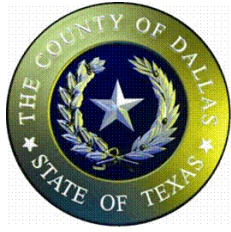


Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
Thursday, March 11, 2021
9:30am -11:00am
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 - Review/ Approval of February 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- II. Introductions
- III. North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update
- IV. Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI)
- V. Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup
- VI. 1115 Waiver Crisis Services Project Update
- VII. Legislative Update
- VIII. Funding Opportunities
 - The Cottages Update
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- IX. Upcoming Events and Notifications
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Adjournment

* Indicates items requiring approval from Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

The following reports from BHLT Committees are included for your records: *ACOT, BHSC, PD Mental Health Stats, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, and RJD Stats*. Unless action is required, there will be no verbal updates from those committees.



DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

Minutes of the Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021

<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/criminal-justice/bhlt/>

Welcome and Call to Order

Commissioner John Wiley Price called the Behavioral Health Leadership Team (BHLT) meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Commissioner John Wiley Price requested a motion regarding a quorum of the Court of Commissioners being present to officially open the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel for approval and was then seconded by Commissioner J.J. Koch. Commissioner John Wiley Price asked if there is any unreadiness. There was no unreadiness made to the motion. The motion was unanimously passed accepting the request without objection.

Commissioner John Wiley Price announced that the meeting is being recorded and those in attendance are consenting to being recorded.

Review/Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the BHLT meeting held on Thursday, January 14, 2021 were included in the meeting packet.

Commissioner John Wiley Price requested a motion for approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner J.J. Koch for approval of the minutes and was then seconded by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel. Commissioner John Wiley Price asked if there was any unreadiness. There was no unreadiness made to the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by the committee members accepting the minutes as read without objection or modifications.

Introductions

Commissioner John Wiley Price asked first-time attendees to introduce themselves. There were no first-time attendees.

Presentation-North Texas Behavioral Health Authority Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Council (NTBHA DEI Council)

Dr. Gloria Morrow, Licensed Clinical Psychologist/ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Consultant, provided a presentation introducing the NTBHA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Project. Dr. Morrow participated in the development of and is a trainer for the California Brief Multicultural Competency Scale Training Program, as well as development of the Spirituality and Faith Empowers (SAFE) handbook and workshop. Dr. Morrow is partnering with NTBHA to establish the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Advisory Council (NTBHA DEI Council). The purpose of the NTBHA DEI Council will be to foster ideas that create and sustain an environment of

diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Using available research and data on effective DEI practices, the NTBHA DEI Council's efforts will focus on the following objectives:

- Building capacity and competency to lead and manage a diverse workforce
- Creating a work environment that ensures equal access to opportunities for professional growth and advancement
- Developing cultural competence and responsiveness as an agency and network, respecting the unique viewpoints, experiences, and needs of all to perpetuate and foster NTBHA becoming a genuinely beloved workplace community for all. Cultural competence relates, but is not limited, to the following cultural groups: Age, Disability, Ethnicity, Gender, LGBTQI+, Privilege, Socioeconomic Status (SES), Race, and Religion.

The NTBHA DEI Council will consist of nine to eleven members. The council will develop the strategic direction of NTBHA's DEI initiative and activities. The term for this position is one year, with the opportunity to reapply. Individuals applying for the NTBHA DEI Advisory Council may not hold a political office or be an elected official.

Dr. Gloria Morrow will facilitate the "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Courageous Conversation Training Series". Trainings will be held from 9:00 am to 10:30 am and offered twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Friday. The topics that will be discussed are: Building The Beloved Community Through Cultural Humility; Understanding Skin Color Privilege; Discussing Racism With Those You Serve; Strategies For Supporting Your Team When They Encounter Racism And Micro Aggression; Understanding Acute Racism Reactions; Healing From Racial Trauma; and How To Be A True Ally (Prerequisite attended all previous trainings). CEU's will be provided.

Commissioner John Wiley Price, speaking on behalf of the BHLT and the quorum of the Commissioners Court, thanked Dr. Gloria Morrow's for her work and commitment. Commissioner Price asked how the objective could be measured. Dr. Morrow responded stating that pre and post assessment tools do exist. Dr. Morrow mentioned the impact that results from broadening the conversation and an individual's awareness as a measurement of change. Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel thanked Dr. Morrow for her presentation, stating that she looks forward to what is to come.

Presentation: Dallas County Criminal Justice Department- SAMHSA Grant 2nd Year Review - Successes, Obstacles, and Opportunities Against Backdrop of Global Pandemic

Shenna Oriabure, LMSW, SAMHSA Grant Project Manager, provided a presentation on expanding residential substance abuse treatment in Dallas County, and the success's, obstacles, and opportunities identified during SAMHSA Grant Year Two. A copy of the presentation was made available in the meeting packet.

The purpose of the SAMHSA Grant is to expand residential substance abuse treatment in Dallas County for males and females diagnosed with a substance use disorder. Priority is given to minority males between 17 and 30 years of age. Identified as the less successful, additional effort and resources are given to these clients.

The program is based on several evidence-based practices such as motivational interviewing, seeking safety, peer and recovery coaching, thinking for a change, and relapse prevention theory. The program exceeded its target goals in Year 2 and the majority served were black and Hispanic males. The program reduced jail stay from 7 to 0 days, reduced in self-reporting drug use in last 30 days, increased number of people knowing their HIV status, and increased employment.

Although there was metric achievement in the first 6 months of the current grant year, COVID hit and it significantly impacted the program. In particular, maintaining housing and jobs as well as use of illegal drugs were negatively impacted. In addition, social interaction was heavily impacted as clients and

staff were encouraged to reduced face-to-face contact. Housing and service protocols changed as a response to the pandemic and that made it was hard to monitor and follow-up with clients. Interestingly, recovery coach impact on client outcomes remained positive. Mrs. Oriabure also provided a client success story and its impact on Dallas County.

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update

Carol Lucky, CEO of NTBHA, provided the updated, beginning by thanking Dr. Gloria Morrow for presentation. Ms. Lucky stated that the Courageous Conversation facilitated by Dr. Morrow will begin in March and expressed how important it is that everyone who interacts with the community we serve, including elected official, participate in the course,

Ms. Lucky reported NTBHA is continuing to serve through this COVID crisis, providing service to 24,998 adults, which is 107% of the states mandated target number, and 8698 children, which is 106% of the target number for the December. Ms. Lucky stated that the number of people NTBHA serves is the highest in the state and over 22% of children in Texas are being served by NTBHA. Ms. Lucky addressed the 9.5% decrease in prescriptions filled in January, noting that although 23,000 prescriptions were filled, making sure all individuals have access to their medication is also important. NTBHA will be looking at this issue further to make sure people are aware of where to get their prescriptions filled. Commissioner Price mentioned working with the Ryan White agencies regarding funding cuts to high cost prescriptions, stating that millions of dollars are being cut and the impact it will have on individuals with income 200% below the poverty level. Commissioner Price stated he enlisted Representative Toni Rose's assistance but was concerned and inquired if NTBHA was experiencing a financial impact related to prescriptions. Ms. Lucky stated NTBHA has not impacted by this issue. There actually has been a significant drop in NTBHA pharmacy costs and it appears pharmacy needs are being met. Commissioner Daniel requested additional information on the Ryan White funding and Charlene Randolph will disseminate to the BHLT Committee. Ms. Lucky stated that although NTBHA can't provide those medications, they may be able to assist with referrals.

Ms. Lucky stated that they are monitoring suicide trends; however, it appears those rates are remaining steady. NTBHA will be analyzing data further to see if suicidality is increasing. NTBHA has been accepted into a trauma-informed forum which will help bring evidence-based practices to our community. Dr. Baker has reached out to NTBHA to explore options for ECT service delivery. The COVID line continues and it had a slight uptick of usage in January. NTBHA also had zero findings on its external audit and it was approved by its Board.

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institution (MMHPI)

Ron Stretcher, Director of MMHPI, provided the update. Mr. Stretcher thanked Dallas County staff for their help in resolving some issues regarding the Deflection Center. Meadows is currently focused on the Legislature and they expect level funding for Mental Health services: HB 13, SB 292, peers, telehealth, ongoing renovations for state hospitals (this may put Dallas County in line for planning money this session). Mr. Stretcher wanted more information on the Ryan White funding and Commissioner Price agreed to share this. Mr. Stretcher mentioned there is a suicide report on the Meadows website and stated that access to behavioral health services is instrumental in this area. Mr. Stretcher was complimentary of the SAMSHA grant and Mrs. Oriabure work over the years.

Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup (BHHWG)

Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel acknowledging the dedication and tenacity of BHHWG committee members. Commissioner Daniel stated that individuals continue to be impacted by a lack of stable affordable housing, particularly the youth and families. Commissioner Daniel announced that the St. Jude's opened on December 15, 2020 as a quarantine site. Commissioner Daniel acknowledged the work being done with CitySquare and their project using container homes. Commissioner Daniel announced that the state has allocated \$1.3 billion for rental assistance and will begin accepting

applications on February 15, 2021. This allocation will be an additional funding source for eviction prevention.

1115 Waiver Crisis Services Project (CSP) Update

Yordanos Melake stated that the CSP October report payment was received and credited. Ms. Melake stated that Texas HHSC has submitted to CMS a 1 year and 5-year extension of the 1115 Waiver program and was awarded a 10-year extension. The extension provides for a Charity Pool and it appears local health departments and public mental health centers would be eligible; however, CSP continues to do research to see if it would be eligible in this extension. Ms. Melake reminded the committee that CSP will stop earning 1115 Waiver funds at end of this year; however, there are currently enough funds in reserve to cover expenses through the end of the program in 2022. Ms. Melake stated that the CSP Governance Committee is on track meeting and working toward operationalizing the transition plan and an update will be provided to BHLT in April.

Legislative Update

Janie Metzinger, Legislative Coordinator for NTBHA, provided the update stating that the Texas House of Representatives house committees have been assigned and both the House and Senate have submitted a budget. Ms. Metzinger stated that the Senate Finance Committee have begun meetings. The House Appropriations Committee has four members from our region and a new chair, Rep. Bonnen Greg. Ms. Metzinger reported that several bills related to telehealth and expanding telehealth have been filed, noting that several of the bills are being filed by members from our region, including several related to recovery housing and expanding recovery housing. Rep. Carl Sherman has filed bill regarding reducing recidivism. Lastly, Ms. Metzinger advised the committee of the bills filed to study the effectiveness of in connecting mental health, first responders, police, and fire rescue.

• Cottages Update

Charlene Randolph, Director of Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, provided the update. Ms. Randolph referenced the data report provided in the meeting packet, stating that the Cottages remain at 39 residents. Ms. Randolph stated that she contacted the Cottages regarding the occupancy of the 5-6 vacant units and she will provide more details as she receives them.

• SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update

An updated was provided in the presentation and no additional information was shared during this time.

• Community Courts Grant Update-Public Defender's Office (PD)

Chief Public Defender Lynn Richardson provided the update and stated the statistics are in the packet. Mrs. Richardson stated that the PD is getting prepared for its Annual Indigent Defense Seminar next Friday. During that seminar, Jessica Martinez and Chad Anderson will present on NTBHA services to the defense bar. There will also be sessions on HIPPA, holistic defense, community engagement in CJ system and family courts, protecting client's constitutional rights, remote hearings, and managing stress during COVID.

