

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

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

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



DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
Minutes of the Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday, February 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, January 12, 2023, 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:

- Athena Trentin, Executive Director, with the National Alliance on Mental Illness, (NAMI) North Texas.
- Krysia Karlix, CEO with Medical City Green Oaks Hospital.
- Tyree Williams (Lived Experience Expert), Dallas County Specialty Court and SAMHSA Grant participant.
- Tysha Mangum (Lived Experience Expert), Dallas County Specialty Court and SAMHSA Grant participant.

Presentation 1: Legacy – SAMHSA Grant Year 4

Shenna Oriabure, Dallas County Criminal Justice Department Mental Health Specialty Court Coordinator, is the grant writer and project director for the SAMHSA Grant which expands treatment and recovery services for Dallas County Specialty Court participants. Mrs. Oriabure noted that the presentation and quantitative data were in the BHLT packet and noted that this presentation would be interactive. She reported that the SAMHSA grant aligned with the Dallas

County vision of improving lives and with their objectives and key results of improving health and wellness for the Dallas County community.

Mrs. Oriabure noted that the SAMHSA grant was improving the lives of people that members of the audience would never meet; not because they don't live in the same ZIP code, but because they had not been born yet. She noted that the “Legacy” is the “life” that is being passed down to the next generations. She further stated, “This work matters to me. This work matters to our community... We are changing the trajectory of people's lives in our community” when we invest in programs like the Successful Treatment of Addiction through Collaboration (S.T.A.C.).

Judge La’Donna Harlan, Dallas County Specialty Court Judge, is one of two presiding judges over the S.T.A.C. program. Judge Harlan stated that the S.T.A.C. program is a 12 to 18 month program that participants enter after spending six months in the Judicial Treatment Center (JTC). She reported that she had the honor and the privilege of being the judge for Mr. Tyree Williams and Miss Tysha Mangum, applauding them for their persistence to continue their journey from addiction to recovery.

Tyree Williams, Lived Experience Expert, and participant of the S.T.A.C. program, spoke of his journey towards recovering and the opportunity to start and walk through his recovery process. He applauded the counseling and support services he received from Homeward Bound and from Judge Harlan and the S.T.A.C. court.

Tysha Mangum, Lived Experience Expert, and participant of the S.T.A.C. program, spoke of her journey towards recovering and the opportunity to start and walk through her recovery process. She applauded the counseling and services she received at Gateway and from Judge Harlan and the S.T.A.C. court. Presently Ms. Mangum is the owner of a small online business, *Couture Connoisseur Boutique*, and designs a line of clothing called *Fresh & Local (FRSH + LCL)*. She is the founder of a women's program called, *What Working Women Wear*, which is a four day course designed for survivors of domestic violence, former sex workers, and women in recovery. Her goal is to increase the success rate of rehabilitating individuals as they transition from a criminal/addicted mindset to being prepared to manage their work life balance while recovering.

Presentation 2: BHLT Voting Members Discussion

Charlene Randolph, Director of the Dallas County Criminal Justice Department presented an overview on the history of the Behavioral Health Leadership Team and opened a discussion on updating the voting members on the membership roster. She provided a recap of the creation, purpose, and guiding principles, which helped to inform work on updating the BHLT roster. With 12 vacant seats open, she initiated a discussion on filling current vacant seats versus relooking at the membership makeup, then filling the open seats.

The BHLT committee voted to form a small focus group to re-examine the BHLT organizational structure to make sure that the positions fit the present structural needs. That group will be formed to convene and bring recommendations back to the BHLT committee on how to fill the open seats.

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update

Carol Lucky, CEO at North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, provided the NTBHA update, reporting that during the inclement weather, the goal of NTBHA, with the assistance of community partners, was to respond to get people into shelters where behavioral health services were available, and to get behavioral health services to areas where those services were not available. She thanked Metrocare Services for being a big player in providing behavioral health services, and the shelters that assisted with housing during the inclement weather.

Ms. Lucky reported that the Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) process for outlying counties, led by HHSC continued, noting that the urban counties had not been brought in yet. She further noted that the mapping process focused on justice involved individuals in the different counties. Ms. Lucky reported that there had been seven legislative visits with the focus being on law enforcement, jails, police, and services for children, particularly very young children. She noted that NTBHA continued to work with the Suicide Prevention Advisory Council on how to listen to understand how to reach that population before they get to the point of committing suicide. Ms. Lucky further reported that Dallas County very generously funded NTBHA with about \$4.3 million to implement the hospital plan and project to move individuals out of the jail and into private psychiatric hospitals. The contract was signed by Ms. Lucky, and ratified by the board, with approval of issuing the contract to Dallas Behavioral Health.

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI)

Ron Stretcher, Senior Director of Systems Management at Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute provided the Deflection Center update, reporting that the statistics were in the packet on pages 25 – 26. He reported that utilization of the services at the Deflection Center had been a little lower than anticipated, but they had been working through issues, trying to get the census up. He further stated that Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute was working with Housing Forward on expanding PSA services, mentioning that he would email the team at NTBHA to collaborate about expansion of Housing First Act and intensive case management.

Marsha Edwards, Director of Special Programs, Dallas County District Attorney's Office, provided an update reporting that there were concerns about the low numbers of participants at the Deflection Center, stating that Julie Turnbull, Chief of the Restorative Justice Division, Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office attended one of the roll calls of the Dallas Police Department. It was discovered that the frontline officers did not know about the Deflection Center, had not viewed the training video, nor had they seen the training bulletin. With that knowledge, the DA's team reached out to various police departments to provide the training video and bulletin. On February 9th, Lee Pierson, Chief of the Mental Health Division at Dallas County District Attorney's Office would provide outreach to three roll calls at Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), and the next day, Mr. Pierson was scheduled to train DART personnel on mental health issues, which would include information about the Deflection Center.

Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup

Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dallas County Commissioner, District 1, provided the update, following up on Carol Lucky's report from NTBHA on recognizing the connection with Housing Forward and increasing the amount of housing available, stating that stable housing is such an important piece

in improving the chances for stability in the everyday lives of people, such as treatment follow-up, maintaining work, and stable schools for the children.

Dr. Daniel reported that affordable housing had been identified as a major lack in Dallas County, but there were a dozen Dallas County projects in process for housing those in need, mentioning that Metrocare Services also had a couple of housing projects in process. Dr. Daniel further reported that Dallas County had come a long way in filling the voids and bridging the gaps in housing and services that were visible in 2014, with goals of watching the legislature to seek funding for development and conscious sustainability, to keep those projects and services operating.

Dr. Daniel congratulated Housing Forward along with six providing agencies who announced that they were expecting an additional \$22.8 million to address sustainability of services. She further stated that Dallas County had widened the horizon to focus on prevention as a more effective and efficient way of using the limited dollars available, while looking for ways to be better positioned some five years in the future.

Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update

Yordanos Melake, Crisis Services Project Program Manager with the Dallas County Criminal Justice Department provided the 16.22 update, reporting that during the month of January, the focus was on IT and workflow testing, with a soft launch that was scheduled to start on Wednesday, February 1st to help to identify any issues. However, after some discussion, Judge Autrey, the Magistrate Judge overseeing the project, recommended that the soft launch be postponed until after the Tech Share to Dallas County migration. Ms. Melake further reported that the Public Defender and the District Attorney offices had both identified candidates for their attorney and clerk positions. A.D.A.P.T. was fully staffed and Judge Autrey's clerk transitioned into her position effective February 3, 2023.

Legislative Update

Janie Metzinger, Legislative Coordinator at NTBHA, provided the update, stating that the reports were in the BHLT packet, showing the list of bills that had been filed. Ms. Metzinger reminded the committee that the bills could be viewed online for more information and a summary. She welcomed everyone to contact her with questions or comments, stating she would update the prose and bar charts as the information became available. Ms. Metzinger further reported that the Senate Finance Committee had met every day the past week reviewing higher education and Article One, which involved administrative items in the Office of the Governor.

Funding Opportunities

•The Cottages Update

Charlene Randolph, Director of Dallas County Criminal Justice Department provided the update reporting that the Cottages report was in the February BHLT meeting packet. In the month of January, The Cottages began with 41 residents and ended the month with 41 residents, with six available units. She reported that there was an uptick of the clients participating in case management and group services.

●SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update

Shenna Oriabure, DCCJD Mental Health Specialty Court Coordinator announced during the *Legacy – SAMHSA Grant Year 4* presentation that the stats were in the BHLT packet.

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

Vickie Rice, Mental Health & Specialty Court Supervisor for the Dallas County Public Defender's Office, provided the update reporting that the reports were in the BHLT packet and there were no additional updates.

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

Lee Pierson, Chief of the Mental Health Division at Dallas County District Attorney's Office provided the update, stating that the stats were in the BHLT packet. Mr. Pierson looked forward to going to the roll calls that day, doing the presentation and training the next day, and sharing information on the Deflection Center and all the options available through service providers.

Upcoming Events and Notifications

- Vickie Rice, Mental Health & Specialty Court Supervisor for the Dallas County Public Defender's Office announced that the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, will be held [June 26 - 29, 2023 at the George R. Brown Convention Center], in Houston, Texas.
- Judge La’Donna Harlan, Dallas County Specialty Court Judge announced that Dr. Kristen Guillory will present *Candid Conversations* to STAC participants on March 6th for women and March 7th for men at 1:00pm in the Frank Crowley Central Jury Room. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- Carrie Marshall announced that on January 16th, Hope Mental Wellness Advocacy/Balch Springs and Mesquite Tri East NAACP partnered, sponsoring *Coats & Kindness for A Cause*, supporting Balch Springs and SE Dallas unsheltered neighbors, honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s life and legacy with “A day on. Not a day off.” A total of thirty-seven (37) unsheltered neighbors living in Balch Springs and SE Dallas were served. A total of six (6) unsheltered neighbors were referred to APAA, Association of Persons Affected by Addiction for mental health or addiction support services. With support from twenty-three (23) volunteers, 481 lbs. of food (13 lbs. per person) were distributed, which was donated by Opal J. Smith Food Pantry of Balch Springs. In addition, winter coats, clothing, shoes, soap, wipes, 94 bus passes, and other items were distributed to the 37 neighbors. From the two locations, Balch Springs and SE Dallas, volunteers prayed with seventeen (17) neighbors.

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.

