GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

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Dear Community Partner,

I am pleased to invite you, and representatives of all agencies in the Galveston County mental healthcare system, to join the Health District in a meeting to explore a grant opportunity that may further improve mental health resources and coordination in the county.

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health's Integrated Health Care Initiative (grant) will fund collaboration between a primary health care entity (e.g., the 4C's Clinics) and mental health provider(s). The grant, due by February 15, 2006, focuses on system improvements in the management of mild to moderate psychiatric disorders. Grant funds may support salaries of specified types of staff, psychiatric consultations, data systems, educational materials, screening tools, training, etc. While funds may not support direct mental healthcare costs, one possible benefit to all participants may be the development of shared screening tool to assist us in coordinating care and in facilitating the referrals of shared patients. For more information on this RFP, you may refer to the website at http://www.hogg.utexas.edu/pages/IHCRFP.html.

I request that you RSVP your interest to in exploring the grant and partnering with the Health to contact Pam Jahnke, RN, the Strategic Plan Evaluator, at (409) 938-2256 or by e-mail at pjahnke@gchd.org, by January 13th. Ms. Jahnke will work with interested participants to explore this grant opportunity in a meeting (in person or by conference call) targeted for the week January 17 - 20.

Thanks for your continued interest in improving the mental health system in Galveston County.

Sincerely,

Harlan "Mark" Guidry, MD, MPH
Chief Executive Officer and Health Authority