Vickie Rice stated that the PD Office is pushing to move Mental health issues to the community. Mrs. Rice has also presented at other forums to highlight what Dallas County has been doing to address and solve these issues.

Commissioner Price expressed his concern with appointed defense attorneys and their derogatory speech online regarding indigent clients. Mrs. Richardson said she shares these concerns and the PD Office is focused on treating clients well. In addition, these issues negatively impact the quality of representation, and it is a longstanding problem. Commissioner Price stated that he is concerned

because the County is paying for these appointed attorneys. Mrs. Richardson said that at the seminar next week, a session on client-centered representation will be presented.

- **Restorative Justice Division-District Attorney's Office (RJD)**

Raymond Pierson, Assistant DA, provided the update, stating Mrs. Julie Turnbull was absent due to a court hearing. Mr. Pierson referenced the report provided in the packet. Mr. Pierson provided an update on the Dallas Deflection Center stating that the committees are working on the policies and procedures. Mr. Pierson announced his appointment to the Judicial Commission of Mental Health. Mr. Pierson mention the work that the commission does throughout the state on mental health issues and addressing some of the topics discussed at BHLT in pursuit of making progress. Commissioner Dr. Daniel congratulated Mr. Pierson.

Upcoming Events and Notifications

- Commissioner Theresa Daniel notified the committee that information regarding the states rental assist would be provided to Charlene Randolph for dissemination and announced that the COVID-19 Point in Time Homeless Count (PIT) Kickoff will occur on February 18, 2021, at 11am.
- Commissioner Price thanked all BHLT committee members for their service and the presenters for the presentations.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am with a motion made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel and seconded by Commissioner J.J. Koch.

Dallas Deflects Organizing Committee

March 8, 2021

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Dr. Theresa Daniel (Dallas County Commissioner), Robert Costello (Commissioner Daniel's Office), Major Michael Dominguez (Dallas Police Department), Chief Jesse Reyes (Dallas Police Department), Chief Marlin Suell (Dallas County Hospital District Police), Deputy Chief Edward Addison (DART Police), Dave Hogan (Homeward Bound), Julie Turnbull (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Doug Denton (Homeward Bound), Marsha Edwards (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Deborah Hill (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Shavon Moore (Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance), Lee Pierson (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Jessica Martinez (NTBHA), Deacon Charlie Stump (Dallas Catholic Diocese), Ronica Watkins (Dallas County Budget Office), Ron Stretcher (MMHPI), Rebecca Molsberry (MMHPI), Michaela Himes (Dallas County Public Defender's Office), Daniel Cherry (Dallas County Facilities), Albert Sanchez (Downtown Dallas, Inc.), Matt Roberts (NTBHA), Tammy McGhee (Clutch Consulting Group), Chad Anderson (NTBHA), Erin Moore (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Yordanos Melake (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Tasha Tsiaperas (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), and Kyla Rankin (Parkland Hospital)

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

- Laura Edmonds reported the Executive Committee met on February 23, 2021. The Committee reviewed the final version of the MOU. Parkland Hospital still has the MOU under review.

Financial (Budget)

- Marsha Edwards provided a review of the work that Ernst and Young has been doing to try to determine the overall costs of the criminal justice system, including the cost of the jail and the cost to process a court case.
- Michaela Himes inquired about why the cost of defense attorney or public defender costs are not included. Marsha added that she would add this information in.
- Marsha also reviewed the current costs for Dallas Deflects and the budget that was developed in months past. She identified which costs are one-time costs versus recurring costs in order to start to develop a cost benefit analysis.
- Dave Hogan recommended including some funding for boarding homes.

Police Procedure and Training

- Chief Reyes reported that they have met to develop their Standard Operating Procedures and they have put together a training bulletin.
- Chief Reyes inquired about the hours of operation of Dallas Deflects. Dave Hogan reported that they have identified 7:00am-7:00pm as the hours for a soft launch, with a goal to then move toward 24/7 operation.
- Chief Reyes also asked if clients who are brought to Dallas Deflects should be any client with a Criminal Trespass, or only those with identified behavioral health needs. Dave Hogan responded that they do not want to put the burden of worrying about diagnosis before bringing an individual to Dallas Deflects. Julie Turnbull added that if the officer is in doubt they should go ahead and transport to Dallas Deflects so the individual can be assessed and linked to services.
- Chief Reyes also discussed having a training video. He reported that as the open date gets closer the committee will work on developing a training video.

Data/Goals and Objectives

- Marsha Edwards reported that the committee has not met in a while, but they are currently working on MOUs and will be combining efforts with the Policies and Procedures group.

Policies and Procedures:

- Lee Pierson reported he met with Dave Hogan, Chad Anderson, and Kyla Rankin regarding Dallas Deflects policies and procedures, and to discuss MOUs needed for data sharing. NTBHA will take the lead on continuing to develop this information.
- Dave Hogan shared that the group also discussed what to do with individuals who are 17 years old to prevent them from entering the criminal justice system. They will be exempt from services at Dallas Deflects, but they are going to establish a process for addressing this population.
- Dave also shared that he is working with the City of Dallas regarding those brought to Dallas Deflects who have outstanding Class C tickets.

Security

- Dave Hogan reported that he met with Allied Universal Security. This is the same vendor the Salvation Army utilizes. They do not carry weapons, but are trained and utilize de-escalation strategies. The cost for 7:00am-7:00pm service is approximately \$100,000.

Connection with Community Partners:

- Dave Hogan met with the new manager of the Boarding Home Inspection Team. He is working with her to put back together the Boarding Home Association.
- Dave also met with the new manager of the new City Detention Sobering Center. They are looking to expand this partnership. The Sobering Center is still being built out, and no opening date has been identified yet.
- Dave also discussed wanting to establishing a Housing Committee. He reported that he will look to partner with Dr. Daniel's Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup.
- Doug Denton also reported he will be working closely with NTBHA and their housing initiatives, and they are applying for funding for boarding homes that include peer support.

Medical

- Kyla Rankin reported Parkland is working with the Policy and Procedure committee as reported previously and on getting the construction completed for their medical clinic.

Facilities

- Doug Denton reported that Homeward Bound and Parkland are meeting with the architect to ensure the Parkland medical clinic is built out as needed. Homeward Bound will also meet soon with Parkland to ensure IT needs are adequately met.
- Daniel Cherry reported that the demolition documents should be completed this week and then they will receive the permit to start this work.
- Albert Sanchez inquired about sponsorship for the individual rooms. Doug reported that funding is always needed and they are waiting on the architects to complete their building estimates. He gave an overview of donations for room renovations that have been received so far, but additional donations will be needed.
- Marsha Edwards also reported that donations/sponsorship is needed for the outdoor area.
- Michaela Himes recommended utilizing the Scouts to volunteer to assist with the outdoor area and this could be a good opportunity for an Eagle Project for various Scout troops.

Other Updates:

- None reported.

The next Dallas Deflects planning meeting will be held on Monday, April 12th from 2:00pm-3:00pm via Teams.

Dallas County Administration, 411 Elm Street, 1st Floor, Dallas Texas 75202
February 24, 2021 Minutes

Mission Statement: The Dallas County BH Housing Work Group, with diverse representation, will formulate recommendations on the creation of housing and housing related support services designed to safely divert members of special populations in crisis away from frequent utilization of expensive and sometimes unnecessary inpatient stays, emergency department visits and incarceration.

Success will be measured in placement of consumers in housing and the decreased utilization of higher levels of care (hospitals and emergency care visits) and reduced incarceration in the Dallas County Jail. The Dallas County BH Housing Work Group is committed to a data driven decision-making process with a focus on data supported outcomes.

ATTENDEES: Dr. Theresa Daniel, Commissioner; Ashley Brundage, United Way; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Edd Eason, CitySquare; Brooke Etie, City of Dallas; Brittney Farr, DART; Blake Fetterman, Salvation Army; Mayra Fierro, Metro Dallas Youth Committee; Deborah Hill, DCCJ; Sara Key, Outlast Youth; Tzeggabrhhan Kidane, Dallas County; Jim Mattingly, LumaCorp; Yordanos Melake, DCCJ; Jari Mema, Catholic Charities of Dallas; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare; Erin Moore, Dallas County; Sattie Nyachwaya, Prism Health; Charlene Randolph, DCCJ; Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County; Madeline Reedy, CitySquare; Wyndll Robertson, Dallas County; Justin Vander, Prism Health; Libby Wolverton, Metro Dallas Youth Committee; Dr. David Woody III, The Bridge

CALL TO ORDER: The Minutes were approved with one change.

GOVERNANCE

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness: Commissioner Theresa Daniel

Commissioner Daniel reported that the Dallas Area Partnership met on Tuesday, February 23rd. The Board approved three 2021 committee goal submissions.

Ms. Brundage spoke about the \$40 million received by the City of Dallas for rental assistance and the allocation of those funds to organizations such as The United Way and Dallas College (rental assistance for students). The Eviction Prevention Task Force meets monthly. The CPAL Project, in partnership with IDO, is exploring how best to serve families and reduce evictions.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Ms. Janie Metzinger reported that 41 bills have been filed in the State legislature related to homelessness. Among many other items, some of these bills apply to student homelessness, land banks and studies on statewide centralized management and crisis response systems. All legislative committees have been assigned, though hearings have not begun in earnest on these bills. Ms. Metzinger made mention of the fact that there are returning and new House members for this congressional session.

PRESENTATION

Housing Choice Voucher Program: Brooke Etie DHA

Ms. Etie provided an overview of DHA services including, the Housing Choice Voucher program, online services, and briefly touched on the Move To Work Program.

RESOURCES

Shelter Discussions: Blake Fetterman, Salvation Army

Ms. Fetterman spoke on the success of inclement weather shelter operations at the KBH Convention Center. The shelter was there for 100 individuals to 850 individuals over the course of a few nights. Collectively, 5,000 nights of shelter were provided to those in need. Salvation Army along with The Bridge, The Stewpot, Austin Street, and the City of Dallas Office of Homeless Solutions worked together to provide assessment and services to those interested as well as placing

individuals on the Housing Priority List (HPL). 175 people were assisted in gaining access to shelter after the Convention Center closed with another 100+ being placed on the HPL.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Ms. Rawls reported that all 13 vacancies at St. Jude's have been filled. Ms. Rawls has also scheduled a March 2nd meeting with Mr. Jari Mema to discuss the Park Central Project.

FUSE Grant: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Ms. Rawls offered a correction to the December numbers, stating 4 individuals were housed or placed on the HPL as opposed to the 15 previously reported. Ms. Rawls stated that she is currently seeking other funding opportunities for homeless involved in criminal justice.

CARES Act: Commissioner Daniel

Commissioner Daniel noted that CARES Act funding for 2021 has been extended for three months and the HEROES Act is in effect for 2021. Dallas County received \$1.3 million of CARES ACT funding and will soon receive another \$2 million+ from HEROES ACT funding. The County will open three portals by the end of March to address housing needs (tenants and landlords applying for housing funds).

