

Tropical News

Tropical Texas Behavioral Health Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

In 1967, the State Legislature passed House Bill 3 which called for the creation of community mental health and mental retardation centers. The Bill mandated a continuum of services for individuals with mental illness and mental retardation and allowed for effective alternatives to treatment in state facilities. Through House Bill 3, the citizens of Texas had the opportunity to receive treatment services in their home community.

Tropical Texas Behavioral Health (originally called Hidalgo County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center and Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation) had the

distinct honor of being the first community mental health and mental retardation center in the State of Texas to be established under House Bill 3.

Tropical Texas began as a small operation located in the basement of Grandview Hospital in Edinburg with limited staff and a small array of service, but everyone shared a vision. It was a vision of hope.... hope of effective treatment and the reality of recovery. With that vision in mind, in the summer of 1967, with only six staff members and an enormous agenda for the citizens of the Lower Rio Grande Valley of

Texas, Tropical Texas opened its doors and began the provision of services.

Tropical Texas' vision continued to be realized through the growth and expansion of services and programs. In 1974 services were expanded to Cameron and Willacy Counties. In 1990 Tropical Texas moved into the new decade with the ground breaking of a new facility in Edinburg. The new doors opened in 1992, continuing the vision of effective treatment and the reality of recovery for the citizens of the lower Rio Grande Valley. Due to environmental factors, Tropical Texas temporarily

relocated its services into two locations in Edinburg. It is only fitting –in this 40th year of service– that Tropical Texas is moving back into it's newly remodeled facility in Edinburg as well as the dedication of a brand new facility to house all of the Brownsville services.

Today, Tropical Texas Behavioral Health continues to be dedicated to providing necessary mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services for individuals of Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy Counties.



Grandview Hospital
Edinburg, Texas



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As previously mentioned, we will be holding many different activities during the entire year of 2007, celebrating our Center's 40th Anniversary. To kick off the celebrations our CEO, Terry Crocker, visited all sites and met with staff. Employees also received Anniversary T-shirts and other goodies!