Dallas County Deflection Center Organizing Committee
February 13, 2023
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Laura Edmonds (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Deacon Charlie Stump (Dallas Catholic Diocese), Lt. Benny Handley (DPD), Crystal Garland (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Chief Charles Cato (DART PD), Doug Denton (Homeward Bound), Marsha Edwards (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Tzeggabhrhan Kidane (Commissioner Daniel's Office), Kurtis Young (Parkland Hospital), Dave Hogan (Homeward Bound), Ron Stretcher (MMHPI), Kim Nesbitt (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Kyla Rankin (Parkland Hospital), Chad Anderson (NTBHA), Lee Pierson (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Dr. Rebecca Marcolina (MMHPI), Michaela Himes (Dallas County Public Defender's Office), Jessica Martinez (NTBHA), Ashley Rader (NTBHA), Dr. Michael Noyes (UNT Dallas), Michael Knauer (NTBHA), and Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez (MMHPI)

Reports:

Deflection Center Operational Update & Discussion on Increasing Admission Rate:

- Discussion was held to focus on the increasing the volume and utilization of the Deflection Center.
- Dave Hogan reported that KERA reached out and spoke with both Dave and Doug Denton about the Dallas County Deflection Center. KERA was inquiring about the limited utilization of the Deflection Center.
- Doug stated that volume has been low, and believes this is part of a typical pattern of drop in admissions this time of year. Doug also believes this is part of the Deflection Center being in a growth stage.
- Kylan Rankin stated that KERA also reached out to Parkland Hospital regarding Parkland's role at the Deflection Center. She stated it was helpful to clarify Parkland's role with the Deflection Center and then also their role in providing primary healthcare for Homeward Bound as a whole.
- Ron focused discussion on the census and LEA outreach:
 - Lee Pierson reported that he presented and educated on the Deflection Center at 3 different roll calls with DART PD and he also provided information during their CIT training.
 - Lee identified areas of potential confusion and areas of concern among officers. He suggested having more officers out to tour and view the Deflection Center.
 - Chief Cato with DART shared about their multi-disciplinary team that will be starting soon and their hopes to utilize the Deflection Center.
- Ron brought up the issue of outstanding Class C tickets and if offenses need to be expanded beyond criminal trespass.
 - Marsha Edwards shared that the biggest barrier seems to be the lack of awareness that the front-line officers have about the Deflection Center.
 - She recommended that there be continued training to the front-line officers and to visit the various LEA roll calls to educate about the Center.
 - Dave Hogan stated that he thought more officers had read the training bulletin and the training video and very few had.
- Chief Cato with DART PD reported that all officers with DART PD showed the video and reviewed information about the Deflection Center with all roll calls for 2 weeks.
- Marsha reported that the DA's office is tracking which LEAs have had front-line officers trained.
- Dave asked to be provided with a list of all LEAs within Dallas County, so he knows who to reach out to.
- Ron asked about any individuals that have been high utilizers of the Center and to speak with them about their experience to identify areas of improvement.
- Lt. Handley reported that DPD South Central has heavily dispersed and educated about the Deflection Center, and it is being well received
- Marsha Edwards reported that the DA's office will be working on making a new video that can be shown to the clients. This is in discussion and early planning stages.

Parkland Status

- Kyla Rankin was unable to provide a report due to a conflict.

NTBHA Status

- Chad Anderson with NTBHA reported that he is running into misconceptions about what deflection is and he is working on how to help provide correct information and promote the Deflection Center.
- Chad stated that he will be reaching out to Irving PD to ensure they know they can utilize the Center.
- Chad requested to be added to the LEA discussions that Dave is scheduling.
- Jessica Martinez reported that NTBHA is embedded in 911 with DPD. NTBHA clinicians are working to screen calls and see where the Deflection Center might be applicable.

Data Collection Status

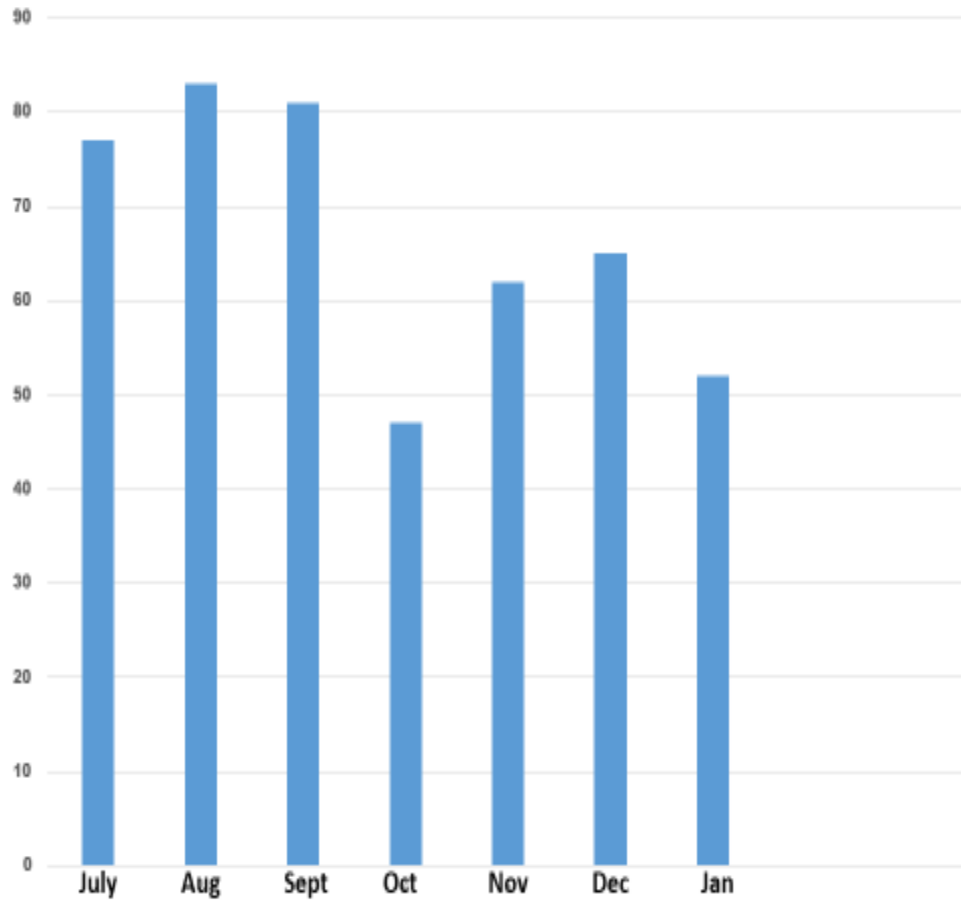
- Dr. Gonzalez stated that she wanted to discuss data with NTBHA to ensure appropriate interpretation.
- Kim Nesbitt discussed the data she keeps and the information they are trying to gather from all LEAs to enter in why the Deflection Center was not used in the PC Affidavits

The next Dallas County Deflects planning meeting will be held on Monday, March 13th from 2:00-3:00pm via Teams.

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	22	20	2	0	0	0	127
Referral Source													
Dallas PD													0
SC Div		1	4	4	4	2	3	8					26
SW Div					4	1	3	1					9
SE Div			3	1	2	4	1						11
NC Div					2	2	1	2					7
NE Div				6	5		2	1					14
NW Div			2	1	2			1					6
CEN Div		1	3	1	6	7	4	1	2				25
Right Care						1	1						2
Dallas Marshal - CDC			1										1
Great SW Coalition					3	1	1	1					6
SE Coalition													0
NTBHA MCOT							5	4					9
													0
DART PD			4		1	1							6
DCHD - Parkland PD				1		2	1	1					5
TRIAGE OUTCOME		2	17	14	29	21	22	20	2	0	0		
Psych Crisis Residential					1			3					4
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt													0
Living Room-NTBHA*		1	4	6	9	2	1						23
CMHP Services													0
ACT Team						3		1					4
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	3					10
Boarding Home/PSH					1	1		2					4
Higher Level of Care													0
Behavioral Health			4		4	2	6						16
Physical Health			1		1	3	2	2					9
Veterans Administration				1			1						2
LEA Maintained Custody			2		3		1	1					7
Still in Service							2	1					3
Refused Services			5	2	6	6	7	7	2				35

Homeless CTs in Dallas County Jail



Douglas Denton

Executive Director, [Homeward Bound Inc.](#)

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

February 22, 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; Erin Moore, Dallas County; Tzegabrhan Kidane, Dallas County; Aaron White, Dallas County I.T.; Amy Gill, Volunteers of America Texas; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare Services; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Mayra Fierro, Texas Appleseed; Renee Arnold, Dallas County; Tasha Derby, DCHHS, Sheree Granville, DCHHS; Dr. Philip Huang, DCHHS; Deborah Hill, DCCJ; Aadya Aahuja, United Way

Dr. Daniel opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

CALL TO ORDER: The minutes were approved with one change. Doug Denton stated that in the January 2023 minutes under the Homeward Bound section on the seventh line decomposition needed to be changed to decompensation.

GOVERNANCE

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness:

Commissioner Daniel reported the Dallas Area Partnership meeting for February did not have a quorum but they did have a good discussion. Three members will be appointed to fill vacant positions. The next meeting will be February 2, 2023, and a detailed report will be provided next month.

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee:

Dr. Philip Huang reported that the Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee met on February 20, 2023. Dr. Huang stated that they have been updating on the statuses of COVID hospitalization, FLU, and Mpox which have all been improving. They have also been talking about the Community First project land that has been purchased through Dallas County. There is 75 acres of land, but they are still trying to acquire some adjacent land. Part of the land would be for the Community First Village type of model, but it will also include single family and multi-family units. There is also a possibility that Parkland may be looking to put a clinic in that area, but that is still in the works. The committee has also been discussing the modeling for the economic impact of homelessness that a health economist has been assessing.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie provided the group with a list of bills that was included in the meeting packet. Janie reported that the House appropriations subcommittee on higher education was having their subcommittee hearing on the budget. All the universities at the hearing mentioned mental health when they were making their pitches for their budget and exceptional items. Janie stated that 5 more bills were filed that were related to homelessness. Bill SB1073 filed by Senator West is a companion bill to HB1142. The committees have been assigned in both houses and bills have started to be assigned to the various committees. Janie encouraged the meeting attendees read over the bills included in the list in the meeting packet, go to the links and to reach out if they have any questions.

Ikenna Mogbo reported that the Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers (TAAHP) will be having their Rally Day on March 21, 2023, in Austin Texas. The event brings together affordable housing advocates to meet with legislators at the Texas State Capitol to educate and inform them about issues related to development of affordable housing in Texas. Ikenna stated that he will be participating and will provide the event information to the group.

Mayra from Texas Appleseed reported that bill HB1450 that has been filed is looking to seal eviction records if the tenant is found not at fault. Mayra also reported that SB83 aims decriminalize the runaway offense and to reclassify them as missing persons. She also reported that HB1819 seeks decriminalize curfew ordinances.

RESOURCES

Shelter Discussions:

Commissioner stated that the good news is that we hadn't had inclement weather in a few weeks. Mayra reported an incident during inclement weather where a minor was out in the cold. She was contacted at eleven at night and her only option was the fire station. Afterwards the young person and the case manager made decisions on next steps.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty

Eric McCarty was unavailable, but the report is in the packet

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly stated that all 13 Dallas County beds at St. Jude are occupied. She continues to work with the Housing Services for Homeless Criminal Justice Involved Clients (HSH-CJC) with the Procurement dept. to prepare specifications for the bidding process for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY22 Second Chance Act pay for Success Initiative grant funding award. Kim reported that she completed the Online Financial Grant management training required by BJA.

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 December to January increased by 300 jail book-ins. The offense category numbers for December to January show that the drug offense had slight increases. The criminal trespass and holds offenses had slight decreases.

Housing Authority Report: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS

Tasha Derby reported in Thomas Lewis's absence. Tasha reported that the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) had 124 vouchers allocated by HUD, 110 homeless individuals leased up, 9 open vouchers, and 5 individuals still searching. 40 project-based units are available through a partnership with St Jude Park central DCHA.