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Homeless Jail Dashboard: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Ms. Rawls stated in her report that there was an increase in total jail population from December to January of 191 individuals. Total suspected mental health book-ins increased by 1 individual during that same time. There was an increase in total homeless book-ins of 34 individuals. Total homeless book-ins with suspected mental health flags increased by 27 individuals. Average length of stay for total jail book-ins increased by 4 days. There were increases in burglary and criminal trespassing offenses with decreases in sexual assault in this population.

CitySquare: Edd Eason, CitySquare

Mr. Eason stated that he would be combining reports for January and February to be presented at the meeting in March. Mr. Eason provided updates on The Cottages, reporting 39 current residents and 11 applications to DHA pending approval as well as 1 pending inspection. The A Way Home Program has housed 50 single women and 23 families. CitySquare will be working with United Way, Catholic Charities, and others to distribute rental assistance funds once the next round of funding is made available.

Pretrial Diversion and Mental Health Screening: Laura Edmonds, Dallas County

Ms. Edmonds stated that post winter storm, operations have normalized.

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Mr. Denton reported that the Dallas Deflects Center is still in the planning and permit stage with a series of meetings scheduled to complete planning and obtain needed permits.

Metro Dallas Youth Committee: Libby Woolverton and Mayra Fierro; Metro Dallas Youth Committee

Ms. Woolverton reported that due to damage from the winter storm, the monthly MDYC meeting was canceled and work on their system map has been postponed. The system map will coordinate available systems and how youth flow in and out of homelessness. This will provide a more accurate picture of who they can serve, how many beds are available, etc. Finally, Ms. Woolverton touched on the Hidden Population Youth Homelessness Education Series which will begin in March.

Ms. Fierro, working with the Harvest Project Food Rescue, utilized Warren United Methodist Church as a warming station during the winter storm, providing blankets, coats, gloves, and hot meals. 3500 meals were provided with the help of 200 volunteers. Additionally, the Community Unity Bus delivered meals to encampments and apartment complexes without power/water during that time. Overall, 18,000lbs of produce were provided toward this effort.

Family Housing: Commissioner Daniel

Commissioner Daniel commented on the impressive Federal metrics in Ms. Magnis' report which showed 98% of Family Gateway families moved out of homelessness. Please refer to the attached report for more information.

NOTES

Ms. Ashley Brundage noted that the Homeless Collaborative's new Continuum of Care Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25th at 10:30 am and that it is a public meeting.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2021

Dallas County Administration Building, 411 Elm Street, 1st Floor, Allen Clemson Courtroom



Crisis Services Project

CSP Total

DY10 CSP Monthly Report_No Graphs(with LCN)

Last Refresh: 3/9/21 at 7:56:40 AM GMT-06:00

	Past Year Avg	2021-01	Average:	Sum:
Total Service Episodes:	359	364	364	364
Total Unique CID:	317	359	359	359
Total Unique PID:		359	359	359
% Change to DY 9 by CID		60.95%		

<u>Total Encounters by Type:</u>		2021-01	Average:	Sum:
Triage		364	364	364
Care Coordination		1,202	1,202	1,202
F2F Encounter		249	249	249
Sum:		1,815	1,815	1,815

<u>F2F Encounter</u>		2021-01	Average:	Sum:
MHPR Bond		142	142	142
Non-MHPR		107	107	107
Sum:		249	249	249



Crisis Services Project

Frank Crowley
DY10 CSP Monthly Report_No Graphs(with LCN)
Last Refresh: 3/9/21 at 7:56:40 AM GMT-06:00

	2021-01	Average:	Sum:
Service Episodes:	364	364	364

Unique Consumers:	2021-01	Average:	Sum:
By N* ID	49	49	49
By LCN	172	172	172
By Client ID	138	138	138
TOTAL Unique Consumers:	359	359	359
TOTAL Unique Consumers as %:	98.63%		

Unique F2F:	2021-01	Average:	Sum:
By N* ID	25	25	25
By LCN	118	118	118
By Client ID	103	103	103
TOTAL Unique F2F:	246	246	246
TOTAL Unique F2F as %:	98.80%		



Baseline	Goal	Year MO	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
		2021/01												

M1-262 Depression with Suicide and Homicide Risk

731		SRAT And/Or VRAT Rating Count	51											
752		Total of Unique Individuals	52											
97.21%	97.54%	Percentage	98.08%											

M1-263 Psychosocial/developmental Assessment

679		Number of CSP Encounters	16											
743		NTBHA Psychological Evaluations	16											
91.39%	92.40%	Percentage	100.00%											

M1-265 Housing Assessment for Individuals with Schizophrenia

375		Identified individuals with housing outcome/ housing assessment	26											
437		Identified individuals with verified schizophrenia visits within 12 month period.	27											
85.81%	87.48%	Percentage	96.30%											

**With CSP as the denominator

Transicare Reporting

Crisis Services Project

	2020-10	2020-11	2020-12	2021-01	TOTAL
Beginning Census	55	51	52	49	
Referrals	13	3	14	7	37
Admissions					
Referred Admitted	0	1	0	1	2
No Admit Client Refusal	0	0	0	0	0
No Admit Criteria	1	0	0	0	1
No Admit Structural	0	0	1	0	1
Pending	12	2	13	6	33
<i>Prior Pending</i>					
Pending Admitted	1	3	3	1	8
No Admit Client Refusal	0	0	0	1	1
No Admit Criteria	0	0	0	0	0
No Admit Structural	6	3	4	4	17
Total Admissions	1	4	3	2	10
Discharges					
Success Transfer	2	1	3	0	6
DC Midterm Disengage	2	2	1	3	8
DC Rapid Disengage	0	0	0	0	0
DC Structural	1	0	2	0	3
Total Discharged	5	3	6	3	17
Active End Of Month	51	52	49	48	
	2019-10	2019-11	2019-12	2020-01	TOTAL
Outcome Data					
<i>Terrell State Hospital Linkages</i>					
≤7 Connect To Prescriber	0	2	5	1	8
Missed ≤7 Day Connect	0	1	0	0	1
≤30 Connect To Prescriber	0	2	5	1	8
Missed ≤30 Day Connect	0	1	0	0	1
Total Missed Metric	0	1	0	0	1
Total Released	0	3	5	1	9
	2019-10	2019-11	2019-12	2020-01	TOTAL
Cummulative ≤7 Connect %	100.0%	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	88.9%
Cummulative ≤30 Connect %	100.0%	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	88.9%
Missed Metric	100.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%
<i>Unduplicated Served</i>					
Monthly Unduplicated	32	31	28	25	
DSRIP YTD Unduplicated Served	32	36	44	44	
<i>Encounter Data</i>					
F2F Encounter	244	188	180	157	769
Care Coord	9	3	8	13	33
Total	253	191	188	170	802



87th Texas Legislature
Bills Filed Related to Publicly-Funded Behavioral Health
as of February 26, 2021

HOUSE BILLS

[HB 1](#)—Capriglione-House version of state budget. Current Status: H Appropriations Committee.

[HB 2](#)-Bonnen-Supplemental Appropriations Bill for FY 2021. Includes \$67,318,735 supplemental appropriation for HHSC. Current Status: H Appropriations Committee.

[HB 4](#)-Price-Amends Government Code to allow rural health clinics to be reimbursed for the originating site facility fee or the distant site practitioner fee or both for covered telemedicine or telehealth services under Medicaid, including audio-only benefits for behavioral health services. Directs HHSC to determine which services are cost- and clinically effective. Companions: [HB 974](#),-Price, [SB 412](#)-Buckingham
Current Status: H Appropriations Committee.

[HB 5](#)-Asby, Anderson, Paddie, Price, Canales-Amends Government Code to expand broadband services, create and establish duties for the Broadband Development Office including creation and annual updating of a statewide broadband development map, a statewide broadband plan, establishes a grant and low-interest loan program to create incentives for expanded broadband access. Also establishes a broadband development account in the general revenue fund.
Current Status: H Appropriations Committee.

[HB 15](#)-S. Thompson-Creates Brain Institute of Texas to expedite innovation and research into the causes, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and cure of brain-related diseases, disorders, dysfunctions, developmental issues, mental health or behavioral health issues, substance use disorders and addictions.
Current Status: H Higher Education Committee.

[HB 78](#)-Reynolds-Establishes a mental health diversion pilot project for Ft. Bend County.
Current Status: H Corrections Committee.

[HB 128](#)-Langraf-Amends the Local Government Code regarding development corporation projects for the provision of health care and behavioral health care to the public. Adds offices of physicians, mental health practitioners, outpatient care centers (excluding family planning centers), medical and diagnostic laboratories, general medical and surgical hospitals, psychiatric and substance abuse hospitals, specialty hospitals to the list of primary job sectors. Adds facilities for the provision of health care or mental health care to the public to the list of projects related to creation or retention of primary jobs.
Current Status: H International Relations and Economic Development Committee.

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[HB 140](#)-Rose-Amends Code of Criminal Procedure to eliminate the death penalty for persons with severe mental illness. If a jury finds a person with a severe mental illness guilty of a capital crime, the judge shall sentence the person to life in prison without parole. Current Status: H Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

[HB 164](#)-Meza-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 7B, establishes extreme risk protective orders. Requires respondent to submit to an examination by the Local Mental Health Authority or a disinterested expert. Requires respondent to receive outpatient mental health services recommended by the LMHA/LBHA. Companions: HB 395-Moody, SB 84-Miles, SB 110-West
Current Status: H Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee.

[HB 232](#)-S. Thompson-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure in cases where a defendant is eligible for community supervision and is the primary caretaker of a child. Requires the court to make a written finding of the defendant's caretaker status as soon as practicable and to place the defendant on deferred adjudication community supervision. Conditions imposed by the court may include alcohol or substance abuse counseling or treatment, family or individual counseling, family case management.
Current Status: H Corrections Committee.

[HB 240](#)-S. Thompson-Authorizes a study of group health insurance coverage for serious emotional disturbance in children. Current Status: H Insurance Committee. Companion: SB 51-Zaffirini.

[HB 260](#)-S. Thompson-Amends Health and Safety Code to add mental health professionals to medical and law enforcement personnel as those exempted from civil liability for disclosure of certain mental health information if the professional determines in good faith that there is a probability of imminent physical injury by a patient to self or others, or a probability of immediate emotional or mental injury to the patient.
Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 280](#)-Cortez-Amends Government Code, directs HHSC to develop a plan for telehealth expansion.
Current Status: H Public Health.

[HB 292](#)-Murr-Amends the Health and Safety Code to create a voluntary certification for recovery housing.
Current Status: H Public Health.

[HB 297](#)-Murr-Amends Health and Safety Code to require staff training on prevention of abuse, neglect, and illegal, unprofessional and unethical conduct at inpatient mental health facilities, treatment or hospitals.
Current Status: H Public Health.

[HB 308](#)-Murr-Regarding maintenance and utility services at Kerrville State Hospital.
Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 313](#)-Collier-Amends Occupations Code to establish a training program for sheriffs, sheriff's deputies constable, county jailer, justice of the peace or other peace officer as a special officer for offenders with mental impairments to include instruction on acquired and traumatic brain injuries, veterans, combat-related trauma, post-traumatic stress, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Updates language related to intellectual and developmental disabilities. Current Status: Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee.

