

Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
Thursday, February 9, 2023
9:30am -11:00am
In-Person & Virtual Meetings via Microsoft Teams

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 - Review/Approval of January 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- II. Introductions
- III. Presentations:
 1. Legacy – SAMHSA Grant Year 4
Presenters: Judge La’Donna Harlan, Dallas County Specialty Court Judge
Shenna Oriabure, DCCJD Mental Health Specialty Court Coordinator
Tyree Williams (Lived Experience Expert)
Tysha Mangum (Lived Experience Expert)
 2. BHLT Voting Members Discussion
Presenter: Charlene Randolph, Dallas County Criminal Justice Department
- IV. North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update
- V. Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) Update
- VI. Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup Update
- VII. Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update
- VIII. Legislative Update
- IX. Funding Opportunities
 - The Cottages Update
 - SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update
 - Community Courts Grant Update – Public Defender’s Office (PD)
 - Restorative Justice Division Update – District Attorney’s Office (RJD)
- X. Upcoming Events and Notifications
- XI. Public Comments
- XII. 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, 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, January 09, 2023
<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. The Commissioners present were Commissioners John Wiley Price and Dr. Theresa Daniel. Commissioner Price entertained a motion for opening the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel and seconded. The motion was unanimously passed by the committee members accepting the request to open the Behavioral Health Leadership Team meeting.

Commissioner Price welcomed everyone and announced that the meeting was being recorded and those who continued in attendance were consenting to being recorded as a part of the open records.

Review/Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the BHLT meeting held on Thursday, November 10, 2022, were included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Price offered an opportunity for the minutes to be reviewed or approved. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Introductions

Commissioner Price welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked first-time attendees to introduce themselves. First-time attendees were:

- Renee Arnold, Office Manager, with the office of Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel.
- Marcus Turner, Jr., SAMHSA Treatment Coordinator, DC Criminal Justice Department.
- Ikenna Mogbo, Chief Housing Officer, with Metrocare.
- Christine Peterson, Social Work Manager with Right Care Team.
- Carolina Lasso, Chief Authority Officer for Metro Care Services.
- Dr. Deborah Purge, with Dallas Independent School District Mental Health Services.

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update

Carol Lucky, CEO at North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, provided the NTBHA update, reporting that NTBHA served almost 25,000 adults and over 9,000 children for a total of 34,000 individuals served. Those number represented 104% of their goals for adults and 115% of the target for children.

Ms. Lucky further reported that during the board meeting, five additional contracts were approved which took funding for substance use services for FY23 up to the level of FY22, due to lower funding for FY23. She reported that FY24 and FY25 funding was still on the contract at the prior level but there were expectations that those would increase. Ms. Lucky also reported that the board approved a 13% increase in insurance rates and Dallas County approved a contract for signature to help move people from the jail to the hospitals for competency restoration in private hospitals. She mentioned that one disappointment was that there had been no word nor funding for an anticipated rate increase for substance use providers.

- Jessica Martinez reported that from December 22-27, during the inclement weather, with a city response with the county, they were able to station NTBHA Care Coordinators, APPA Support Specialists, and other individuals from the Crisis Response Team to assist individuals in remaining in sheltering operations, which also caused a reduction in the need for law enforcement for behavioral interventions. They were able to get individuals connected to services outside of the inclement weather with peer supporters, with CTI, and with other preventions. Reporting would be done by Austin Street, but there were four locations: Austin Street, Warren Methodist Church, Oaklawn Church, and the library.
- Dr. Walter Taylor reported that they will start the year with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration and leadership retreat with Joe Powell and his team, mentioning that they will continue to work with Dr. Morrow and will add Dr. Jerry Taylor, a Bible professor and director of the Carl Spain Center on Race Studies and Spiritual Action. Dr. Taylor further reported that this year he will work on the state mandated culturally and linguistically appropriate services plan.

Dr. Deborah Purge with Dallas Independent School District (DISD) Mental Health Services reported that Dallas Independent School District has the largest comprehensive mental health program in the country and is the only program of its kind in the state of Texas, with almost 200 mental health professionals overseeing two programs; one that is school based and one that is clinic based. With these programs, they can respond to any crisis on the school campuses. With professional counselors, school psychologist, and other professional mental health workers, DISD has a comprehensive, well-rounded, systemic program which serves its students.

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI)

Julie Turnbull, Chief of the Restorative Justice Division, Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office, provided the update, stating that 24% of people had no prior history with the Dallas County jail nor NTBHA which was concerning that people were being dropped of possibly from the hospitals. She further reported that 25% had 10 stays and behavior observation, and 6% had over 50 stays. There were plans to meet with Dallas Police Department on January 24, 2023, to continue training efforts.

Doug Denton added that there would be a change to the language presented to a potential client. He further mentioned that Chad Anderson with NTBHA would join Dave Hogan on training and orientation for law enforcement.

Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup

Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dallas County Commissioner, District 1, provided the update, reporting that with Dallas County support, there were 16-18 projects in process while partnering with cities in Dallas County, veterans, senior programs, and juvenile justice, increasing the numbers of units of affordable housing in a variety in the mixed housing concept, such as individual homes, townhomes, and multifamily apartments, with a new approval on another property development.

Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update

Yordanos Melake, Crisis Services Project Program Manager with the Dallas County Criminal Justice Department provided the update, reporting that updates from the Advisory Committee stakeholders had been received. Various stakeholders were still working to fill positions needed to handle the anticipated volume. She further reported that ADAPT, the vendor contracted to do the mental health assessments as part of the 16.22 process, had filled 18 of the 19 positions needed and started the clinical process training on December 5, 2022. Ms. Melake reported that IT testing started that week with further testing planned for the next week.

Legislative Update

Janie Metzinger, Legislative Coordinator at NTBHA, provided the update, reporting that the filing of bills had started and would continue until early March 2023. She reported that the committees had not been assigned, but as soon as they are she would provide the updates. She stated that the comptroller gave the biannual revenue estimate (BRE), mentioning that last year the biannual ending balance was \$11.6 billion, but this year it is \$32.7 billion, with the general revenue going from \$137.8 billion to \$148 billion.

Funding Opportunities

•The Cottages Update

Charlene Randolph, Director of Dallas County Criminal Justice Department provided the update reporting that the Cottages update was in the January Supplemental BHLT meeting packet. In the month of December, The Cottages began with 41 residents and ended the month with 41 residents., She reported that most of the clients were still participating in case management services.

•SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update

Deborah Hill, Assistant Director with Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, provided the update, reporting that the SAMHSA grant was in the 5th and final year, which began on September 30, 2022, adding that there will be a presentation during the February 2023 BHLT on the SAMHSA grant year four. She reported that Marcus Turner prepared the presentation. Ms. Hill further reported that the target goal is to serve 40 individuals during grant year five, and so far, there had been eight grant admissions with eleven pending treatment admissions. She reported that the treatment admissions were affected during the months of November and December 2022 due to a Covid19 outbreak which halted treatment admissions at Homeward Bound and Nexxus.

Lastly, Ms. Hill reported that the Annual Programmatic Report was completed on time and the new funding announcement did come out this year. She was in the process of gathering information for the application process for that funding.

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

Chief Lynn Richardson, Dallas County Public Defender’s Office, provided the update reporting that an article in the Dallas Morning News expressed some concerns about the administration of the grants record keeping and some concerns from vendors. She mentioned that there was also an article that had concerns about the City Attorney. She welcomed an audit and monitoring of performance.

•Restorative Justice Division-District Attorney’s Office (RJD)

Julie Turnbull, Chief of the Restorative Justice Division, Dallas County Criminal District Attorney’s Office, provided the update, stating that the stats were on pages 22-29 of the BHLT packet. Ms. Turnbull reported that Diversion and Specialty Courts were scheduled to start peer support on February 1, 2023. Joe Powell’s organization Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA) partnered to assist in that process.

Upcoming Events and Notifications

- Dr. Walter Taylor reported that they will start the year with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration and leadership retreat with Joe Powell and his team.
- Commissioner Dr. Daniel announced that the City of Garland will have an MLK Day parade.
- Carrie Marshall announced that on January 16th, an event providing services for unsheltered neighbors called, “*Coats & Kindness for A Cause*” honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life and legacy of, “A day on. Not a day off” would be held at Walmart and at the corner of Belt Line & C. F. Hawn. The event will be sponsored by Hope Mental Wellness Advocacy of Balch Springs and Mesquite Tri-East NAACP in partnership with Joe Powell of the Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA).

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Commissioner John Wiley Price thanked everyone for their continued efforts towards serving, then entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. Commissioner Price then adjourned the meeting.

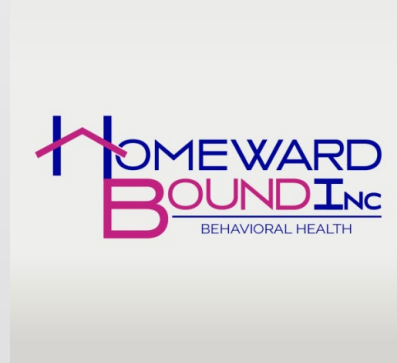
SAMHSA

Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration



SAMHSA GRANT YEAR 4:

THE **PURPOSE** IS TO
EXPAND RESIDENTIAL
SUBSTANCE ABUSE
TREATMENT IN DALLAS
COUNTY THROUGH
OCTOBER 1, 2021 –
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022



Dallas County is a healthy community and a proactive regional partner.




GOALS

- Increase the number of individuals receiving substance use treatment
- Decrease the time spent in jail awaiting intake at a treatment facility
- Reduce substance use and recidivism, and improve life outcomes from program participation

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Key Program Accomplishments

- A CUMULATIVE OF 150 CLIENTS HAVE BEEN SERVED DESPITE COVID-19 RELATED TREATMENT BED CLOSURES.
- SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN TIME SPENT IN JAIL AND NEW CRIMES COMMITTED.
- CLIENT REPORTS OF STABLE HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT DOUBLED FROM INTAKE TO FOLLOW-UP.
- SUBSTANCE USE SIGNIFICANTLY DECLINED.
 - MARIJUANA USE DECLINED FROM 16% REPORTING USE AT INTAKE TO 2% AT FOLLOW-UP
 - METHAMPHETAMINE DECLINED FROM 11% TO 0%.
- POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS SYMPTOMOLOGY DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY, FROM 50% TO 27% AND 62% OF SUCCESSFULLY DISCHARGED CLIENTS TRANSITIONED TO OUTPATIENT CARE.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- AT LEAST 75% WILL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT.
- AT LEAST 30% OF THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED AT ADMISSION AND ABLE TO WORK WILL BE EMPLOYED AT 6- MONTH FOLLOW-UP OR ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED BY OTHER MEANS, SUCH AS RETIREMENT, DISABILITY, AND FAMILY/SPOUSAL SUPPORT.
- AT LEAST 50% OF THOSE IN UNSTABLE OR UNSAFE HOUSING AT ADMISSION WILL BE IN STABLE, SAFE HOUSING AT FOLLOW-UP.
- AT LEAST 60% OF CLIENTS WILL BE ABSTINENT FROM ALL SUBSTANCE USE AT 6-MONTH FOLLOW-UP.
- AT LEAST 70% OF CLIENTS WILL HAVE INCREASED SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS AT 6-MONTH FOLLOW-UP.
- AT LEAST 60% OF THOSE WHO COMPLETE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE ADMITTED TO AND ATTEND OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.

A WORK IN PROGRESS

- AT LEAST 40 CLIENTS ANNUALLY WILL RECEIVE INTENSIVE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES.
- **ADMISSION DELAYS WERE GREATLY IMPACTED BY COVID.**
- AT LEAST 90% OF CLIENTS COMING FROM THE JAIL WILL HAVE FEWER NIGHTS SPENT IN JAIL WAITING FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT AND WILL BE ADMITTED TO RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT WITHIN 21 DAYS FROM ADMISSION TO JAIL.
- AT LEAST 80% OF CLIENTS WILL HAVE NO NEW ARRESTS AT 6-MONTH FOLLOW-UP.

BARRIERS

- ***Nexus Recovery Center***

- Repeated quarantines reduced the facilities capacity.
- COVID 19 forced this facility to pause admission in September 2021, November 2021, and January 2022.
- Force relocation within the facility to accommodate COVID protocol.

- ***Homeward Bound***

- Paused admission due to COVID infection multiple times in 2022.

Ongoing admission challenges are related to continuing COVID-19 closures, staffing shortages, and limited capacity at the two treatment facilities. These challenges had a ripple effect on wait times in jail, as prospective clients needed to wait in jail longer prior to placement.

Challenges vs Implementation

Although there were barriers that affected the number of clients served, there is no evidence to suggest that any of the barriers compromised program implementation.





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**We are Looking forward to
expanding substance abuse and
mental health services in Dallas
county.**



Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team (BHLT)

Presentation:

Overview of BHLT and Discussion on Updating Voting Members

February 9, 2023

Charlene Randolph, Director
Dallas County Criminal Justice Department

Goals of Presentation

- ✓ Provide a quick recap of Creation, Purpose, and Guiding Principles of Dallas County Behavioral Leadership Team
 - Reminder and Introduction of BHLT
 - Many new faces around the tables
 - Good to review how we got started and why we're here
- ✓ Helps inform work on Updating BHLT Voting Members Roster
 - Several vacant seats (12)
- ✓ Initiate Discussion on Filling Current Vacant Seats vs. Relooking at Membership Makeup

Creation and Purpose of BHLT

In July 2010, TriWest/Zia presented recommendations for the creation and implementation of a Behavioral Health Leadership Team for Dallas County.

The **creation** of the Dallas County BHLT recognized that the resources provided through NorthSTAR were only a portion of the total resources allocated for behavioral health care (adult and children) and there needed to be an organized partnership to make decisions and leverage all resources (county funded, and from other federal, state, and county sources) in a coherent and optimally cost-effective manner.

Purpose of creating the Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

1. Formalize a partnership process in which all significant stakeholders can come together to organize and oversee planning, decision-making, resource sharing, and implementation strategies for the behavioral health needs of the residents of Dallas County.
2. To help Dallas County to be organized/ more effective partner with other counties within the NorthSTAR region, enabling the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) as a whole to more effectively oversee the managed care component of the system that is currently contracted by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to ValueOptions.

Guiding Principles of BHLT

- An organized authority leads all behavioral health services, regardless of funding source
- Service effectiveness, not only access, is contractually mandated and incentivized for all providers
- Behavioral and physical health care are integrated
- Data is shared among all providers in a manner that improves service effectiveness
- A single portal provides access to all crisis services
- The special needs of mentally ill offenders are met
- Adequate resources are allocated to housing
- Chemical dependency services demonstrably reduce criminal justice system involvement and substance use
- Children's services are family-centered and systems-oriented

Voting Members-

Key Notes from Dallas County BHLT Charter

- ❖ The BHLT must be formally representative of stakeholders in the Dallas County system with designated members representing various constituencies.
- ❖ Membership and representation may be adjusted from time to time as needs change (add/ subtract), through a membership process... as it better understands the structure and what representation will allow it to be most effective
- ❖ The leadership structure must ensure a balance between promoting broad stakeholder participation and the ability to make decisions without undue influences from any particular interests (Charter Recommendations)
- ❖ Each of the members of the BHLT was appointed by their respective organizations to represent that sector's interests to the general body.

