

Life Skills and Transition Center Psychiatrist

- At the present time, 88% of LSTC residents require consultation with a psychiatrist as part of their care.
- Psychiatry services are currently being provided by Dr. Hill, a psychiatrist employed at Northeast Human Service Center.
- He has historically provided approximately 4 hours of care to LSTC residents per week.
- He has been working with LSTC for 27 years. Dr. Hill specializes in serving people with developmental disabilities, which is a rare specialization in the field of psychiatry.
- Dr. Hill is retiring from NEHSC in June 2021.
- NEHSC intends to replace Dr. Hill with another full time psychiatrist.
- The needs for psychiatry services provided by NEHSC will make it difficult for the new hire to continue to serve LSTC.
- As such, LSTC is proposing to contract with Dr. Hill on an hourly basis, to ensure uninterrupted psychiatric care for LSTC residents. The contract provides approximately 8 hours of services to residents on site, to accommodate the increased need we expect to see due to LSTCs increased focus on providing crisis and stabilization services.
- Dr. Hill is willing to continue to provide this service to LSTC as proposed.
- His continued service to LSTC will help ensure LSTC maintains certifications and accreditation, particularly in terms of serving people with dual diagnoses and complex pharmacotherapy needs.
- The estimated cost of the psychiatric service contract for LSTC is \$183,000.