

ELMHS, Forensic Division

I. **Goals:**

To provide a comprehensive educational experience for Forensic Residents/Fellows focusing on psychiatric subspecialty knowledge in the assessment and treatment of patients in a secured forensic hospital.

Education of Residents/Fellows requires training in the following areas:

1. The psychiatric evaluation of individuals involved with the legal system
2. The specialized psychiatric treatment required by those who have been incarcerated in jails, prisons, or special forensic psychiatric hospitals.
3. Active involvement in and consultation in the area of legal regulation of general psychiatric practice.
4. Related education and research efforts.

II. **Objectives:**

The Residents/Fellows will provide approximately sixteen hours per week at the Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System, Forensic Division. This experience includes:

1. No less than 12 hours of direct patient care and consultation to other Psychiatrists.
2. Two hours of direct supervision.
3. Two hours of didactic and other educational training.

The clinical experience will include forensic evaluation of patients with a broad range of mental disorders and legal circumstances.

Specific objectives to accomplish the above stated goals include:

1. Clinical experience in evaluation and treatment of individuals adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity and housed at ELHMS.
2. Evaluation, treatment and restoration of individuals adjudicated not competent to stand trial and housed at ELHMS.
3. Clinical experience in evaluating dangerousness and making recommendations to the court on dangerousness for individuals being considered for release into the community.
4. Clinical experience in providing consults to other psychiatrists on issues related to the legal regulation of psychiatric practice, under the supervision of a staff psychiatrist, providing second opinions on the following issues: civil commitment and dangerousness (e.g., consults regarding potential discharge of *Lockhart* patients), decision-making competence (e.g., advanced directive evaluations), treatment refusal (e.g., forced medication evaluations), and confidentiality.
5. Training in Louisiana law related to the above issues.
6. Direct formal supervision by trained forensic psychiatrists and psychologists concerning clinical and educational issues in forensic psychiatry.