**Dallas County
Behavioral Health Leadership Team**

Advocates			Initial Representative	Current Representative	Proposed Representative
	Mental Health America	1	Janie Melbinger	Bonnie Cook	
	NAMI Dallas	1	Marcha Rodgers	Athena Trentin	
	NAMI Dallas Southern Sector	1	Anna Leggett-Walker	Sam Bates	
	Child/Family Consumer	1	Vanita Halliburton	Patrik LeBlanc	
	Consumer	1	Debra Medford	Debra Medford	Open
	Category Subtotal	5			
County/City					
	Jail Behavioral Health Services	1	Dr. Waseem Ahmed	Dr. Waseem Ahmed	
	City of Dallas	1	Asst. Chief Salazar	Asst. Chief Salazar	Open
	Sheriff Department	1	Alice King	Capt. Anthony Rounde	
	CSO (Adult Probation)	1	Teresa May-Williams	Dr. Maria Kang	
	Juvenile Department	1	Debra Fleming	Dr. Madeline Byrne	
	Judicial Representative	1		Judge Kristin Wade	
	District Attorney	1	Dumard Hill	Jill Turnbull	
	Public Defender	1	Lynn Richardson	Lynn Richardson	
	Housing Forward NIX/Formerly NDHA	1		Jill Robinson	
	Dallas Housing Authority	1	Brooke Elie	Troy Broussard	
	Law Enforcement	1	Herb Cobner	Herb Cobner	Open
	Dallas County Health & Human Services	1	Zachary Thompson	Dr. Phillip Huang	
	School Liaison	1	Dr. Michael Ayoub	Dr. Michael Ayoub	Open
	Category Subtotal	13			
Residential Facilities					
	Portland	1	Josh Floren	Kurtic Young	
	Green Oaks	1	Tom Collins	Krycia Karib	
	Terrell State Hospital	1	Joe Finch	Joe Finch	Open
	Chemical Dependency Residential Center	1	Doug Denton	Doug Denton	
	Veterans Affairs (VA)	1		Dean Cromwell	
	Dallas Behavioral Health Hospital	1	Patrik LeBlanc	Terrance O'Reilly	Matthew Mabadak (need to confirm)
	Category Subtotal	6			
Outpatient Providers					
	Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) - (Residential/OP)	1	Rebecca Crowell	Rebecca Crowell	Open
	The Bridge	1	Jay Dunn	Dr. David Woody, III	
	CMHP - Adult	1	Liam Mulvaney	Carol Lucky	Open
	CMHP-Child Adolescent	1	Michelle Weaver	Andy Woltz III	
	CMHP - Crisis	1	Preston Looper	Preston Looper	Open
	Peer/Non-Clinical	1	Joe Powell	Joe Powell	
	Non-CMHP Crisis	1	Ken Medlock	Ken Medlock	
	Re-Entry	1	Michael Lee	Christina Crain	
	Adult Clinical Operations Team	1	Renee Brazale	Dr. Walter Taylor	
	Child/Adolescent Clinical Operations Team	1	Summer Frederick	Dr. Jane LeVieux	
	Portland COPC	1	Dr. Jacqueline Stephens	Dr. Rebecca Corona	
	Psychiatrist Leadership Organization	1	Dr. Judith Hunter	Dr. Judith Hunter	
	Psychiatry Residency	1	Dr. Adam Brenner	Dr. Kenneth Rogers	Open
	Mental Retardation/Developmental Delay	1	Dr. James Baker	Dr. John Burness	
	Underserved Populations	1	Norma Weatum	Norma Weatum	Open
	Primary Care Physicians	1		Dr. Sue S. Bornstein	Open
	Category Subtotal	18			
Payers/Funders					
	Meadows Foundation	1	New Seat	Ron Stretcher	
	NTBHA	1	Alex Smith	Carol Lucky	
	NTBHA Chair	1	Dr. Richard Scotch	Gordon Hikel	Janic Burdett (need to confirm)
	Commissioners Court	1	Ron Stretcher		Open
	Category Subtotal	4			
	Membership Total	44			

Review of Existing BHLT Voting Member Roster

- Findings:

- ❑ Some member slots are “Agency Named” (i.e. Mental Health America,) while others are “Non-Agency Named” and a person is listed (i.e. CMHP- Adolescent, Andy Wolfskill)
- ❑ Some known members have changed status (i.e. Southern Area Behavioral Health- wasn’t a CMHP at time of BHLT creation but now is a CMHP)
- ❑ Total Membership 40 Voting Member Slots: Advocates (6), City/ County (13), Residential Facilities (6), Outpatient Providers (16), Payer/ Funder (4)
 - ✓ **Vacant positions- 12 Slots (Highlighted Yellow)**
 - Reasons:
 - Retirements, resignations, non-active members in “Non-Agency Named” slots
 - For “Agency Named Slots”- Unsure who to contact for confirmation (i.e. City of Dallas)
 - As of last update, the Agency preferred to keep the slot open (i.e. Commissioners Court)
 - ✓ **Confirmed Slots- 30 Slots (Highlighted Green)**
 - CJD Confirmed if:
 - Known active attendees
 - For “Agency Named” Slots- Reached out to confirm who their appointee (i.e. Green Oaks)
 - ✓ **Need to Confirm Slots- 2 Slots (Highlighted Orange)**
 - CJD has sent “Agency Named Slots” correspondence and waiting for confirmation (i.e. Dallas Behavioral Health Hospital)

Questions

1. Do we fill current vacant seats or relook at membership-makeup? Which first?
2. Can a small working group (4-6) convene on membership-makeup and bring recommendations back to BHLT for approval on at least the following:
 - a) Does the current Membership Makeup still reflect who we are today?
 - b) Who/ Agency is missing- not just who attends but who needs to be here/ hasn't been invited?
 - c) How do we deal with persons that have changed agencies or their agencies have changed types since the creation of BHLT (i.e. non-CMHP Crisis Ken Medlock, SABH)
 - d) How do we fill "Agency Named" and "Non- Agency Named" membership slot? [i.e. Alcohol and Other Drug (Residential/OP) slot- Rebecca Crowell is named but retired. Is this Nexus slot or can it be filled by other persons that represent this provider type of?]

Suggestions for Small Working group on BHLT Voting Membership Makeup

- ❖ Process will be fair, transparent, BHLT committee driven
- ❖ Current confirmed voting members (green) recommend and vote on members for small working group (4-6 members)
- ❖ Dallas County CJD staff will attend and coordinate meetings, create agendas, keep notes, and facilitate discussions
- ❖ Updates will be provided at monthly BHLT meetings
- ❖ Recommendations for changes to membership makeup will be presented and approved by BHLT voting members

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Dallas County Deflection Center – January 2023

Gender	No.
Female	2
Male	14
Grand Total	16

Prior in Jail	No.	%
0	5	31%
1 - 10	3	19%
11-20	4	25%
20+	3	19%
unknown	1	
Total	16	

Prior Behavior Observation	No.	%
0	6	38%
1-10	5	31%
11-20	2	13%
20	1	6%
30	1	6%
unknown	1	
Total	16	

DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

2022-23	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	TOTAL
TOTAL TRIAGED	0	2	17	14	29	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	104
Referral Source													
Dallas PD													0
SC Div		1	4	4	4	2	2						17
SW Div					4	1	3						8
SE Div			3	1	2	4	1						11
NC Div					2	2	1						5
NE Div				6	5		2						13
NW Div			2	1	2								5
CEN Div		1	3	1	6	7	4						22
Right Care						1	1						2
Dallas Marshal - CDC			1										1
Great SW Coalition					3	1	1						5
SE Coalition													0
NTBHA/MCOT							5						5
													0
DART PD			4		1	1							6
DCHD - Parkland PD				1		2	1						4
TRIAGE OUTCOME		2	17	14	29	21	21	0	0	0	0		
Psych Crisis Residential					1								1
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt													0
Living Room-NTBHA*		1	4	6	9	2	1						23
CMHP Services													0
ACT Team						3							3
OTHER SUD Services							1						1
Shelter													0
Austin Street			1	1	1	1							4
Bridge													0
Salvation Army				1	2								3
Union Gospel Mission													0
Other						2							2
Home-Family		1		3	1	1	1						7
Boarding Home					1	1							2
Higher Level of Care													0
Behavioral Health			4		4	2	6						16
Physical Health			1		1	3	2						7
Veterans Administration				1									1
LEA Maintained Custody			2		3		1						6
Still in Service							4						4
Refused Services			5	2	6	6	5						24

Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas 75202

January 25, 2023 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, Dallas County Commissioner; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Jim Mattingly, LumaCorp; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Erin Moore, Dallas County; Tzeggabranh Kidane, Dallas County; Aaron White, Dallas County I.T.; Amy Gill, Volunteers of America Texas; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare Services; Kimberly Onofre, Sharing Life Ministries; Dr. David Woody, The Bridge; Laura Edmonds, DCCJ; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Charles Reed, Dallas County; Mayra Fierro, Texas Appleseed; Renee Arnold, Dallas County; Ken Montgomery, Texas Abilene Homes

Dr. Daniel opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

CALL TO ORDER: The minutes were approved without changes.

GOVERNANCE

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness:

Commissioner Daniel reported the Dallas Area Partnership January 5, 2023, meeting was canceled due to not having a quorum. The next meeting will be February 10, 2023, and a detailed report will be provided next month.

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee:

Erin Moore reported that the Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee met on January 23, 2023. The primary discussion was on the wind down of the ARPA funding for eviction prevention. Covid and Mpx numbers in the homeless populations was reported to be significantly lower than previous months. They are continuing to look at cost with comparable cities for homelessness. They will be using those metrics to evaluate the Dallas County cost for a homeless person to make the case that housing, and care is better than leaving them on the street.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Charles Reed reported that the sessions are still very early, and they don't know what the priorities are besides the big-ticket items. He did note that the base budget bills have significant additional investments into mental health as a broad concept. He doesn't know what the actual plan is, but they are supercharging Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) with money for mental health. He suspects that money will be divvied up between behavioral health, substance abuse and housing of some kind, but he is not sure what the details are at this point. Senate finance will be starting their meetings next week so they will know more details on what the plan is on the Senate side. They won't know anything from the House side until mid to late February.

Doug Denton reported that the governor's office has pushed back on a rate increase for substance abuse services because it obligates the state to committing a match to the federal dollars. The state is saying a rate increase will obligate them in perpetuity for this amount. Doug explained that it doesn't necessarily have to. Doug states that the rates with inflation have been horrendous for trying to do the services that they are obligated to do. He also states that there is a disconnect in the communication between the different parts of HHSC, that makes it harder to obtain answers.

Janie reported that the House filed about 1600 bills and the Senate about 600 bills filed through today. Janie stated that every year at the beginning of the Legislative sessions the Texas Comptroller must tell the legislature how much money they will have. This year is record breaking with a beginning balance of \$11 billion from last year and \$32.7 billion this year. There is also money that was unspent which totals out to about \$188 billion. Janie reported that many state agencies are facing workforce shortages, so everyone is asking for pay and rate increases. They are also looking at large things like teacher pay increases and lowering of property taxes. Janie stated that this is not one of the years that they are worried if

funds for behavioral health will be cut. Representative Anchia has proposed a buy down that is quicker and more generous for mental health professionals that provide services in Medicaid, CHIP, or prisons.

RESOURCES

Shelter Discussions: Daniel Roby, Austin Street

Dr. Woody from The Bridge reported that prior to the pandemic they were seeing right under 900 individuals a day for day sheltering services, on Monday they had about 600 individuals for the same services. He explained that the numbers are increasing and approaching the numbers from pre-pandemic. Dr. Woody explained that there are not enough night shelters across the homeless response system and that is a growing issue. There is a growing delta between the number that they are serving for day shelter services and what is offered in terms of the individuals taking care of themselves at night. At the Bridge they have space for about 300 but they have expanded that with an overflow of about 42. The growing issue of the lack of night shelters is exasperated with inclement weather.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty

Eric McCarty reported that with their Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program they are currently serving about 30 households to the tune of a little over 1 million. Eric is still processing information and has about 15 to 20 application that are missing documentation. NTBHA has access to approximately \$600,000 for Dallas County and \$430,000 for the outlying counties under the persons with disability program. NTBHA is currently serving 28 families with 21 of them being Dallas County residents. The COVID 19 emergency funding is still online, and families must be facing eviction to be eligible for this program.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly stated that both November and December data are included in the report in the meeting packet. The FUSE program will be undergoing funding reconstruction phase. The partners will be meeting to discuss the next steps. There is discussion of the possibility of expanding the book-in requirements to 2 book-ins in the past four years. Kimberly reported that all 13 Dallas County beds at the St Jude Project are all filled. Kimberly is working with the Procurement department to prepare specifications for the bidding process for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 22 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative grant funding award. The Connector on the Dallas County end is running well from the jails.

Homeless Jail Dashboard: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

The report was provided to the group in the meeting packet. Kimberly reported that the total numbers of jail book-ins from July to August had an increase 450 jail book-ins. They looked at those numbers to try to determine what caused the spike in the numbers. There has been a steady decline from August to December. Kimberly stated that she researched the weather patterns. She found that July and August had some of the hottest temperatures and could have possibly caused the spike in in the jail book-ins. The offense category numbers for Nov to December show that the assaults, robberies, and theft categories had slight increases. The burglary, criminal mischievous and drug and alcohol offenses had slight decreases.

Housing Authority Report: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS

Thomas Lewis was not available for the meeting but did send in a report. The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) had 124 vouchers allocated by HUD, 108 homeless individuals leased up, 6 open vouchers, and 10 individuals still searching.

CARES Act/ARPA Funds: Charles Reed, Dallas County

Charles reported that they had an active solicitation for several months where they were seeking proposals from the nonprofit community for anything to address the needs that they see out in the community that can be funded with ARPA funds. They contracted out with 34 nonprofits to the tune of about \$49.5 million dollars to deliver services that range from tutoring in elementary schools, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, food pantries, and rental assistance. They continue to work through the 2000-unit affordable housing challenge which is another \$50 million investment made with ARPA funds. There are about 3 that Charles reported have already started with 3 to 4 that are still in the development stages. Charles provided an attachment of summary description of each proposal.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Housing Forward updates: Sara Craig, Housing Forward

Sara Craig was not available for the meeting. Report will be given at next month's meeting.

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

Laura Edmonds reported that the process of connecting those with mental health needs from the jail to community resources continues to run smoothly. NTBHA has been very helpful with finding boarding home placements for the clients.

Dallas Connector: Daniel Roby, Austin Street

Daniel Roby was not available for the meeting. Report will be given at next month's meeting.