[HB 358](#)-Sherman-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure regarding technical violations of conditions of community supervision in felony cases. Prohibits revocation of community supervision if three or fewer conditions have been violated, but may continue, extend, or modify conditions. Allows a judge to revoke community supervision or impose a term of confinement if the defendant violates four or more conditions of community supervision if the judge has exhausted all alternatives to incarceration, follows the continuum of care for inpatient substance abuse treatment if applicable, and determines that the defendant is an imminent threat to the public. Current Status: H Corrections Committee.

[HB 375](#)-Smith-Amends Penal Code to add “Disabled Individual” to the statute on continuous sexual abuse. Current Status: H Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

[HB 377](#)-Smith-Amends the Government Code to add missing persons experiencing a mental health crisis to statewide Amber Alert system. Current Status: H Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee.

[HB 385](#)-Pacheco-Amends Code of Criminal Procedure regarding community supervision. Allows judges to prioritize conditions for community supervision based on a risk and needs assessment, progress under supervision. May require tests for controlled substances as a condition of community supervision. Requires the court to inquire as to whether the defendant has sufficient resources of income to pay, and whether the payment should be delayed, waived completely or partially, discharged by community service, or some combination of the above. Community supervision may be terminated if defendant fails to comply with court-ordered restitution, counseling, or treatment. Current Status: H Corrections Committee.

[HB 395](#)-Moody-Amends Code of Criminal Procedure 7B to establish an extreme risk protective order. Requires respondent to submit to an examination by the Local Mental Health Authority or a disinterested expert. Requires respondent to receive outpatient mental health services recommended by the LMHA/LBHA. Current Status: H Homeland Security and Public Safety. Companions: HB 154-Meza, SB 84-Miles, SB 110-West.

[HB 420](#)-Sherman-Amends Health and Safety Code. Establishes a Task Force on Maternal Mortality in African American Women. Task force includes one licensed mental health professional. Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 454](#)-Metcalf-Amends the Government Code to establish a specialty treatment court for individuals residing with a child who is the subject of a juvenile court case. Current Status: H Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

[HB 455](#)-White-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to allow defendants convicted of certain drug offenses resulting in suspension of driver’s license to pay a fee equivalent to the costs associated with suspension and reinstatement as calculated by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Allows completion of court-ordered education on the dangers of drug abuse to be completed in-person or online. Educational programs must be selected from a list approved by the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Current Status: H Business and Industry Committee.

[HB 484](#)-Shaheen-Amends the Texas Government Code to create a direct primary care pilot. Current Status: H Human Services Committee.

[HB 486](#)-Wu-Amends the Family Code relating to the age of criminal responsibility in substantive and procedural juvenile court matters related to age. Changes definition of child to a person who is between the ages of 10 and 18 or between the ages of 18 and 20 for a person alleged to, or found to have engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision, resulting from acts committed before becoming age 18, and under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court.

Current Status: H Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

[HB 515](#)-Oliverson-Amends Insurance Code to require reimbursement parity for telemedicine and telehealth services. Current Status: H Insurance Committee. Companions: HB 522-Julie Johnson, HB 887-Shaheen, HB 980-Fierro, SB 228-Blanco.

[HB 521](#)-Fierro-Amends the Government code to establish a voluntary registry of individuals experiencing mental illness who waive the right to purchase or receive transfer of a firearm.

Current Status: H Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee.

[HB 522](#)-Julie Johnson-Amends Insurance Code to require reimbursement parity for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services. Companions: HB 515-Oliverson, HB 980-Fierro, SB 228-Blanco

Current Status: H Insurance Committee.

[HB 544](#)-Minjarez-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code to credential Voluntary Recovery Housing. Directs HHSC to adopt minimum standards based on the National Alliance for Recovery Residences, administer certifications, assess application, inspection and recertification fees, monitor and inspect recovery houses, provide training, develop a code of ethics, and provide an annual report. Recovery houses must be managed by a trained recovery house administrator. Licensed chemical dependency treatment facilities, boarding homes, nursing facilities, continuing care facilities, assisted living facilities, home and community support services agencies, intermediate care facilities for individuals with IDD, community homes, family violence shelters, child care facilities, and hotels are not eligible for certification as a recovery house. Municipalities or counties may not prevent a recovery house from operating in a residential community, whether by ordinance, order, or other regulation. Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 549](#)-S. Thompson-Amends the Health and Safety Code to exempts medical, mental health or law enforcement professionals from liability for the disclosure of confidential information if the professional determines there is a probability of immediate mental or emotional injury to the patient.

Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 551](#)-S. Thompson-Directs Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas Health and Human Services Commission to prepare a report on the prevalence of eating disorders and eating disorder deaths in Texas. Current Status: H Public Health Committee. SB 184 by Senator Nathan Johnson is identical.

[HB 581](#)-Hinojosa-Amends Education code to require institutions of higher education to print contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on all student identification cards.

Current Status: H Referred to Higher Education. Companion: [SB 1044](#)-Eckhardt.

[HB 654](#)-Lopez-Amends Texas Family Code to require foster parents, adoptive parents, kinship caregivers, DFPS regional directors, supervisors and staff to receive training on trauma-informed care. Establishes a Trauma-Informed Care Task Force within DFPS.

Current Status: H Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee.

[HB 565](#)-Lopez-Amends Texas Family Code to require training for judges and attorneys in cases involving termination of a parent-child relationship. Training must include symptoms of trauma affecting the child, attachment, role of trauma-informed screening, care and services, non-pharmacological interventions, potential for re-traumatization, availability of trauma informed care including trauma-informed mental and behavioral health care. Directs the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court to include childhood trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in judicial training. Directs Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to assure that district judges, statutory county court judges, associate judges, master, referee, and magistrates to complete at least of 12 hours of training, at least four of which must include childhood trauma and ACEs. Current Status: H Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee.

[HB 602](#)-Hinojosa-Amends Texas Insurance Code to create the Healthy Texas Program to provide health care to uninsured residents of Texas. Current Status: H Insurance Committee.

[HB 679](#)-Gervin-Hawkins-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to require that attorneys appointed as lead counsel in death penalty cases have trial experience in the use of challenges to mental health or forensic expert witnesses and in investigating and presenting mitigating evidence in trial's penalty phase. Current Status: H Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

[HB 686](#)-Moody-Amends Texas Government Code to add parole considerations for youthful offenders. Requires a mechanism for the parole panel to consider the outcome of an expert mental health evaluation. Requires that a psychiatrist, psychologist, or psychiatric advanced practice registered nurse qualified in adolescent mental health to conduct a comprehensive mental health evaluation and assist the parole board. Current Status: H Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee.

[HB 689](#)-Collier-Amends Code of Criminal Procedure to allow appearances of arrested persons before a magistrate to be conducted via videoconference. Current Status: H Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

[HB 697](#)-Rosenthal-Amends Texas Government Code to require that agencies receiving state grants for the provision of mental health services to veterans demonstrate military cultural competency training for all personnel providing mental health services. Current Status: H Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee.

[HB 705](#)-Moody-Amends Texas Government to direct HHSC to adopt rules to provide Medicaid reimbursement for Peer-to-peer services provided by recovery community organizations. Current Status: H Human Services Committee.

[HB 706](#)-Moody-Amends Texas Human Resources Code to direct HHSC to add Medicaid reimbursement for services of a clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapist associates, licensed master social workers, licensed professional counselor interns as providers. Adds counseling to services appropriate to the provider's licensure. For fully licensed providers, services would be reimbursable under

HB 706-Moody—continued

Medicaid at rates equal to the reimbursement rates established for a licensed psychiatrist or licensed psychologist for providing similar services. Services provided by associates and interns would be reimbursable at a rate of 70% of the rate for licensed psychiatrist or psychologists for similar services, and directs that “this section shall be liberally construed.” Current Status: H Human Services Committee.

[HB 707](#)-Moody-Authorizes HHSC to conduct a study of expanding recovery housing in Texas.

Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 718](#)-Gervin-Hawkins-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to allow a peace officer to dispose of a Class B misdemeanor without taking the alleged offender before a magistrate under certain conditions. Allows officers to refer an alleged offender to one or more services providers on a judge-approved list that may include community-based drug or mental health treatment programs, faith-based organizations, neighborhood restorative justice panels or homeless shelters. Requires an annual report from the law enforcement agency to the judges or community justice council.

Current Status: H Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

[HB 788](#)-Geren-Amends Government Code, allows emergency service dispatchers to participate in treatment court programs. Current Status: H Homeland Security and Homeland Security Committee.

[HB 839](#)-Moody-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to allow video conference appearance before a magistrate within 48 hours. If magistrate believes the person has a mental illness or IDD, shall follow Code of Criminal Procedure 16.22, requires a record of the communication to be made.

Current Status: H Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

[HB 887](#)-Shaheen-Amends Texas Insurance Code to authorize telehealth parity.

Current Status: H Insurance Committee. Companion: SB 228-Blanco.

[HB 898](#) by White-Establishes a community recovery organization grant program.

Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 930](#)-Sherman-Amends Texas Government Code to require Legislative Budget Board to prepare a biennial report on recidivism, rearrest, reconviction and reincarceration rates in Texas statewide and by county, to be sent to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and each member of the Legislature.

Current Status: H Corrections Committee.

[HB 931](#)-Sherman-Amends Code of Criminal Procedure to prohibit a judge from revoking community supervision solely for violation of drug/alcohol testing while defendant is in treatment. Judge may require a defendant who has completed drug/alcohol treatment to resume treatment.

Current Status: H Corrections Committee.

[HB 967](#)-Dutton-Amends Texas Family Code. Regarding a child who is currently on parole under Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and who is receiving continuity of care services from an LBHA/LMHA, this legislation proposes to change the maximum eligibility for services from 17 years of age to 18 years of age.

Current Status: H Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

[HB 974](#)-Price-Amends Texas Government Code to direct HHSC to include federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and rural health clinics as entities that may be reimbursed for telemedicine and telehealth services in state programs, services and benefits, including Children with Special Health Care needs, Early Childhood Interventions, School and Health-Related Services, physical, occupational and speech therapies, targeted case management, nutritional counseling, Texas Health Steps checkups, Medicaid 1915(c) waiver programs, Community Living and Support Services, and any other programs under HHSC jurisdiction that the Commissioner determines to be cost- and clinically-effect. Directs HHSC to implement audio-only behavioral health services in any program under its jurisdiction in accordance with state and federal law. Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 976](#)-Price-Amends Texas Government Code to allow a district court judge or magistrate to be appointed to a regional specialty court with approval of the local administrative district and statutory county court judges of each participating county in the region. Current Status: H Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee.

[HB 980](#)-Fierro-Amends Texas Insurance Code to add mental health professionals to the definition of health professionals. Requires health benefit plan insurers to reimburse telemedicine or telehealth services at the same rate as in-person services. Companions: HB 515-Oliverson, HB 522-Julie Johnson, SB 228-Blanco Current Status: H Insurance Committee.