CARES Act/ARPA Funds: Charles Reed, Dallas County

Charles Reed was not available. Report will be given at next months' meeting

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Housing Forward updates: Sara Craig, Housing Forward

Sara Craig reported that the All-Neighbors Coalition received \$22.8 million from HUD. This community was the third highest grant after Los Angeles and Chicago. Sara reported that they were chosen because they were able to show through the application that the system is working efficiently to get people housed. She also stated they were able to show that they were bringing other vouchers and partnership to the application with their partnership with Dallas County and Dallas Housing Authority. There are 6 nonprofits that were chosen to administer the permanent supportive housing. The diversion portion of the grant will have an RFP put out to nonprofits to partner to provide services. The \$22.8 will be spread out over three years.

Point in Time update will be presented April 13, 2023, at the annual State of Homelessness Address.

Unit Campaign has been able to secure 302 available units with 137 being held with a deposit. They are currently with 180 + landlords and property owners.

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

Kimberly Rawls reported on behalf of Laura Edwards. She 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. They continue to see growth in the pretrial diversion assessment program. She also reported that they are about to start a new project with APAA working with recovery coaches and they will be linked to the pretrial diversion referrals.

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 that the crisis residential is holding its 18-20 beds consistently full. He stated that the Dallas Deflection Center chart in the meeting packet shows how many individuals are coming in, the referral source, and the triage outcome. Doug reported that they had several cases where the individual appears to be having a true mental crisis but when Parkland runs

a blood sugar level, they find that the levels are not at a normal level. Doug also pointed out the Total Triaged chart in the meeting packet shows where the individuals triaged were sent. It showed 11% were sent to the shelters, 29% to a boarding home, 18% to higher level of care, 6% remained with LEA, 7% went to home/family, and 23% refused services. Doug explained that the percentage of people who refused services is a lower number than they expected. If they refuse services, they are still provided with a bus ticket or transportation to where they want to go. Doug explained there was a dip during the holidays. He stated that during the inclement weather law enforcement was directed to take individuals to the inclement weather shelters which could have affected the numbers of the Deflection Center. It is reported that the numbers are returning to the normal rate and law enforcement is bringing individuals to the Deflection Center on a consistent basis. Doug believes that there is a significant difference in the criminal trespass offense for homeless individuals from July, August, September to when the center really got going in October. He stated that this could reflect the presentation and training for law enforcement. It has allowed officers to be able to offer individuals an alternative to jail. Doug reported that there were 154 people checked in at the jail from 9pm to 9am in December. The phase two of the Deflection Center is to be open 24 hours.

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

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

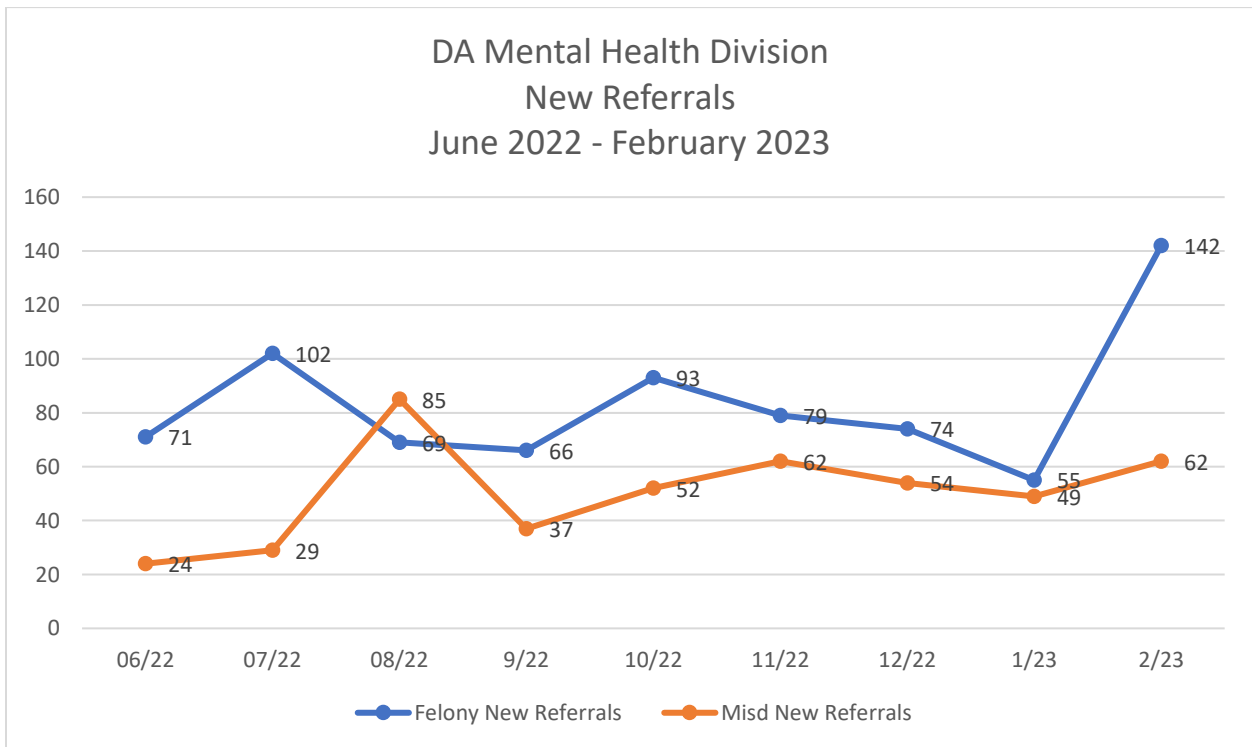
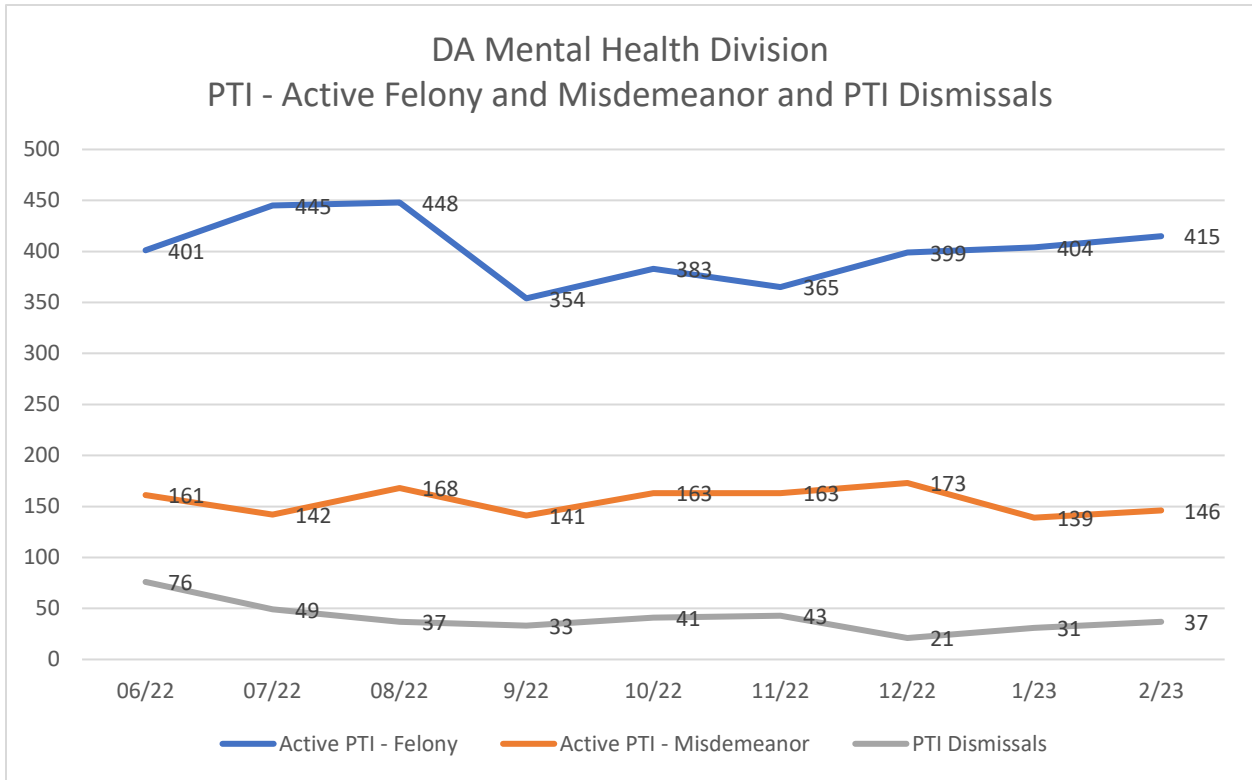
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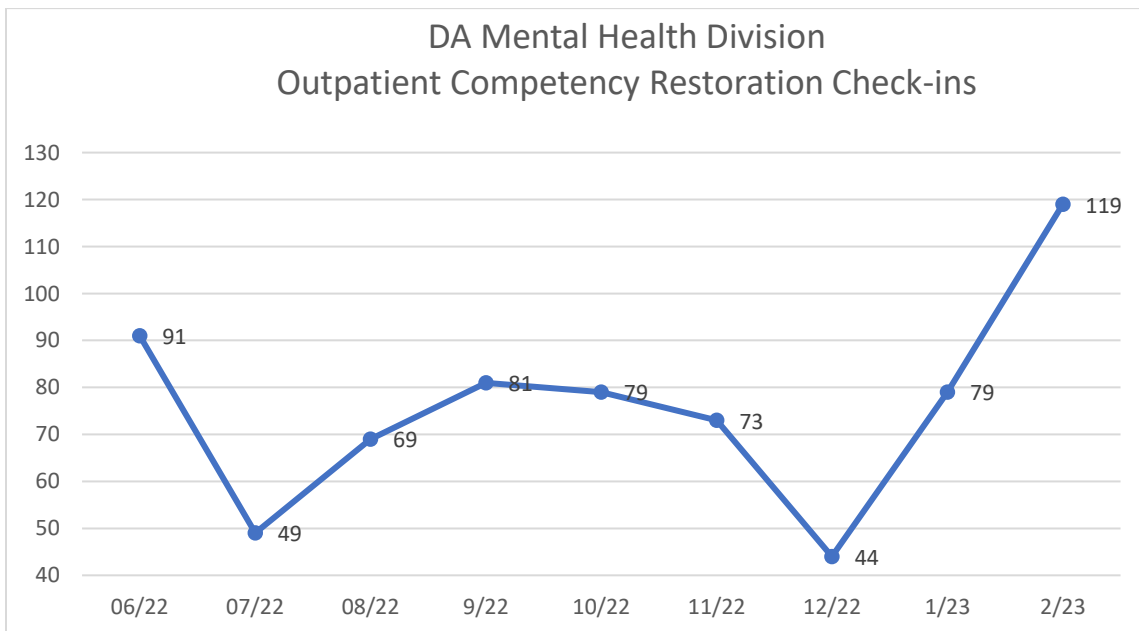
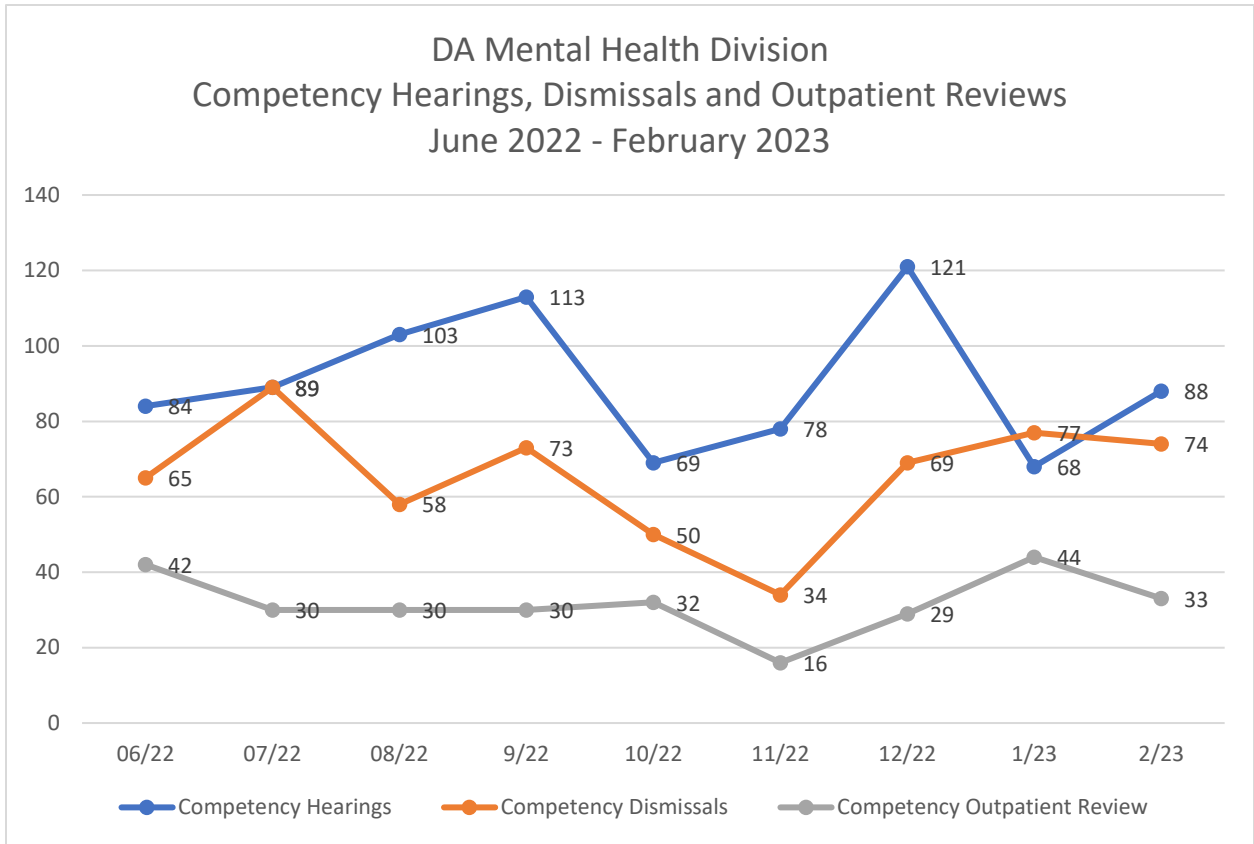
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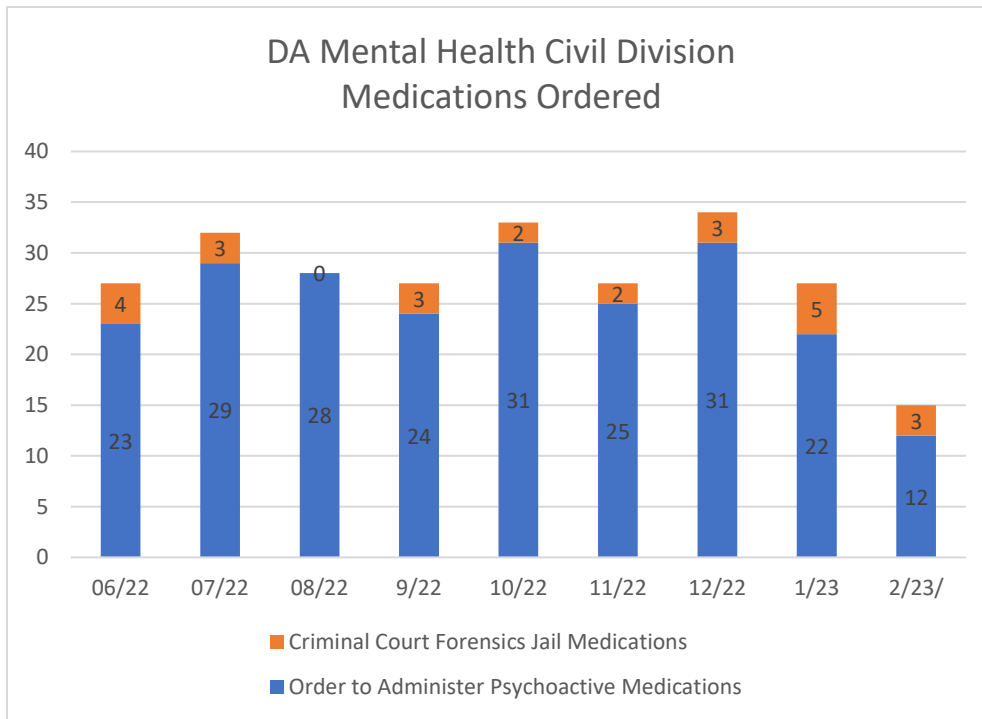
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	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2023 Total	FY2022 Total	FY2021 Total	FY2020 Total	FY2019 Total
Nexus New Admissions	0	2	2	0	1								5	5	23	26	25
Nexus Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	0	51	27	0	52								43	16	12	12	8
Homeward Bound New Admissions	1	2	1	2	3								9	9	14	24	11
Homeward Bound Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	13	19	50	84	96								52	94	92	79	7
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																	
Successful	1	0	1	1	1								4	19	22	43	27
Unsuccessful	1	1	2	0	2								6	5	7	11	3
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2023																	
Number of Referrals by Specialty Courts			AIM		5					DWI				STAR		1	
			ATLAS		1					IIP				Veterans			
			Competency		9					Legacy Family				4-C			
			DDC							MHJD/SET	6						
			DIVERT							STAC	8						