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug reported have struggled with having the mental health impairment identified by the law enforcement officers during check at the Dallas County Deflection Center. Doug also reported that in November they had 29 referrals and in December it dropped to 21 referrals. He stated that due to the holidays they expected an increase but saw a decrease. He reported that they called around to try to find out what could have caused the decrease. On January 7th the numbers started to go back to the normal referring pattern of about one a day. Doug also explained they recently he had a meeting with Darryl Martin and the elected Dallas County Constables. There were discussions about transporting of individuals who need a higher level of care due to decomposition. There was also a meeting with the City of Dallas detention center to discuss the possibility of people who have a history of criminal trespass and public inebriation being given the option to go to the Dallas County Deflection Center.

Youth Housing: Josh Cogan, A Way Home America

Josh Cogan provided a write up on federal youth legislative updates that was included in the packet.

Family Housing: Ellen Magnis, Family Gateway

Ellen Magnis was unavailable for the meeting. A report will be given at next month's meeting.

Mattingly Report: Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp

Mr. Mattingly reported that there has been a trend during 2022 where fewer and fewer new housing units are being absorbed on a quarterly basis. In the final quarter of the year, they had a negative absorption, which means that not only did they not absorb new units, but more existing units became vacant. You are seeing some response in rental rates to the negative absorptions. Occupancy levels declined 1.6% for the quarter and the rental rates were down .6%. Mr. Mattingly noted that the decline in rental rates were in the sub-markets with the rates that are well above average. If you look at the below average sub-markets, you are seeing significant rent increases. For example, the average effective rental rate was reported at \$1,542. Significant 4th quarter rent increases were reported in the following sub-markets: Southeast Dallas (\$1,075) +3.9%, Central Arlington (\$1,220) +2.6%, Mesquite/Balch Springs (\$1,265) +2.4%, Bachman Lake/Webb Chapel (\$1,189), +1.9% and Skillman/Audelia/635 (\$1,206) +1.6%. The sub-markets with the largest decline in asking rents were North Dallas/Midtown West (\$1,782) - 4.7%, Far North Dallas-Tollway West (\$1,383) - 2.9%, West Plano (\$1,816) - 2.7%, Rockwall/Rowlett/Sachse/Murphy (\$1,645) - 2.6% and Frisco/The Colony/Little Elm (\$1,800) -2.5%.

The meeting was adjourned with words of maintaining the efforts by Dr. Daniel.

Next Meeting: February 22, 2023



Crisis Services Project

CSP Total
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Total Service Episodes:	516	474	470	493	511	571	503	460	572	504	419	424	377	481.5	5,778
Total Unique CID:	415	470	450	460	475	516	430	407	510	424	356	360	313	397.77	5,171
Total Unique PID:		470	450	459	475	516	430	407	510	424	356	360	313	397.69	5,170
% Change to DY 9 by CID		79.80%	76.40%	78.10%	80.65%	87.61%	73.01%	69.10%	86.59%	71.99%	60.44%	61.12%	53.14%	0.00%	

<u>Total Encounters by Type:</u>		2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	2022-06	2022-07	2022-08	2022-09	2022-10	2022-11	2022-12	Average:	Sum:
Triage		474	470	493	511	571	503	460	572	504	419	424	377	481.5	5,778
Care Coordination		445	427	606	406	342	441	252	378	343	363	245	208	371.33	4,456
F2F Encounter		265	269	305	270	321	304	248	343	267	269	238	227	277.17	3,326
Sum:		1,184	1,166	1,404	1,187	1,234	1,248	960	1,293	1,114	1,051	907	812	1,130	13,560

<u>F2F Encounter</u>		2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	2022-06	2022-07	2022-08	2022-09	2022-10	2022-11	2022-12	Average:	Sum:
MHPR Bond		136	124	171	134	179	162	141	203	152	130	122	134	149	1,788
Non-MHPR		129	145	134	136	142	142	107	140	115	139	116	93	128.17	1,538
Sum:		265	269	305	270	321	304	248	343	267	269	238	227	277.17	3,326

<u>Administrative Note</u>		2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	2022-06	2022-07	2022-08	2022-09	2022-10	2022-11	2022-12	Average:	Sum:
Desk Reviews		4	11	11	13	8	11	13	9	9	22	10	5	10.5	126



Crisis Services Project

Frank Crowley

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Service Episodes:	474	470	493	511	571	503	460	572	504	419	424	377	481.5	5,778

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Unique Consumers:														
By N* ID	33	47	52	54	52	54	73	62	63	41	44	27	50.17	602
By LCN	270	206	216	191	252	164	155	194	179	146	130	130	186.08	2,233
By Client ID	167	197	192	230	212	212	179	254	182	169	186	156	194.67	2,336
TOTAL Unique Consumers:	470	450	460	475	516	430	407	510	424	356	360	313	397.77	5,171
TOTAL Unique Consumers as %:	99.16%	95.74%	93.31%	92.95%	90.37%	85.49%	88.48%	89.16%	84.13%	84.96%	84.91%	83.02%		

	2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	2022-06	2022-07	2022-08	2022-09	2022-10	2022-11	2022-12	Average:	Sum:
Unique F2F:														
By N* ID	15	29	31	24	31	41	28	49	36	31	27	19	30.08	361
By LCN	148	136	136	98	155	105	99	125	99	98	86	92	114.75	1,377
By Client ID	98	101	135	139	127	142	113	166	123	128	106	102	123.33	1,480
TOTAL Unique F2F:	261	266	302	261	313	288	240	340	258	257	219	213	247.54	3,218
TOTAL Unique F2F as %:	98.49%	98.88%	99.02%	96.67%	97.51%	94.74%	96.77%	99.13%	96.63%	95.54%	92.02%	93.83%		



Baseline	Goal	Year MO	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
			01/2022	02/2022	03/2022	04/2022	05/2022	06/2022	07/2022	08/2022	09/2022	10/2022	11/2022	12/2022

M1-262 Depression with Suicide and Homicide Risk

731		SRAT And/Or VRAT Rating Count	79	158	268	357	465	562	653	790	880	973	1053	1126
752		Total of Unique Individuals	80	160	270	360	469	566	657	794	886	981	1061	1136
97.21%	97.54%	Percentage	98.75%	98.75%	99.26%	99.17%	99.15%	99.29%	99.39%	99.50%	99.32%	99.18%	99.25%	99.12%

M1-263 Psychosocial/developmental Assessment

679		Number of CSP Encounters	11	34	80	112	168	225	249	337	399	474	536	597
743		NTBHA Psychological Evaluations	11	37	88	124	184	243	269	364	432	510	578	640
91.39%	92.40%	Percentage	100.00%	91.89%	90.91%	90.32%	91.30%	92.59%	92.57%	92.58%	92.36%	92.94%	92.73%	93.28%

M1-265 Housing Assessment for Individuals with Schizophrenia

375		Identified individuals with housing outcome/ housing assessment	29	55	91	116	156	190	222	274	302	341	366	398
437		Identified individuals with verified schizophrenia visits within 12 month period.	31	62	96	124	165	200	235	290	320	359	384	418
85.81%	87.48%	Percentage	93.55%	88.71%	94.79%	93.55%	94.55%	95.00%	94.47%	94.48%	94.38%	94.99%	95.31%	95.22%

**With CSP as the denominator



88th Texas Legislature
Bills Related to Publicly Funded Behavioral Health
As of January 24, 2023

Texas House Bills

HB 85-Talarico-Amends Health and Safety Code 481.125 regarding fentanyl test strips to add (j) Making prohibitions of testing equipment "...that identifies the presence of fentanyl, alpha-methyl fentanyl, or any other derivative of fentanyl".

Companions: **HB 362**-Oliverson, **HB 684**-Cole, **SB 207**-Eckhardt

Almost Identical: **SB 86**-Johnson, Hall and **SB 234** (Hinojosa)-Same wording as above, except that it adds the phrase "...that identifies the presence of fentanyl, alpha-methyl fentanyl, or any other derivative *or controlled substance analogue* of fentanyl."

HB 98-Moody-Allows independent school districts (ISDs) to contract with local mental health authorities (LBHAs/LMHAs) to provide mental health services on campuses of the ISD. Requires HHSC to allow school districts to enroll as Medicaid providers and receive reimbursement for mental health services provided to students. Companion: **SB 113**-Menendez

HB 178-Murr-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 38 regarding testing of possible controlled substances for fentanyl. Adds Article 38.51, which requires substances suspected of containing fentanyl to be tested using validated laboratory procedures.

HB 186-Julie Johnson-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.001(b) which provides that an application for court ordered mental health services must be filed with the county clerk in which the proposed patient resides; is found; or is receiving mental health services by court order or apprehension by a peace officer (APOWW) or transportation for emergency detention by a guardian. Adds "or is being assessed in an emergency room or hospital".

HB 201-Klick-Amends Texas Education Code 48.009(b) Requires school districts and charter schools to report the total number of students transported from school for an emergency mental health detention. Data should include age, race, and gender information.

HB 224-Bernal-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.002(17) to remove criminal penalties for possession or distribution of drug testing and analyzing equipment. Adds a defense of prosecution if the defendant was using drug paraphernalia to test a substance for fentanyl.

HB 233-Murr-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 161.133(a) to require inpatient mental health facilities, treatment facilities or hospitals providing comprehensive medical rehabilitation services to provide annual training on identifying patient abuse, neglect, unprofessional or unethical conduct. Eight hours initially upon employment, and four hours annually thereafter.

HB 343-Goodwin-Amends Texas Occupations Code 501.002, Gives psychologists prescriptive authority.

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[HB 405](#)-Collier-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 15.17(a) and (f) regarding appearance of an arrested person before a magistrate. Directs the magistrate to follow procedures under Code of Criminal Procedure 16.22 if the magistrate has reasonable cause to believe that the person has a mental illness or an intellectual disability. Amends rules regarding court record retention.

[HB 446](#)-Craddick-Amends Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 1.01, Section 74.001 (a) (11) and (18) to update statutory language regarding individuals with intellectual disabilities.

[HB 466](#)-Hull-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.002(b) and (d). Adds a requirement that a notification of detention must contain the name and relationship to the apprehended person of any person who reports the specific behavior, acts, attempts, or threats, witnessed the apprehended person being detained; a description of the place and setting where the detention was initiated, a description of restraints, chemical spray or taser device, and demographic information required by HHSC, age, race, and gender.

[HB 470](#)-Thierry-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code, Title 7, Subtitle A to add Chapter 535 to establish an Acute Psychiatric Bed Registry that is internet-based searchable registry to collect, aggregate, and display information on available acute inpatient psychiatric facilities in Harris County. The registry would be required to display the number of available beds, name and contact information of the facility, number of available beds, type of individual who may be admitted, the level of security provided, and any other information that may be necessary to identify appropriate beds for the inpatient psychiatric treatment of individuals. Registry should be available to law enforcement agencies, community service boards, mental health facilities, public and private residential crisis stabilization units, emergency care facilities, emergency care facilities and any other person the commission deems appropriate.

[HB 484](#)-Meza-Amends Local Government Code Chapter 361, Subchapter Z to require municipal jails to provide two hours of training for each jailer or supervisor on how to:

- Identify, document, and handle a person who may be suicidal or may have a mental health condition.
- How to conduct and document mental health screenings during intake.
- House any person who is identified as potentially suicidal in a cell with cameras.
- Regularly check on any person identified as potentially suicidal.
- Report any incident of suicide or attempted suicide to the Attorney General within 48 hours.

[HB 492](#)-Craddick-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code, Title 7, Subtitle C. Adds Chapter 579 allow the Ector County Hospital District and the Midland County Hospital District to create a mental health hospital district to provide mental health services for the residents of the district.

[HB 501](#)-Wu-Regarding children under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court.

- Amends Texas Family Code 1.01 Section 51.02(2) and other sections to redefine the age of criminal responsibility for a child to between ten and eighteen years of age.
- Repeals portions of Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.0215(a) (1) and (2) and removes references to Penal Code 43.261.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 614.019(b) relating the age a child receiving mental health continuity of care services during parole from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and eligibility or ineligibility for services from an LBHA or LMHA under the local services area plan authorized by Health and Safety Code 533.0352(a).

[HB 671](#)-Gonzalez -Amends Texas Government Code 434. Directs the Texas Veterans Commission to conduct a suicide prevention campaign to provide information to veterans. Companion: [SB 581](#)-Eckhardt

[HB 726](#)-Rose-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code relating to the criteria for court ordered inpatient and extended inpatient mental health services.

Amends 574.034 (a) and (d) regarding temporary inpatient mental health services.

- Specifies that the proposed patient is likely to cause serious bodily harm to self or others in (2) (A).
- Amends language in (2) (B) specifying that the proposed patient is unable, except for reasons of indigence to provide for basic needs including food, clothing, health, or safety.
- Amends language in (2) (c) (ii) regarding the proposed patient's substantial deterioration of judgement, reasoning, or ability to control behavior.

Amends H&S Code 574.035(a) and (e) related to extended inpatient mental health services to conform to the above changes.

[HB 727](#)-Rose-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Title 1, Chapter 46D regarding the death penalty in cases of a capital offense committed by a person with a severe mental illness.

- Defines "person with a severe mental illness" as someone who has schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, or bipolar disorder, and, as a result of the disorder, has active psychotic symptoms that substantially impair capacity to appreciate the nature, consequences, or wrongfulness of the conduct or to exercise rational judgement related to the conduct.
- Prohibits imposition of the death penalty on any defendant meeting the above description.
- Requires notice that the defendant meets the above definition must be filed timely, and before the guilt or innocence phase of the trial.
- If supported by evidence, the issue of whether the defendant meets the above criteria will be determined by the jury. Evidence must be clear and convincing.
- The judge shall appoint a disinterested expert at the request of either party or on the judge's own motion.
- If the jury determines that the defendant was a person with a severe mental illness at the time of the commission of the alleged capital offense and the defendant is convicted, the judge shall sentence the defendant to life imprisonment without parole.

[HB 788](#)-Meza-Establishes an HHSC task force to study access to legal services for persons with disabilities.

[HB 803](#)-Thierry-Directs HHSC to establish a work group to conduct a study on the feasibility of implementing a statewide acute psychiatric bed registry, which would include state hospitals, private psychiatric hospitals, community centers, entities designated by HHSC to provide mental health services, LBHA/LMHAs, facilities under contract with LBHA/LMHAs, general hospitals that provide services for people with mental illnesses, or hospitals operated by a federal agency. Work group must consist of members who are:

- Appointed by: the Governor (1), Lieutenant Governor (2), Speaker of the Texas House (2).
- Representatives from: the Texas Hospital Assn., Texas Medical Assn., Texas Nurses Assn.
- Experts in the fields of: Technology (2), Psychiatrist (1), Licensed Professional Counselor (1).
Statistics (1), Public Health.

HB 803-Thierry-continued.

