

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

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* 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, FUSE 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, October 14, 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 9:30AM, noting that legal notices had been posted, and a quorum of the Commissioners Court was present. Those being: Commissioners Price, Dr. Daniel, and Koch. Therefore, Commissioner John Wiley Price entertained a motion for opening the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel for the opening of the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner J.J. Koch. The motion was unanimously passed by the committee members accepting the request to open the Behavioral Health Leadership Team meeting.

Commissioner Price announced that the meeting was being recorded and those who continued in attendance were consenting to being recorded.

Review/Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the BHLT meeting held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, were included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Price offered an opportunity for the minutes to be approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel for the September 9, 2021 minutes to stand approved as submitted and was then seconded by Commissioner J.J. Koch. The minutes stood as submitted.

Introductions

Commissioner Price welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked first-time attendees to introduce themselves. First-time attendees included: Cindy Johnson, Primrose Health-Desoto and Joli Robinson, CEO of MDHA.

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update

Carol Lucky, CEO of NTBHA, provided the NTBHA update. Ms. Lucky stated that the Board met on the previous day. She reported that the NTBHA offices has moved to 8111 LBJ, but due to supply chain issues the building was not ready at that time and they were mostly working virtually due to limited space at the new location; advising that people should call to schedule a meeting before they come. They are hopeful to be in the building on November 1st of this year.

Ms. Lucky stated that NTBHA closed its fiscal year with the state on August 31, 2021, with August services remaining strong. Mental health services served 25,496 adults and 8,587 children for a total of 34,083 individuals. There were also 1625 people served in substance use services. Ms.

Lucky lauded the new community health workers program for an outstanding job on working the streets getting people into services, making referrals, and distributing Narcan. In September 1510 contacts were made with people eligible for services. She further stated that the MOU is moving along and the House Bill 13 renewal contract with the state auto renewed and is fully funded for the coming year.

Ms. Lucky commented that due to workers moving on to other companies or positions, a shortage of staffing has become a major concern for providers, especially in direct care and therapy positions. She found that therapists were changing to telemedicine, working for other states, while working from home for better pay. She believed the staffing issues are serious and will need to be addressed.

Ms. Lucky stated that a two-year SAMHSA grant in the amount of \$4,680,000 was received for critical time-intervention services for people who are leaving hospitals and jails to get them intensive services to help them reconnect and stay in the community. She praised Jessica Martinez and Matt Roberts as well as Heath Frederick who really did the lion's share of putting that grant together and getting it funded.

- Jessica Martinez elaborated that NTBHA was awarded a part of a SAMHSA \$825 million grant to strengthen the community mental health centers and support Americans living with serious emotional disturbances and mental illness. She stated that funding came from the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) of 2021 and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement (CRRS) act of 2021, to provide services for those individuals in need of services due to the COVID response. The grant focuses on individuals who are experiencing major life transitions such as being discharged from hospitals, jails, or facing homelessness, and have suspected or diagnosed Severe Mental Illness (SMI), severe emotional distress (SCD) or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD).

Jessica stated this grant supplements the services of the provider networks and will serve 200 individuals for the first year and 400 during the second for a total of 600 individuals throughout Dallas County and five other counties. The goal of the program is to aid individuals successfully in engaging in the network of services that exist within the community. It focuses on six areas of their life domains which include housing, benefits and finances, family and social network, living skills, and linkage to both mental health and SUD services.

- Commissioner Price requested that a coordinated effort be made with Home Solutions from the city of Dallas to keep them in the loop of the NTBHA efforts on coordinating the services.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program

Ms. Lucky stated that the TBRA contract was renewed with an October 1st start date and will be up and moving as soon as the money is assigned.

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI)

Mr. Ron Stretcher provided the financial update stating that the legislature was in Austin and at that time they had found \$237 million to allow Dallas to proceed with work on implementing and building the state hospital, along with \$113 million for the Texas child mental health district.

Doug Denton provided the update with a presentation of the Dallas Deflection Center construction project and Homeward Bound. The construction is coming along in a timely manner. The Deflection Center aspires to deflect people with mental illness from being placed in jail or transported to a psych emergency room. The Right Care Team has been leading the way in intervening in these cases.

Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup

Commissioner Dr. Daniel provided the update. Dr. Daniel invited everyone to the next Commissioners Court meeting on October 19th, at which time The Cuban Foundation will be recognized for a donation they made to cover the security for the Dallas County Deflection Center for three years. She thanked the people who forms those kinds of partnerships, Doug Denton, and Dallas County for contributing to help this project stay on track.

Commissioner Dr. Daniel stated that the previous week there was a ribbon-cutting for St. Jude Park Central Center which is a partnership between Catholic Charities Housing Initiative, Dallas County, and other service providers in the city of Dallas. She mentioned the hotel was built near the corner of I-635 and Coit, and there were 190 units opened for crisis housing and for homeless sheltering. There were also units set aside for COVID quarantine.

Commissioner Dr. Daniel further stated that Eviction Prevention continued, with nine of the ten JP's participating in the process to help avoid evictions. Commissioner Dr. Daniel concluded that the housing navigators were continuing to work forward to improve the linkages with the community, the jail, hospitals, and other facilities to address prevention issues to keep people in housing or to make sure they get into housing, which gives them better opportunities to stay on their job, to stay on their meds, etc. She thanked the many people on the Teams meeting who were instrumental in supporting this effort.

1115 Waiver Crisis Services Project Update

Yordanos Melake, Criminal Justice Department CSP Manager, provided the update. She stated CSP was working to complete the DSRIP October reporting before the end of the month. For 16.22 there was no stakeholder meeting in September but had transitioned over to the Oversight Committee with the first meeting being held October 19th. She explained that the 16.22 Oversight Committee was comprised of a group of people who would be engaged throughout the process of implementing 16.22, which is a program designed to provide magistrate-ordered mental health interviews/assessments. Further updates will be provided in November.

Legislative Update

Janie Metzinger, Legislative Coordinator at NTBHA, provided the update, stating that the Legislature was in the 3rd called session and approved funding for the Dallas State Hospital at \$237.8 million. She thanked the whole delegation but especially Representative Rose for the success of this effort. She mentioned there is also \$113 million dollars of funding for the Children's

Mental Health Consortium, \$40 million for a hospital the Permian Basin in Midland which is going to be a 100 bed Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center, and \$15 million for a short-term psychiatric hospital, possibly adding an extra 30 beds in Lubbock. Ms. Metzinger added that the West Texas delegation's continuum plan is to repurpose smaller existing health care facilities throughout the region, which are more accessible, instead of building one new state hospital to serve the whole region.

Funding Opportunities

•The Cottages Update

Charlene Randolph, Director of Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, provided the update, stating that the month of September started with 43 residents and ended with 41 due to one eviction and one termination, noting that there were quite a few numbers of lease violations and residents with law violations. Ms. Randolph stated that she would be working with the cottages to better understand some of those issues and plans to fill the remaining units.

•SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update

Teresa Salisbury with the Criminal Justice Department provided the report stating that as of the end of this year 39 clients had been served, with a goal to serve 40. The SAMHSA grant closed September 29th, ending year three and officially beginning year four of five. Ms. Salisbury stated all the contracts with their partners were completed and ready to go. She further stated they were on track with their goals; adding that they did meet with the SAMHSA grant program operator and was able to verbalize their successes and their barriers from COVID, which was well received.

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

Chief Lynn Richardson with the Dallas County Public Defender's office provided the update. Chief Richardson thanked Commissioner Price for helping to facilitate the usage of space at the South Dallas Government Center and Commissioner Daniel for allowing the use of space at the road and bridge facility in Garland. Mrs. Richardson stated that it helped with PD Office initiatives to take their representation and resources to the citizens, (after regular business hours) many of whom have transportation, employment, and/or childcare issues, which hinders them from being able to come to the courthouse to meet with their attorneys, case managers, or investigators.

Chief Richardson thanked the Public Defender's Mental Health Team headed by Ms. Rice for a job well done on a webinar presentation to the Black Psychologist of DFW. She further acknowledged Michaela Himes and Judge Mays for their outstanding presentations during the event.

Michaela Himes provided the update on the Mental Health Personal Bond Program. There were 188 clients eligible for hearings and 44 of those clients were granted Mental Health Personal Bonds. Ms. Himes had hopes of seeing that number increase, but they continue to struggle with housing, especially for Mental Health Personal Bonds. Of the 454 clients that the bond division did bail review hearings, 184 (40%) of those clients were flagged as having a mental health diagnosis. In the South Dallas Drug Court partnership they are currently representing 14 clients, ten are in inpatient, while they have lost contact with three clients. Ms. Himes further stated that Lynn Cox had established a new outreach with Bonton Farms and last month they did an intake on their first client through that new partnership connection.

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

Julie Turnbull provided the update stating that the new Pretrial Diversion Referral Process that was presented at the September BHLT meeting has been implemented and they were receiving a lot of referrals through the new process and were able to track the needed data through the new software.

The AIM Court, which is the Youthful Offender Pretrial Diversion Specialty Court, presided by Judge Birmingham, recently had a site visit in connection with their BJA grant. The visitors were from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the National Drug Court Institute, who offered rave reviews during the tech assistance visit, pointing out the need to change from the old referral process.