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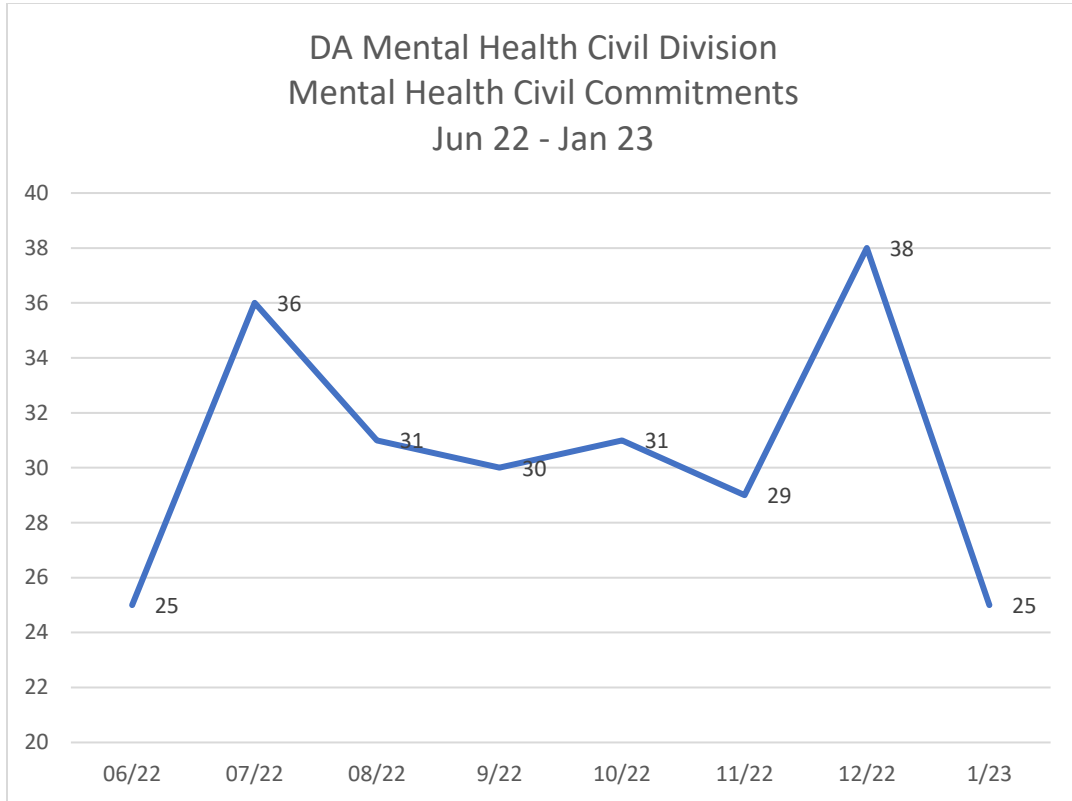
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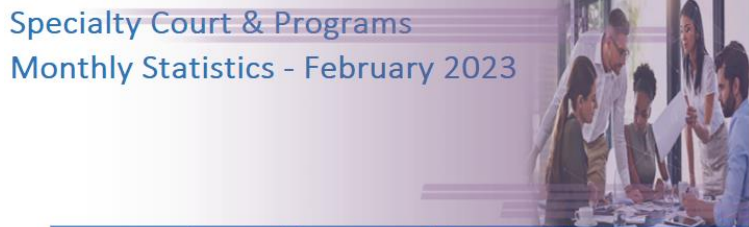
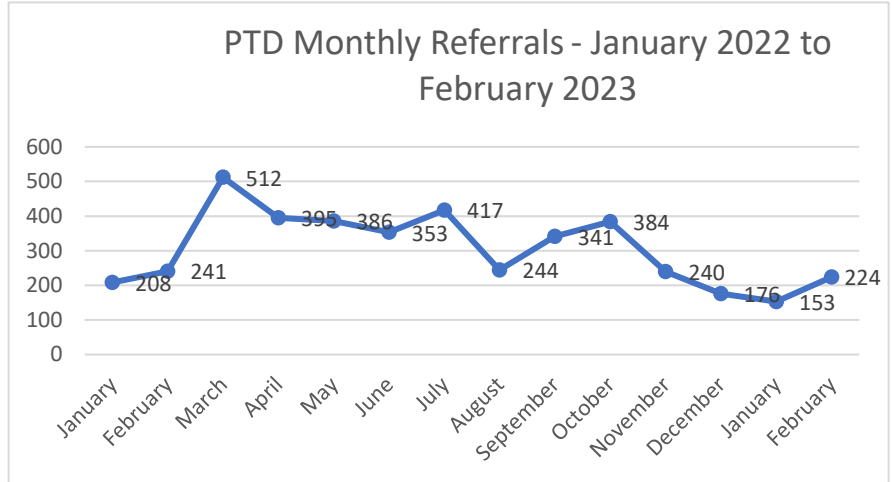
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Civil Commitments	25	36	31	30	31	29	38	25	19
Order to Administer Psychoactive Medications	23	29	28	24	31	25	31	22	12
Criminal Court Forensics Jail Medications	4	3	0	3	2	2	3	5	3
Total Medication Hearings	27	32	28	27	33	27	34	27	15
Total Hearings	52	68	59	57	64	56	72	52	34