[HB 1050](#)-Romero-Authorizes HHSC to study on employing mental health professionals or mental health response teams to assist when responding to a behavioral-health emergency call. Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 1051](#)-Geren-Amends the Government Code to allow emergency service dispatchers to participate in treatment court programs designed for public safety employees. Current Status: H Homeland Security and Public Safety.

[HB 1144](#)-Ramos-Amends Texas Education Code to require suicide prevention and other mental health training for educators at least once every two years. Current Status: H Public Education Committee.

[HB 1161](#)-Murr-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code to require an annual report on actions brought by the State of Texas against chemical dependency facilities for prohibited solicitation practices. Current Status: H Public Education Committee.

[HB 1205](#)-Guillen-Amends the Education Code, titled ‘Thanking Our Frontline Heroes Student Loan Relief Act’ to establish a Frontline Workers Loan Repayment Assistance Program for any person providing health, education, public safety, or other necessary support services related to the coronavirus pandemic. Qualifying occupations include employees of public, charter and private schools; employees of public and private institutions of higher education; peace officers; fire fighters; emergency medical technicians, medical professionals, including doctors, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, mental health professionals, hospital support personnel; employees of nursing homes, state supported living centers or HB 1205-Guillen-cont.-similar long-term care facilities; social workers, members of Texas military forces, US armed forces and reserves who provided coronavirus-related service. Companion: [SB 32](#)-Zaffirini Current Status: H Higher Education Committee.

[HB 1213](#)-Darby-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code regarding costs of court reporter services in cases of involuntary detention of a person with mental illness. Current Status: H County Affairs Committee.

[HB 1254](#)-Shaheen-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code adds cognitive disability to statutes regarding emergency detention of a person with mental illness. Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 1262](#)-Bowers-Amends Texas Occupations Code to require trauma training for police officers re: interactions with people who are homeless. Current Status: H Homeland Security and Public Safety Comm.

[HB 1277](#)-Campos-Amends Texas Transportation Code to create a transitional housing pilots in four counties or municipalities Texas through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' Grant to End Homelessness fund. Current Status: H Urban Affairs Committee.

[HB 1376](#)-Rose-Amends Education and Government Codes to change language from 'hazardous duty pay' to 'high injury risk pay' and adds employees of state supported living centers and state hospitals to receive high injury risk pay. Current Status: H State Affairs Committee.

[HB 1384](#)-Thierry-Amends Texas Government and Occupations Codes to require one hour of suicide prevention training per year for health care professionals including physicians, nurses, physicians' assistants, psychologists, chemical dependency counselors, LMFTs, LPCs, and social workers. Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 1398](#)-White-Amends Government Code to require county jails to verify the veteran status of each prisoner at intake and submit a daily report to the Texas Veterans Commission and the County Veterans Service Officer and each court to which the veteran's case is assigned. Current Status: H Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee.

[HB 1409](#)-Guillen-Amends Health and Safety Code to require proportional distribution of vaccines in each county based on population, percentage of current infection, death rate. Proposes similar distribution formulas if limited vaccines are prioritized for particular professions or groups, and for distribution of personal protective equipment. Current Status: H Public Health.

[HB 1413](#)-Romero-Amends Government and Human Resources Codes to add rules to authorize peer services under Medicaid by a peer specialist to persons who are 14 years of age or older. Current Status: H Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. Companion: [SB 662](#)-Powell.

[HB 1431](#)-Campos-Amends Government Code to require statewide participation in a homeless management information system. Current Status: H Urban Affairs Committee.

[HB 1446](#)-Ashby-Amends Government Code to expand broadband services in Texas. Current Status: H State Affairs Committee. Companion: SB 506-Nichols.

[HB 1462](#)-Goodwin-Amends Occupations Code to allow prescription authority for psychologists. Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 1524](#)-Lucio III-Amends Texas Occupations Code to allow physicians the authority to delegate prescribing or ordering authority to advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants for the purpose of prescribing Schedule II drugs. Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 1553](#)-White-Amends Government Code to authorize ongoing evaluation of effectiveness of veterans treatment court programs. Current Status: H Corrections Committee.

[HB 1580](#)-Rosenthal-Amends Health and Safety Code to establish an Office of Community Violence Intervention and Prevention within the Department of State Health Services. Requires violence intervention and prevention education to be integrated in state-funded programs including substance use programs. Current Status: H Public Health Committee.

[HB 1581](#)-Davis-Amends Penal Code Chapter 22 to add elderly and disabled individual to statute regarding endangering and abandonment. Current Status: H Criminal Jurisprudence.

[HB 1608](#)-Rosenthal-Amends Government Code, requires HHSC to collect more demographic data.

[HB 1625](#)-Raymond-Amends Government Code to Require single internet portal for Medicaid providers.

[HB 1629](#)-Guerra-Requires Medicaid providers procedures manual.

[HB 1640](#)-Sherman-Amends Government Code, authorizes medication-assisted therapy for TDCJ inmates.

[HB 1662](#)-Thierry-Amends Government Code to establish a psychiatric bed registry.

[HB 1664](#)-White-Amends Human Resources to require reinstatement of Medicaid for children in juvenile justice custody who become hospitalized.

[HB 1713](#)-Dominguez-Amends Education Code, adds psychiatrists, psychiatric registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, chemical dependency counselors and licensed mental health professionals to list of licensed professionals that school districts may employ. Requires school districts with over 500 students to employ a mental health professional.

[HB 1722](#)-Goodwin-Amends Insurance Code. Adds mental health professionals to telemedicine and telehealth, eliminates audio-only prohibition.

[HB 1730](#)-Larsen-Amends Human Resources Code. Requires Medicaid expansion for all for whom federal matching funding is available.

[HB 1741](#)-Medicaid expansion for all for whom federal matching funding is available.

[HB 1754](#)-Hernandez-Amends Education Code to requires suicide prevention information on student identification cards.

[HB 1778](#)-Campos-Amends Texas Government Code. Directs the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless to conduct public hearings on homelessness. At least one hearing must be held in a rural county and at least one hearing must be held in an urban county.

[HB 1785](#)-Thierry-Amends Health and Safety Code. Boarding homes without permits in counties or municipalities that require permits may be charged with a Class B misdemeanor (\$2000 fine) for operating a boarding home without a permit.

[HB 1802](#)-Dominguez-Authorizes a study of alternative therapies for mental health and medical conditions including methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), psilocybin, and ketamine.

[HB 1803](#)-Wilson-Amends Local Government Code-Requires municipalities purchasing property to house homeless individuals to file a plan for approval with the County Commissioners Court that details access to health care, Medicaid, indigent services, public transportation, law enforcement resources, and coordination with the LMHA.

[HB 1841](#)-Lambert-Amends Texas Government Code to continue the work of regional local behavioral/mental health authority groups established by SB 633 in the 86th Texas Legislature. Groups shall meet quarterly to collaborate on planning and implementing regional strategies to reduce costs to local governments for providing local crisis services, transportation, incarceration and hospitalization for individuals in mental health crisis. Companion: [SB 454](#)-Kolkhorst.

[HB 1859](#)-Cortez-Directs HHSC to conduct a study of interoperability needs and technological readiness of behavioral health services to include each state hospital, LMHA, freestanding psychiatric hospital and high-volume provider under STAR+, STAR Kids and Medicaid, county jails, municipal jails and provider of behavioral health services. Companion: [SB 640](#)-Menéndez.

[HB 1919](#)-Harris-Amends Insurance Code to prohibit particular referral practices by health benefit plans and pharmacy benefit managers. Companion: [SB 812](#)-Schwertner.

[HB 1983](#)-Thierry-Amends Government Code to add pandemic, medical supply chain and staffing shortages to state disaster preparedness planning.

[HB 1989](#)-Thierry-Amends Government Code to develop a state personal protective equipment reserve for health care workers and essential personnel. Companions: [HB 2270](#)-J. Turner, [SB 437](#)-Blanco.

[HB 1990](#)-Thierry-Amends Government, Insurance and Occupations Codes regarding telecommunications in the areas of health care, mental health and education. Companion: [SB 434](#)-Blanco.

[HB 1991](#)-Thierry-Amends Health and Safety Code to establish a maternal mental health peer support pilot program for perinatal mood and anxiety disorder. Companion: [SB 147](#)-Powell.

[HB 1992](#)-Thierry-Amends Tax Code to add personal protective equipment and disinfectant cleaning supplies to list of items eligible for tax-free purchase during the last weekend of April each year. Companions: [HB 89](#)-Canales, [SB 438](#)-Blanco.

[HB 1999](#)-Canales-Amends Government Code to establish a specialty mental health court program for juveniles.

[HB 2002](#)-Sanford-Prohibits adverse employment actions against first responders based on mental illness.

[HB 2029](#)—Klick-Amends Occupations, Education, Government, Health and Safety and Human Resources Codes to allow advanced practice nurses and physicians assistants to order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, formulate diagnoses and assessments, prescribe therapeutic and corrective measures, prescribing, ordering, procuring, administering and dispenses drugs and devices including Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances within the scope of their respective licenses.

[HB 2052](#)-Klick-Amends Health and Safety Code related to public access to HHSC information and materials connected to complaints and investigation of hospitals in Section 1, and includes mental hospitals in Section 2. Allowable disclosures must have personally identifiable patient information removed, may include alleged violations, number of violations alleged, pleading, outcomes of investigation including reprimand, denial or revocation of license, corrective action, administrative penalty, penalty amount, and final decision, report or order issued by HHSC. Within 90 days, HHSC must post on its website the report or order, notice of alleged violation, name and location of hospital, date of final decision, report, or order, which must remain posted for two years.

[HB 2093](#)-Cortez-Amends Health and Safety Code 571.003(15) to add physician assistants list of to ‘non-physician mental health professional’ to psychologists, registered nurses with master’s or doctoral degree in psychology, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, and licensed marriage and family therapists.

[HB 2117](#)-Price-Amends Occupations Code regarding the prescribing of controlled substances for acute pain, requiring periodic review for individuals at risk for substance abuse or addiction, or who have comorbid psychiatric disorders.

[HB 2142](#)-Vo-Amends Insurance Code to require a confidential annual compliance review of MCO preauthorization process.

[HB 2164](#)-Parker-Amends Government Code to require efficiency audits of HHSC.

[HB 2270](#)-J. Turner-Amends Government Code to develop a state personal protective equipment reserve for health care workers and essential personnel. Companions: [HB 1989](#)-Thierry, [SB 437](#)-Blanco.

[HB 2271](#)-J.Turner-Amends Government Code to direct Texas Division of Emergency Preparedness to prepare and keep current a pandemic response plan. Companions: [HB 1922](#)-Thierry, [SB 435](#)-Blanco.

[HB 2287](#)-S. Thompson-Amends Education Code to require the Collaborative Task Force on public school mental health services to make an annual de-identified report on mental health services provided to public school students.

[HB 2356](#)-Neave-Amends Government Code to require Texas Veterans Commission to collaborate with the U.S. Veterans Administration (VA) to develop and track the number of veterans’ suicides in Texas. Requires persons with information that a veteran’s cause of death was suicide to report the information to the Texas Veterans Commission, including medical examiners, health care facilities, and mental health facilities. Requires TVC to make an annual report to the legislature regarding the number of veteran suicides that were reported, the number of those who received services from the VA, whether the rate of veteran suicides in Texas is increasing or decreasing, an evaluation of the effectiveness of statewide prevention and awareness campaigns, as well as recommendations.