- Representatives of: a substance use treatment facility (1) a rural hospital (1) a Harris County hospital (1), an urban hospital (1), a public hospital (1), a private hospital (1).
- Any other member with appropriate expertise as HHSC determines necessary.

Report due by September 1, 2024.

[HB 811](#)-Meza-Amends Texas Family Code Section 261.101 to add Subsection (b-2). Provides exception to the law that requires a medical or mental health professional to report a pregnant patient's disclosure of illegal drug use if the patient is enrolled in or recently completed a substance abuse treatment program, makes reasonable efforts to enroll in a treatment program within five days of the disclosure, or if the professional determines there is no immediate risk of harm to the child from exposure to the controlled substance and the patient does not otherwise pose an immediate risk of harm to the child.

[HB 814](#)-Thierry-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.074 (a). Requires pharmacists to provide a person taking possession of an opioid prescription with a warning regarding risks of opioid addiction and overdose. Signed acknowledgement must be retained in pharmacist's records.

[HB 815](#)-Thierry-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.074(a) to require pharmacists to dispense opioids in a container with a red cap or a red label.

[HB 822](#)-K. King-Amends Texas Human Resources Code 31, Subchapter B to add Section 31.0321.

- Would require screening and testing for illegal drugs for adults or minor parents seeking Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits.
 - Individuals who have already had one positive test or individuals who have been convicted of a felony drug offense must submit to testing regardless of pre-screening.
- Applicants testing positive would be ineligible to collect financial assistance benefits for the applicant or the applicant's family for 12 months.
- Exceptions to ineligibility:
 - The applicant provides proof of successful completion of, or enrollment in a substance abuse treatment program, or
 - Enrolls in a substance abuse treatment program within 10 days of the positive test.
 - Agencies under contract with HHSC must give priority to applicants who tested positive and are facing these sanctions.
- Reapplication after ineligibility:
 - The applicant may re-apply for TANF benefits after the 12 months have expired, but:
 - If the applicant again tests positive, the applicant would be ineligible for 36 months to collect financial benefits for the applicant or the applicant's family.
 - An applicant who was denied eligibility to collect benefits due to a positive drug test may re-apply after six months with submission of proof of successful completion or current enrollment in a drug treatment program and a negative drug test.
- Three strikes and you're out:
 - An applicant is permanently ineligible to collect benefits after a third failed drug test.
 - HHSC must notify applicant of pending permanent ineligibility.
 - HHSC required to perform second confirming test before permanent ineligibility.

HB 822-K. King-continued.

- Protection of benefits for children:
 - Parent or caregiver deemed ineligible to collect benefits may select an immediate family member, a protective payee or may select someone approved by HHSC.
 - Protective payee must also pass drug test.
- HHSC must use efficient and cost-effective screening tools.
 - HHSC must pay for tests using federal TANF block grant funds.
 - HHSC must provide applicants with a list of substance abuse treatment programs.
 - HHSC is not required to pay for treatment.
 - HHSC must adopt rules to implement statute.

[HB 826](#)-Lambert-Amends Texas Insurance Code 1369.055.

- Adds protections for insurance plan enrollees, including enrollees who use prescribed medications for medical conditions or mental illness.
- Prohibits plans from modifying an enrollee's contracted benefit level for any prescription drug that was approved or covered under the plan in the immediately preceding plan year and prescribed for the enrollee as the most appropriate course of treatment.
- Prohibited modifications include:
 - Removing a drug from a formulary.
 - Adding a prior authorization requirement.
 - Adding or changing a quantity limit for a drug
 - Step-therapy restrictions.
 - Raising cost-sharing
 - Increasing coinsurance, copayment, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket expenses
 - Reducing the maximum drug coverage amounts.
- Allows:
 - Pharmacists may provide interchangeable biologic or therapeutically equivalent generic products approved by the FDA.
 - Physicians may prescribe another medication.
 - Health plans may add new drugs to a formulary.
 - Health plans may remove a drug from its formulary or deny coverage if the FDA has issued a statement questioning the clinical efficacy of the drug or if the manufacturer has discontinued the drug or removed it from the market.

[HB 867](#)-Lambert-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.125 to legalize fentanyl testing materials and equipment. Companions: HB 85, (Talarico), HB 362 (Oliverson), HB 685 (Cole), HB 1018 (Lujan), SB 86 (Johnson), SB 208 (Eckhardt), SB 234 (Hinojosa).

[HB 906](#)-Moody-Amends Texas Education Code Section 51.9194. Requires institutions of higher education to provide to entering undergraduate, graduate, professional or transferring students:

- Information on available mental health and suicide prevention services offered by the institution, or any associated organizations or programs.
- Early warning signs that are often present.
- Appropriate interventions for a person who may be considering suicide.
- This bill will take immediate effect if it is passed by a vote of two-thirds of the Texas House and Senate.

[HB 972](#)-Capriglione-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.074(a) to require a warning label on opioid prescription drugs to include the risk of addiction, respiratory depression, and overdose.

[HB 987](#)-Howard-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.002(17) to remove texting and analyzing equipment from the list of contraband drug paraphernalia.

[HB 1019](#)-Reynolds-Amends Texas Government Code 501.092 (b) and (g) to remove employment programs, appropriate treatment programs, including substance abuse and mental health treatment programs, parenting and relationship building classes from the list of programs to be offered in reentry and reintegration programs provided by Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

[HB 1042](#)-Hinojosa-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 571.013 to change the language regarding delivery of notice of court proceedings involving persons with mental illness to require personal delivery of a copy of the notice or document by a constable or sheriff of the county or in another manner directed by the court that is reasonably calculated to give actual notice. Deletes the requirement for in-person delivery. Allows electronic transmission for filing of forms by the petitioning party, who is required to maintain possession of the original signed copies. Companion: SB 64-Zaffirini.

[HB 1157](#)-Lozano-Amends Texas Education Code 25.087(b) to add mental health appointments to the list of temporary excused absences.

[HB 1211](#)-Guillen-Amends Texas Education Code 891 and 1101 to add “licensed specialist in school psychology to the list of behavioral health professionals eligible for repayment of education loans.

[HB 1329](#)-E. Morales-Amends Education Code 61 to add student loan repayment assistance for licensed health care workers employed in rural counties, which HB 1329 defines as having population less than 100,000. In the NTBHA service area, individuals serving in Navarro County would qualify for this assistance.

[HB 1337](#)-Hull-Amends Insurance Code 1369 Subchapter B to prohibit health benefit plans from imposing step therapy protocols for prescription drugs to treat serious mental illnesses.
Companion: [SB 452](#)- Menéndez

[HB 1357](#)-Holland-Repeals Texas Human Resources Code 32.03115(e). Directs state agencies to apply for necessary federal waivers or authorizations for implementation of provisions related to medication-assisted treatments (MAT) for opioid use disorder (OUD) or substance use disorder (SUD).

[HB 1359](#)-Wu-Amends Texas Family Code 51.20 (a), (b), (c), and (d) to revise language related to children with intellectual disabilities. Amends Texas Family Code 55, Subchapter A to revise definitions regarding children with an intellectual disability or mental illness, interdisciplinary teams, least restrictive appropriate setting, mental illness, restoration classes, subaverage general intellectual functioning. Includes outpatient mental health services under Standards of Care. Adds sections on Forensic Mental Examination and Criteria for Court-Ordered Mental Health Services for a Child. Adds provisions for court-ordered.

- Temporary inpatient mental health services for a child.
- Temporary outpatient mental health services for a child.
- Extended inpatient mental health services for a child.
- Extended outpatient mental health services for a child.

HB 1359-Wu-continued

Includes provisions for a stay of juvenile court proceedings and discretionary transfer to criminal court on the juvenile's 18th birthday. Requires the court to consult with the Local Mental Health Authority (LBHA/LMHA) and the Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority (LIDDA) to determine appropriate treatment, services, and restoration classes for the individual and file a report with the court.

[HB 1365](#)-Campos-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.002(17) to remove texting and analyzing equipment from the list of contraband drug paraphernalia. Duplicate: [HB 987](#)-Howard

[HB 1396](#)-Moody-Amends Texas Human Resources Code 32.027 to allow Medicaid recipients to select services of a licensed psychologist, marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, or clinical social worker working within the scope of the professional's license. Also a licensed marriage and family therapist associate, a licensed master social worker who is actively pursuing education and training to be a licensed clinical social worker, or a licensed professional counselor associate. Directs HHSC to provide Medicaid reimbursement to the fully licensed professionals at a rate equal to the reimbursement rate established for a licensed psychiatrist or licensed psychologist for providing similar services. Professionals at the associate level would be compensated at a rate equal to 70% of the reimbursement rate established for a licensed psychiatrist or licensed psychologist for providing similar services. The bill adds the admonition, "This section shall be liberally construed."

[HB 1397](#)-Moody-Amends Government Code 351 to add Medicaid reimbursement for peer-to-peer services delivered by a community recovery organization. Requires HHSC to establish a work group by December 31, 2023 and to adopt rules by December 31, 2024. If HHSC determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation, the agency shall apply for the waiver and may delay implementation until the waiver or authorization is granted.

[HB 1400](#)-Moody-Amends Health and Safety Code 574 to allow the establishment of regional assisted outpatient treatment courts by two or more counties. Requires counties with populations over 200,000 to apply for federal or state funding to pay for establishment of a program to provide court-ordered outpatient mental health services. Sanctions counties that fail to comply b making them ineligible to receive grant funds from the state of Texas or any state agency.

[HB 1401](#)-Moody-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45, Subchapter B to allow the defendant or the defendant's caregiver to make a motion to determine whether probable cause exists that the defendant lacks capacity to understand the proceedings and participate in the defense or is unfit to proceed (in addition to the prosecutor for the state, or the court). Requires the court to credit the time a defendant participated in an outpatient competency restoration program as time served on the sentence if the defendant is convicted of the charge.

[HB 1457](#)-Rosenthal-Amends Texas Government Code 434.352 to require that any entity that receives a grant from the state of Texas for the provision of mental health services to veterans or veterans' families must have successfully executed a previous grant from the state agency or provide training on military informed care or military cultural competency to the personnel of the grant receiving entity.

[HB 1464](#)-Campos-The significant changes in statutory language in this summary are underlined.

Section 1 amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.021 (b) regarding emergency detention.

- Lengthens the time that a person may be detained for a preliminary examination under mental health protective custody from 48 hours to 72 hours.

Section 2 amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.034 (a) and (d) regarding an order for temporary inpatient mental health services.

- Revises the language regarding the criteria from “is likely to cause...” to “..(A) poses a substantial risk of causing serious harm to the proposed patient, as evidenced by serious threats of attempting suicide, a suicide attempt, or other significant self-inflicted bodily harm; (B) poses a substantial risk of causing serious harm to others, as evidenced by violent behavior directed toward others; (C) is (i) suffering severe and abnormal mental, emotional, or physical distress; (ii) is experiencing substantial mental or physical deterioration of the proposed patient’s ability to function independently, which is exhibited by the proposed patient’s inability, except for reasons of indigency, to provide for the proposed patient’s basic needs, including food, clothing, health, or safety; and (iii) unable to make rational and informed decision as to whether or not to submit to treatment; or (D) is experiencing severe mental or physical deterioration that, without immediate intervention, poses a substantial risk of severe impairment or injury to the proposed patient.
- Requires expert testimony.
- Requires that the evidence of behavior tends to confirm the likelihood of serious harm, the level of distress, the degree of deterioration of functioning or that the severe deterioration of the proposed patient that poses a substantial risk of impairment or injury to the proposed patient.

Section 3 amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.0345 (c) regarding an order for temporary outpatient mental health services.

- Length of time for an order for temporary outpatient mental health services is revised from 45 days to 90 days. If the judge determines a longer period of time is needed, order may be for 180 days.

Section 4 amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.035 regarding an order for extended inpatient mental health services.

- Criteria for court-ordered extended inpatient mental health services are as above and
- The proposed patient’s condition is expected to continue for more than 90 days and
- The proposed patient has received court ordered inpatient mental health services either under the Health and Safety Code or the Code of Criminal Procedure 46B for at least 60 consecutive days in the last twelve months or
- The severe deterioration of the proposed patient poses a substantial risk of impairment or injury to the proposed patient.

[HB 1485](#)-Ramos-Amends Texas Education Code 21.451(d-1)

Requires that educators be trained at least once every two years on suicide prevention and other mental health training.

[HB 1543](#)-Oliverson-Amends Health and Safety Code 483.102. Directs the Commissioner of State Health Services or the chief medical executive of the Texas Department of State Health Services to issue a statewide standing order prescribing an opioid antagonist to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose or a family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of overdose.

[HB 1551](#)-Anchía-Amends Texas Education Code 61.603(a). Establishes an educational loan repayment assistant program for mental health professionals who have completed one, two, or three consecutive years of practice in a mental health professional shortage area as designated by the Texas Department of State Health Services and provide services through Medicaid, Chip, persons in a secure correctional facility operated by or under contract with either the Texas Juvenile Justice Department or the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Professionals may receive assistance for a maximum of three years for 33.33 percent of the loan each year. This shortens the number of years of service required from five to three and provides larger amounts of loan forgiveness each year. Companion: [SB 532](#)-West

[HB 1584](#)-Leo-Wilson-Amends Health and Safety Code 481.125. Decriminalizes fentanyl test strips.

[HB 1641](#)-Meza-Amends Human Resources Code 32, Subchapter B. Extends Medicaid to cover bipolar disorder, dysthymia, schizophrenia or severe chronic depression to persons whose family income at or below 133% federal poverty level and for whom matching federal matching money is available.

[HB 1644](#)-Romero-Directs the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to study mental health professionals or mental health response teams responding to a behavioral health-related emergency call.

[HB 1751](#)-Jones, J.-Amends Texas Code of Criminal procedure to require an annual report from every law enforcement agency in Texas to include:

- A comparative analysis of information compiled as required by this statute.
- Initial reason for the arrest of a person believed to have a mental illness or IDD.
- Examine the differences between successful and unsuccessful diversions.
- Evaluate use of restraints and use of force on people believed to have mental illness or IDD.
- Complaints related to racial profiling by a peace officer.
- Behavioral indications of mental illness or IDD.
- Verbal indications of distress by the individual or a bystander.
- Physical injuries incurred before or during arrest.
- Medical treatment provided.
- If a search was conducted and if the individual consented to the search.
- Contraband or evidence discovered in the search or in plain view.
- Reason and probable cause for the search.

[HB 1771](#)-Price-Amends Texas Occupations Code 111.004. Directs regulatory agencies to adopt rules necessary to standardize formats for and retention of patient consent records related to treatment, data collection and data sharing.

[HB 1857](#)-Guillin-Amends Texas Health and Safety Codes 462.069(a), 462.075(f), 462.081(a) and (d). Requires court-ordered treatment for chemical dependency be at least 60 days but no more than 90 days.

[HB 1879](#)-Darby-Similar wording to [HB 1396](#) (Moody) which authorizes Medicaid coverage for certain licensed mental health professional services to be reimbursed at the same rate as the services of a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist. Licensed mental health professionals at the associate level would be reimbursed at 70% of that rate.