Ms. Turnbull reported that Dr. June Gonzalez from Meadows had been working on a study for the AIM court that will be released in December. Ms. Turnbull stated she would like to get Dr. Gonzalez scheduled for a five-minute update for the BHLT group to report on that study. In that study she found a 74% reduction in recidivism among the AIM Court participants when you compared them to similarly situated probationers and a huge cost savings of about \$18,693 per AIM participant when compared to those probationers.

Upcoming Events and Notifications

- Doug Denton announced that Homeward Bound has completely left the Bishop Arts District and moved the administrative offices in October. They are now located one block from the Henry Wade Juvenile Justice Center at 2535 Lone Star Dr. The new building is better suited to their programs needs and cost less. There will be an open house on the Friday, November 12th from 3:00PM to 6:00PM. Mr. Denton stated he would send an invitation to the BHLT team in the next day or so.

Doug Denton also announced that District Attorney (DA) John Creuzot was nominated and accepted by the Texas Association of Substance Abuse Program for one of its Lone Star Awards for Government Innovation. DA Creuzot will be sharing that award with the District Attorney from Harris County for the work that both counties are doing in trying to address the very things that are talked about in the BHLT group, plus honoring his 30 plus years of innovative work in this field.

- NiEtta Reynolds (Guest) announced that The Help Show has a roller-skating event, Party with A Purpose, raising funds for Legacy of Hope at Southern Skates Roller Rink at 2939 E. Ledbetter on October 22nd starting at 6:00 PM. The proceeds raised will be donated to Dr. Michelle Morgan for the old Forest Avenue Hospital building at 2516 Martin Luther King Boulevard which Dr. Morgan plans to turn into a community health clinic. There will be food trucks and there is plenty of space for social distancing. The tickets are \$50 in advance and \$75 at the door. The fundraising goal is \$200,000. Donations are welcomed. The website is www.thehelpshow.org
- Dr. Walter Taylor announced that the second from the last installment of the *Courageous Conversations* with Dr. Gloria Morrow would start virtually on Teams Friday October 15th

from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. The subject is *Healing from Racial Trauma*. The last session is October 29th is titled *How to Be A True Ally*. Dr. Taylor stated he would get the flyer to Charlene Randolph for distribution. He invited everyone to participate to learn how to be a true ally in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Dr. Taylor clarified that there will be more sessions starting, giving those who missed the earlier sessions the opportunity to join in when they come back around as well as to join new DEI sessions that will be added.

- Sherry Cusumano announced that Lieutenant Melissa Franks who is with the DeSoto Police Department reporting to Chief Costa as their mental health liaison, working with homeless and educating law enforcement about mental health needs, was selected to receive the Charles H. Shannon Advocate of The Year Award from National Alliance on Mental Illness, (NAMI) Texas. She will be awarded on November 12th, 2021. The NAMI Texas conference takes place on November 12th and 13th, virtually at <https://namitexas.org/2021conference/>
- Veronica Moore announced that Judge Mays and Judge Kemp are hosting another forum in the southern sector community that is going to be focused on bringing resources and services to the community specific to mental health and substance use. The forum will also focus on the issues around overdose deaths as well as the need and the availability of Naloxone. There will be a trainer who will train participants on how to use Naloxone and distribute to them the Naloxone kits. The tentative date is November 17, 2021 with more details later.

Veronica Moore announced that open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace will begin on November 1, 2021 through January 15, 2022. She stated that Texas normally has about one million people enrolled in health insurance but has seen a 40% increase so far this enrollment period with about 81 million across the country.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Commissioner John Wiley Price thanked everyone for their service to those individuals who needs them. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. with a motion made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel and seconded by Commissioner JJ Koch.

Dallas Deflects Organizing Committee
October 11, 2021
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Dr. Theresa Daniel (Dallas County Commissioner), Ron Stretcher (MMHPI), Dr. Ronica Watkins (Dallas County Budget of Office and Evaluation), Lt. Delia Lugo (Dallas County Hospital District Police), Crystal Garland (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Laura Edmonds (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Albert Sanchez (Downtown Dallas, Inc.), Yordanos Melake (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Daniel Cherry (Dallas County Facilities), Marsha Edwards (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), LaShonda Jefferson (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Julie Turnbull (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Chad Anderson (NTBHA), Lee Pierson (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Chief Matt Walling (DART Police), Kim Nesbitt (Dallas County District Attorney's Office) Doug Denton (Homeward Bound), Sara Galvez (Parkland HOMES), Erin Moore (Commissioner Daniel's Office), Erica McDaniel (Commissioner Daniel's Office), Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez (MMHPI), Kurtis Young (Parkland Hospital), Joli Robinson (MDHA), John Wilson (Parkland Hospital), Michaela Himes (Dallas County Public Defender's Office), and Tzegabrhan Kidane (Commissioner Daniel's Office)

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

- Ron Stretcher updated about the MOU has been signed by all parties except Parkland Hospital, and their signature is pending.
- Jon Fortune has drafted a letter of support for the City of Dallas and it should be received soon.

Financial (Budget)

- Marsha Edwards shared a copy of the budget and provided an overview.
- She highlighted the grant funds that are available and things that will be covered by Senate Bill 292 funds.

Data/Goals and Objectives/Policies and Procedures:

- Marsha Edwards inquired the location of the LEA pick-up of the Dallas Deflects clients, in order to collect this data on the form that will be used gather data and evaluate trends related to those being eligible for offense.
- Chief Matt Walling stated to officers should list the location of the offense and the officer can list address. Kurtis Young stated that cross streets may be listed if the exact address is not listed.
- Ron Stretcher and Dr. Gonzalez provided an update on the data evaluation MOU and they are trying to determine how to best access the data points that are needed to complete the data evaluation.
- Ron suggested regathering the Data Sub-Committee group to look at the needs and data points in more depth.

Marketing:

- Dr. Daniel shared that on October 19th the Dallas County Commissioner's Court will be presenting a resolution about Dallas Deflects.
- The group discussed the official name of the Deflection Center. The Executive Committee will meet to discuss this further.

Police Procedure and Training:

- Julie Turnbull reported that Lt. Igo went to Homeward Bound and had a tour to ensure the training captures all needs of the workflow and LEA needs.
- Lt. Igo is finishing up the training bulletin and working on the training video.

Policy and Procedures:

- Dave Hogan stated that they are working to add additional details into the Policy and Procedures for the intake and discharge process.

Security

- Dave reported that they are moving forward with hiring Allied Security. They will bring them on soon while construction is being completed and to begin training.

Connection with Community Partners:

- Dave Hogan will be meeting with MDHA regarding community partners and utilizing housing vouchers for boarding homes for clients served at Dallas Deflects.

Medical

- Parkland Hospital continues to work closely with Dallas County Facilities and Homeward on the renovation process and getting set for when Dallas Deflects opens. They are working to hire staff and finalizing internally processes.

Facilities

- Doug Denton shared about the construction progress and shared pictures of the project to date. He stated that the construction continues to move along quickly.
- There was a slight delay with the City Inspector wanting to adjust some of the hiring to make it hospital grade.
- Doug stated that he will invite others to come and see the construction once the walls are put up.
- Daniel Cherry stated that construction is still anticipated on being completed by the end of November.
- Doug reporting that furniture should be arriving in mid-December.

Other Updates:

- The Judicial Summit on Mental Health Conference will be taking place on October 14-15. It is free to attend virtually, and registration is still open. This year they are focusing on limiting the state hospital waitlist.
- Ron Stretcher acknowledged the opening of the new St. Jude's housing community and the work of Dallas County to allow it to be completed and opened. This new facility has approximately 180 units that will be utilized to house homeless individuals in Dallas County.

The next Dallas Deflects planning meeting will be held on Monday, November 8th from 2:00pm-3:00pm via Teams.

Dallas County Administration, 411 Elm Street, 1st Floor, Dallas Texas 75202
October 27, 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; Deborah Hill, DCCJ; Tzeggabran Kidane, Dallas County; Heloise Ferguson, Veteran Affairs; Erin Moore, Dallas County; Jim Mattingly, Luma; Sandy Rollins, Texas Tenants Union; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Jari Mema, Catholic Charities; Yvonne Green, Parkland Health and Hospital System; Ashley Flores, Child Poverty Action Lab; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Ashley Brundage, United Way Dallas; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare Services; Ann Lott, Inclusive Communities; Edd Eason, CitySquare; Erica McDaniel, Dallas County; Keri Stitt, Youth180TX; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Constance Lacy, UNT Dallas; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Dave Hogan, Homeward Bound; Madeline Reedy, CitySquare; Joli Robinson, MDHA; Ron Stretcher, MMHPI; Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS; Yordanos Melake, DCCJ

CALL TO ORDER: The minutes were approved without changes.

GOVERNANCE

North Texas Eviction Project:

A presentation was completed on updates with the eviction filing dashboard by Ashley Flores, Senior Director of Child Poverty Action Lab. Most notable change is adding four counties worth of data to include Dallas, Tarrant, Collin, and Denton. Dallas County goes back the farthest from 2017, Tarrant County from 2020, Collin and Denton from 2019.

New features include the ability to sort geographical areas such as cities, counties, zip codes, and city council districts for the City of Dallas. Demographic data can be changed to display median household income or poverty rate for example. Time frames are adjustable from days, months, and year with an option to customize range. Raw numbers of eviction filings are available and can be shown in density settings such as filings per 1000 renters.

In production to launch late next week is a times series feature with graphs and the capability to pin certain locations like cities and zip codes along with stats. Data are updated once weekly, and upgrades are being made continuously to improve functionality. The website is live now and the link is northtexasevictions.org.