[HB 2389](#)-Moody-Amends Insurance Code to regarding relationships between health care providers and MCOs or Preferred Provider Benefit Plans. Specifies rights of physicians before termination of contract, appeal rights, procedures in cases involving imminent harm to patients, fraud, malfeasance, actions by licensing boards. Prohibits health maintenance organizations (HMOs) termination of contracts unless provider fails to comply with material terms of contract. Also specifies patient notification requirements and provider reinstatement procedures. Prompt payment provisions in Insurance Code 1301.137 apply to 1) out-of-network providers, 2) emergency episodes of care, 3) specialty care, other medical or health service requested by insurer or a preferred provider for services not available in-network. Amends the penalty for failure to make prompt payment to be related to the usual and customary rate for the service in question in the geographic area where it was provided.

[HB 2394](#)-Campos-Amends Government Code to establish a homeless impact grant programs for security and sanitation services in a public improvement district.

[HB 2443](#)-White-Amends Government Code to require Texas Commission on Jail Standards to monitor and assess each county jail in Texas regarding intake procedures with respect to persons with IDD. Requires report of deficiencies and recommendations for improvement.

[HB 2475](#)-White-Amends Occupations Code to add training program for county jailer interactions with persons with IDD.

[HB 2504](#)-J. González-Amends Insurance code to prohibit ‘Fail-First’ criteria in health benefit plans for medications prescribed for serious mental illness. Allows pharmacist to substitute generic equivalent or one or more interchangeable biological products.

[HB 2517](#)-Meza-Amends Government Code to require two hours of suicide prevention training for municipal jail detention staff, mental health screenings, in-cell cameras and regular checks on detainees who have a mental health diagnosis or are suicidal and reports within 48 hours on any incident related to suicide to Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

[HB 2595](#)-Price-Amends Government Code to establish October as Mental Health Condition and Substance Use Disorder Parity Awareness Month and amends Insurance Code to establish a parity complaint portal for health benefit plan enrollees and training to insurers.

[HB 2598](#)-Patterson-Amends Texas Labor Code to define the date of injury of a first responder with PTSD to be the 30th day after the date on which the first responder is diagnosed with the disorder.

[HB 2709](#)-Julie Johnson-Amends Health and Safety Code 574.001 to add the county of an emergency room or hospital in which a person is being assessed to the list of county clerk’s offices where an application for court-ordered mental health services may be filed.

[HB 2791](#)-Jarvis Johnson-Amends Code of Criminal Procedure to prohibit a judge from imposing community supervision on a defendant who as agreed to serve a term of confinement and treatment in a substance abuse felony punishment facility as part of a plea bargain agreement.

[HB 2822](#)-Hull-Amends the Government Code to prohibits HHSC from requiring preauthorization for antipsychotic drugs for adult patients diagnosed with mental illness if the prescribing physician/provider determines there is a medical necessity for the medication based on treatment failure of a comparable drug, medical contraindication, or allergic reaction. Does not affect the authority of a pharmacist to dispense generic equivalent or interchangeable biological product.

[HB 2831](#)-White-Amends Government Code, directs Commission on Jail Standards to establish an advisory commission confinement of persons with IDD. Requires development of four hours of training for county jailers on interacting with individuals with IDD who are confined in a county jail.

[HB 2903](#)-Raymond-Amends Government Code. Directs HHSC, KSHS and Texas Veterans Commission to develop a training guide for family members and caregivers of veterans who have mental health disorders including mental health first aid techniques, handling crises, stress, etc. to be published on each agency's website.

[HB 2954](#)-S. Thompson-Amends Education Code to establish a suicide prevention, intervention and postvention program for elementary schools. Companion: [SB 980](#)-Powell.

[HB 3033](#)-Klick-Amends Education to require a report the total number of children, who are transported from a public or charter school for emergency detention including age, race and gender.

[HJR 86](#)-Larsen-Resolution for constitutional amendment election regarding Medicaid expansion.

SENATE BILLS

[SB 1](#)-Nelson-Senate version of state budget.

[SB 32](#)-Zaffirini-Amends the Education Code, titled as 'Thanking Our Frontline Heroes Student Loan Relief Act' to establish a Frontline Workers Loan Repayment Assistance Program for any person providing health, education, public safety, or other necessary support services related to the coronavirus pandemic. Qualifying occupations shall include employees of public, charter and private schools; employees of public and private institutions of higher education; peace officers; fire fighters; emergency medical technicians, medical professionals, including doctors, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, mental health professionals, hospital support personnel; employees of nursing homes, state supported living centers or similar long-term care facilities; social workers and members of Texas military forces, US armed forces and reserves who participated in coronavirus-related service.

Current Status: S Higher Education Committee Companion: HB 1205-Guillen.

[SB 40](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Occupations Code related to use of telehealth in professional programs. Current Status: S Business and Commerce Committee.

[SB 41](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Government Code to require a \$40 probate court fee for each probate, guardianship, mental health, or civil case filed in the court to be used for court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary. Current Status: S State Affairs Committee.

[SB 49](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Code of Criminal Procedure 16.22 to require the Magistrate to provide a written report regarding a defendant suspected of having a mental illness or intellectual disabilities to defense counsel, prosecutor, the trial court, the sheriff, or person responsible for the defendant's medical records while confined, and, if applicable, the personal bond office, the director of the office supervising the defendant while the defendant is released on bail and receiving mental health or IDD services as a condition of bail. Report must include procedures used to interview the person and collect information, expert's observations and findings regarding mental illness and IDD, clinical evidence regarding competence to stand trial, and appropriate or recommended mental health or IDD services. Current Status: S Criminal Justice Committee.

[SB 51](#)-Zaffirini-Requires a study of group health insurance coverage for serious emotional disturbance in children. Current Status: S. Criminal Justice Committee. Companion: HB 240-S. Thompson.

[SB 64](#)-Nelson-Amends Health and Safety Code to establish a mental health intervention program for law enforcement officers including peer-to-peer counseling, access to mental health professionals for peer service coordinators and peers, identification, retention and screening of community-based licensed mental health professionals, training, technical assistance, suicide prevention training, mental health first aid training for law enforcement and immediate family members of law enforcement officers, must include a mental health initiative for officers in rural areas. Requires annual report regarding the number of officers served, the number of peers and peer service coordinators trained, an evaluation of services provided and recommendations for program improvements. S Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 73](#)-Miles-Amends Human Resources code to provide access to local health departments and health services regional offices under Medicaid. Directs HHSC to establish a provider type for local health departments, and health services regional offices for the purpose of enrolling as a provider for and reimbursement under the medical assistance program.
Current Status: S Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 80](#)-Miles-Amends Code of Criminal Procedure to eliminate the death penalty for capitol offenses committed by a person with an intellectual disability. Current Status: S Criminal Justice Committee.

[SB 91](#)-Menéndez-Amends Insurance Code to cover serious mental illness.
Current Status: S Business and Commerce Committee.

[SB 110](#)-West-Amends Code of Criminal Procedure 7B to establish an extreme risk protective order. Requires respondent to submit to an examination by the Local Mental Health Authority or a disinterested expert. Requires respondent to receive outpatient mental health services recommended by the LMHA/LBHA. Current Status: S State Affairs Committee. Companions: HB 164-Meza, HB 395-Moody.

[SB 147](#)-Powell-Amends Health and Safety Code to establish a maternal mental health peer support pilot program for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. Current Status: S Health and Human Services Comm.

[SB 184](#)-Johnson -Directs Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas Health and Human Services Commission to prepare a report on the prevalence of eating disorders and eating disorder deaths in Texas. Current Status: S Health and Human Services Committee. HB 551-S. Thompson is identical.

[SB 213](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code to require the person who files a reproduced, photocopied, or electronically submitted paper to maintain possession of the original signed copies and shall make the copies of the original available to the parties or the court. Eliminates the requirement of filing paper copies within 72 hours. Current Status: S Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 218](#)-Johnson-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code to add coverage for postpartum depression to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Current Status: S Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 228](#)-Blanco-Amends Insurance Code to require reimbursement parity for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services. Current Status: S Business and Commerce Committee.

Identical to HB 515-Oliverson and HB 522-Julie Johnson, HB 887-Shaheen, HB 980-Fierro.

[SB 299](#)-Hinojosa-Amends Texas Human Services Code to require HHSC to exclude discount prices offered for prescription drugs when calculating the usual and customary price for the purposes of reimbursement. Current Status: S Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 330](#)-Lucio-Amends Texas Tax Code to allow an exemption from ad valorem property taxes for charitable organizations that provide meeting space and support services for persons with substance use disorders and their families.

[SB 412](#)-Buckingham-Amends Texas Government Code to direct HHSC to include federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and rural health clinics as entities that may be reimbursed for telemedicine and telehealth services in state programs, services and benefits, including Children with Special Health Care needs, Early Childhood Interventions, School and Health-Related Services, physical, occupational and speech therapies, targeted case management, nutritional counseling, Texas Health Steps checkups, Medicaid 1915 (c) waiver programs, Community Living and Support Services, and any other programs under HHSC jurisdiction that the Commissioner determines to be cost- and clinically-effective. Directs HHSC to implement audio-only behavioral health services in any program under its jurisdiction in accordance with state and federal law. Companion: [HB 974](#)-Price.

[SB 427](#)-Miles-Amends Health and Safety Code to extend the length of time a person accepted for a preliminary examination may be detained in custody from 48 hours to 72 hours.

[SB 432](#)-Hinojosa-Amends Government Code to require HHSC to consolidate each electronic or internet portal it operates to establish a single internet portal for Medicaid managed care organizations to use for providers to submit and receive information.

[SB 434](#)-Blanco-Amends Government, Insurance and Occupations Codes regarding telecommunications in the areas of health care, mental health and education. Companion: [HB 1990](#)-Thierry.

[SB 435](#)-Blanco-Amends Government Code to direct Texas Division of Emergency Preparedness to prepare and keep current a pandemic response plan.

[SB 436](#)-Blanco-Amends Insurance Code to require coverage of pre-existing conditions including a diagnosis of COVID-19 or related conditions.

[SB 437](#)-Blanco-Amends Health and Safety Code to require state to reserve personal protective equipment for essential personnel, defined as government employees or personnel at primary or secondary schools, child care facilities, corrections facilities; health care workers defined as individuals providing health care services to patients or support services including physicians, pharmacists, dentists, clinicians, nurses, aides, technicians, janitorial and housekeeping staff, food service workers and nonmanagerial administrative staff.

[SB 437](#)-Blanco-Amends Health and Safety Code to establish a PPE reserve for: primary and secondary education, child care, corrections personnel that the HHSC Commissioner considers vital to public health and safety, economic or national security, health care providers including physicians, pharmacists, dentists, clinicians, nurses, aides, technicians, janitorial and housekeeping staff, foodservices and non-managerial administrative staff. Does not specify behavioral health.

