# The system

Client assessed (24 Hr.)

Can be hold (72 Hrs.)-5 days

Petition is filed

Attorney visits client

Court conveys hearing (7 days) window

State presents testimony

Cross exam by attorney

TG is requested