[HB 1898](#)-Jetton-Amends Texas Government Code 531, Subchapter B. Establishes a grant program to benefit children's hospitals for the purpose supporting or expanding mental or behavioral health services. Grants could be used for planning, development, capital improvements or for transitional operating support.

[HB 1904](#)-Gamez-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 533. Establishes a Border County Mental Health Task Force that includes the border LBHA/LMHAs

[HB 1907](#)-Anchia-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Appeals 55.02, and Texas Codes of Criminal Procedure 55.02 and 102.006(b-1). By changing "~~may~~" to "shall", requires procedures for expunction of arrest record and files for person who complete certain specialty court or pretrial intervention programs including veterans treatment courts and mental health courts. Companion: [SB 687](#)-Johnson

[HB 1927](#)-Hull-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code.

- Requires that a peace officer who takes a person into emergency custody must use age-appropriate trauma-informed practices in responding to the situation.
- Gives a parent, guardian, conservator or other person standing in parental relation to the child the right to take custody of the child and may voluntarily seek treatment or services for the child from a provider of the person's choice.
- The child may not be put under emergency detention without first attempting to contact the child's parent, guardian, conservator or other person standing in parental relation to the child.
- If the peace officer transports the child to a facility, the officer must include a statement describing the attempt to contact the child's parent, guardian, conservator or other person standing in parental relation to the child.
- If a school district peace officer transports the child, the officer must also document the officer's attempt to contact the child's parent, guardian, conservator or other person standing in parental relation to the child.
- Prohibits use of handcuffs, electrical devices, chemical agents or any other similar devices on a child 10 years of age or younger.

Texas Senate Bills

[SB 47](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Occupation Code 501.151 and 502.1515 to recognize out-of-state licenses of Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Social Workers.

Companion: [HB 1167](#) (Romero)

[SB 64](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 571 regarding notice and filing requirements in court proceedings involving a person with a mental illness.

- Amends 571.013 to allow notice of court proceedings involving persons with mental illness to be given by personal delivery by a county constable or sheriff.
- Amends 571.014 (c) to allow use of reproduced, photocopied, or electronically transmitted paper copies of original documents providing the person filing maintains possession of the originals and shall make originals available for inspection upon request of other parties in the matter or the court.
- Repeals statutory language related to 72-hour periods for filing, weekend or holiday filing or delays due to extremely hazardous weather conditions.
- Repeals Health and Safety Code 571.014(d) regarding receipt of original documents by the court and release of the proposed patient.

Companion: [HB 1042](#)-Hinojosa

[SB 113](#)-Menendez-Allows independent school districts (ISDs) to contract with the LBHA or LMHA to provide mental health services on campuses of the ISD. Requires HHSC to allow school districts to enroll as Medicaid providers and receive reimbursement for mental health services provided to students.

Companion: [HB 98](#)-Moody

[SB 245](#)-Perry-Texas Education Code Section 12A.004(a) is amended to require school districts to offer students access to mental health services through the Texas Child Mental Health Consortium's Texas Child Health Access through Telemedicine (TCHAT). Students are not required to participate in services, and ISDs must obtain the voluntary consent of parents for students under age 18 before services are rendered.

[SB 295](#)-Perry-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 571.018 (h) and (j). Amends the prohibition of the state or a county from paying any costs for a patient committed to a private mental hospital. Adds an exception of filing fees or other costs associated with emergency detention hearings or proceedings.

[SB 444](#)-Menéndez-Amends Government Code 501, Subchapter B to require depression screenings at least once per trimester for pregnant women incarcerated in a county jail and at least once in the six weeks postpartum to any woman who has given birth in the last year.

[SB 452](#)- Menéndez-Amends Insurance Code 1369 Subchapter B to prohibit health benefit plans from imposing step therapy protocols for prescription drugs to treat serious mental illnesses.

Companion: [HB 1337](#)-Hull

[SB 495](#)-Hughes-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.125 to decriminalize fentanyl and its derivatives. Companions: HB 85-Talarico, HB 362-Oliverson, HB 685-Cole, HB 867-Lambert, HB 1018-Lujan, SB 207-Eckhardt

[SB 532](#)-West-Amends Texas Education Code 61.603(a). Establishes an educational loan repayment assistant program for mental health professionals who have completed one, two, or three consecutive years of practice in a mental health professional shortage area as designated by the Texas Department of State Health Services and provide services through Medicaid, Chip, persons in a secure correctional facility operated by or under contract with either the Texas Juvenile Justice Department or the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Professionals may receive assistance for a maximum of three years for 33.33 percent of the loan each year. This shortens the number of years of service required from five to three and provides larger amounts of loan forgiveness each year. Companion: [HB 1551](#)-Anchía

[SB 581](#)-Eckhardt-Amends Texas Government Code 434. Directs the Texas Veterans Commission to conduct a suicide prevention campaign to provide information to veterans. Companion: [HB 671](#)-Gonzalez

[SB 623](#)-Johnson-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.002(17) to remove drug testing equipment from the list of illegal drug paraphernalia. Companions: HB 987-Howard, HB 1365-Campos

[SB 629](#)-Menéndez-Amends Texas Education Code 38, Subchapter E. Directs the Commissioner of State Health Services direct an advisory committee to examine and review the maintenance, administration and disposal of opioid antagonists on a campus of a school district, an open-enrollment charter school, a private school, or an institution of higher education. The advisory committee currently makes recommendations regarding epinephrine auto- injectors and asthma medications. Directs HHSC in consultation with Texas Education Agency and to adopt rules and appropriate training. Requires a report within 10 days of administration to the school district, charter holder, or governing body of the school. Provides civil or criminal immunity to persons acting in good faith.

[SB 633](#)- Menéndez-Amends Texas Education Code 51.9194. Requires institutions of higher education to provide to all entering undergraduate, graduate or professional student, including transfer students with information about:

- Available mental health and suicide prevention services offered by the institution or any associated organization or program.
- Early warning signs that a person may be considering suicide.
- Appropriate interventions.

[SB 671](#)-West-Amends Texas Health and Human Resources Code 32 to expand Medicaid eligibility. Companions: HB 226-Bernal, SB 72-Johnson.

[SB 687](#)-Johnson -Amends Texas Code of Criminal Appeals 55.02, and Texas Codes of Criminal Procedure 55.02 and 102.006(b-1). By changing “~~may~~” to “shall”, requires procedures for expunction of arrest record and files for person who complete certain specialty court or pretrial intervention programs including veterans treatment courts and mental health courts. Companion: [HB 1907](#)-Anchía



Link to the Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE):

<https://thetexan.news/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/BRE-2024-2025-FINAL.pdf>

Link to BRE Infographic: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/about/media-center/media-kit/88th-lege/>

Link to LBB’s Overview of Texas Spending Limits

https://www.lbb.texas.gov/Documents/Publications/Issue_Briefs/7498_LBBOverviewofSpendingLimits.pdf

Link to Texas Tribune Interview: <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/12/19/texas-budget-glenn-hegar/>

The Texas Constitution requires that the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts must provide an estimate to the Texas Legislature of the amount of funding it will have to appropriate for the State’s budget in the upcoming biennium.

The Budget Revenue Estimate (BRE) for the 2024-2025 is historically high.

- \$188.23 billion is the estimated amount of total revenue available for general purpose spending for the 2024-25 biennium, up from \$149.04 billion last biennium.
- General Revenue Tax Collections rose \$10.3 billion over last biennium to \$148.17 billion.
- Other revenues of \$17.72 billion are expected to bring the Total General Revenue collections for 2024-25 to \$165.9 billion.
- Most historically, the Texas Treasury has a beginning balance of \$32.69 billion. This is almost double any previous high beginning balance. To put this figure into context, the beginning balance last session was \$11.68 billion.
- The resulting 2024-2025 General Revenue and Fund Balance total is \$198.58 billion, however by law, certain unencumbered funds and portions of oil and gas severance taxes are required to be transferred to the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF), also known as the Rainy Day Fund and to the State Highway Fund, leaving an estimated \$188.23 billion available for general-purpose spending.

Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF)

- By law, half of the unencumbered balance at the end of the biennium must be put into the ESF.
- Currently, the ESF is at approximately \$13 billion.
- The Comptroller estimates that at least \$2.86 billion is to be transferred to the ESF this year.
- Expenditures from ESF requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.
- Expenditures from ESF are to be for one-time items such as to meet needs during a down-turn in the economy, or disaster recovery. For example, recent Legislatures have appropriated funds from the ESF for Hurricane Harvey recovery, and to replace dilapidated state hospitals.
- Comptroller Hegar predicted if current trends continue, the ESF could reach its statutory cap by the end of the 2024-2025 biennium.

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Spending Limits and Dedicated Funds

Constitutional Spending Limit—Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 22 prohibits the rate of growth of state appropriations from undedicated state tax revenues from exceeding the estimated growth rate of the Texas economy.

- On November 30, 2022, The Texas Legislative Budget Board established that the estimated rate of growth in the Texas economy from the 2022-23 biennium to the 2024-25 biennium is 12.33%.
https://www.lbb.texas.gov/LBB_Meetings/11_30_22_Motion_Memo.pdf

Statutory Spending Limit—Was enacted by the 87th Legislature in [SB1336](#) (Hancock) limited the rate of growth on consolidated general revenue appropriations, including dedicated funds. Limits take into account increases or decreases in population and inflation.

Pay As You Go Limit—No appropriation in excess of available cash and anticipated revenue can be made without a four-fifths vote of each chamber, except in the case of “emergency and imperative public necessity”.

Dedicated Funds—Revenues from certain taxes are dedicated to specific state purposes.

- 75% of motor fuels tax revenues are dedicated to transportation.
- The other 25% of the motor fuels tax is dedicated to education.
- 25% of oil and natural gas production taxes are also dedicated to education.
- A portion of sales taxes and motor vehicle taxes are dedicated to the State Highway Fund and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Some federal funds are dedicated for a certain purpose, but are not considered state general revenue.

Unrestricted Funds

- Some fees, fines, penalties, interest income, investment income, lottery proceeds.
- Some federal funds are not restricted but are not considered state general revenue.

Challenges:

- Texas’ economy is affected by global influences such as the war in Ukraine which led to higher natural gas prices, economy of China opening back up,
- 1000 new Texans arrive daily.
- Infrastructure needs, particularly water supply, road, bridges, internet connectivity
- Inflation hurts lower income people most.
 - Inflation is bigger than most salary adjustments.
 - Some state employees are having to make difficult decisions
- Hegar predicts a mild recession in later this year.

Components of the State Budget

- 90% of the budget is already ‘spoken for’. (Public Education, Transportation, Higher Education, Medicaid, Health and Human Services).
 - Public Education is a state constitutional right.
 - Medicaid is an entitlement.

- Some state and federal funds are statutorily dedicated for a particular purpose, and can't be spent for anything else.
- A Supplemental Appropriation to shore up the current biennium's Medicaid expenditures will likely be necessary. Will probably be funded from federal funds that have not yet been appropriated, which could free up some General Revenue for other purposes.
- Comptroller Hegar noted that even with the historic surplus, state agencies have submitted Legislative Appropriations increases that are five times larger than the amount of funding available.



88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AND SENATE BUDGET COMPARISON CHART

LINE ITEMS	FY 2022	FY 2023	HB1-2024	HB 1-2025	SB1-2024	SB 1-2025	CONF.-2024	CONF.-2025
Article II-Goal D <i>Additional Health-Related Services</i>								
D.2.1 <i>Community MH Services- Adults</i>	\$392,852,500	\$392,852,500	\$455,657,744	\$455,657,744	\$455,657,744	\$455,657,744		
D.2.2 <i>Community MH Services- Children</i>	\$93,939,756	\$93,939,756	\$93,594,042	\$93,594,042	\$93,594,042	\$93,594,042		
D.2.3 <i>Community MH Crisis Services</i>	\$115,699,150	\$115,699,150	\$157,218,813	\$157,218,813	\$157,218,813	\$157,218,813		
D.2.4 <i>Substance Abuse Services</i>	\$248,180,042	\$248,180,042	\$276,979,144	\$277,091,747	\$276,979,144	\$276,979,747		
D.2.5 <i>BH Waiver & Amendment</i>	\$29,437,450	\$29,437,450	\$33,263,439	\$32,811,647	\$33,263,439	\$32,811,647		
D.2.6 <i>Community Mental Health Grant Programs</i>	\$72,500,000	\$72,500,000	\$102,500,000	\$102,500,000	\$102,500,000	\$102,500,000		
Article II-Goal G <i>Facilities</i>								
G.2.1 <i>MH State Hospitals</i>	\$470,706,933	\$494,777,123	\$556,503,720	\$556,503,720	\$556,503,720	\$556,503,720		
G.2.2 <i>MH Community Hospitals</i>	\$153,505,101	\$153,505,101	\$314,716,293	\$308,716,293	\$314,716,293	\$308,716,293		
G.4.1 <i>Facility Program Support</i>	\$12,957,078	\$12,957,078	\$13,023,745	\$13,023,745	\$13,023,745	\$13,023,745		
G.4.2 <i>Facility Capital Repairs & Renovation</i>	\$11,401,095	\$16,140,777	\$16,171,833	\$20,640,035	\$16,171,833	\$20,640,035		

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Department of Criminal Justice FY2023 SAMHSA Grant Project

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	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2023 Total	FY2022 Total	FY2021 Total	FY2020 Total	FY2019 Total
Nexus New Admissions	0	2	2	0									4	4	23	26	25
Nexus Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	0	51	27	0									39	16	12	12	8
Homeward Bound New Admissions	1	2	1	2									6	6	14	24	11
Homeward Bound Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	13	19	50	84									42	94	92	79	7
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																	
Successful	1	0	1	1									3	19	22	43	27
Unsuccessful	1	1	2	0									4	5	7	11	3
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2023																	
Number of Referrals by Specialty Courts		AIM	3				DWI						STAR				
		ATLAS					IIP						Veterans				
		Competency	9				Legacy Family						4-C				
		DDC					MHJD/SET	5									
		DIVERT					STAC	8									