[SB 438](#)-Blanco-Amends Texas Tax Code to add masks, disposable gloves, disinfectant cleaning supplies including bleach and sanitizing wipes to the list of emergency preparedness items that can be exempted from sales taxes for limited periods of time.

[SB 439](#)-Blanco-Amends Texas Labor Code to provide workers' compensation benefits to nurses who suffered disability or death as a result of COVID-19 infection.

[SB 453](#)-Blanco-Directs the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to conduct a study of local and state supply chain disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[SB 454](#)-Kolkhorst-Amends Texas Government Code to continue the work of regional local behavioral/mental health authority groups established by SB 633 in the 86th Texas Legislature. Groups shall meet quarterly to collaborate on planning and implementing regional strategies to reduce costs to local governments for providing local crisis services, transportation, incarceration and hospitalization for individuals in mental health crisis.

[SB 459](#)-N. Johnson-Amends Insurance Code to guarantee issue, renewability, coverage of pre-existing conditions, coverage of essential health care services. Prohibits waiting periods for coverage, higher charges for pre-existing conditions, discriminatory benefits design or discriminatory marketing, lifetime limits for essential benefits and certain cost-sharing requirements.

[SB 506](#)-Nichols-Amends Government Code to expand broadband services in Texas.

Companion: [HB 1446](#)-Ashby

[SB 512](#)-Perry-Amends Codes of Criminal Procedure, Education, and Government to establish a youth diversion program for children accused of fine-only offenses to re-direct a child under age 15 from formal criminal prosecution while still holding the child accountable conduct (other than traffic offenses) that constitutes a Class C misdemeanor. Cases may still be referred to Juvenile Court or Family Court. Children under age 15 who have had two unsuccessful diversions are not eligible for this program. Eligible youth may be required to participate in teen court, a school-related program, educational programs including alcohol, tobacco or drug awareness, rehabilitation programs, self-improvement programs. Participants may be referred to services for at-risk youth, juvenile case management, work and job skills training, academic tutoring or monitoring, community-based services, mental health screening, assessment and counseling, mentoring services. Court may also mandate dispute resolution procedures, restitution, alcohol/drug testing, compliance with medical or mental health treatment, community services or other reasonable actions as determined by the court. Establishes a youth diversion Advisory Council.

SB 512-Perry-continued—Allows a peace officer to refer the child and parents to a service provider. Allows County Commissioners Courts to establish First Offense Diversion Programs. Allows a \$30 fee.

[SB 539](#)-Blanco-Authorizes HHSC to conduct a study on employing mental health professionals or mental health response teams to assist when responding to a behavioral health emergency call.

[SB 570](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Business and Commerce Code regarding identity theft protections, includes mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

[SB 626](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Estates Code Guardianships for people who are incapacitated.

[SB 640](#)-Menéndez-Directs HHSC to conduct a study of interoperability needs and technological readiness of behavioral health services to include each state hospital, LMHA, freestanding psychiatric hospital and high-volume provider under STAR+, STAR Kids and Medicaid, county jails, municipal jails and provider of behavioral health services.

[SB 642](#)-West-Amends Family Code to provide mental health services for children at risk of relinquishment.

[SB 646](#)-Schwertner et al-Amends Local Government Code-Requires municipalities purchasing property to house homeless individuals to file a plan for approval with the County Commissioners Court that details access to health care, Medicaid, indigent services, public transportation, law enforcement resources, and coordination with the LMHA. Companion: [HB 1803](#)-Wilson

[SB 647](#)-Kolkhorst-Amends Family Code to require that alleged perpetrator of child abuse be informed regarding legal rights including privacy of medical and mental health records.

[SB 651](#)-N. Johnson-Amends Government Code, establishes pilot project to improve outcomes and decrease costs in Medicaid with enhanced case management and services to address social determinants of health.

[SB 662](#)-Powell-Amends Government Code to add peer services for individuals 14 years or older covered by Medicaid. Companion: [HB 1413](#)-Romero

[SB 672](#)-Buckingham, Campbell, Nelson and Schwertner-Medicaid coverage collaborative care management services

[SB 674](#)-Buckingham-Amends Government Code regarding availability of antipsychotic prescription drugs under the vendor drug and Medicaid managed care.

[SB 727](#)-Schwertner-Amends Insurance Code to prohibit the steering or directing of a patient to use an affiliated pharmacist or pharmacy.

[SB 812](#)-Schwertner-Amends Insurance Code to prohibit particular referral practices by health benefit plans and pharmacy benefit managers. Companion: [HB 1919](#)-Harris

[SB 909](#)-Powell-Amends Human Resources Code to add licensed marriage and family therapist associate, licensed master social worker, licensed professional counselor intern as eligible for reimbursement for Medicaid services. Requires reimbursement for licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker to be reimbursed at a rate equal to the reimbursement rate of a licensed psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist for counseling services that the provider is authorized by law to perform.

[HB 920](#)-Powell-Amends Education Code to require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to establish and maintain an electronic database of mental health services and trainings provided by school districts and charter schools. Database may not include personally identifying information and may accessed only by TEA, the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health and a designated institution of higher learning. Allows TEA or the task force to request data, requires that schools comply with requests within 30 days. Requires a report to the legislature by December 1 of even-numbered years on the type of services provided and the number of students served. Companion: [HB 2287](#)-S. Thompson.

[SB 944](#)-Eckhardt-Amends Code of Criminal Procedure to require that when a defendant has been restored to competency in a mental health facility and returned to the sheriff's custody, that the sheriff shall continue person's the medication unless directed by the physician at the jail, who must document a compelling medical reason for the medication change after consulting with and the consent of the physician who treated the defendant at the mental health facility, to ensure that the change does not adversely affect the defendant's mental health or ability to continue with court proceedings. Amends Government Code to require the Commission on Jail Standards to set rules that prisoners be provided with each medication prescribed by a qualified medical or mental health professional determines is necessary.

[SB 980](#)-Powell-Amends Education Code to establish a suicide prevention, intervention and postvention program for elementary schools. Companion: [HB 2954](#)-S. Thompson

[SB 1044](#)-Eckhardt-Amends Education code to require institutions of higher education to print contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on all student identification cards. Companion: [HB 581](#)-Hinojosa,

[HB 1052](#)-Huffman-Amends Health and Safety Code 574.001 to add the county of an emergency room or hospital in which a person is being assessed to the list of county clerk's offices where an application for court-ordered mental health services may be filed.

[SB 1100](#)-Creighton-Amends The Government Code to establish a Juvenile Family Drug Court Program that integrates early identification, comprehensive needs assessment, substance abuse treatment services, case management, monitoring, interdisciplinary education, partnerships with public agencies and community organizations and ongoing judicial interaction in juvenile justice cases and proceedings.





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February 2021 BHLT data property management

Start: 39

End: 37

Evictions: 0

Terminations: 2

Lease violations: 0

Residents w/Lease violations:0

DHA inspections: 0

Cleanings for move-ins: 1

Exit to Permanent housing: 0

Residents tested for COVID-19: 0

Positive/Negative COVID-19 tests: 0

**Department of Criminal Justice
FY2021 SAMHSA Grant Project**

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2021 Total	FY2020 Total	FY2019T Total
Nexus New Admissions	9	1	0	0	2								12	26	25
Nexus Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	17	18	28	37	71								34	12	8
Homeward Bound New Admissions	1	2	1	1	1								6	24	11
Homeward Bound Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	76	75	75	101	117								88	79	7
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES															
Successful Completions	1	4	1	3	0								9	43	27
Unsuccessful Completions	0	1	0	1	0								2	11	3
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2021															
Number of Referrals by Specialty Courts		AIM		1		DWI Misd/Felony			STAR				2		
		ATLAS				IIP			Veterans						
		Competency		1		Legacy Family	4		4-C						
		DDC				MHJD/SET	6								
		DIVERT				STAC	22								

*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 1

*Nexus Pending Admission: 1

HARRY INGRAM		FY2021 ATLAS STATISTICS											203rd				
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	REV	GRADUATES	PROBATION MODIFICATIONS	DISMISSALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT ATLAS PARTICIPANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER ATLAS PARTICIPANTS	BOND
February	8	2	10	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	7	5	0	0	5

HARRY INGRAM		FY2021 MISDEMEANOR DIVERT MENTAL HEALTH COURT STATS											CCCAP1/WADE			
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	Rediverts	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	DISMISSAL	OTHER	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF GRADUATES	BOND***		
February	22	1	0	23	0	0	1	1	0	2	21	9	1	8		

HARRY INGRAM		FY2021 S.E.T. STATISTICS											291st				
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	REV	GRADUATES	PROBATION MODIFICATIONS	DISMISSALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER PARTICIPANTS	BOND
February	64	3	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	64	24	1	0	

February		FY2021 MHPD STATS												
	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TRIALS	PLEAS	COND. DISM.	REVK	REVC	DISMISSALS	INCOMPETENT	REFERRALS	OTHER COUNSEL APPT.	TOTAL CLOSED	
R. Lenox	233	17	250	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	6	
L. Strather	241	19	260	0	3	4	0	0	1	3	1	2	14	

February		FY2021 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS														
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATIONS	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
M. Harden	172	5	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	12
R. Scott	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

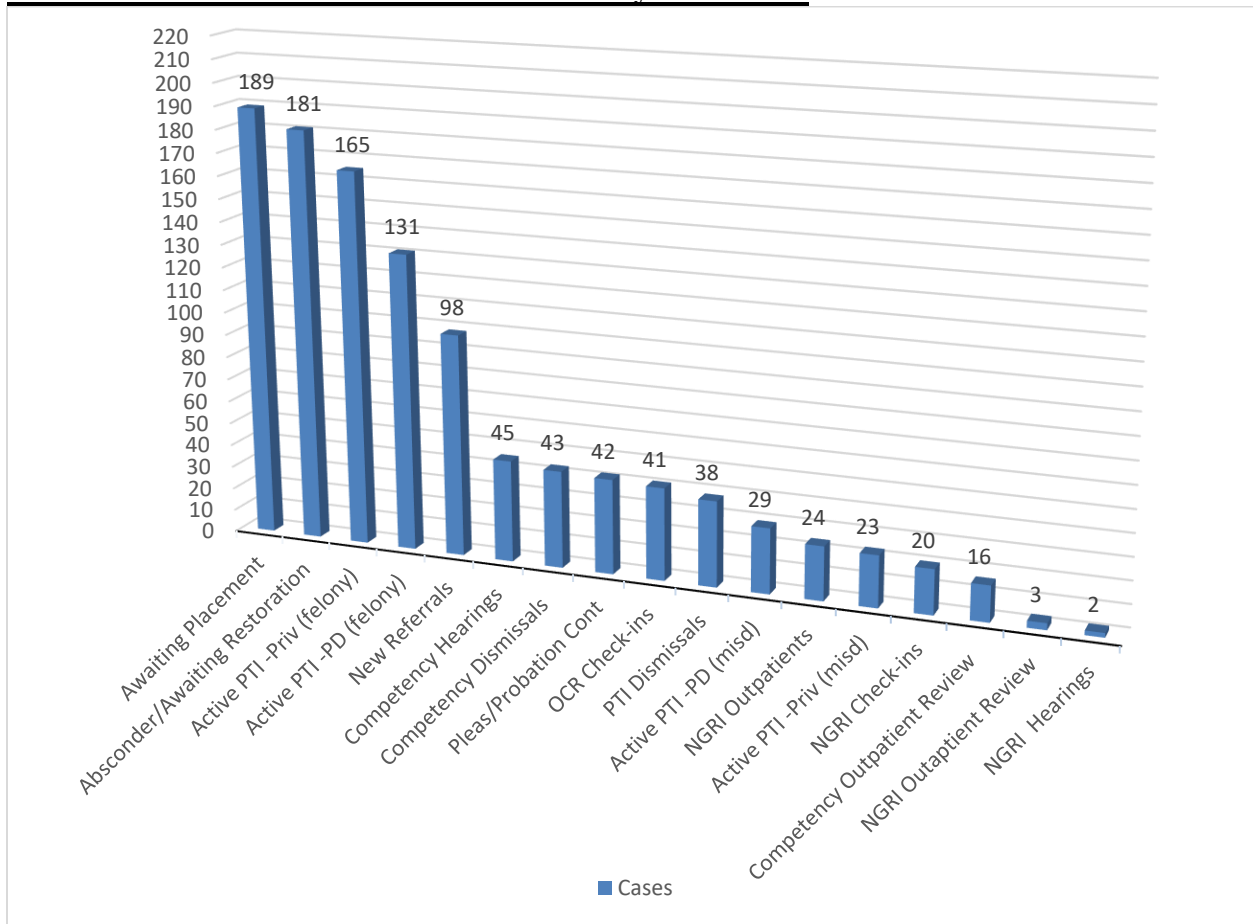
RANDALL SCOTT		FY2021 MISDEMEANOR COMPETENCY STATISTICS														
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATIONS	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
February	113	50	0	0	1	0	0	35	0	10	0	1	0	0	0	0