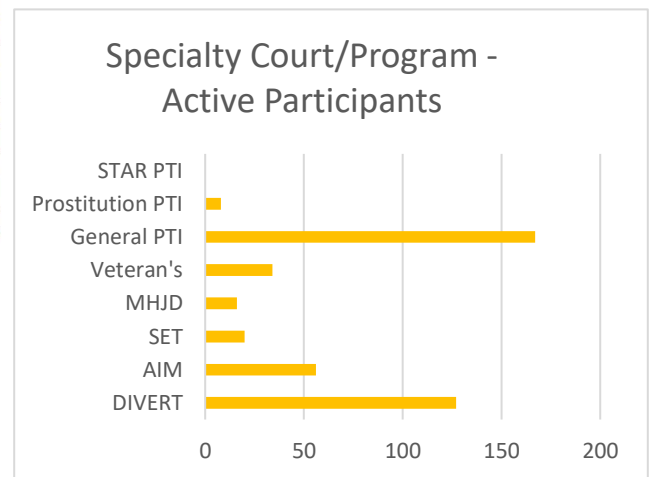
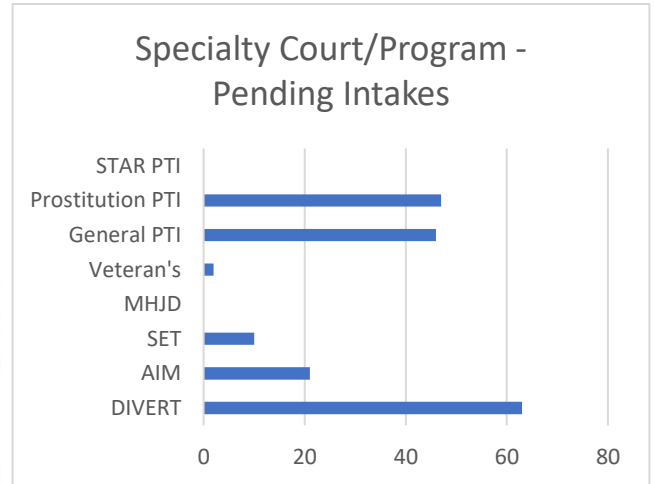
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Month	Total Referrals
June	8
July	124
August	141
September	187
October	204
November	245
December	368
January	208
February	241
March	512
April	395
May	386
June	353
July	417
August	244
September	341
October	384
November	240
December	176
January	153
February	224



Specialty Court & Programs Monthly Statistics - February 2023

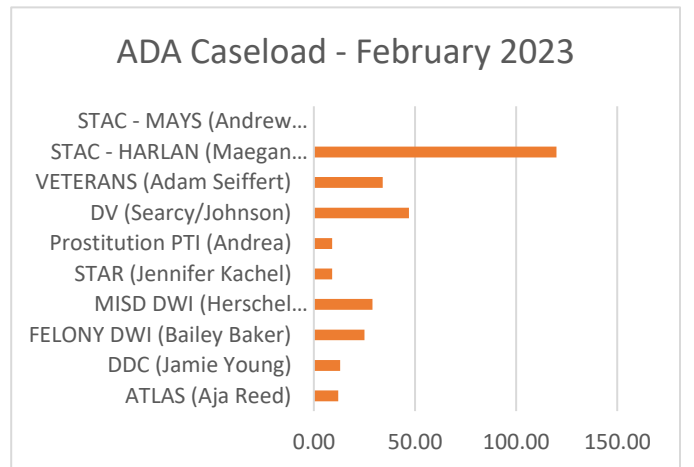
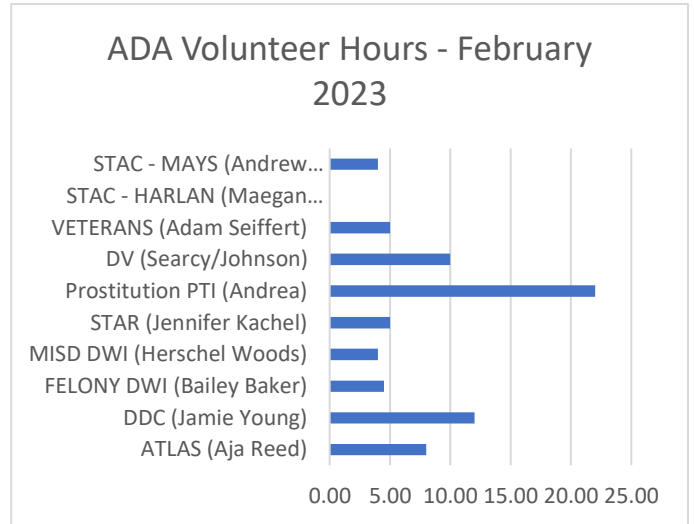
Specialty Court/Program	Pending Intak	Graduate	Failed	Activ
DIVERT	63	4	3	127
AIM	21	1	1	56
SET	10	0	0	20
MHJD	0	0	1	16
Veteran's	2	2	3	34
General PTI	46	14	2	167
Prostitution PTI	47	3	0	8
STAR PTI	0	0	1	0





RJD SPECIALTY COURT/PROGRAMS ADA VOLUNTEER HOURS- FEBRUARY 2023

Specialty Court/Program	Hours	Caseload
ATLAS (Aja Reed)	8.00	12.00
DDC (Jamie Young)	12.00	13.00
FELONY DWI (Bailey Baker)	4.50	25.00
MISD DWI (Herschel Woods)	4.00	29.00
STAR (Jennifer Kachel)	5.00	9.00
Prostitution PTI (Andrea)	22.00	9.00
DV (Searcy/Johnson)	10.00	47.00
VETERANS (Adam Seiffert)	5.00	34.00
STAC - HARLAN (Maegan Westbrook)	0.00	120.00
STAC - MAYS (Andrew Novak)	4.00	



March 9, 2023

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Texas House Bills

[HB 12](#)-Rose-Extend Medicaid for women to twelve months postpartum.

[HB 49](#)-Klick-Amends Texas Health and Safety Codes 241.051 and 577.013 regarding public access to hospital investigation information and materials, including licensed mental hospitals.

- Requires omission of personally identifiable information of a patient or health care provider.
- Must include provisions of the law that the hospital is alleged to have violated, the number of investigations of the hospital conducted, pleadings to impose a penalty, the outcome of each investigation, reprimands, license denial or revocation, corrective action plans, amount of administrative penalty, copies of investigative report and commission's orders to address the complaint.
- Requires HHSC to post the notice of violation, the name and geographic location of the hospital, the date of the final decision, report or order and the outcome of the investigation within 90 days .
- Information must remain posted for two years.

Current Status: Hearing in House Public Health Committee on March 5, 2023.

[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." Current Status: Referred to Public Health

[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 Current Status: Referred to Youth Health & Safety.

[HB 112](#)-Howard-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code Title 4 to add Subtitle H related to workplace violence at a home and community support services agency, hospital, nursing facility, ambulatory surgical center, freestanding emergency medical care facility or mental hospital.

- Requires each facility to establish a workplace violence prevention committee or authorize an existing committee to develop a workplace violence prevention plan.
- Requires a written workplace violence prevention policy.
- Requires implementation and enforcement of the workplace violence prevention plan.
- Requires annual review, evaluation of the prevention plan and a report to the facility's governing body.
- Requires post-incident response including acute medical treatment, report to law enforcement.
- Prohibits discipline, suspension, termination, discrimination or retaliation against a person who in good faith reports workplace violence or advises a health care worker to report an incident.

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[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.

Current Status: Pending after hearing on February 23 in House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

[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”. Current Status: Referred to Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

[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. Current Status: Referred to Youth Health & Safety.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to House Public Health Committee.

[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.

Current Status: House Public Health Committee hearing scheduled for March 6.

[HB 343](#)-Goodwin-Amends Texas Occupations Code 501.002, Gives psychologists prescriptive authority.

Current Status: Referred to House Public Health Committee.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee-Criminal Procedure Subcommittee Criminal Procedure.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to: House Public Health Committee.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to House County Affairs Committee.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to House County Affairs Committee.

[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).

Current Status: Referred to House Youth Health and Safety Committee.

[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

Current Status: Referred to House Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

[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 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. Current Status: Referred to Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee

[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.

Current Status: Hearing in House Criminal Jurisprudence on March 7, 2023.

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

Current Status: Referred to House Human Services Committee.

[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:

- 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.
- 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. Current Status: Referred to House Public Health Committee.

[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 post an immediate risk of harm to the child.

Current Status: Referred to House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to House Public Health Committee.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to House Public Health Committee.

[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.
- 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.

HB 822-Ken King--continued

- 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.

Current Status: Referred to House Human Services Committee.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to House Insurance Committee.

[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), HB 1584-Leo-Wilson, HB 2042-Bowers, SB 86 (Johnson), SB 207 (Eckhardt), SB 234 (Hinojosa), SB 495-Hughes, SB 868-West. Current Status: Referred to House Public Health.

[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.

Current Status: Referred to Higher Education.

[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.
Current Status: Referred to House Public Health.

[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.
Current Status: Referred to House Public Health Committee.

[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.
Current Status: Referred to House Corrections Committee.

[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.
Current Status: Referred to House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee.

[HB 1157](#)-Lozano-Amends Texas Education Code 25.087(b) to add mental health appointments to the list of temporary excused absences. Current Status: Referred to Youth Health and Safety.

[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.

[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.

HB 1359-Wu-continued

- 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.

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.

Current Status: Referred to

[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

Current Status: Referred to

[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](#)-Anchía-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 attempt to contact the 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.

[HB 2201](#)-Canales-Amends Texas Government Code 507.006(a) related to housing inmates with substance use disorders in state jail felony facilities. Bill as proposed would delete the phrase "~~...or discrete areas within one or more state jail facilities...~~" from the description of facilities that the state jail division may designate as state jail felony facilities to treat inmates who are eligible for confinement in a Substance Abuse Felony Punishment (SAFP) facility.

[HB 2233](#)-Spiller-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code Title 9, Subchapter B.

- Requires specified mental health awareness training for trainers of first responders, first responders, and first responder trainees. Six-hour training must include:
 - Most common mental health issues experienced by first responders.
 - The impact of chronic trauma on first responder's duties.
 - Signs and symptoms of mental illness.
 - Strategies for first responders to attain mental wellness and resiliency.
 - Directs HHSC to develop or adopt a curriculum for the above training.
 - Requires each state agency that certifies or licenses first responders to use the approved curriculum.
- Amends Texas Occupations Code 1701.253 to require an officer to complete the approved training.

[HB 2244](#)-Campos-Amends Texas Government Code Title 4, Subtitle I. Would direct HHSC to establish a statewide pilot project to provide supportive housing service through Medicaid to persons experiencing chronic homelessness.