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness:

Report available at next meeting, Dallas Area Partnership meeting cancelled and rescheduled for November 18, 2021.

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee: Tzeggabran Kidane, Commissioner Daniel's Office

The Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee was held on October 25, 2021. Dr. Philip Huang Director of Dallas County Health and Human Services discussed general Covid updates reporting continuous decrease in numbers as it relates to new cases and hospitalizations. However, there is concern as the holiday season approaches. Although numbers are encouraging, it's too early to relax. Census blocks have been identified and pop-up events continue to be held encouraging vaccinations due to many of those who are still unvaccinated.

Dallas County continues working to purchase property for the Community First Project. Dr. Huang will go for a site visit at the original Communities First Project with Joli Robinson, MDHA and Elizabeth Jordan, Human Impact. Dr. Philip Huang acknowledged there was \$10 million raised by MDHA for the DRTRR project.

While Hepatitis A vaccines are still being made available to the homeless encampments, there continues to be an outbreak in the shelters and the homeless population. An update on the eviction diversion program in which they were able to prevent 96 of pre-eviction cases before formal eviction process was initiated, 73 eviction prevention cases completed, 23 cases in progress, and 584 total interventions. Dallas County HHS lost two navigators and are in the process of filling those positions.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported that the legislature passed Senate Bill 8 dividing out American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) state funding. There is \$237.8 million to continue construction on a building new state hospital in Dallas on top of the \$47 million appropriated in regular session. The bill also added \$15 million to expand beds for Lubbock psychiatric hospital and \$40 million to build 100 bed facility in Midland/Odessa area. Once the Dallas hospital is completed, next steps for the statewide plan are to rebuild Terrell State Hospital. This will help to get individuals with mental illness appropriate care needed in our region closer to home with less wait times for services and assist with jail diversion and population.

RESOURCES

Shelter Discussions: Dr. Woody/Blake Fetterman
Report unavailable.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty

Eric McCarty reported that Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) has received funding for persons with disability set aside that will be online November 2, 2021. Information has been sent out to providers that they are accepting applications and they will be able to serve about 50-75 households. The waitlist will be open for seven days as they continue to work through a previous waitlist which has been purged to about 15-20 people to contact. There have been very few responses back from those already waitlisted, so their expectancy is to be serving new households. The funding amount looks to be approximately \$1.8 million for Dallas County and on December 7, 2021 about \$19 million for general set aside for different projects but they're unsure of how much will be specific to TBRA. However, additional funds will be available to continue serving outlying counties as well as cities of Addison, Richardson, Desoto, and Rowlett within Dallas County. Although funding is available in these four cities as well as outlying counties, some individuals don't have support in those areas and are not willing to relocate.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls reported that 12 county beds are occupied at St. Jude Forest Lane and they are working to fill 1 vacancy that just recently became available. The Frequent Users System Enhancement (FUSE) project data is in the packet with full details. Ms. Rawls reported they are continuing to screen individuals into the program and are working on scheduling releases to enter the program. The Dallas Connector Project provided 18 individuals rides through the FUSE program.

Homeless Jail Dashboard: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

The data for the homeless jail dashboard is in the packet in full details. Pages one and two reflect the overall jail population bookins. The overall jail bookins decreased by 125 individuals. The overall homeless population slightly increased. The average length of stay for homeless bookins remained consistent. The offense categories stayed the same except for decreases to the drug and alcohol categories and increases to the holds, sexual offenses, theft, and other offenses categories.

Housing Authority Report: Thomas Lewis / Brooke Etie

Thomas Lewis, Dallas County Housing Agency reported emergency housing vouchers for homeless with 34 individuals searching and 4 that are leased up and received housing. Mr. Lewis commended case managers for making the process easier by gathering information on homeless individuals needed to get them vouchers right away.

Brooke Etie sent an update reporting Dallas Housing Authority (DHA) has been working alongside with Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) to lease up emergency housing vouchers and report making great progress.

Joli Robinson, new President and CEO of MDHA, commented she is overjoyed to hear of the streamlined workflow and thanked everyone for their partnership.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute: Ron Stretcher

Ron Stretcher reiterated Janie Metzinger and highlighted information regarding funding for state hospitals. He stated how this will make a huge impact for this region with more resources available to help manage locally.

CARES Act/ARPA Funds: Hector Faulk, Dallas County

Report available at next meeting.

Coordinated Access System: Joli Robinson, MDHA

Joli Robinson reported she is working on meeting everyone in-person or virtually. The Dallas Real Time Rapid Rehousing work has been underway. There will be a public facing dashboard that will provide additional information in real time which should be up the first few weeks of November 2021, with more updates will be provided in upcoming meetings. Ms. Robinson provided her email address which is Joli.Robinson@mdhadallas.org.

Pretrial Diversion and Mental Health Screening: Yordanos Melake, Dallas County

Yordanos Melake reported on behalf of Laura Edmonds that the mental health pretrial process continues to go well. They continue to partner with NTBHA on getting individuals released from jail, linked to the community and community services. Ms. Melake acknowledged their continued meetings with the criminal justice system stakeholders to look at the 16.22 process and how they can expand and allow more individuals in the jail to receive mental health screenings.

CitySquare: Madeline Reedy/Edd Eason, CitySquare

Madeline Reedy reported the CitySquare report will be done on a quarterly basis. Ms. Reedy stated they are moving forward with current programming and are underway of closing out some city and HUD grants which have all been renewed.

Edd Eason reported the RMP for the Dallas Connector has been released by the city and Austin Street will be applying as subcontractor of CitySquare. The city renewed funding for an interim period through March 2022 until funds are awarded. CitySquare is one of the nonprofit service providers awarded funds from MDHA for the Rapid Rehousing Initiative that allows them to add eight navigators and housing case managers leveraging 58 of the emergency housing vouchers in months to come.

Dallas Connector: Daniel Roby, Austin Street

Report available at next meeting.

Homeward Bound: Dave Hogan, Homeward Bound

Doug Denson reported there hasn't been any new outbreaks of COVID since early September 2021. They are doing well in screening and applying for the ability to complete their own testing and vaccinations in the near future. They're looking into acquiring the J&J vaccination because it'll be very helpful to have the one shot for their clients.

Dave Hogan reported progress with construction to include sheet rock on the walls and passing of inspection for the plumbing and electrical. The exterior part of the walls inside have been insulated for quietness and temperature regulation. They would be glad to arrange for anyone interested in seeing the progress made. There was also a good report received from the general contractors who are staying right on top of progress.

Metro Dallas Youth Committee: Mayra Fierro; Metro Dallas Youth Committee

Report available at next meeting.

Family Housing: Ellen Magnis, Family Gateway

Report was provided to the group in the meeting packet.

Mattingly Report: Jim Mattingly

Jim Mattingly reported housing is becoming scarcer in the area. Over the quarter, with the multi-family sector, there were 5,223 units delivered and 18,537 absorbed which shows construction is not keeping up with demand. On a year-to-year basis, there were 28,015 units delivered and 45,326 absorbed. Rental rates have increased 14.6% in the DFW area over the last year and 6.8% of that was just in the last quarter which shows an upward trend making finding affordable housing more challenging. The majority of these increases are for newer properties in the northern sector to include Frisco, The Colony, Little Elm, West Plano, McKinney, and Allen that have seen an excess of 20% increase of rent in the last year. Part of this increase is being driven by production being slowed due to labor shortages, supply chain challenges, and material shortages. This has resulted in it taking longer to complete the construction process and deliver housing. Builders are filing fewer building permits because they don't want to start construction before knowing they can complete it which has been part of the problem.

LumaCorp residential is seeing available apartments at an all-time low with very little if anything to lease. There are 50% fewer apartments available today than this time last year.

Landlords are experiencing an increase in delinquent rent. Many of the delinquencies were cured with the help of rental assistance through various funding sources over the summer but once those funds were delivered, individuals began to fall back behind on their rent. They are averaging month end delinquencies of about 5% which is more than double of what they would have experienced before the pandemic which was closer to 2%.

Updates

St. Jude Park Central report to be updated at next meeting.

Commissioner Daniel commented on the relocation of administration across the street to the old records building but unsure of exactly when it would all take place. Discussion of the next meeting being held in early December both in-person and virtual.

Doug Denson offered the use of their new space at the Homeward Bound office building for the next meeting.