February		MI Court																				
MONTH	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT GREEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT PARKLAND	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	NEW CLIENTS AT GARLAND BEHAVIORAL	NEW CLIENTS AT CLEMENTS (formerly ZALE LIPSHY)	NEW CLIENTS AT SUNDANCE BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE	NEW CLIENTS AT HICKORY TRAILS	NEW CLIENTS AT METHODIST RICHARDSON	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS PRESBYTERIAN	NEW CLIENTS AT VA	NEW CLIENTS AT WELLB RIDGE	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENTS AT HAVEN	NEW CLIENTS AT PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE	PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS HELD	NO CONTEST COMMIT	CONTESTED COMMIT	FORCED MEdS HEARING IN COURT
L. Roberts	120	11	0	35	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	1	0	23	22
C. Cox	128	0	0	0	105	0	0	1	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	8
K. Nelson	94	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	33	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	2
R. Black	86	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	5

DAN ECKSTEIN		MHPR BOND STATS										
MONTH	INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS)	MHPR BOND APPOINTMENTS FROM DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS MINUS THOSE SCREENED-OUT)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND GRANTED (# of clients)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND DENIED (# of clients)	TOTAL HEARINGS (# of clients)	Total # of Cases	Total # of Felony Cases	# of Felonies Approved	# of Felonies Denied	Total # of Misd. Cases	# of Misd's Approved	# of Misd's Denied
February	966	116	25	3	28	47	27	24	3	20	19	1

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DIVISION UPDATE

DA Criminal Mental Health Division February 2021 Stats:



DA Civil Division, Mental Illness Court February 2021 Stats:

1. **Civil Commitments** (Court Order for Inpatient Temporary Mental Health Services)
 - a. February 2021: 30
 - b. Year to date: 62
2. **Medication Hearings** (Court Order to Administer Psychoactive Medications, while receiving inpatient mental health services)
 - a. February 2021: 27
 - b. Year to date: 55
3. **Dallas County Jail Medication Hearings** (Court Order to Administer Psychoactive Medications for 46B criminal defendants who have been found incompetent to stand trial and are refusing prescribed psychoactive medications)
 - a. February 2021: 7
 - b. Year to date: 10
4. **Jury Trials**
 - a. February 2021: **0 Jury Trials**
 - b. Year to date: **0 Jury Trials**

DA Registered Pre-Trial Specialty Courts February 2021 Stats:

<u>COURT</u>	<u># Referrals</u>	<u># Accepted</u>	<u># Graduates</u>	<u># Fail</u>	<u>Total Caseload #</u>
<u>DIVERT</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>99</u>

<u>COURT</u>	<u># Referrals</u>	<u># Accepted</u>	<u># Graduates</u>	<u># Fail</u>	<u>Total Caseload #</u>
<u>AIM</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42</u>

<u>COURT</u>	<u># Referrals</u>	<u># Accepted</u>	<u># Graduates</u>	<u># Fail</u>	<u>Total Caseload #</u>
<u>SET</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>26</u>

<u>COURT</u>	<u># Referrals</u>	<u># Accepted</u>	<u># Graduates</u>	<u># Fail</u>	<u>Total Caseload #</u>
<u>MHJD</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>

<u>COURT</u>	<u># Referrals</u>	<u># Accepted</u>	<u># Graduates</u>	<u># Fail</u>	<u>Total Caseload #</u>
<u>STAR PTT</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(38 referrals waiting)</u>

<u>COURT</u>	<u># Referrals</u>	<u># Accepted</u>	<u># Graduates</u>	<u># Fail</u>	<u>Total Caseload #</u>
<u>VETERANS</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26</u>

ADA Volunteer Hours in Specialty Courts: February 2021:

Specialty Court	Prosecutor	Month	Staffing Hrs	Court Hrs	Outside Hrs	Total Hrs
ATLAS	Aja Reed	Feb	2.5	1.5	0	4
DDC	Jamie Young	Feb	6	4	0	10
FEL DWI	Hilary Wright	Feb	2	1	3.5	6.5
MISD DWI	Herschel Woods	Feb	2	1	1	4
STAR Post	Jennifer Kachel	Feb	1	2	2	5
Prost PTIs	Felicia Kerney	Feb	.25	0	2	2.25
DV	Searcey/Bargman	Feb	3.25	3.5	2	8.75
VETERANS	Geoff Keller	Feb	2	0	2	4
STAC (Mays)	Andrew Novak	Feb	3	.5	.25	3.75

**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team (BHLT)
Adult Clinical Operations Team (ACOT) Committee Meeting
February 4, 2021**

Dr. Walter Taylor (Chair, NTBHA), Charlene Randolph (Co-Chair, Dallas County), Laura Edmonds (Dallas County), Yordanos Melake (Dallas County), Doug Denton (Homeward Bound), Meaghan Read (Mental Health America), Dr. Celeste Johnson (NTBHA), Janie Metzinger (NTBHA), Jarrod Gilstrap (Dallas Fire and Rescue), Sabrina Conner (NTBHA), Jennifer Torres (Metrocare), Amy Cunningham (Child and Family Guidance), Tzeggabhran Kidane (Commissioner Daniel's Office), Alyssa Aldrich (Adapt), Anthony Garcia (NTBHA), Jacob Twombly (UT Southwestern), Sherry Cusumano (Medical City Green Oaks), Angela Sanders (City of Dallas), Julia Jones (South Dallas Outreach Coordinator), Maria Ruiz (Metrocare), David Kemp (NTBHA)

Welcome and Introductions (Walter Taylor, Chair):

- All attendees were introduced.
- Meeting notes from the January 2020 meetings were reviewed and approved.
- Dr. Taylor and Charlene Randolph recommended that we continue with sign in of attendees through JotForm instead of introductions at each meeting.
- Dr. Taylor mentioned he is looking for speakers and presenters for the ACOT meetings
- March speaker will be Robert Johnson (NTBHA) presenting on Trauma Informed Learning Community
- Maria Ruiz (Metrocare) will also present on Chapter 6, Commitment to Emotional Intelligence

Trauma-Informed Care Book Discussion

***Restoring Sanctuary: A new Operating System for Trauma-Informed Systems of Care* by Sandra L. Bloom and Brian Farragher: Chapter 5, "Commitment to Non-Violence"**

Overall summary:

- A vision of what the commitment to non-violence might yield
- What is meant by "non-violence" and what sanctuary looks like as a "safety culture"
- How violence emerges in groups and keeping the social immune system healthy
- Implications that the commitment to non-violence has for leaders
- The necessity of a shared commitment to non-violence for a developmentally grounded trauma informed culture
- Essential tools of the Sanctuary Model to embed the commitment to non-violence in organization

Multicultural Competency Training Update:

- Walter Taylor shared that the Multicultural Competency Trainings have continued with Dr. Morrow in discussing behavioral health and ongoing social and economic issues.
 - Dr. Morrow has assisted NTBHA in creating its own Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Council. This council will include community members that would encourage best practices for the provider network and the community.
 - The DEI Advisory Council has 6 slots left for 1 year appointments
 - Trainings will take place over the next 9 months (March-November) and hosted monthly on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 9:30-10:30am.

- The list of trainings and the applications are under the DEI tab on the NTBHA website (and Eventbrite). The series is called Courageous Conversations.
- CEUs will be provided

Janie Metzinger, Legislative Coordinator, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority

- Janie Metzinger shared as of today at noon, almost 1600 bills have been filed in the House and 580+ in the Senate.
- Representative Lucio in South Texas filed a bill to allow doctors to delegate the authority to prescribe schedule 2 drugs to APRNs or to Physician Assistants
- Senator Blanco proposing study to look at mental health professional responses to crisis calls
- A bill is also being passed to extend the time that person can be held in emergency detention from 48 to 72 hours.
- Representative Sherman from Dallas Co has proposed a study of recidivism, rearrests and incarceration
- Representative Price has proposed a telehealth bill that has become important to rural and suburban and urban areas (22 telehealth bills have been filed so far)
- Janie reported she will send out a list of the recently introduced bills including; Medicaid Expansion, Telehealth & Telemedicine and House Bill 292 which focuses on certification of recovery housing. She stated the email will also show a comparison chart of current budget and agency requests in LAR and what the Senate and House has proposed.
- Advocacy days will continue online for the foreseeable future.
- Doug Denton (Homeward Bound) asked if Behavioral Health will be required to budget the 5% cut to funding
- Janie reported that behavioral health should be okay during this session as the governor has recognized mental health services as a necessity especially during the pandemic.

Co-Chair Updates: Charlene Randolph (Dallas County)

- Texas received an extension to the 1115 Waiver Project. Dallas County continues to work with their anchor, Parkland Hospital, to better understand if the Crisis Service Project can continue under the new format or if there are other opportunities for the Dallas County to participate.
- Legislative and funding changes will be taking place for Dallas County's Specialty Courts.

NTBHA & Community Updates:

- Jarrod Gilstrap (Dallas Fire and Rescue) reported he has applied and will qualify for the T Tour Program with the state. This program will provide Medication Assisted Treatment.
- He also reported that RightCare will be going city wide starting with Channel 3 (Pleasant Grove area starting on 2/15/2021) then move to North east Dallas with in another month.
- Anthony Garcia (NTBHA) reported that NTBHA has been undergoing a few audits the last 4 months and thanks all providers for their responses.
- The next ACOT meeting will be held on March 4, 2021.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm.