Inclusion Criteria

A. Age appropriate for the program:
   1. Child: 3-12 years of age
   2. Adolescent: 13-17 years of age
   3. Adult: 18-59 years of age
   4. Geriatric: 60 years and up

B. Non-MHMR
   1. Diagnosed (DSM-IV) or suspected mental illness (that can be expected to improve significantly with appropriate treatment) as established by direct examination by a psychiatrist within 72 hours before or on the day of admission.

C. MHMR – Is an active MHMR client or contract eligible, by the following criteria:
   1. Established diagnosis (DSM-IV) of Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, or Major Depressive Disorder or,
   2. Current GAF below 50 and,
   3. Current resident of Galveston or Brazoria counties.

D. Either alternative treatment (at a lower, less restrictive level of care) has been tried, has been unsuccessful, or has been determined unsafe.

E. Significant impairment of daily functioning in at least two major areas of the following:
   1. School or vocational
   2. Social situations
   3. Family relationships

F. At least one of the following:
   a. Recent (within 72 hours) attempted suicide.
   b. Suicidal/homicidal ideation requiring precautions and 24-hours/day monitoring.
   c. Assaultive behavior as a result of an Axis I psychiatric disorder.
   d. Self-mutilative behavior as a result of an Axis I psychiatric disorder.
   e. Acute onset or exacerbation of hallucinations, delusions, or illusions the magnitude of which threaten the patient’s safety and well-being.
   f. Self harm due to non-compliance with psychiatric treatment regime.
   g. Physical health treatment regime threatened due to psychiatric illness.
   h. Acute onset of inability to care for self or attend to activities of daily living as a direct result of psychiatric illness.
   i. Acute manic state needing admission for initiation/ titration of medication.
   j. Evidence of symptoms and demonstrated behavior or verbalizations reflecting significant risk or potential danger to self, others, or property.
   k. Current GAF below 50.