- Defines chronic homelessness as an individual or family as:
 - Living at a safe haven, emergency shelter, or place not meant for human habitation.
 - Homeless for the continuous preceding year, or on at least four separate occasions in the past three years.
 - Head of household has a diagnosed substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairment resulting from a brain injury or a chronic illness or disability or a co-occurrence of any two or more of the above diagnoses.
 - Individuals who have been in institutional care such as jail, substance use or mental health treatment facility, hospital or similar facility for less than 90 days, but who met the above requirements before entering care, remain qualified for the program.
- Services available through Medicaid in the pilot project would include:
 - Mental health and substance use services.
 - Case management.
 - Personal care and personal assistance.
 - Home and community-based services.
 - Other housing support services.
- HHSC would establish eligibility criteria for participation that considers:
 - The individual's health conditions.
 - The individual's housing status.
 - Current or potential costs of providing supportive housing services through Medicaid.
- Supportive housing services to be provided to project participants:
 - Outreach and engagement.
 - Housing search assistance.
 - Education on tenant's rights and responsibilities.
 - Eviction prevention services.
 - Supportive housing services plans.
 - Coordination with primary care, home health care, substance use treatment, mental health treatment, vision services, dental services, hospital care, emergency room services, crisis intervention, critical time intervention, education on independent living skills, links to education, job skills training and employment opportunities.

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- HHSC should use financing and reinvestment strategies that account for:
 - Costs of providing health care to Medicaid recipients.
 - Costs of providing health care to recipients of supported housing services.
 - Costs of providing health care services to individuals under the Affordable Care Act.
 - Housing status of Medicaid recipients.
 - The degree to which accurate and current housing status information is available on Medicaid recipients.
 - The pilot project's effects on costs to other entities such as jails, long-term care facilities and treatment facilities.
 - Affordable housing investments that can be leveraged for participants' housing opportunities.
 - Amount of flexible service dollars to cover project costs.
- HHSC should address the administration of pilot project benefits including the roles of managed care, supportive housing services providers and coordination with existing and emerging health care systems.
- Requires a preliminary report by June 1, 2024 to include:
 - A summary of the project's progress.
 - Assessment of the effect of supportive housing services on the costs to provide services.
 - Assessment of the effect of services to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.
 - Medicaid plan waivers or amendments necessary.
 - Supportive housing services provided at the time of the report.
 - Analysis of the services provided at the time of the report.
 - Estimate of costs and potential savings.
 - Proposed modifications of eligibility criteria.
 - Legislative recommendations.
- Final written report is due September 1, 2026. Enabling legislation expires September 1, 2027.

[HB 2337](#)-Oliverson-Amends Texas Government Code 533.00255(a). Would allow Medicaid coverage for intensive outpatient services and partial hospitalization.

- Defines Intensive Outpatient Services
 - For behavioral health conditions that do not require detoxification or 24-hour supervision.
 - Provided to patients who require a time-limited, multifaceted array of services, structures and supports.
 - Includes individual and group counseling, family counseling, motivational enhancement training, relapse prevention, drug refusal, and coping skills training.
- Defines "Partial Hospitalization Services" as:
 - Distinct and organized intensive ambulatory treatment services.
 - Provided for periods not more than 24 hours.
 - At a location other than a patient's home or in an inpatient or residential care setting.
 - Includes services in 42 CFR Section 410.43 (a) (4):
 - Individual and group therapy with physicians, psychologists or other mental health professionals.
 - Occupational therapy.
 - Social Workers, psychiatric nurses and other trained staff.
 - Drugs and biologicals for therapeutic purposes.

HB 2337-Oliverson-continued

- Individual activity therapies that are not primarily recreational or diversionary.
 - Family counseling to treat the individual's condition.
 - Patient training and education related to the individual's care and treatment.
 - Diagnostic services.
- Directs relevant state agencies to apply for any necessary federal waivers or authorizations.

[HB 2411](#)-Talarico-Amends Texas Education Code 38, Subchapter E.

- Would direct DSHS to add opioid antagonists to the list of pharmaceuticals that are examined and reviewed by a DSHS advisory committee for use on school campuses, at off-campus events or in-transit to or from off-campus events.
- Current law requires examination and review of epinephrine auto injectors and asthma medications.
- Bill would apply to public schools, private schools, open-enrollment charter schools, or an institution of higher education.
- Amends advisory committee membership requirements to include physicians with expertise in opioid-related drug overdoses or treating drug use overdoses in addition to anaphylaxis, pediatrics, allergies, asthma and immunology.
- Advisory committee makes recommendations to DSHS on storage and maintenance, and training.
- Would require one or more trained school personnel or volunteers on campus whenever open.
- Allows each school district, charter or private school to adopt and implement policies regarding maintenance, administration and disposal.
- Allows each school district, charter or private school to authorized trained personnel to administer an opioid antagonist to a person reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid-related overdose.
- Directs HHSC to adopt rules regarding maintenance, administration and disposal including inventory, the amount of training required, regular inventory checks, monitoring of expiration dates and replacement of supplies.
- Supplies of opioid antagonists on campus must be stored securely and easily accessible to school personnel and volunteers.
- Schools required to report administration of opioid antagonist within ten business days.
- Schools would be responsible for training school personnel and volunteers, to include:
 - Recognizing signs and symptoms of opioid overdose.
 - How to administer an opioid antagonist.
 - How to implement other emergency procedures.
 - Proper disposal of used or expired opioid antagonists.
 - Training may be in-person or online.
 - Training must be in accordance with Texas Education Agency's Professional Development Policy.
- A physician or person who has been legally delegated prescriptive authority shall write a standing order for the school to administer opioid antagonists to anyone reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose.
- Allows pharmacists to dispense opioid antagonists to school districts.
- Provides immunity from civil or criminal liability or disciplinary action for a person who, in good faith, takes or fails to take any action related to administration of an opioid antagonist under this law, including issuing an order, supervising, or delegating administration, possessing, maintaining, storing or disposing, prescribing, dispensing, assisting in administering, or providing training.

HB 2411 takes effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote in the House. If it passes by a lower majority, it takes effect on September 1, 2023.

[HB 2441](#)-Plesa-Amends Texas Occupations Code 1701.352(b). Would require training for peace officers to include:

- Identifying and interacting with trauma-impacted veterans.
- Diverting trauma-impacted veterans to available community resources.

[HB 2451](#)-Allison-Amends Education Code 48.115(b) related to the school safety allotment and creation of a mental health allotment under the Foundation School Program.

- Designates \$100,000 or a greater amount to support mental health services at the district.
 - 48.101 schools are entitled to additional appropriations.
- Schools with more than 50% of educationally disadvantaged are entitled to an additional allotment.
- Funds must be used to develop or enhance a comprehensive school mental health system to provide a tiered array of supports and services.

[HB 2470](#)-Kuempel-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code Title 9, Subtitle B. Adds new chapter.

Would prohibit adverse employment actions against first responders based on mental illness. Includes peace officers, fire protection personnel and emergency medical services personnel.

- Adverse actions include suspension, termination, demotion, reduction of pay or benefits.

[HB 2506](#)-Jetton-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code regarding procedures applicable to the emergency detention of a person with mental illness at a mental health facility, including the detention, transportation, and transfer of the person and best practices for courts with jurisdiction over emergency mental health matters.

- Amends Health and Safety Code 571.003(9) and 571.001(12) to revise definitions of “inpatient mental health facility” and “mental health facility.”
 - “Inpatient mental health facility” is defined as:
 - One that can provide 24-hour residential and psychiatric services.
 - Is a facility operated by DSHS, a private hospital licensed by DSHS, a community center, a facility under contract with a community center, or any entity DSHS designates to provide mental health services.
 - A local mental health authority or a facility operated by or under contract with an LBHA/LMHA.
 - A mental health or psychiatric unit of a general hospital
 - A hospital operated by a federal agency.
 - “Mental health facility” is defined as:
 - An inpatient or outpatient mental health facility.
 - Operated by DSHS, a federal agency, a political subdivision, or any person.
 - A community center or any facility operated by a community center.
 - A mental health or psychiatric unit of a general hospital licensed by DSHS to provide care for persons with mental illness.
 - Any hospital or facility designated as a place of commitment by DSHS, an LBHA/LMHA and the contracting state or local authority.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.001 (d) and adding (d-1).
 - Directs that a peace officer who takes a person into custody shall immediately transport the person to the nearest appropriate inpatient mental health facility.

HB 2506-Jetton-continued

- Adds the requirement that the facility must be located within 100 miles from where the person was apprehended.
- Eliminates wording that states that the mental health facility must be “~~deemed suitable by the local mental health authority, if an appropriate inpatient mental health facility is not available~~”.
- Eliminates wording related to transport of the apprehended person. “~~...transfer the apprehended person to emergency medical services personnel of an emergency medical services provider in accordance with a memorandum of understanding executed under Section 573.005 for transport to a facility described by Subdivision (1) (A) or (B)]~~”.
- Does not apply to a peace officer who takes a person into custody who needs emergency medical attention for a physical condition.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.002 to require that a copy of the emergency detention form must accompany a person who has been subject to emergency detention and transported to a mental health facility.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.012 is amended to add “...(i) Unless a person whom the warrant is sought has continually been detained at a mental health facility, a prior emergency detention under this Chapter does not prohibit a judge or magistrate from issuing a warrant pursuant to this section”.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.013 regarding judicial best practices and procedures. Directs the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System to develop and provide best practices and procedures for ensuring that a judge or magistrate is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week to respond to applications for emergency detention. Best practices and procedures should be developed as soon as practicable after effective date of statute.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.021 (a), (b) and (d) to add the words “mental health” to describe facilities that shall temporarily accept a person for whom an application of emergency detention.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.022.
 - Allows an LBHA/LMHA to submit a request for a peace officer to provide transportation for a person subject to emergency detention to an appropriate mental health facility before the expiration of the emergency detention.
 - A Copy of the emergency detention notification must accompany the detained person to the receiving facility.
 - Prohibits receiving facility from requiring any form other than the peace officer’s notification of detention in order to accept a person for emergency detention.

HB 2507-Jetton-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.001.

- Allows a peace officer to detain a person who has been admitted to a facility regardless of whether the admission was voluntary.
- A person who has not been admitted to the hospital at the time the person is taken into law enforcement custody shall be transported for a preliminary examination to the nearest appropriate inpatient mental health facility or a mental health facility deemed suitable by the local mental health authority if an appropriate inpatient mental health facility is not available.
- Amends the current statute (from ~~may~~ to shall) to require a judge or magistrate to permit an applicant who is a physician to present an application by email or another secure electronic means.

HB 2507-Jetton-continued

- Adds “If a judge or magistrate transmits a warrant under Subsection (h-1) for the detention of a person who has been admitted to a facility at the time the application is presented under Subsection (h), the facility may detain the person to perform a preliminary examination in accordance with Section 573.021.”

Companion: [HB 1433](#)-Huffman, Hinojosa

[HB 2522](#)-Jarvis Johnson-Amends Texas Occupations Code 505, Subchapter G. Would direct the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council to establish alternative methods to examine the competency of an applicant for a social work license.

[HB 2552](#)-Thierry-Amends Texas Government Code and Occupations Code to require suicide prevention training for health care professionals.