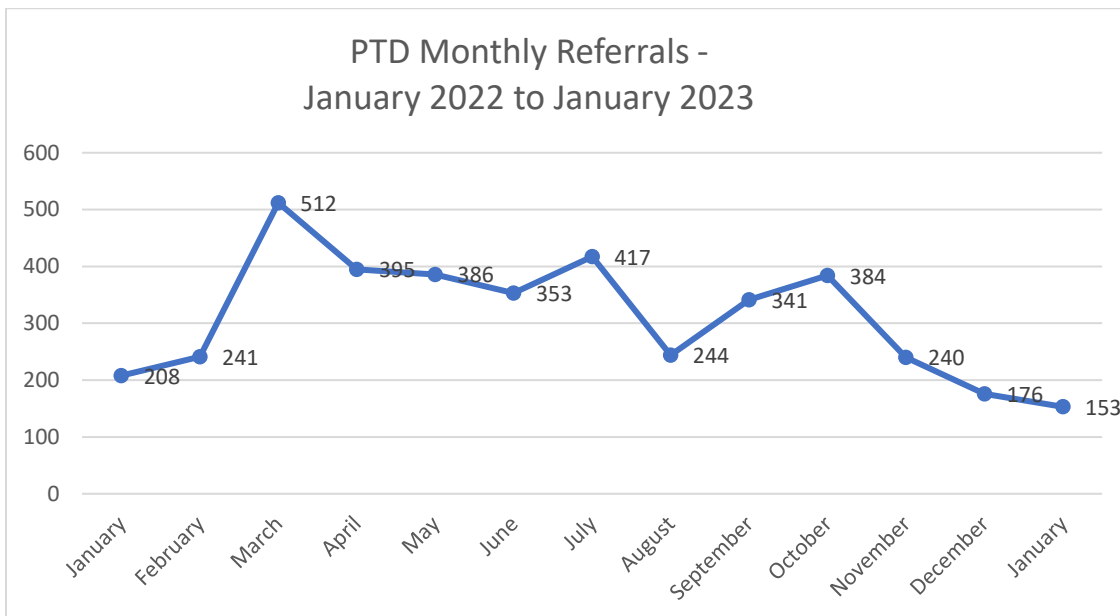
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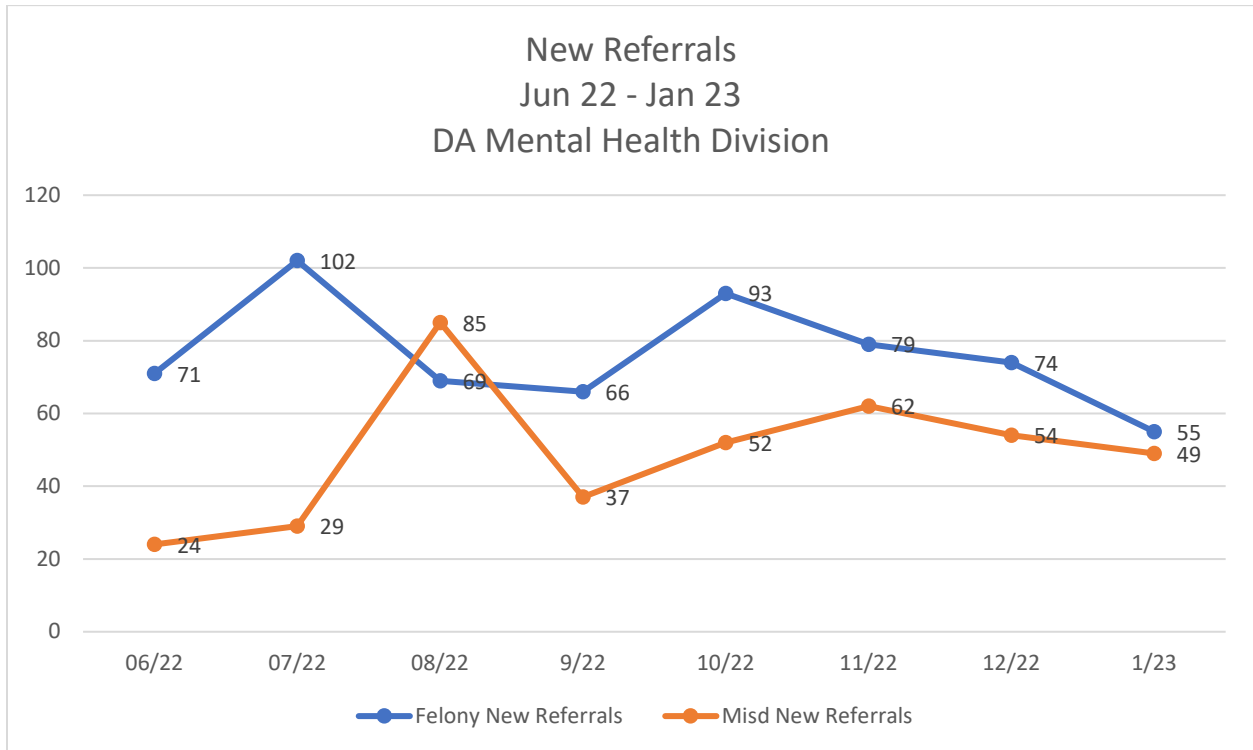
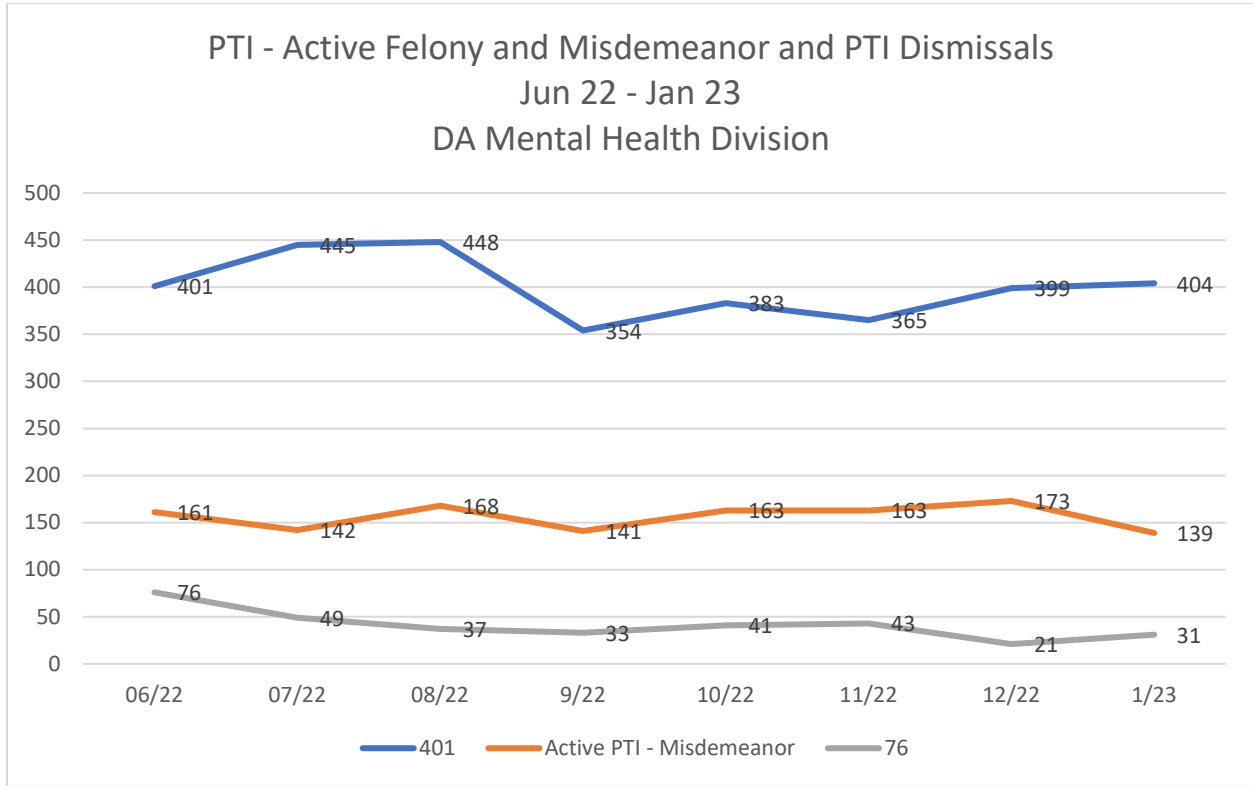
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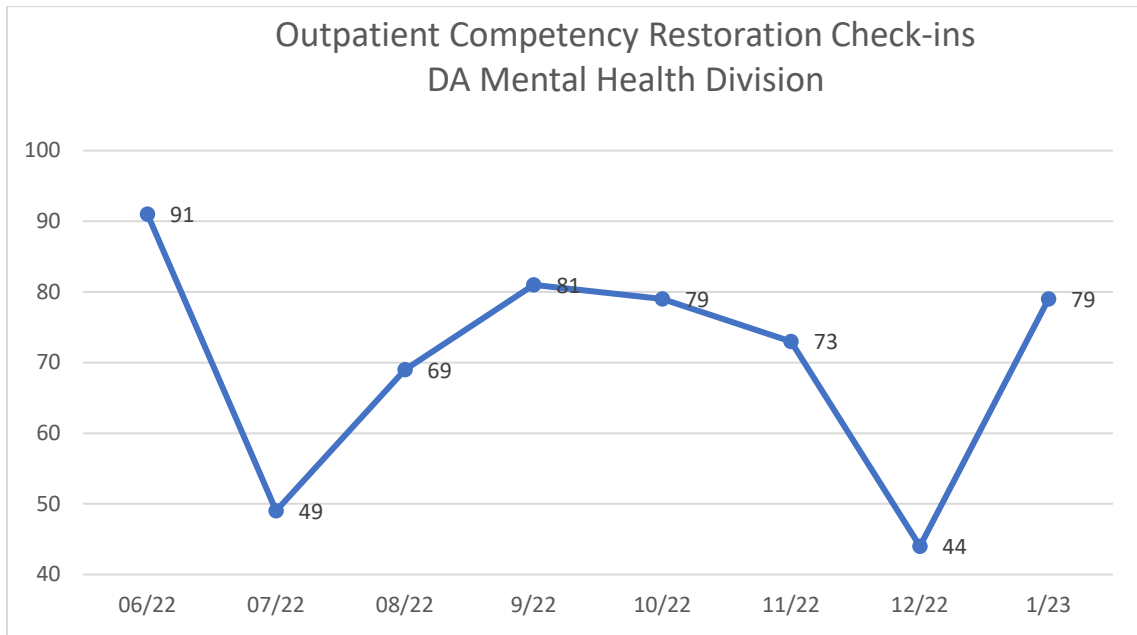
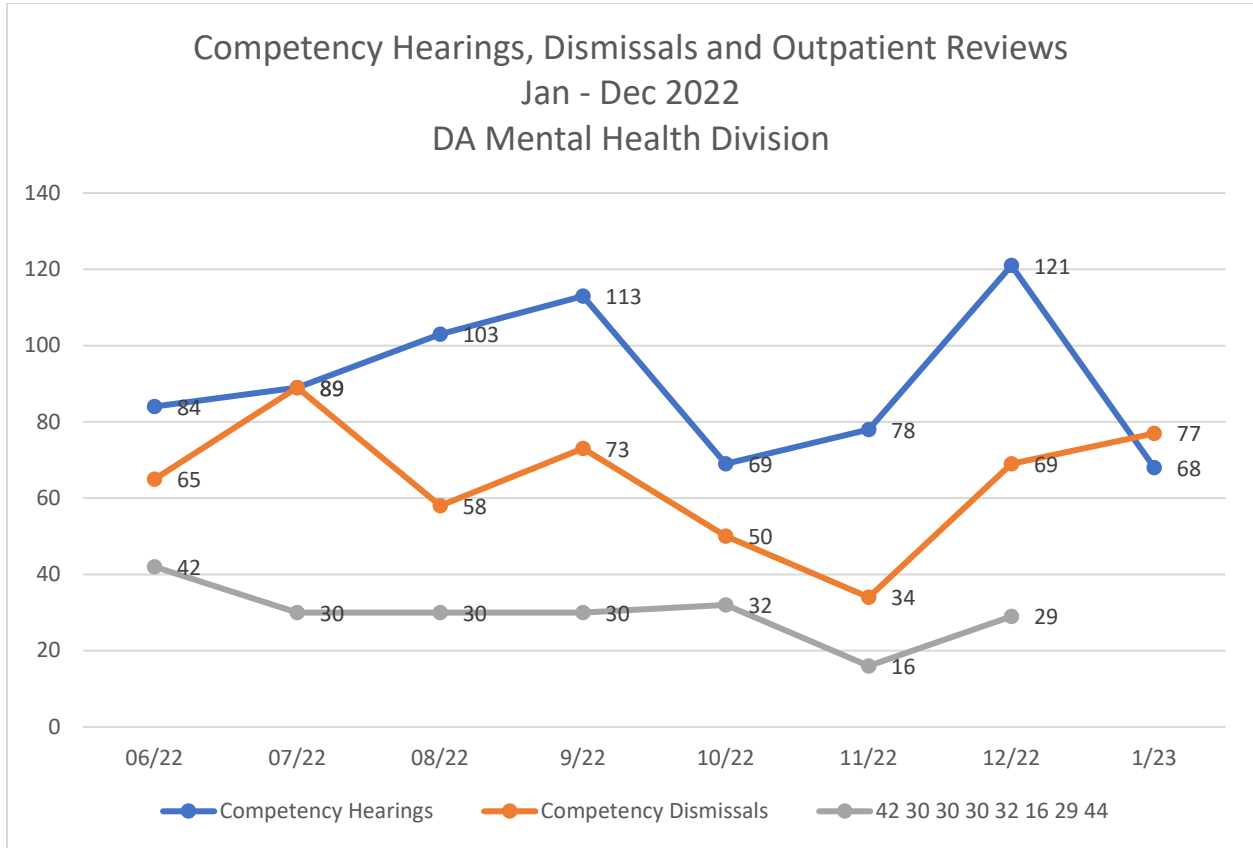


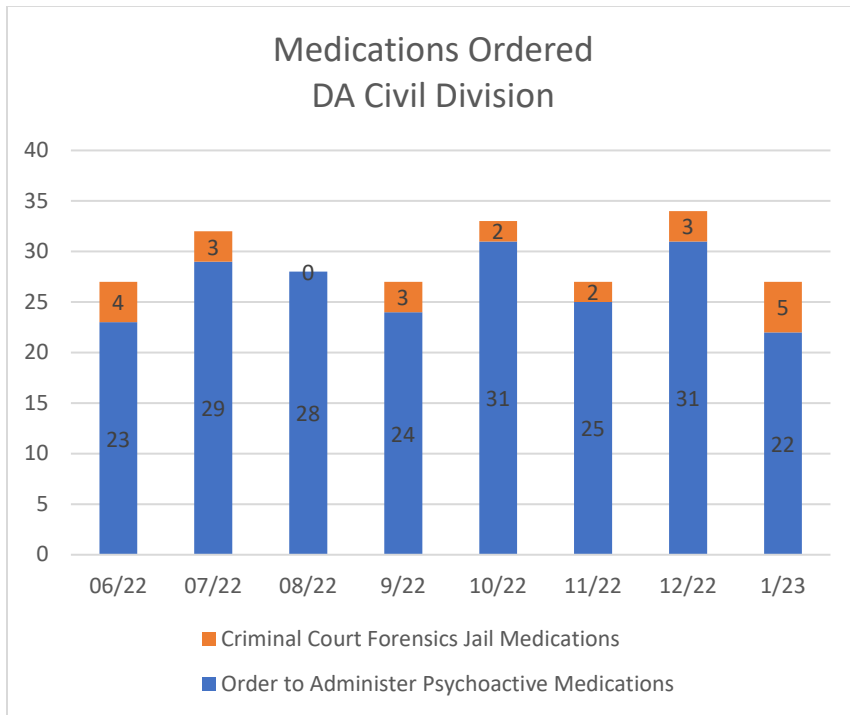
Pre-Trial Diversion Monthly Referrals

Month	Total Referrals
June	8
July	124
August	141
September	187
October	204
November	245
December	368
January	208
February	241
March	512
April	395
May	386
June	353
July	417
August	244
September	341
October	384
November	240
December	176
January	53





