



New Member Introduction: Jennifer Gonzalez, PhD

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Outline



Introduction



Current projects



What I can bring to the Council

Jenn Gonzalez, PhD

- MS in Criminal Justice
- PhD in Epidemiology
- Post-Doc in Psychiatric Epi

- Formerly tenured faculty
 - @ UTHealth
 - \$10 million in funding

- Joined The Meadows Institute in 2019





*Selected Current
Projects*

Link2Care Study



- \$3.2 million clinical trial funded by the National Institutes of Health
 - Dallas, Texas
 - 5-year project
- Goal: To use technology to reduce barriers to obtaining care management
- To improve understanding of the causes of the revolving door of homeless incarceration



- Offers 1 click connections to:
 - Assigned care manager
 - Dallas bus routes
 - AA / NA meetings
- Prompts/suggests case manager contacts 2 times each week

Link2Care

Next Appointment
Oct 1, 1:00 PM

1 Month Follow-Up
\$ 50.00

 Call Staff

Payment 

Call My Care Manager 

Call Crisis Line 

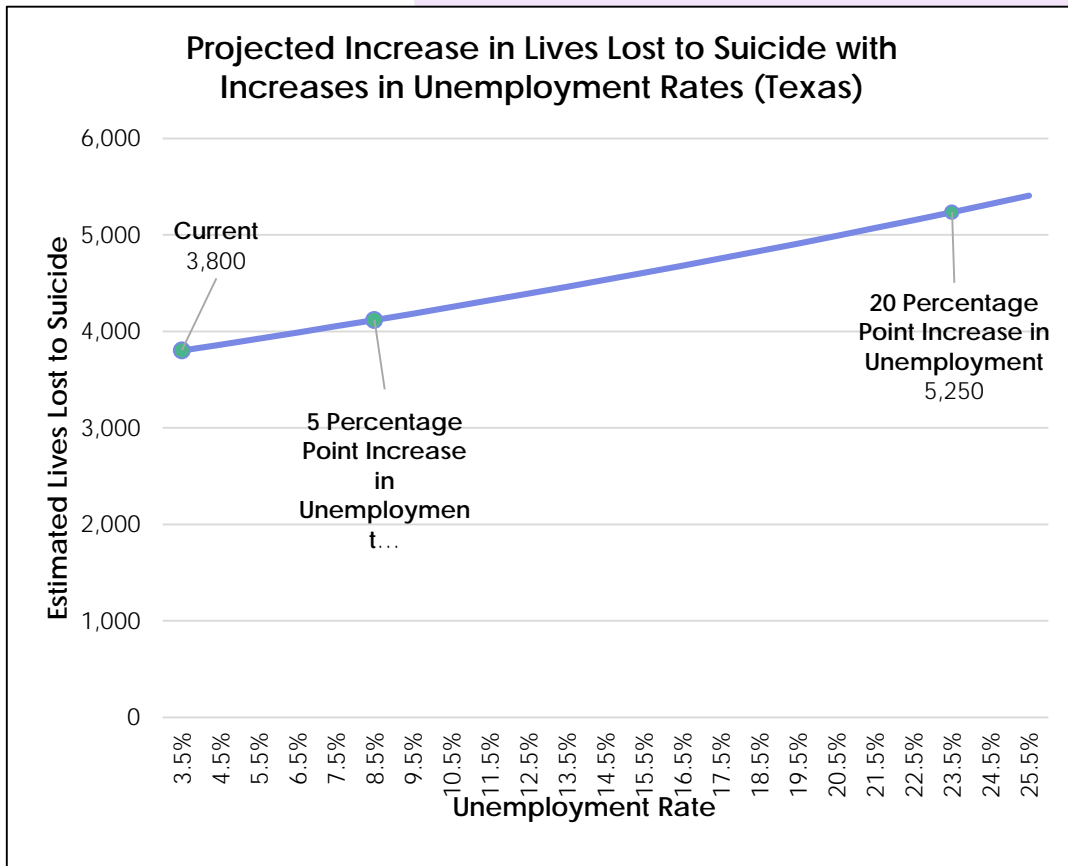
Helpful Websites 

Dallas Public Transportation 

Haven for Hope

- Systems assessment of behavioral health and social services provided to homeless veterans in San Antonio
 - Are homeless veterans being linked to appropriate services?
 - If not, what are the barriers? How can we address them?
- Project future needs
 - Is the capacity sufficient to meet the demand?

Others



- Projections
- Evaluation of Dallas Deflects
- Evaluation of Dallas County Specialty Courts
- Planning for expansion of community-based care with the Department of Family and Protective Services
- Expanding collaborative care in primary care settings

What I can bring to the Council

- Unbiased assessment on what “works” and what doesn’t work so well
- Knowledge on the research on homelessness
- Identifying options for evaluating programs and policies
- Work to improve data access and integration