- Amends Texas Government Code 531-Subchapter B to direct HHSC to approve suicide training courses required for license renewal for:
 - physicians (one hour), chiropractors (one hour), physicians assistants (one hour), nurses (one hour), physical therapists (one hour), occupational therapists (six hours over six years), chemical dependency counselors (six hours over six years).
 - Course must include suicide screening and referral.
 - Course may include suicide assessment, treatment, and management.

[HB 2557](#)-Buckley-Amends Texas Occupations Code 503 to enact a Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) Compact to facilitate the interstate practice of LPCs with the goal of improving public access to services.

[HB 2588](#)-Talarico-Amends Texas Education Code 48, Subchapter C to add a school safety allotment of \$100, 000 for school districts with enrollment of less than 1000 students, and \$100 per student in districts with more than 1000 to support mental health services in the school district.

[HB 2600](#)-Frazier-Amends Texas Government Code 614-Subchapter A-1 to prohibit termination of a peace officer solely because the officer has sought or received mental health care.

[HB 2638](#)-Ann Johnson-Amends Texas Human Resources Code 32.024 to add Medicaid coverage for multisystemic therapy.

[HB 2698](#)-Guillen-Amends Texas Government Code 2054, Subchapter F, to require suicide prevention information for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the Veterans Crisis Line on each state agency’s website.

[HB 2743](#)-Smith-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 46B.086 (a) and (b) related to procedures for court-ordered psychoactive medications for defendants determined to be incompetent to stand trial.

- Rescinds text in (a) (4) [~~who, after a hearing held under Section 574.106 or 592.156, Health and Safety Code, if applicable, has been found to not meet the criteria prescribed by Sections 574. 574.106(a) and (a-1) or 592.156(a) and (b), Health and Safety Code, for court-ordered administration of psychoactive medications~~].

HB 2743-Smith-continued

- Adds language in (b), “...The motion to compel medication must be filed not later than the 15th day after the date the court notifies the attorney representing the state of the defendant’s refusal...”
- Rescinds text in (b) directly after the above quotation, “...~~a judge issues an order stating that the defendant does not meet the criteria for court-ordered administration of psychoactive medications under Section 574.106 or 592.156, Health and Safety Code]~~ except that [~~...for a defendant in an outpatient competency restoration program]~~ the motion may be filed at any time for a defendant in an outpatient competency restoration program.”

[HB 2773](#)-Bucy-Amends Texas Human Resources Code 32, Subchapter B.

Medicaid reimbursement for school-based health services.

- Directs HHSC to ensure that Medicaid reimbursement is provided to a school district or open enrollment charter school for all health care services covered under Medicaid, including behavioral health services and nursing services to eligible students if the school is an authorized health care provider under Medicaid and the parent or legal guardian consents before services are rendered.
- Directs HHSC to ensure school receives Medicaid reimbursement regardless of whether services are:
 - Included in the student’s individualized education plan or
 - Included in the student’s individualized family service plan and
 - Provided by the recipient’s primary care provider.

Companion: [HB 1571](#)-Lozano

[HB 2775](#)-Bucy-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.002 (17) related to drug paraphernalia.

- Rescinds text in (K) “[~~a hypodermic syringe, needle, or other object used or intended for use in parenterally injecting a controlled substance into the human body; and (L)~~]”...
- Adds (j) This section does not apply to a person who uses, possesses with the intent to use, delivers, possesses with intent to deliver, or manufactures with intent to deliver a hypodermic needle or syringe, regardless of the person’s intent with respect to use the needle or syringe and regardless of whether the person knew or should have known that the needle or syringe would be used to administer a controlled substance in violation of this chapter.”

[HB 2780](#)-Leach-mental health and IDD information reports for firearm background checks to align with federal law. Companions: [SB 728](#)-Huffman, [SB 1184](#)-Eckhardt

Current Status: Committee Substitute for SB 728 reported favorably from Senate State Affairs.

[HB 2864](#)-Raymond-Amends Texas Government Code 124.002 (a) regarding eligibility for veterans treatment court programs.

- Requires the state to show good cause to deny a defendant’s participation in the program.
- Removes statutory language requiring the state’s consent for the defendant to participate.

[HB 2868](#)-Thierry-Amends Texas Education Code 38.051 (a)

- Allows school districts to include mental health services and mental health education in cooperative health programs for students and families.
- Requires at least one licensed mental health professional to serve on the school district or charter school’s health care advisory committee.

[HB 2873](#)-Howard-Amends Texas Government Code 531, Subchapter B.

Directs HHSC to develop and implement a maternal health strategic plan to include screening for perinatal depression, and strategies for reducing the most prevalent causes of pregnancy-related deaths.

[HB 2881](#)-Plesa-Amends Texas Education Code 25.087.

- Requires school districts to excuse students for a maximum of five days in a school year for the student's "mental or behavioral health". A discussion with staff revealed that the intention of the bill is to give students the option of missing school to relieve stress, so the use of the terms 'mental or behavioral health' in the language of the bill may be imprecise.
- Bill does not require permission of parent/guardian.
- Prohibits the school from requiring a statement from a health care professional to verify the purpose of the absence.
- On the second excused absence, the district may refer the student to the "school counselor or other appropriate school support personnel".

[HB 3077](#)-Jolanda Jones-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 62

- Creates a Perinatal Program in the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- Adds coverage for postpartum depression screening and treatment under CHIP.
- Extends CHIP coverage for not less than 12 months after birth or miscarriage.
- Requires mental health services for regardless of whether the woman has been found to be a danger to herself or others.

[HB 3144](#)-Lujan-Amends Texas Government Code 662, Subchapter D.

Designates October as Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month.

[HB 3150](#)-Talarico-Amends Texas Occupations Code 170.002(b) to authorize guidelines for prescribing opioid antagonists upon release from a chemical dependency treatment facility.

[HB 3192](#)-Lujan-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 193.005 to require that death certificates shall include the presence of a detectable amount of any Penalty Group 1-B substance and use the term "Fentanyl Poisoning".

[HB 3271](#)-Reynolds-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.001(h).

- Requires a peace officer to immediately seize any firearm found in possession of any person taken into custody under 573.001 (a) Apprehension by a Peace Officer Without a Warrant (APOWW).
- Rescinds the word ~~may~~ in the current statute and replaces it with shall.

[HB 3286](#)-Klick-Amends Texas Government Code 533.

Requires Medicaid Managed Care plans to establish a process in a user-friendly format through which a prescribing provider may submit a request for an exception to a step-therapy protocol.

[HB 3338](#)-Cole-Amends Texas Education Code 51.

- Requires the availability of opioid antagonists at the residence halls of each institution of higher education.
- Requires training of resident advisors.
- Requires policies regarding acquisition, maintenance, storage, inventory, administration and disposal.
- Requires report within ten business days of the administration of the opioid antagonist:
 - Age of the person who received the administration of the opioid antagonist.
 - Was the person a Student? Employee? Visitor?
 - Where was the opioid antagonist administered?
 - How many doses were administered?
 - Title of the person who administered the opioid antagonist.
 - Other information required by Commissioner of Higher Education.
- A physician shall prescribe a standing order for opioid antagonists to the institution of higher education without requiring name or identifying information regarding the user
- Gifts, grants, donations and federal funds may be received by the institution.
- Provides limited civil and criminal immunity for persons acting in good faith.

[HB 3363](#)-Frank-Amends various Texas Codes relating to compensation to counties for the confinement or detention of individuals in the county jail or other county facilities.

- Requires the specified state agency to compensate the county for the cost of confinement incurred by the county if the individual is not transferred to state custody within 45 days.
- The compensation must be equal to the amount that would have been incurred by the state agency to confine the defendant for that period.
- Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 46B to require HHSC to take custody of a defendant found incompetent to stand trial not later than 45 days after the court order.
- Amends Texas Family Code 54.04 to require the Texas Juvenile Justice Department to accept custody of a child not later than 45 days after the judge signs the disposition order.
- Amends Texas Government Code 499.071 to require Texas Corrections Department to accept custody of persons convicted of a felony awaiting transfer to a correctional institution within 45 days of the processing required for transfer.
- Applies to confinement that occurs on or after January 1, 2024.

[HB 3396](#)-Hayes-Directs HHSC to develop and implement a plan to ensure that each forensic state hospital bed that is funded to provide competency restoration services is brought online. Requires a report by to the Legislature January 1, 2024. Requires HHSC to begin providing those services no later than August 31, 2024.

[HB 3440](#)-Lujan-Amends Local Government Code 370 to allow participation agreements for overdose mapping by a local health authority or law enforcement agency for public safety purposes.

[HB 3460](#)-Price-reelates to coverage for mental health conditions and substance use disorders under certain governmental health plans.

[HB 3462](#)-Noble-Amends Texas Government Code 351.991. Directs HHSC to establish ombudsman programs for individuals in or needing:

- Children and youth in foster care.
- Managed care plans.
- Behavioral health access to care
- Care for intellectual or developmental disabilities.

[HB 3488](#)-Plesa-Amends Texas Education Code 48, Subchapter C to create a mental health allotment in the Foundation School Program.

[HB 3504](#)-Leach-Amends Health and Safety Codes regarding emergency detention and procedures for court-ordered mental health services.

- Amends 573.012(h). By changing may to shall, requires a judge or magistrate to permit a physician to submit an application for emergency detention by email or secure electronic means.
- Amends 574.001. Current statute requires that an application for emergency detention must be filed with the county clerk in the county in which the proposed patient resides.

HB 3488 adds options related to:

- where the proposed patient is located at the time the application is filed or
- the location in which the proposed patient was apprehended.
- Requires a judge or magistrate to accept an application at any time the judge or magistrate is on duty regardless of the hour, the day, weekend or holiday.
- Requires that applications for emergency detention orders be filed in the same manner as any other document, including electronic filing,
- Motions for orders of protective custody may not be denied solely because the proposed patient was not emergency detained at the time the application for court-ordered mental health services is filed.
- Directs court to allow competent medical or psychiatric testimony on video teleconferencing if it is available and there is good cause not to conduct in-person testimony, such as to avoid disruption to the testifying person's other patients.

Companion: [SB 1815](#)-Johnson

[HB 3532](#)-Sherman-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 63.

Requires that law enforcement agencies notify the parents of a missing child with an intellectual disability or mental illness as soon as practicable after the child is arrested or detained.

[HB 3534](#)-Morales Shaw-Amends Texas Government Code 411.185(d) Requires the Texas Department of Public Safety to post a printable brochure on its website related to violence and suicide prevention that is developed in collaboration with HHSC.

[HB 3566](#)-Bucy-Amends Government and Insurance Codes regarding statewide standards for the provision and health benefit plan coverage of substance use and addiction treatment.

- Amends Texas Government Code, Title 4, Subtitle I to establish a new chapter in statute on Substance Use and Addiction Treatment.
- Amends Insurance Code Chapter 1355 to add a subchapter entitled "Classification and determination of Coverage for Mental Illness.

[HB 3592](#)-Goldman-Amends Texas Occupations Code 501.260 related to standards to qualified as a licensed specialist in school psychology.

[HB 3597](#)-Sherman-Amends Texas Government Code 403.509 to establish programs and treatment for prisoners with a history of opioid addiction.

[HB 3602](#)-Zwiener-Amends Texas Education Code 38 to require school districts to adopt policies, programs and training on opioid antagonists.

[HB 3616](#)-Allison-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 571.018.