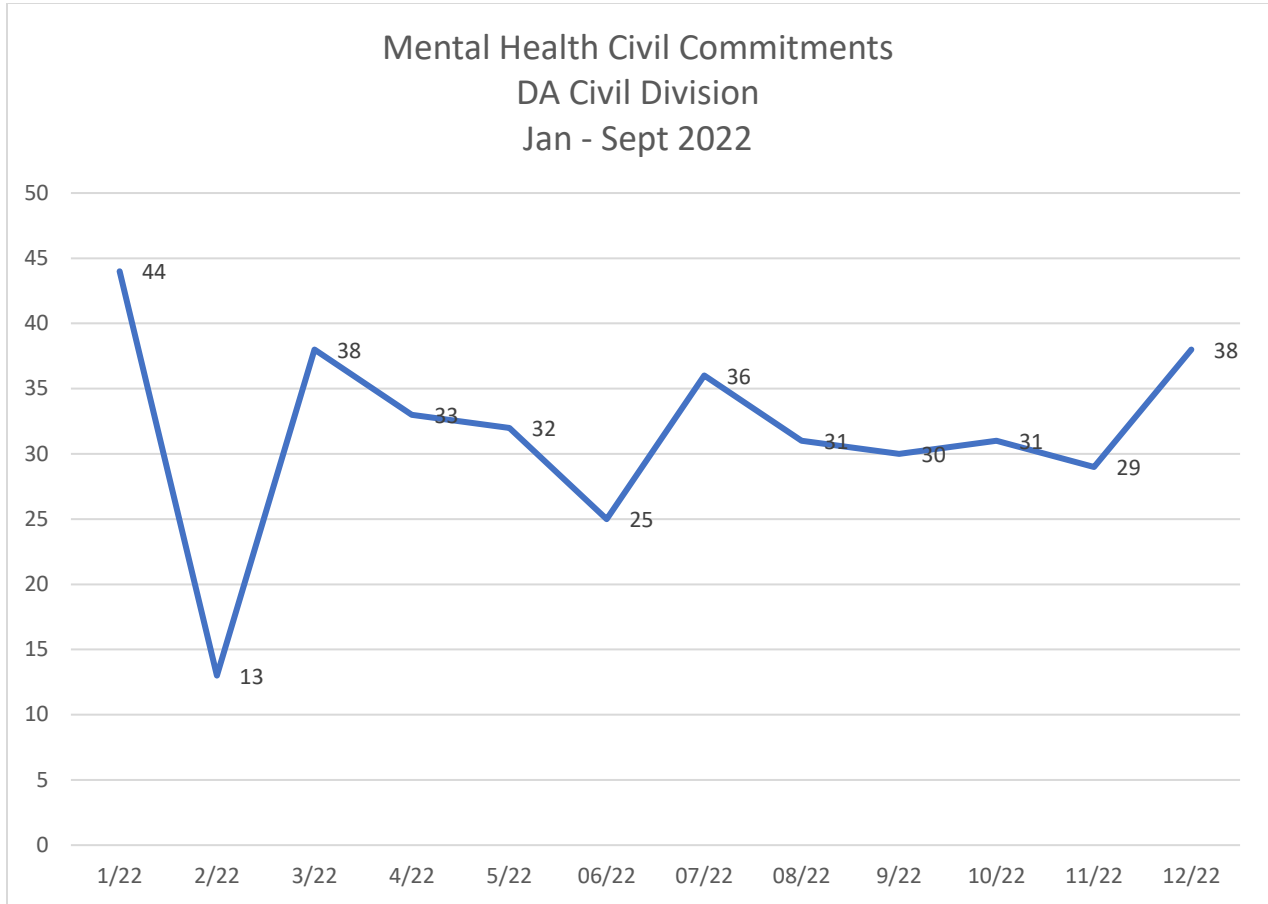




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Dallas County District Attorney
Restorative Justice Division – Mental Health



February 9, 2023

BHLT Supplemental Packet

Includes:

- **Public Defenders Mental Health Stats – January 2023**
- **District Attorney Restorative Justice Division Mental Health Stats – January 2023**

HARRY INGRAM		FY2023 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
January	42	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	21	0	0	21

HARRY INGRAM		FY2023 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***	
January	29	0	9	38	0	0	0	0	10	10	28	23	0	20	

HARRY INGRAM		FY2023 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
January	40	3	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	19	1	0	18

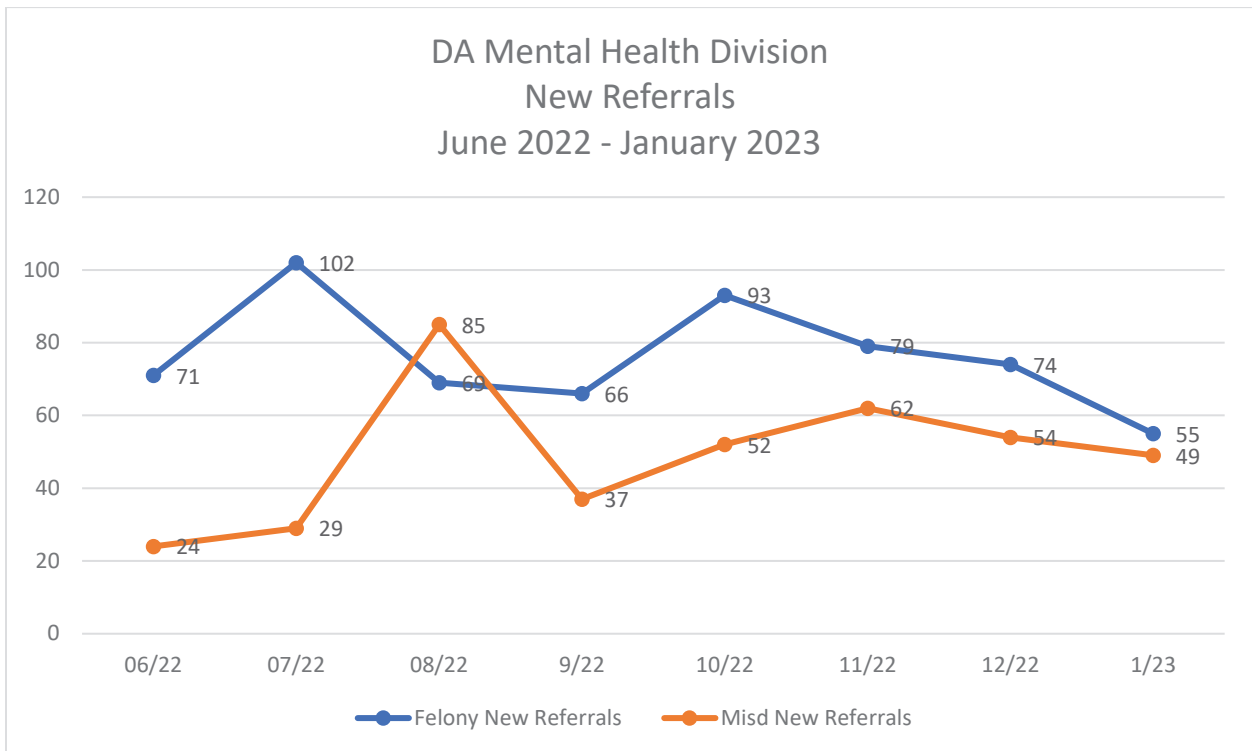
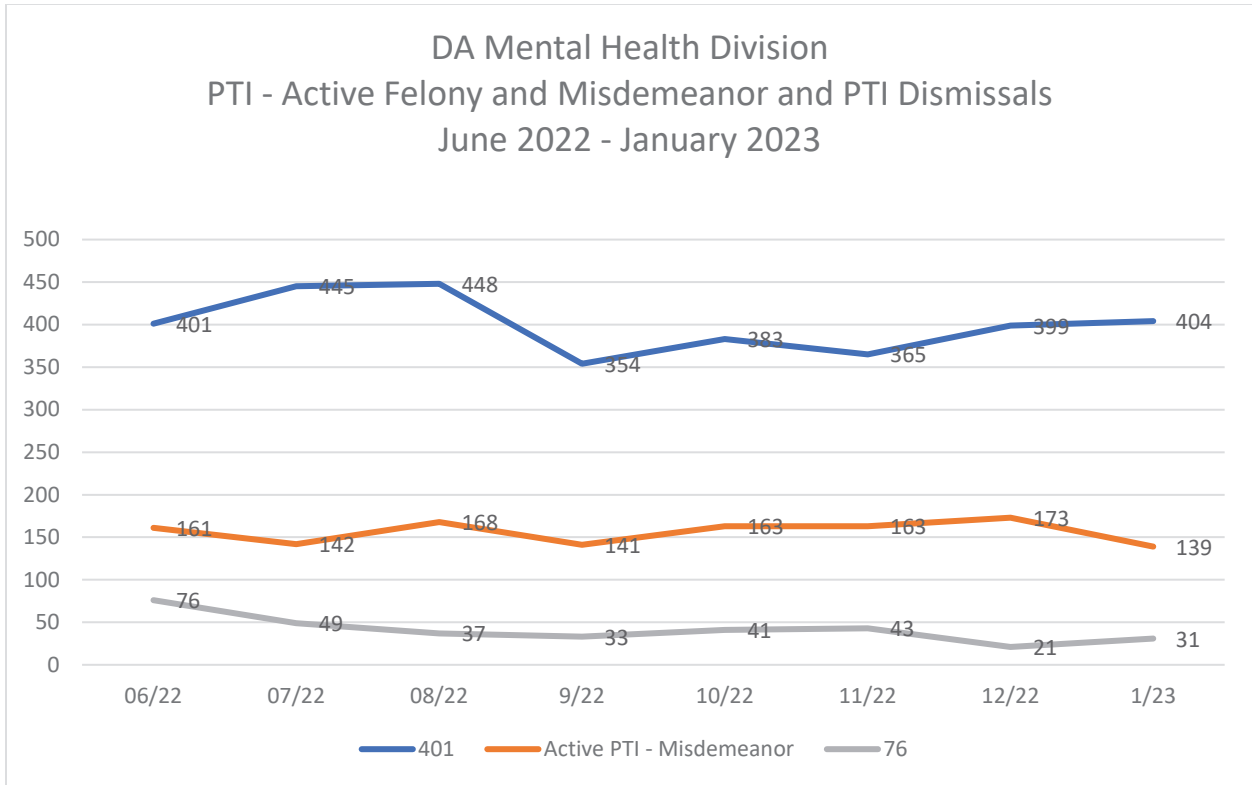
January		FY2023 MHPD STATS														
	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TRIALS	PLEAS	COND. DISM.	REVK	REVC	DISMISSALS	INCOMP ETENT	REFER RALS	OTHER COUNSEL APPT.	TOTAL CLOSED			
R. Lenox	328	21	349	0	8	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	18			
L. Strather	414	30	444	0	7	0	2	0	1	0	4	5	19			

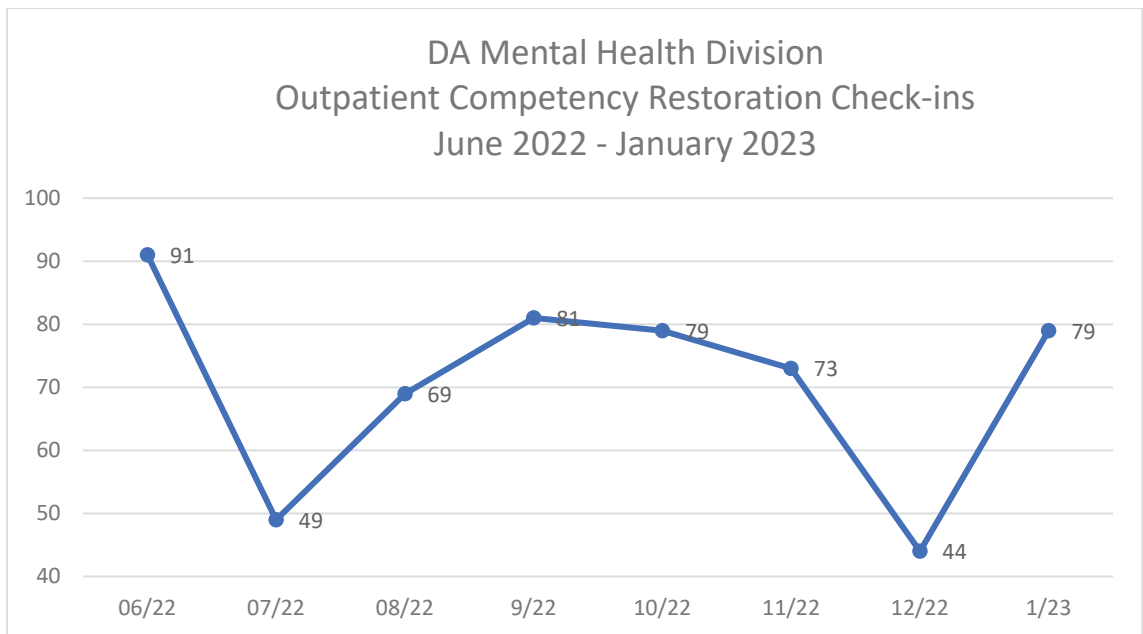
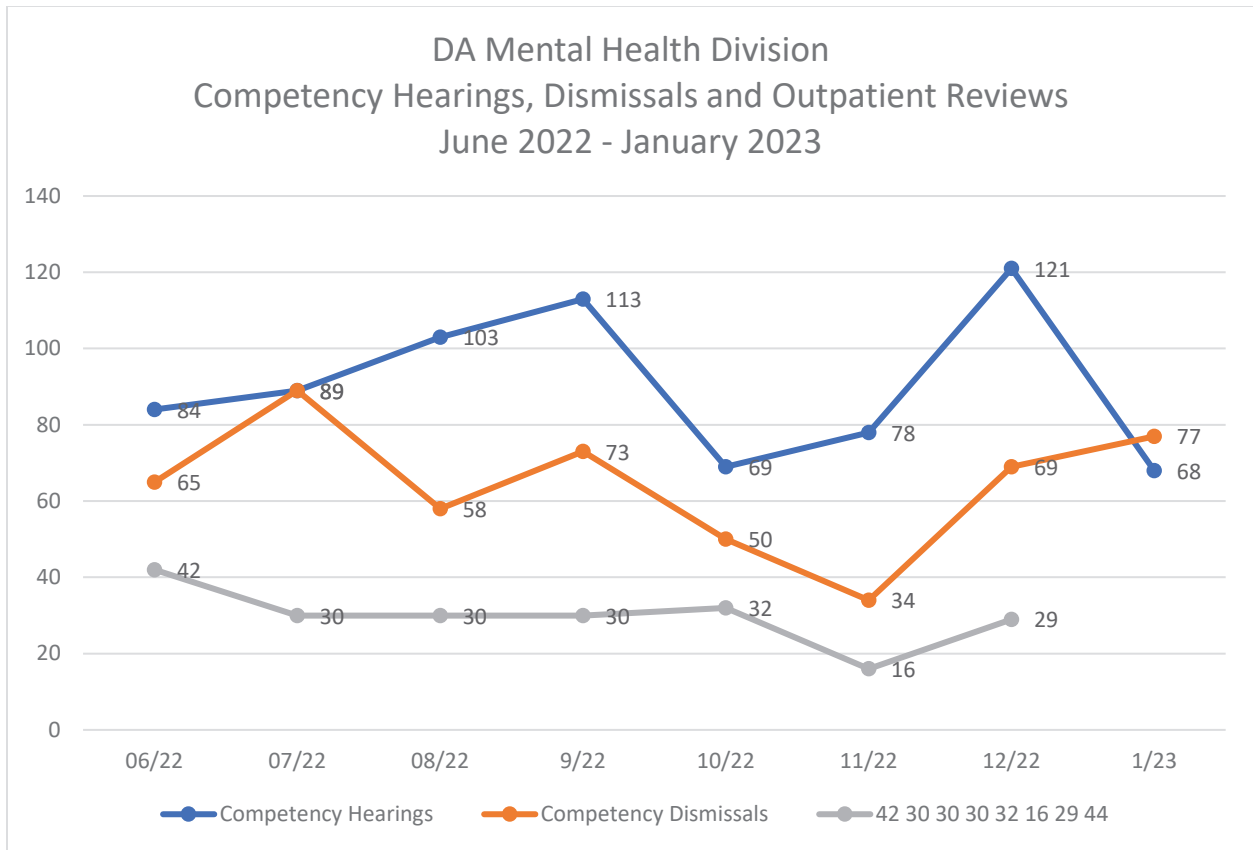
January		FY2023 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS														
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATION S	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENS IONS	CIVIL COMMI T.	MHMR REFERR AL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
M. Harden	237	8	0	0	0	6	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19
R. Scott	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