***Next Meeting: December 15, 2021
Homeward Bound, 2535 Lone Star Drive, Dallas, Texas 75212***



Crisis Services Project

CSP Total

DY10 CSP Monthly Report_No Graphs(with LCN)

Last Refresh: 10/27/21 at 1:54:16 PM GMT-05:00

	Past Year Avg	2021-01	2021-02	2021-03	2021-04	2021-05	2021-06	2021-07	2021-08	2021-09	Average:	Sum:
Total Service Episodes:	359	364	440	573	579	668	621	527	529	508	534.33	4,809
Total Unique CID:	317	359	427	538	524	602	534	428	442	420	474.89	4,274
Total Unique PID:		359	427	538	524	602	534	428	442	420	474.89	4,274
% Change to DY 9 by CID		60.95%	72.50%	91.34%	88.96%	102.21%	90.66%	72.67%	75.04%	71.31%		

<u>Total Encounters by Type:</u>		2021-01	2021-02	2021-03	2021-04	2021-05	2021-06	2021-07	2021-08	2021-09	Average:	Sum:
Triage		364	440	573	579	668	621	527	529	508	534.33	4,809
Care Coordination		1,204	1,243	1,818	1,838	1,940	1,994	1,881	1,766	1,543	1,691.89	15,227
F2F Encounter		249	222	273	267	301	272	287	278	268	268.56	2,417
Sum:		1,817	1,905	2,664	2,684	2,909	2,887	2,695	2,573	2,319	2,494.78	22,453

<u>F2F Encounter</u>		2021-01	2021-02	2021-03	2021-04	2021-05	2021-06	2021-07	2021-08	2021-09	Average:	Sum:
MHPR Bond		143	83	103	105	124	132	106	140	143	119.89	1,079
Non-MHPR		106	139	170	162	177	140	181	138	125	148.67	1,338
Sum:		249	222	273	267	301	272	287	278	268	268.56	2,417

<u>Administrative Note</u>		2021-01	2021-02	2021-03	2021-04	2021-05	2021-06	2021-07	2021-08	2021-09	Average:	Sum:
Desk Reviews			1	9	7	12	8	7	4	6	6.75	54



Crisis Services Project

Frank Crowley

DY10 CSP Monthly Report_No Graphs(with LCN)

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	2021-01	2021-02	2021-03	2021-04	2021-05	2021-06	2021-07	2021-08	2021-09	Average:	Sum:
Service Episodes:	364	440	573	579	668	621	527	529	508	534.33	4,809

	2021-01	2021-02	2021-03	2021-04	2021-05	2021-06	2021-07	2021-08	2021-09	Average:	Sum:
Unique Consumers:											
By N* ID	38	79	109	85	80	70	89	71	48	74.33	669
By LCN	207	237	312	308	357	312	206	180	161	253.33	2,280
By Client ID	114	111	117	131	165	152	133	191	211	147.22	1,325
TOTAL Unique Consumers:	359	427	538	524	602	534	428	442	420	474.89	4,274
TOTAL Unique Consumers as %:	98.63%	97.05%	93.89%	90.50%	90.12%	85.99%	81.21%	83.55%	82.68%		

	2021-01	2021-02	2021-03	2021-04	2021-05	2021-06	2021-07	2021-08	2021-09	Average:	Sum:
Unique F2F:											
By N* ID	19	32	54	45	29	33	41	38	27	35.33	318
By LCN	141	120	138	144	165	143	148	104	89	132.44	1,192
By Client ID	86	66	75	72	102	89	89	128	137	93.78	844
TOTAL Unique F2F:	246	218	267	261	296	265	278	270	253	235.4	2,354
TOTAL Unique F2F as %:	98.80%	98.20%	97.80%	97.75%	98.34%	97.43%	96.86%	97.12%	94.40%		



F2F Recidivism Summary for 01/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

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Triage 12 w/F2F	2,181	Bookins 12 w/PAP	2,357	Total F2F and PAP	4,538
Recidivism 12-12 w/F2F	377	Recidivism 12-12 w/PAP	331	Recidivistic Individuals	708
Recidivism 12-12 w/F2F Percentage	17.29%	Recidivism 12-12 w/PAP Percentage	14.04%	Recidivism Percentage	15.60%

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Year MO	2021/01	2021/02	2021/03	2021/04	2021/05	2021/06	2021/07	2021/08	2021/09

Triage w/F2F:

Triage 12 w/F2F	230	431	679	922	1,201	1,461	1,721	1,962	2,181
Recidivism 12-12	2	6	34	72	115	170	245	292	377
Recidivism 12-12%	0.87%	1.39%	5.01%	7.81%	9.58%	11.64%	14.24%	14.88%	17.29%

PAP:

Count of PAP	265	462	754	1,030	1,277	1,533	1,824	2,101	2,357
PAP Recidivism	2	5	29	60	91	133	194	258	331
PAP Recidivism%	0.75%	1.08%	3.85%	5.83%	7.13%	8.68%	10.64%	12.28%	14.04%

Total:

Count of F2F & PAP	495	893	1,433	1,952	2,478	2,994	3,545	4,063	4,538
Recidivism F2F& PAP	4	11	63	132	206	303	439	550	708
Recidivism%	0.81%	1.23%	4.40%	6.76%	8.31%	10.12%	12.38%	13.54%	15.60%



Baseline	Goal	Year MO	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
			2021/01	2021/02	2021/03	2021/04	2021/05	2021/06	2021/07	2021/08	2021/09	2021/10	2021/11	2021/12

M1-262 Depression with Suicide and Homicide Risk

731		SRAT And/Or VRAT Rating Count	51	118	201	278	359	430	523	602	703			
752		Total of Unique Individuals	52	120	204	282	366	436	529	609	711			
97.21%	97.54%	Percentage	98.08%	98.33%	98.53%	98.58%	98.09%	98.62%	98.87%	98.85%	98.87%			

M1-263 Psychosocial/developmental Assessment

679		Number of CSP Encounters	16	38	94	160	231	319	399	473	545			
743		NTBHA Psychological Evaluations	16	39	97	166	240	330	415	491	569			
91.39%	92.40%	Percentage	100.00%	97.44%	96.91%	96.39%	96.25%	96.67%	96.14%	96.33%	95.78%			

M1-265 Housing Assessment for Individuals with Schizophrenia

375		Identified individuals with housing outcome/ housing assessment	26	61	99	136	169	212	260	294	323			
437		Identified individuals with verified schizophrenia visits within 12 month period.	27	62	101	139	174	217	266	301	332			
85.81%	87.48%	Percentage	96.30%	98.39%	98.02%	97.84%	97.13%	97.70%	97.74%	97.67%	97.29%			

**With CSP as the denominator



87th Texas Legislature Third Called Session

Proclamation of House Select Committee on Youth Health and Safety

Committee Members

Rep. J.M. Lozano-Chair. Rep. Ann Johnson-Vice Chair.

Committee Members: Representatives Steve Allison, David Cook, Harold Dutton, James Frank, Stephanie Klick, Jeff Leach, Eddie Morales, Victoria Neave, Toni Rose.

Purpose

The committee is created to provide a cross-jurisdictional forum for the examination and consideration of issues that broadly affect the health, safety, and rights of Texas youth.

Jurisdiction

The committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) improving the ability of federal, state, and local governmental entities to address the needs of Texas youth through, among other things, expanded coordination between all programs and systems that serve youth and their families, including child protective services, mental health services, educational institutions, and the juvenile justice system;
- (2) the allocation and use of state resources to preventative and rehabilitative services that address the primary challenges facing Texas youth placed in the juvenile justice system, including the redirection of those resources as necessary to ensure effectiveness and efficiency;
- (3) the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health needs of Texas youth and identification of effective treatment strategies;
- (4) the expansion of prevention efforts and the strengthening of service systems to permit the behavioral health challenges faced by Texas youth to be addressed closer to their homes, including efforts and systems that permit youth to remain in their classrooms and stay out of institutionalized healthcare and juvenile justice systems; and
- (5) programs, services, and governmental action focused on the rehabilitation of youthful offenders, including considerations related to developmental factors that impact a youth's entry into the justice system.

Report

The committee shall issue a report before the 88th Legislature convenes on any studies conducted on matters within the committee's jurisdiction.

Duration

The committee expires on the date the 88th Legislature convenes.

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87th Texas Legislature—Third Called Session
SB 8 by Nelson—ARPA Funding for Behavioral Health

Link to text of SB 8: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/873/billtext/html/SB00008F.htm>

Agency	Amount	Purpose	Section #
DSHS	\$2 billion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surge staffing for state and local hospitals, long term care, psychiatric hospitals and nursing facilities. • Therapeutic drugs • Regional infusion centers 	Sec. 4
HHSC	\$237.8 million	Construction of Dallas State Hospital	Sec. 11
HHSC	\$15 million	Capacity expansion of Sunrise Canyon Psychiatric Hospital in Lubbock	Sec. 22
HECB	\$113 million	Texas Child Mental Health Consortium initiatives for children, pregnant and post women. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20.5 million-Child Psychiatry Access Network. • \$56.2 million-Texas Child Access Through Telemedicine program. • \$32.9 million-Child and adolescent mental health workforce development. • \$3.2 million-Administrative expenses. • \$3.2 million-Oversight and evaluation. 	Sec. 8
TFC	\$40 million	Construction of 100-bed comprehensive behavioral health center in the Permian Basin.	Sec. 26

DSHS: Texas Department of State Health Services.
 HHSC: Texas Health and Human Services Commission
 HECB: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
 TFC: Texas Facilities Commission

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SB 8—Nelson. Enrolled Version—Appropriates federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), specifically from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds and the Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds.

Current Status: This is a summary of the version of SB 8, which was favorably reported from Conference Committee on October 18. Later that day the SB 8 Conference Report was adopted by both the Senate and the House. It was sent to the Texas Comptroller for certification on October 19, and was sent to the Governor on October 26.

