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Services Provided

Consultative Services

Assist attorneys by providing them with education and resources to be able to provide a quality defense.

Clinical Services

Evaluation and assessment of clients' mental healthneeds/psychiatric presentation to provide treatment plans, recommendations, and mitigating information.

Case Management Services

Provide direct linkage to service providers and other social services to support clients' functioning within the community and reduce recidivism.





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Fiscal Year 2023 Total MHRU Referrals: 206

• Q1 & Q2 Total: 102 referrals

• Q3 & Q4 Total: 104 referrals

Referral Types:

• Linkage/Placement, Psychosoical Evaluations/Reports, Psychological Evaluations, Forensic Case Consultation, General Case Consultation, Treatment Plans, Memorandums, and Case Management.

• Current Staffing: 1 Clinical Psychologist, 2 Licensed Mental Health Clinicians



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Future Initiatives

- Pretrial Fairness Act
 - MHRU teaming up with the Pretrial Division and Safer Foundation.
 - Increased assistance with NPTS and EM to address barriers and prolonged detainment.
- Increasing collaboration with CCHHS
- Fostering new relationships with community agencies
- Community Defense Centers
- 2024-2025 Internship Program



Questions?

Thank you for your time and interest!

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