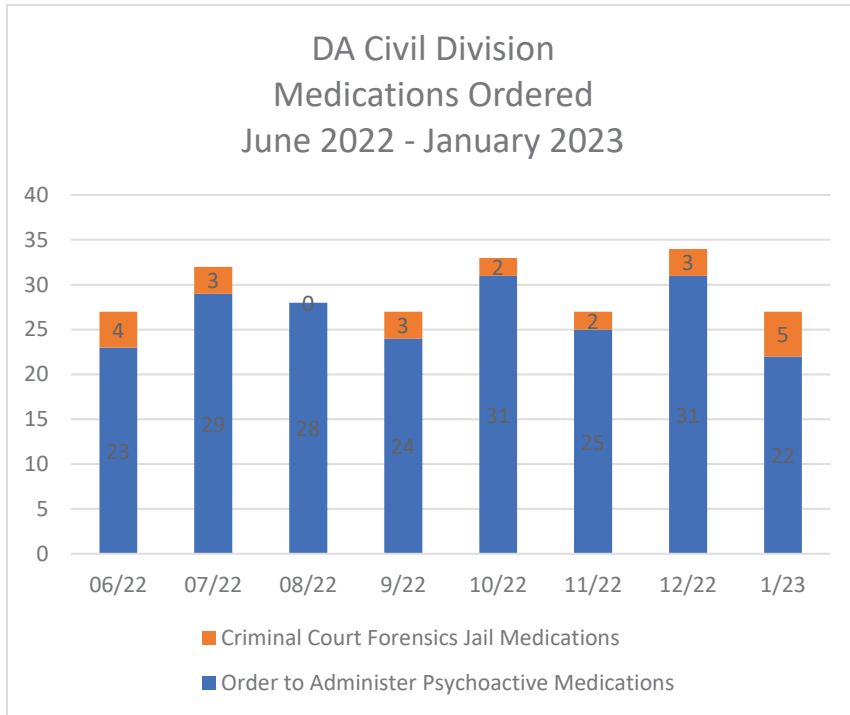
RANDALL SCOTT		FY2023 MISDEMEANOR COMPETENCY STATISTICS														
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATION S	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENS IONS	CIVIL COMMI T.	MHMR REFERR AL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
January	100	66	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	11	0	6	0	0	0	17

January		MI Court																							
MONTH	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENTS AT PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE	NEW CLIENTS AT PARKLAND	NEW CLIENTS AT CLEMENTS (formerly ZALE LIPSHY)	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS PRESBYTERIAN	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	NEW CLIENTS AT HICKORY TRAILS	NEW CLIENTS AT VA	NEW CLIENTS AT GREEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT GARLAND BEHAVIORAL	NEW CLIENTS AT METHODIST RICHARDSON	NEW CLIENTS AT WELLBRIDGE	NEW CLIENTS AT THROARLINGTON	MR/MILLWOOD/HAVEN	PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS HELD	NO CONTEST COMMIT	CONTESTED COMMIT	FORCED MEDS HEARING IN COURT	MODIFICATION HEARINGS	OUTPATIENT COMMIT	INPATIENT COMMIT
L. Roberts	39	11	6	19	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	14	0	0	0
C. Cox	122	0	0	0	0	0	100	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	16	13	0	0	0
K. Nelson	164	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	74	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	8	8	0	0	0
R. Black	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	32	38	0	0	7	0	3	3	0	0	0

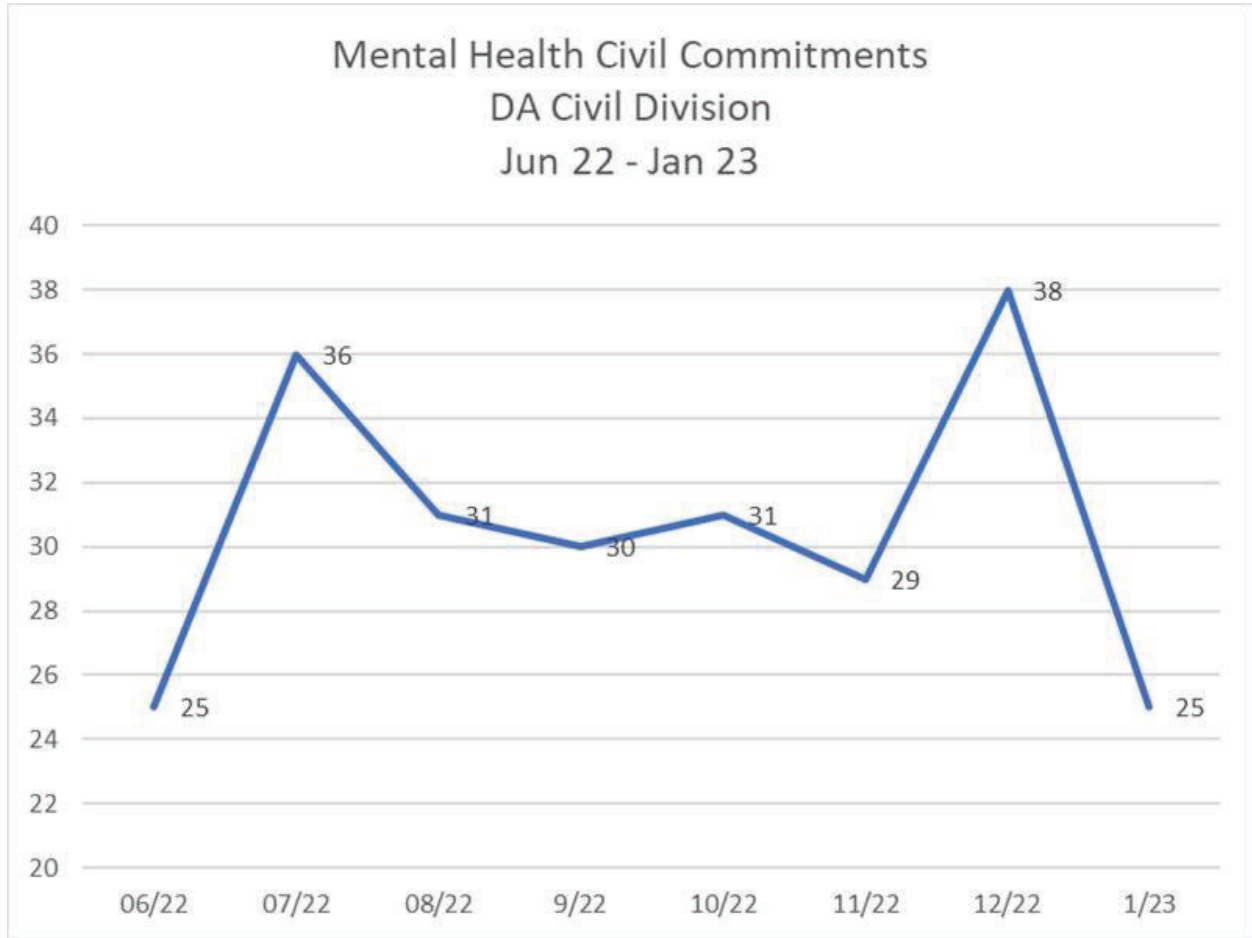
DAN ECKSTEIN		MHPR BOND STATS										
MONTH	INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS)	MHPR BOND APPOINTMENTS FROM DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS MINUS THOSE SCREENED-OUT)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND GRANTED (# of clients)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND DENIED (# of clients)	TOTAL HEARINGS (# of clients)	Total # of Cases	Total # of Felony Cases	# of Felonies Approved	# of Misd. Denied	Total # of Misd. Cases	# of Misd's Approved	# of Misd's Denied
January	1651	177	24	16	40	64	45	23	22	19	11	8







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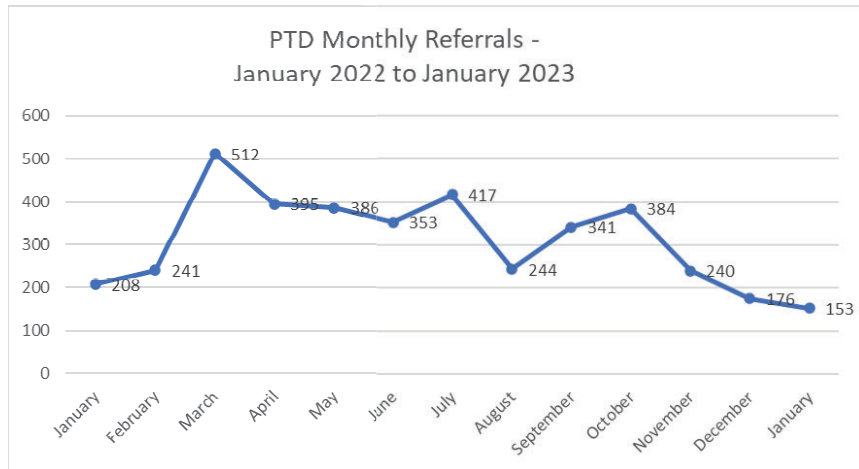




Restorative Justice Division
General Pre-Trial Diversion

Pre-Trial Diversion Monthly Referrals

Month	Total Referrals
June	8
July	124
August	141
September	187
October	204
November	245
December	368
January	208
February	241
March	512
April	395
May	386
June	353
July	417
August	244
September	341
October	384
November	240
December	176
January	153

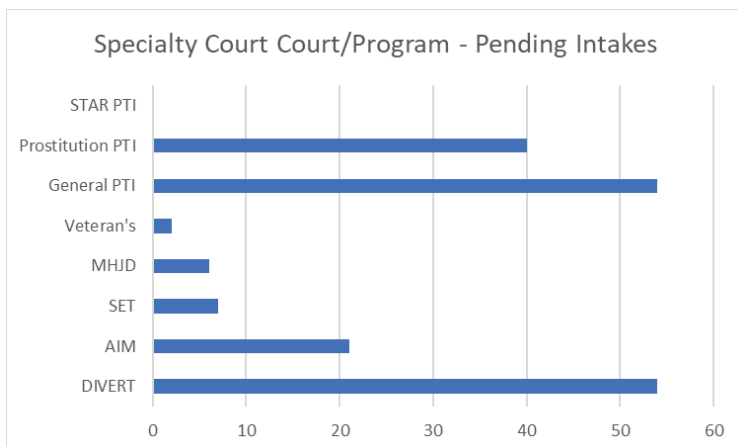
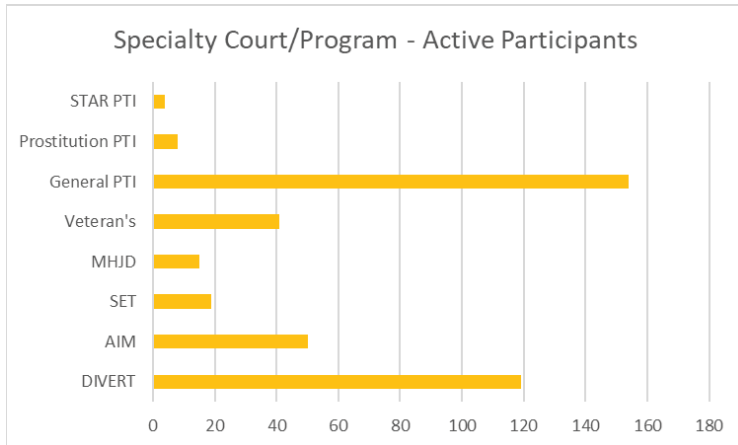




Specialty Court & Programs Monthly Statistics - January 2023



Specialty Court/Program	Pending Intak	Graduate	Failed	Active
DIVERT	63	2	0	123
AIM	19	0	4	54
SET	4	0	2	20
MHJD	0	0	2	16
Veteran's	4	2	1	38
General PTI	46	24	0	153
Prostitution PTI	49	4	0	4
STAR PTI	1	0	4	0





RJD SPECIALTY COURT/PROGRAMS ADA VOLUNTEER HOURS- JANUARY 2023

Specialty Court/Program	Hours	Caseload
ATLAS (Aja Reed)	6.00	14.00
DDC (Jamie Young)	10.00	11.00
FELONY DWI (Bailey Baker)	3.00	15.00
MISD DWI (Herschel Woods)	3.00	25.00
STAR (Jennifer Kachel)	4.00	14.00
Prostitution PTI (Andrea)	20.00	4.00
DV (Searcy/Johnson)	5.00	56.00
VETERANS (Adam Seiffert)	7.00	38.00
STAC - HARLAN (Maegan Westbrook)	0.00	113.00
STAC - MAYS (Andrew Novak)	2.50	