- \$7.245 billion to the Texas unemployment compensation fund as reimbursement for payments made as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. (Section 1)
- \$180 million to Texas Tourism, Travel and Recovery Grants in the Office of the Governor. “ It is the intent of the legislature that the governor give priority to potential grantees that have not received direct federal aid and that the amount of each authorized grant not exceed \$20,000. This would allow a minimum of 9000 grants. (Section 2).
- \$1.2 million for information technology case management system improvement for Children’s Advocacy Centers. (Section 3).
- \$2 billion to Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for:
 - Surge staffing at state and local hospitals, long-term care facilities, psychiatric hospitals, and nursing facilities.
 - Purchasing therapeutic drugs including drugs for monoclonal antibody treatments.
 - Operation of regional infusion centers.
 - Requires DSHS to expend any of these funds freed-up as a result of reimbursement received by DSHS from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) related to expenditures paid from money appropriated in this section only after prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board (LBB). (Section 4).
- \$500.4 million for broadband infrastructure.
 - \$75 million designated for the Texas broadband pole replacement program. (Section 5).
- \$359.6 million to Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to provide compensation for agency employees, in consultation with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the LBB. This appropriation is to be considered as a change in the method of finance and not as an increase of total appropriations to TDCJ. (Section 6)
- \$95 million to Texas Department of Agriculture for food banks. (Section 7)

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- \$113 million to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to support operations and expansions of the Texas Child Mental Health Consortium to expand mental health initiatives for children, pregnant women, and women who are up to one year postpartum including:
 - \$20.5 million for enhancements and expansion for the Child Psychiatry Access Network including improvements in perinatal mental health services.
 - \$56.2 million for enhancement and expansion of the Texas Child Access Through Telemedicine program.
 - \$32.9 million for expansion of the child and adolescent mental health workforce.
 - \$3.2 million for administrative expenses.
 - \$3.2 million for oversight and evaluation. (Section 8).
- \$300 million to Texas Division of Emergency Management for land acquisition and construction of a state operations center. (Section 9).
- \$ 325 million to The Higher Education Coordinating board for university construction, contingent upon other enabling legislation. Funds must be returned if the federal government determines this to be an improper use of funds, and the Higher Education Coordinating Board will be required to repay the general revenue fund. (Section 10).
- \$237.8 million for completing construction of a state hospital in Dallas. (Section 11)

Note: This appropriation is in addition to \$44.75 million appropriated in HB 2 in the 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature for the planning the new state hospital in Dallas. Together, the two appropriations total \$ 282,550,000 for this project in this biennium.
- \$75 million to HHSC for grants to support rural hospitals that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. (Section 12).
- \$20 million to HHSC for the creation of a consolidated internet portal for Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). (Section 13)
- \$5 million to HHSC for technology updates to the Medicaid eligibility computer system. (Section 14)
- \$14,250 to HHSC for COVID-19-related expenses for consumable supplies and travel for the Texas Civil Commitment Office. (Section 15)
- \$16.7 million to DSHS for upgrading laboratory facilities associated with a level 1 trauma facility in Hidalgo County and new laboratory infrastructure in Starr County. (Section 16)
- \$40 million to the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston’s Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute. (Section 17)
- \$15 million to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)for the Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Program. THECB may not add eligibility requirements beyond current statutes. (Section 18)
- \$20 million to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for performance-based funding for at-risk students at comprehensive regional universities. (Section 19)
- \$5 million to Texas Department of Agriculture for home-delivered meals. (Section 20)
- \$35 million to the General Land Office and Veterans Land Board Texas State Veterans Homes for heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades, negative pressure COVID-19 wards, and mobile HEPA air filtration units for Texas State Veterans Homes. (Section 21)
- \$15 million to HHSC for short-term psychiatric treatment capacity expansion at Sunrise Canyon Hospital in Lubbock. (Section 22)

- \$20 million to the Texas Historical Commission for the Washington-on-the-Brazos Capitol Plan Project. (Section 23)
- \$160 million for Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for grants for victims of crime. (Section 24)
- \$200 million to the Department of Information Resources for cybersecurity projects approved by the Joint Oversight Committee on Investment and Information Technology Improvement and Modernization Projects. (Section 25)
- \$40 million to the Texas Facilities Commission for construction of a 100-bed comprehensive behavioral health center to serve the Permian Basin, controlled by the Ector County Hospital District and the Midland County Hospital District (Midland-Odessa area). (Section 26)
- \$52.2 million to Texas Attorney General for the Sexual Assault Program. (Section 27)
- \$54.7 million to Texas Attorney General for Compensation to Victims of Crime. (Section 28)
- To address shortfalls in court fees:
 - \$7 million to Comptroller of Public Accounts to pay visiting judges and support staff.
 - \$3 million to the Texas Judicial Branch-Office of Court Administration to address backlog in court cases, including information technology support.
 - \$13.9 million for Texas Indigent Defense Commission-Fair Defense Account
 - \$200,000 for Office of Capital and Forensic Writs for addressing backlog and paying pandemic-related court costs.
 - \$5.8 million for Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.
 - Increases the capital budget authority of the Texas Judicial Council-Office of Court Administration by \$1.3 million for improved information technology. (Section 29)
- \$150 million for the Commission on State Emergency Communication for Next Generation 9-1-1 Service Fund. (Section 30)
- \$15.5 million to the Texas Department of Transportation to construct a Customs Inspection Station at Presidio. (Section 31)
- \$286.3 for the Teacher Retirement System for COVID-related claims for TRS-Care and TRS-Active care programs. (Section 32)
- \$378.3 million to HHSC for one-time grants to provide frontline critical staffing needs including recruitment and retention bonuses, of which:
 - \$200 million to nursing facilities.
 - \$178.3 million, assisted living facilities, home health facilities and facilities that that serve persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities or related conditions, and attendant services.

Note: This funding may benefit facilities serving people who have both IDD and a mental illness.

 - It is the intent of the legislature that HHSC consider federal COVID-19 funds already received by providers when allocating grants. (Section 33)
- \$20 million to DSHS for a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Incubator Program. (Sec. 34)
- \$21.7 million to DSHS for emergency medical services (EMS) for:
 - Incentives to increase numbers of EMTs and paramedics.
 - Funding for EMT education, including distance learning.
 - Prioritizes rural and underserved areas. (Section 35)
- \$40 million to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. (Section 36)

- \$5 million to the General Land Office for Brazoria County Beach and Dune Maintenance. (Sec. 37)
- \$300,000 to General Land Office for analysis of Coastal Texas Study Design Elements. (Section 38)
- \$1.15 million to Texas A &M University-Galveston
 - \$1 million for Digital Flood Risk Infrastructure for Underserved Communities
 - \$150,000 for office space. (Section 39)
- \$100 million for institutional enhancement at universities.
 - \$50 million to Texas Tech University.
 - \$50 million to University of Houston. (Section 40)
- \$100 million to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the benefit of the State Preservation Board to maintain the Bob Bullock State History Museum. (Section 41)
- \$3 million to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for wildlife research at the Texas State Aquarium Center. (Section 42)
- \$3 million to UT-Austin-Marine Science Institute for student housing. (Section 43)
- \$3 million to Texas Education Agency for providing technological staff enhancements for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. (Section 44)
- \$235,000 to University of Texas at Austin for the Briscoe Garner Museum. (Section 45)
- \$1 million to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the Rural Veterinarians Grant Program. (Section 46)
- \$25 million to the State Preservation Board for maintenance and capital improvement projects. (Section 47)
- “It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of State Health Services and the Health and Human Services Commission, in distributing any money received from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund...established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021...distribute the money appropriated by this act to entities that are subject to the hospital price transparency public disclosure requirements...” (Section 48)
- Requires the LBB, in consultation with the Texas Comptroller of public Accounts to report on the LLB website
 - A list of any money appropriated and received by each political subdivision in the state.
 - A list of each state agency or institution of higher education that receives funds and
 - The amount of money received.
 - The authorizing federal legislation.
 - The amount spent by the agency or institution.
 - Allowable uses of the funds.
 - The amount received by the agency or institution.
 - The amount that has not been spent.
 - The amount that the agency or institution may spend without further appropriation.
 - The time period in which the money was spent and the remaining time in which the agency or institution may spend the funds without further appropriation.
 - Section 49 does not apply to hospitals licensed under the Texas Hospital Licensing Law or state hospitals.
 - Report must be updated at least once per quarter on the first day of the quarter beginning December 1, 2021 until at least December 1, 2028. (Section 49)

- Appropriations made by SB 8 are:
 - One-time appropriations to address state needs for the upcoming two-year period.
 - May be only used for purposes authorized by state and federal law.
 - Must be used before all other methods of finance.
 - Funds must not be spent if US Department of Treasury or other qualified state or federal authority determines that the appropriation was an improper use of funds. (Section 50)
- Appropriation authority for SB 8 under federal law allows funds to be used to provide government services to the extent of a reduction in the revenue of state government caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the state government that ended before that emergency. For Texas, that would be FY 2019, which ended on August 31, 2019. (Section 51)





87th Texas Legislature Third Called Session

House Select Committee on Youth Health and Safety Hearing October 4, 2021

Committee

Rep. J.M. Lozano-Chair. Rep. Ann Johnson-Vice Chair.

Committee Members: Representatives Steve Allison, David Cook, Harold Dutton, James Frank, Stephanie Klick, Jeff Leach, Eddie Morales, Victoria Neave, Toni Rose.

Invited Testimony

Andy Keller, Ph.D.—CEO-Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute.

<https://mmhpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/MSTinTexas.pdf>

Children's Mental Health Needs

- 50% of mental illnesses emerge by age 14, 75% emerge by the mid-20s.
- Mental health needs are generally not met until eight to ten years after symptoms emerge.
- Parents need additional support.
- Suicide deaths are the tip of the iceberg of depression.
 - For every child death of suicide, there are 3.4 reporting functional impairment.
- Emergency department visits have doubled since COVID-19.
 - 50% increase in girls.
 - 5% increase in boys (who tend to act out more).

