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I began working for SACU because I saw there was a need for stability, learning, and compassion. I knew I could help provide this care. With intensive trainings, and other tools in my toolbelt, I am equipped to work and help these individuals in crisis. The bigger long standing problem has been getting services and the amount of time it takes. **We cannot get to stabilization without having these services at play as well. We cannot go backwards**. We need to see how to stay open at 100% while making us more efficient and finding real ways to save money and how we can truly be a crisis model with a promise we made to those who lived at Fairview.