Recommendations:

- Early detection and treatment at primary care and schools with parental involvement.
- Collaborative Care-is as important not to give the wrong care as it is to give the right care
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds could improve Texas Child Mental Health Consortium's (TCMHC) response for children and perinatal and postpartum women.
- Address need of kids in juvenile justice system.
 - Establish Pediatric Mental Health Response Teams to provide support for families in crisis.
 - Multi-Systemic Therapy puts trusted adult in the child's life with over 100 hours per month of community supports.
 - Most kids in juvenile justice systems don't have psychosis.
 - Works 60% of the time within three to seven months.
 - Reduces violent crime by 70%, Works better than residential care.
 - Recommended expansion of pilots in Harris, El Paso and Nueces Counties.

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David Lakey, M.D.—University of Texas System, Child Mental Health Care Consortium.
<https://tcmhcc.utsystem.edu/>

Texas Child Mental Health Consortium's Key Initiatives:

- Child Psychiatry Access Network (TPAN) supports primary care providers.
- Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHAT) provides telemedicine support to approximately 2200 schools serving 1.7 million children.
 - Of approximately 365 referrals, 32% present with depression, 29% with anxiety and ___with aggression
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP) Fellowship Program expands the number of psychiatrists trained in Texas. 75% of them stay in Texas to practice.
- Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion (CPWE) expands mental health workforce by placing residents in Local Behavioral Health Authorities and Local Mental Health Authorities.
- Research on depression, trauma, support to OB-Gyn physicians in cases needing perinatal behavioral health care, and long-term research on COVID-19 and mental health.

Karin Price, Ph.D.—Chief of Psychology, Texas Children's Hospital.

- From 2019 to 2021, behavioral health admissions have increased from 100 to 400 per month.
 - Common presenting symptoms include aggression, self-injury, suicidal ideation and attempts.
 - Also adolescents with severe developmental disabilities and autism with self-injurious behaviors.
- Children are suffering from being away from usual supports such as school-based services, home-based therapy reduced due to COVID.
- Parents are afraid for the safety of the presenting child, themselves, and other children in the household.
- Emergency departments are often backed up due to lack of pediatric psychiatric beds.
- Children are often placed on medical floors instead, resulting in increased injuries to staff and patient elopement. Staff require to wear PPE and body padding.
- Behavioral health patients often need longer hospitalizations.
- The waiting list for outpatient behavioral health care is six months to one year.
- Texas Children's Hospital's Short-term (one year) plans:
 - Behavioral Health Support Team on medical floors.
 - Dedicated behavioral health inpatient beds with appropriate staffing
 - Intensive Outpatient Program with step-up and step-down services.
 - Expanded outpatient services
 - Improved staff training
 - Additional safe care locations.
- Texas Children's Hospital's Long-term (three to five years) plans.
 - Dedicated behavioral health urgent care unit
 - Dedicated behavioral health inpatient beds.
 - Preventive family-based care that includes school and primary care.
 - Expanded behavioral health care and education.

Karin Price—continued

- Recommendations:
 - Strengthen community partnerships through the Texas Child Mental Health Consortium, especially in clinical collaborations with children’s hospitals.
 - Increased use of community health workers.
 - Mental health training for first responders.
 - Increase the pediatric behavioral health workforce.
 - Improve reimbursement models—many mental health professionals in private practice do not take insurance (cash only).
 - Robust enforcement of behavioral health parity laws
 - School-based mental health services.
 - Community-based support for parents of children with mental health needs.
 - Expanded perinatal and postpartum behavioral health care.
 - Continue telehealth, including telephone-only telehealth.

Trina Ita—Texas Health and Human Services Commission

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/laws-regulations/reports-presentations/2021/house-select-comm-youth-health-safety-oct-4-2021.pdf>

COVID required a quick pivot for mental health care in Texas because of increased need and fewer hospital beds available.

- Telephone encounters increased 731%, Video encounters increased 132%.
- HHSC gave LBHAs/LMHAs greater flexibility in contract performance measures
- Expanded use of telehealth and remote service delivery

97% of Texas counties were already workforce areas for all mental health professions from psych techs to psychiatrists

- All LBHAs and LMHAs have increased vacancy rates due to increased demand, turnover and caseload size.
- Waitlists had decreased due to investments in mental health by the Legislature, but inpatient waitlists in March 2021 already surpassed the 2020 total.
- The Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council works across 25 state agencies through the Statewide Strategic Plan to identify and address gaps.
- HHSC COVID response
 - FEMA funds provided crisis counseling services in some communities.
 - Statewide Mental Health Support Line has received over 20,000 calls from 201 of 254 Texas counties. Provides basic intervention, referral for anyone in the state.
- HHSC services to youth
 - 70,000 youth are served statewide through LBHAs and LMHAs. Provide Trauma-Informed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, skills training, etc.

Trina Ita-HHSC—continued

- It is HHSC’s aim that all LBHAs and LMHAs will be certified as Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers to offer integrated mental health, substance use disorder and physical health care.
- Ten percent of appropriations in the Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Block Grant is dedicated to early intervention in psychosis for individuals between ages of 15 to 30. Studies have show 67% decrease in hospitalization, 69% decrease in use of crisis services and 28% decrease in jail admissions.
- YES waivers offer robust mental health services to youth at risk of relinquishment by their parents. 2,400 to 2,600 youth will be served statewide this year.
- HHSC has awarded nine community mental health grants for services to children totaling \$3.4 million in ten Texas counties. Approximately 11,000 children have been served. 88% showed measurable improvement.
- HHSC has funded Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training to 827 people in 2019, and 639 in 2020. 2021 numbers are incomplete to-date, but have topped 938 people trained.

Cheryl Loving—Texas Counseling Association, Texas School Counseling Association

- Children are suffering from trauma, anxiety, grief and loss
- Doesn’t do therapy at school—makes referrals to community providers.
- Administrative tasks such as proctoring tests or changing schedules should not be done by counselors.

Cecilia Reynolds-Perez, Ph.D, Superintendent-Kingsville ISD

School Counselors and teachers are concerned about learning loss and bizarre behaviors.

- Abused kids did not have the escape that school provided pre-pandemic.
- Some kids don’t know how to socialize with other kids, leading to more aggression, fighting.
- There is a shortage of teachers, substitutes and tutors.
- Many students are performing far below actual grade levels.
 - Masks are preventing the usual ability to look at the mouths of others to see how to form phonetic sounds of letters, syllables, words.
 - Both students and teachers are anxious about outcome of STAR test.
 - Chair Lozano noted that TEA can and should by rule suspend ratings of students and schools for this school year’s STAR test.

Julie Wayman, Manager of Mental and Behavioral Health—Texas Education Agency

- One in five young people experience a mental health condition.
- CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows increased feelings of hopelessness in students over the last ten years.
- TEA works with Texas Behavioral Health Coordinating Council.
- TEA doesn’t currently have statutory authority gather mental health data on students. ISDs don’t report community referrals they make to TEA.

Julie Wayman-TEA--continued

- HB 905 86th created a Collaborative Task Force on School MH Supports (includes A&M Prairie View, Baylor College of Medicine, MMHPI, NAMI, Red Cross, UT School of Social Work) working on best practices.
- First report submitted last year:
<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/HB-906-Mental-Health-Task-Force-Year-1-Report.pdf>
- TEA received SAMHSA grant to address suicide prevention
- Mental Health First Aid Training is offered to ISDs and school personnel.
- Grief and Trauma-informed Practices Training grant from CARES Act.
- Education Service Centers Learning Communities.
- Provided information on all hotlines and community resources to ISDs.
- Texas School Mental Health website:
<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/mental-health/mental-health-and-behavioral-health>

Tim Regal—Associate Commissioner for Instructional Support-Texas Education Agency

- Recently launched TEA Division of Safe and Supportive Schools to:
 - Ensure resources are available when needed.
 - Support designed to provide continuous improvement.
<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/correspondence/taa-letters/safe-and-supportive-schools-program-sssp-updates>
- Effective District Framework allows districts to self-assess, includes mental health.
- Job-imbedded professional support to supplement basic teacher training.

Jamie Freeny, PhD, Director, Center for School Behavioral Health—Mental Health America of Greater Houston. <https://mhahouston.org/programs/collaboration/mission/sbh-collaborative/>

- Emphasized need for trauma-informed practices at schools.
- Explained Adverse Childhood Experiences, brain development.
- Recommended co-location and coordination of behavioral health services at school.
- Teachers and school personnel should be trained to recognize red flags of trauma.
- Increase mental health training and professional development on suicide prevention.
- Improve school discipline policies.
- Encourage self-care among teachers
- Increase student access to health care.
- Improve ratio of counselors-to-students.

Colleen Horton—Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

Recommendations:

- Supporting kids in schools
 - 90% of expulsions are for discretionary code of conduct removals, have very li
- Mental health equity
 - Pandemic has revealed disproportionate access to care, morbidity and mortality.
 - ARPA funds should be directed toward communities, social determinants of health.
 - Requiring only evidence-based practices can limit innovation.

Colleen Horton--continued

- Youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Often get only behavior management and behavior controls rather than addressing underlying mental health conditions.
 - Not all kids have pediatricians, therefore may not benefit from TCMHC.
 - Access to evaluation and assessment often requires strong advocacy by parents.
- Workforce Shortage
 - Had a crisis before COVID
 - As of September 2021, Texas only had 34.5% of the state's need for mental health professionals.
 - 214 of 254 Texas counties are mental health professional shortage areas.
 - Make more use of promotoras, peer support
 - Change HHSC rules that make Medicaid reimbursement for peer services available only people over age 21, even though people can be certified peer specialists at age 18.

Josette Saxon—Texans Care for Children

Recommendations:

- Need a better continuum of services that includes prevention, promotion of mental wellness, early intervention and after-care.
- Highlighted initiatives established by recent legislatures that strengthened mental health services in schools.
- Improved disaggregated data collection.
- Safe and supportive school environment, positive behavioral supports, restorative justice rather than exclusionary discipline, out of school referrals for services that may be more intense than needed. Should build on family strengths.
- Leverage YES Waiver services to reach kids earlier, before they are at risk for relinquishment.
- Look at wait lists, quality of services, correct services when needed.
- Invest in CPAN for pregnant and postpartum moms.
- Home-visiting programs for new parents.
- Include Prevention and early-intervention programs in continuum of services.
- Community Resource Coordination Groups (CRCGs) and Texas Systems of Care to make best use of resources.



87th Texas Legislature Third Called Session

House Select Committee on Youth Health and Safety Hearing October 14, 2021

Committee

Rep. J.M. Lozano-Chair. Rep. Ann Johnson-Vice Chair.

Committee Members: Representatives Steve Allison, David Cook, Harold Dutton, James Frank, Stephanie Klick, Jeff Leach, Eddie Morales, Victoria Neave, Toni Rose.

Link to Hearing Video

https://tlchouse.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=46&clip_id=22664

Invited Testimony

Carol Nati, M.D., Chief Medical Officer Director-MHMR of Tarrant County, Helen Farabee Center, Pecan Valley Center, representing Texas Council of Community Centers.

Challenges of COVID pandemic especially hard on kids with mental health problems or substance use disorder.

- Approximately 14,000 children have lost a parent or caregiver.
- Loss of routine, classroom activities, socialization opportunities.

Social media can be a way to connect but can also lead to anxiety and depression.

- Kids have difficulty un-tethering from social media.
- Exacerbates a need to 'measure up' to others.
- Social media presentations online are often an in-authentic representation of the person's life.
- Social media can expose youth to more disruptive behaviors online, fights, bullying, inappropriate interactions with strangers, intentional efforts to embarrass, hurt or humiliate.
- LGBTQ youth are at higher risk for anxiety, depression and suicidality.
- Social media can trigger relapse in kids in recovery with eating disorders.

Behavioral health needs are often first recognized at school.

- Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHAT) has helped link families with LBHAs/LMHAs.

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Dr. Nati—continued

LBHAs/LMHAs have been stretched in COVID pandemic due to unprecedented vacancy rates. Behavioral health providers have experienced challenges in retaining staff at all levels. Lower wage staff are able to find employment that is lower stress, allows work from home.

- Mid-range staff have left for employment at schools, prisons, other state agencies.
- Competition is fiercest for higher paid nurses and psychiatrists.
- Fewer providers results in delayed care and increased risk, of crisis.

Jaqueline Nesi, M.D., Assistant Professor, Brown University

<https://www.jacquelinenesi.com/research>

Dr Nesi studies the effect of social media use on adolescents' mental health and development.

- Currently there are no clear answers. Social media doesn't cause mental illness in teens, but does play a central role in mental health in positive and negative ways.
- There are real risks to those already vulnerable.
- 97 % of teens use social media.
- Increased rates of depression and suicide have coincided with this increase.
- Risk of suicide has increased four times between 1999 and 2017 in girls ages 10-14.
- Noted the testimony given by Frances Haugen regarding Facebook:
US Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection-Hearing on October 5, 2021-"Protecting Kids Online: Testimony from a Facebook Whistleblower".
<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2021/10/protecting%20kids%20online:%20testimony%20from%20a%20facebook%20whistleblower>
- Adolescents have a heightened sensitivity engagement with peers, self-expression and exploring interests.
- Increased screen time is not reliably linked to mental illness, but
 - we need to better understand what teens are doing on line and
 - which teens are vulnerable to risks.
- Positive and negative experiences are amplified online.
 - Quantifiable indicators of social status (number of views, likes, content of comments).
 - Social media companies can make changes to better serve young people that are collaborative and transparent.
 - Information, interaction spreads more quickly, goes outside the teen's circle.
- Research suggest that parental involvement is important.
 - Active mediation-conversations about what teen is viewing online.
 - Restrictive mediation-rules, expectations and boundaries that are enforced.
 - Parents need more information re: social media, websites that are blocked at school, etc.

David Yeager, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychology-UT Austin

<https://labs.la.utexas.edu/adrg/about-dr-yeager/>

Studies adolescent development.

Most indicators of teen well-being are going in the right direction

- Drug use, teen pregnancy, criminal cases for teens are all down.
- Unfortunately, education inequality and mental health is worse.
 - Anxiety is up 300% since the pandemic (Pew Research Center Study).
 - Depression is a major factor economic trajectory of young person's life.
 - 20% of boys don't progress to next academic level of math and science.
 - Depression and anxiety can take students out of educational opportunities, at a time when they don't really understand the long-term economic effects of their decisions.
- Biggest risk of social media is from social comparison.
 - Social media drives unrealistic expectations (comparing oneself to online celebrities, etc.)
 - People who have been bullied showed greater levels of depression after getting fewer 'likes' than expected.
 - Social media uses practices to get users to stay engaged on the platform.
- Some research have showed that teens are more likely to put the phone aside when shown evidence of manipulation by social media companies.
- Concerned about the use of Artificial Intelligence—there are few guidelines of boundaries set.

Maurine Molak-David's Legacy Foundation <https://www.davidslegacy.org/>

- 'David's Law'-SB 179, 85th Texas Legislature: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/SB00179F.htm>
- Mission of David's Legacy Foundation is to eliminate cyberbullying of teens.
- Mrs. Molak's son died of suicide after cyberbullying.
- Victims of cyberbullying are more than twice as likely to self-harm or take suicidal actions.
 - 80% of school shooters were bullied by classmates.
- Between 2017-2019, bullying decreased by 31%, cyberbullying by 20%.
- SB 11 requires reporting, threat assessment and evaluation of threats.
Link: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/86R/billtext/html/SB00011F.htm>

Recommendations:

- Required school-based counseling for perpetrators of bullying.
- Educational Services Centers should provide navigation assistance to parents who are trying to get assistance for a bullied student.
- Strong minimum standards for SB 2050.
Link: <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=87R&Bill=SB2050>
- Training for teachers to recognize signs of trauma and protocols for referrals
- TEA should build model for threat assessment teams, Safe and Supportive School teams, etc. to work together to eliminate bullying.
- Texas Supreme Court is supposed to produce pro se forms for parents to get injunctive relief against bullying.



BHLT Data	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
Start	39	39	37	40	42	42	44	43	43
End	39	37	40	42	42	44	43	43	41
Evictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Terminations	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	1	1
Lease violations	3	0	1	5	0	5	6	3	24
Residents w/LV's	2	0	1	3	0	3	4	3	16
Move-ins	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	1	0
DHA inspections	0	0	3	3	1	4	2	1	0
Cleanings for move-ins	1	1	3	2	3	5	2	1	0
Exit to Permanency	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

BHLT Data	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Start	42	0	
End	40	0	
Evictions	0	0	
Terminations	0	0	
Lease violations	0	0	
Residents w/LV's	0	0	
Move-ins	0	0	
DHA inspections	0	0	
Cleanings for move-ins	3	0	
Exit to Permanency	0	0	

Department of Criminal Justice FY2022 SAMHSA Grant Project

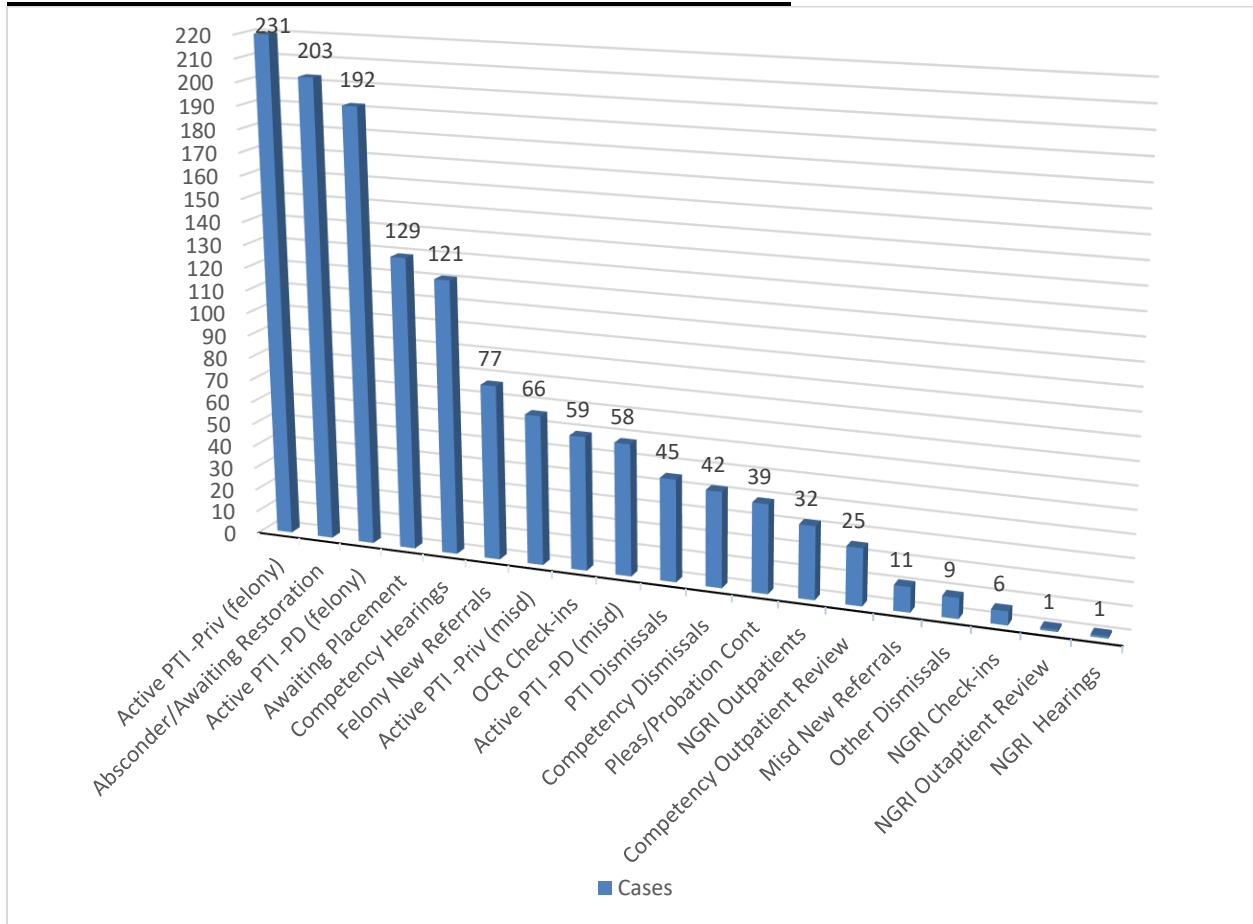
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2022 Total	FY2021 Total	FY2020 Total	FY2019 Total
Nexus New Admissions	1												1	23	26	25
Nexus Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	17												17	12	12	8
Homeward Bound New Admissions	1												1	14	24	11
Homeward Bound Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	119												119	92	79	7
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																
Successful	0												0	22	43	27
Unsuccessful	1												1	7	11	3
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2022																
Number of Referrals by Specialty Courts		AIM	2			DWI	0			STAR	1					
		ATLAS	1			IIP	0			Veterans	0					
		Competency	2			Legacy Family	0			4-C	0					
		DDC	0			MHJD/SET	3									
		DIVERT	0			STAC	3									

*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 6

*Nexus Pending Admission: 3

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DIVISION UPDATE

DA Criminal Mental Health Division October 2021 Stats:



DA Civil Division, Mental Illness Court October 2021 Stats:

1. **Civil Commitments** (Court Order for Inpatient Temporary Mental Health Services)
 - a. October 2021: 42
 - b. Year to date: 349
2. **Medication Hearings** (Court Order to Administer Psychoactive Medications, while receiving inpatient mental health services)
 - a. October 2021: 42
 - b. Year to date: 332
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. October 2021: 2
 - b. Year to date: 49
4. **Jury Trials**
 - a. October 2021: **0 Jury Trials**
 - b. Year to date: **0 Jury Trials**

Monthly Stats Registered Pre-Trial Specialty Courts – October

COURT	# Referrals	# Accepted	# Graduates	# Fail	Total Caseload #
DIVERT	10	3	2	3	74

COURT	# Referrals	# Accepted	# Graduates	# Fail	Total Caseload #
AIM	10	4	5	3	38

COURT	# Referrals	# Accepted	# Graduates	# Fail	Total Caseload #
SET	6	6	3	2	15

COURT	# Referrals	# Accepted	# Graduates	# Fail	Total Caseload #
MHJD	12	3	4	0	17

COURT	# Referrals	# Accepted	# Graduates	# Fail	Total Caseload #
VETERANS	10	3	3	0	31

DA Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI's):

Program	# Pending Referrals	# Accepted	# Graduates	# Fail	Total Caseload #
General PTIs	8	8	0	1	8
Prost PTIs (Misd)	43	7	0	0	7
STAR PTIs (Fel)	6	1	0	0	1

Specialty Court Prosecutors – Volunteer Hours - October

Specialty Court	Prosecutor	Month	Staffing Hrs	Court Hrs	Outside Hrs	Total Hrs
ATLAS	Aja Reed	Oct	2	1	0	3
DDC	Jamie Young	Oct	4	4	6	14
FEL DWI	Hilary Wright	Oct	2	2	1	5
MISD DWI	Herschel Woods	Oct	2	2	1	5
STAR Post	Jennifer Kachel	Oct	1	1	1	3
Prost PTIs	Felicia Kerney	Oct	3	0	17	20
DV	Searcey	Oct	5	5	4	14
VETERANS	Geoff Keller	Oct	4	2	3	9
STAC (Mays)	Novak/Clark	Oct	2.5	1.5	2	6

**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team (BHLT)
Adult Clinical Operations Team (ACOT) Committee Meeting
October 7, 2021**

Dr. Walter Taylor (Chair, NTBHA), Charlene Randolph (Co-Chair, Dallas County), Yordanos Melake (Dallas County), Janie Metzinger (NTBHA), Sabrina Conner (NTBHA), Amy Cunningham (Child and Family Guidance), Crystal Garland (Dallas County), Robert Johnson (NTBHA), Jacob Twombly (UTSW), Anthony Garcia (NTBHA), Sherry Cusumano (Medical City Green Oaks), Alyssa Aldrich (Adapt), Obey Bussey (ARM), Matt Roberts (NTBHA), Michelle Garcia (Metrocare), Doug Denton (Homeward Bound), Jessica Martinez (NTBHA), Shannon Vogel (NTBHA), Allison Mintus (Metrocare Services) Ashley Radar (NTBHA), Jarrod Gilstrap (Dallas Fire & Rescue), Alice Zacarello (The Well Community), Erica McDaniel

Welcome and Introductions (Dr. Walter Taylor, Co- Chair):

- Meeting notes from the September 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved

Presentation: NTBHA 911 Clinicians- Right Care Expansion

Presenters:

- Jessica Martinez, MA, LPC-S, NCC, EMDR Chief Clinical Officer-NTBHA
- Ashley Rader, LPC-Associate- Clinical Manager of Care Coordination

Overall Summary:

- Through grand funding resulting from Senate Bill 292 of the 85th Texas Legislature, NTBHA has partnered with the City of Dallas to expand the RIGHT CARE team. The expansion will include: NTBHA Care Coordinators-911 Dispatch, Community Follow up Team, and Clinician on Team.
- This Program is a partnership between the City of Dallas, Parkland Health and Hospital System, Dallas Police Department, Dallas Fire Rescue, and the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority
 - The mission of the NTBHA RIGHT Care Expansion Program is to provide a co-responder capability to the citizens of the City of Dallas using clinicians, Police, and Fire Rescue personnel. He expansion provides NTBHA clinical in the 911 Call Center to help screen and triage calls, a Community Follow Up team to assist in connection to services using referrals from the RCT in the field and the 911 Call Center and adjunct clinicians that are able to fill in for the assigned PHHS social work clinicians on the RCT when the scheduled clinicians are absent.
- Staff working in these positions will be Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) training and certifications as Telecommunicators.
- SB292 NTBHA Right Care Team Referrals: 1-800-241-7983
 - Fax-866-981-0776
 - Email RCTReferrals@ntbha.org

New Books to Consider for Future Discussions:

- Amy Cunningham (Child & Family Guidance): Recommends continue reading and combining DEI and TIC into an exploration of the traumatic impact of racism and discrimination.
- No other recommendations provided

NTBHA Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) & Multicultural Competency Training Update

- **Sabrina Connor (NTBHA)** - Resuming series on Courageous Convos with Dr. Morrow for October (Dates: 10/15 & 10/29). October's topic will be "Healing from Racial Trauma" and the last training will be in November will be "Becoming an Ally".
- **Matt Roberts:** NTBHA's DEI Council: Will meet 10/8/2021 and will continue working on measuring DEI efforts.

Trauma Informed Care (TIC):

- Shannon Vogel (NTBHA): Discussed NTBHA's Trauma Informed Care's efforts on measuring progress and impact. Developing a QM tool to capture RP review data to see what progress is being made. DEI is also working with QM to allow individuals in care to share their experiences through feedback surveys. Internal processes will continue to be developed through 04/2022
- Amy Cunningham (Child & Family Guidance): Multicultural Education Program- In person trainings will be postponed until Dallas County COVID-19 numbers have decreased. New or updated information will be shared with the committee. No trainings in October will be held at this time.

Janie Metzinger, Legislative Coordinator, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority

- Janie reported Senator Nelson proposed SB8- a bill to divide money from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). HB 2 and HB145 were also filed, both include extra funding for children's mental health, specifically for Children's Mental Health Care Consortium and also funding for the Dallas State hospital. Once the Dallas State Hospital is completed, they plan to begin working on replacing Terrell State Hospital bed for bed.
- There has been a proposal under ARPA that include sign on or retention bonuses for direct care staff particular those in a lower pay scale. It has not been voted on yet.

NTBHA & Community Updates:

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 12:36 pm.