- Currently, a county is entitled to reimbursement for costs actually paid by the county from the patient. HB 3616 eliminates this option.

[HB 3735](#)-Guerra-Amends Texas Education Code 38.201

Requires school districts to establish an opioid antagonist program administered by a school nurse.

[HB 3784](#)-Guillen-Directs HHSC, in coordination with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, to establish a task force to study methods and incentives to increase production of opioid antagonists.

[HB 3800](#)-Ken King-Amends Texas Insurance Code 1451 to enable school-based mental health professionals' services to be covered by a managed care plan.

[HB 3815](#)-Gamez-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 533.0515.

Directs HHSC to produce a report on the regional allocation of mental health beds. Report is due by December 1 of each even-numbered year.

[HB 3858](#)-Frazier-Amends Texas Government Code, Title 4, Subtitle B.

- Directs law enforcement agencies to establish and maintain a mental health wellness unit within the agency for peace officers to identify officers that respond to violent incidents that may result in loss of life, homicides, suicides, or fatal motor vehicle accidents.
- A representative of the wellness unit should communicate with and monitor an officer who has experienced one or more of the above traumatic events.
- The wellness unit should maintain and provide a list of verified counselors, therapists, and support resources available to the officer.
- Wellness unit should include any additional requirements as determined by HHSC.
- Establishes a Peace Officer Mental Health Fund and Grant Program established and administered by HHSC.

[HB 3903](#)-Ortega-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 571.003.

Amends the definition of "Psychiatrist" to mean "...a licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or eligible for board certification as a psychiatrist."

[HB 3905](#)-Eddie Morales- Amends Texas Occupations Code 3905.

Directs the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council to allow a person licensed as a marriage and family therapist to supervise an applicant for required experience hours in a county with a population of less than 100,000 and is not adjacent to a county with a population of more than 100,000.

[HB 3908](#)-Wilson-Amends Texas Education Code 38.

Requires ten hours of research-based instruction on fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning awareness to students in Grade 6 through Grade 12.

[HB 3922](#)-Wilson-Establishes Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week in public schools.

[HJR 135](#)-S. Thompson-Proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution for the establishment of the Mental Health and Brain Research Institute of Texas.

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 and 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

[SB 728](#)-Huffman-mental health and IDD information reports for firearm background checks.

Companions: [HB 2780](#)-Leach, [SB 1184](#)-Eckhardt

Current Status: Committee Substitute for SB 728 favorably reported from Senate State Affairs.

[SB 868](#)-West-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.125 to legalize the use of testing equipment to identify the presence of fentanyl or other adulterants.

[SB 884](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Government Code 434, Subchapter A. Would require suicide awareness and prevention training for employees of the Texas Veterans Commission who have direct contact with veterans.

[SB 891](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Education Code 25.087.

- Would require a school district to excuse a student from attending school for a maximum of five days in a school year so that the student may seek or receive mental health or behavioral health treatment, support, or diagnosis with documentation from a health care provider.
- Would allow a school district to create a policy to allow students to be excused.
- Would allow school districts to create a policy to allow excused absences related to mental or behavioral health without documentation.
- Would allow a school district to include in the policy a requirement to provide the above documentation or be seen by a school counselor or similar district professional with written consent of parent or guardian. Under existing Texas Family Code 32.004, a child may consent to behavioral health services under certain circumstances.

[SB 1157](#)-Menendez-Amends Texas Education Code 33, Subchapter Z to define the duties of social workers employed by school districts.

[SB 1220](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Insurance Code 1355 relating to group health insurance benefit plan coverage for early treatment of initial onset of psychosis or symptoms associated with psychosis, caused by medial or neurological conditions, serious mental illness, or substance use.

- Also applies to Medicaid, including Medicaid Managed Care.
- Requires coverage for services provided to any individual younger than 26 years of age.
- Must include all generally recognized services:
 - Coordinated specialty care for first episode psychosis treatment in the Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) study by NIMH: psychotherapy, medication management, case management, family education and support, education.
 - Assertive Community Treatment.

SB 1220-Zaffirini-continued

- Peer support services.
- Only providers that adhere to the fidelity of the applicable treatment model and have a contract with HHSC will be covered.
- On or after March 1, 2029, a group health benefit plan insurer may request that Texas Department of Insurance contract with an independent third party to analyze the effect of the required treatment models on health benefit plan premiums. If the analysis finds that premiums increased annually by more than one percent solely due to requiring coverage of a specific treatment model, a group health benefit plan is not required to provide coverage for that treatment model.

[SB 1221](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Insurance Code 1369 regarding prescription drug benefits.

- Includes medications prescribed for a medical condition or mental illness.
- Prohibits removing a drug from the formulary, prior authorizations, imposing or altering quantity limits, step-therapy restrictions, higher cost-sharing, coinsurance, copayment, deductibles, other out-of-pocket expenses, or reducing the drug coverage amount.
- Prohibits requiring pharmacists provide a substitution for a prescription drug.

[SB 1225](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Education Code 29 regarding appointment of Educational Representative for public school students with disabilities, including students who have been voluntarily or involuntarily hospitalized for a mental illness or has a diagnosis of an intellectual or developmental disability.

[SB 1228](#)-Campbell-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 533, Subchapter B.

Directs HHSC to establish a grant program to assist a Local Mental Health Authority (LBHA/LMHA) in building a mental health facility in a county served by the local authority.

[SB 1241](#)-LaMantia-Amends Texas Education Code 43.115(b) to allow the school safety allotment of the Foundation School Program to be used for mental health services, suicide prevention, intervention and postvention programs, telehealth for mental health services, programs addressing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), licensed counselors and social workers trained in restorative discipline and restorative justice practices,

[SB 1282](#)-Springer-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code Title 7, Subtitle E.

Establishes The Texas Mental Health Care Enterprise Fund.

- Is an account in the general revenue fund that may only be used for receiving appropriations from the legislature, collecting interest, returns on investments, gifts, grants, or donations making payments.
- Directs HHSC to make annual grants to recruit and retain mental health professionals providing services to the state.
- Eligible mental health professionals are those employed or under contract with:
 - A local mental health authority or A local behavioral health authority.
 - A state hospital.
 - The Waco Center for Youth.
 - A public hospital that provides 24-hour acute behavioral health crisis care.
 - Award amounts to an individual may differ based on the mental health professional's role and whether the location is urban or rural.

[SB 1302](#)-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Education Code Chapter 38, Subchapter G.

- Requires school districts to provide at least one hour suicide awareness and prevention training and youth violence prevention training each year for students in Grades 6 through Grade 12.
- Allows school districts to establish student-led self-harm and violence prevention clubs on school campuses.

[SB 1319](#)-Huffman-Amends Health and Safety Code 161.042.

- Allows public health authorities, local health authorities or law enforcement agencies to provide overdose information to a governmental entity that maintains a computerized system through participation agreement.
- Personal information of the victim may not be disclosed.
- Allows overdose mapping for public safety purposes.
- Mandatory reporting of controlled substance overdoses to include:
 - Date and time of the overdose.
 - Approximate location of overdose.
 - Controlled substance(s) used.
 - Whether and opioid antagonist was administered.
 - Sex and approximate age of the person.
 - Symptoms associated with overdose.
 - The extent of treatment made necessary by the overdose.
 - The patient outcome.

Current Status: Public hearing on March 7 in Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

[SB 1365](#)-Hinojosa-Amends Texas Government Code 531, Subchapter B.

Creates a grant program for mental and behavioral health hospitals for children.

Companions: [HB 1893](#)-Jetton

[HB 1380](#)-Eckhardt-Amends Texas Occupations Code 1701.253 to require continuing education for peace officers on acquired and traumatic brain injuries and trauma-affected veterans.

[HB 1433](#)-Huffman, Hinojosa-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.001.

- Allows a peace officer to detain a person who has been admitted to a facility regardless of whether the admission was voluntary.
- A person who has not been admitted to the hospital at the time the person is taken into law enforcement custody shall be transported for a preliminary examination to the nearest appropriate inpatient mental health facility or a mental health facility deemed suitable by the local mental health authority if an appropriate inpatient mental health facility is not available.
- Amends the current statute (from ~~may~~ to shall) to require a judge or magistrate to permit an applicant who is a physician to present an application by email or another secure electronic means.
- Adds “If a judge or magistrate transmits a warrant under Subsection (h-1) for the detention of a person who has been admitted to a facility at the time the application is presented under Subsection (h), the facility may detain the person to perform a preliminary examination in accordance with Section 573.021.”

Companion: [HB 2507](#)-Jetton

[SB 1463](#)-West-Amends Government Code 531, Subchapter B

Establishes a grant program for behavioral health crisis response programs.

- Directs HHSC to establish and administer a grant program to award money to nonprofit organizations and political subdivisions for the purpose of establishing or expanding a behavioral health crisis response program.
- Behavioral Health Crisis Response Program would:
 - Operate one or more multidisciplinary response teams in the region in which the nonprofit organization is located.
 - Employ one or more behavioral health professionals to:
 - Screen 911 calls.
 - Determine whether to dispatch a multidisciplinary response team.
 - Provide consultation and information to the multidisciplinary response team.
- Non-profit organization that is awarded a grant must:
 - operate in accordance with best practices for jail diversion and managing behavioral health crisis.
 - Collaborate with one or more political subdivisions.
 - A county awarded a grant must collaborate with one or more municipalities.
- Grant applications must be submitted in the form prescribed by HHSC including:
 - A statement from the governing body of the political subdivision regarding the collaboration.
 - Data from each collaborating political subdivision on:
 - The number of 911 behavioral health calls received.
 - The number of paramedics and behavioral health professionals to serve on the team.
 - Capacity to accurately collect and report information on
 - » Frequency and outcome of calls.
 - » Calls related to a crime but that may involve a need for mental health intervention.
 - » Crisis referrals to community-based providers.
 - » Use of de-escalation.
- Local funds, federal grants, and donations from any source may be contributed to the program.

[SB 1491](#)-Miles-Amends Texas Occupation Code 501, Subchapter F.

Authorizes issuance of a license to certain licensed mental health professionals from other jurisdictions that have licensing requirements substantially equivalent those in this state.

Licensed professionals covered are: psychologists, psychological associate, marriage and family therapists, marriage and family therapist associate and professional counselors.

[SB 1585](#)-Sparks, Perry-Amends Texas Family Codes related to proceedings in juvenile court for children with mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

Amends Texas Family Code 51.20

- Updates statutory language related to proceedings in juvenile court for children with mental illness and intellectual disabilities.
- Rescinds statutory language related to determination of a child's fitness to proceed.
- Requires the Probation Department make a referral to the LBHA/LMHA or LIDDA if a child under deferred prosecution supervision or court-ordered probation is determined to have a mental illness, chemical dependency or intellectual disability.

SB 1585-Sparks, Perry-continued
Amends Texas Family Code 55

- Revises and adds definitions for the following terms: adaptive behavior, intellectual disability, child with and intellectual disability, child with mental illness, interdisciplinary team, least restrictive appropriate setting, mental illness, restoration classes, subaverage general intellectual functioning.
- Adds a section in statute related to forensic mental examination of a child.
- Adds a section in statute related to criteria for court-ordered mental health services for a child.
- Amends title of Subchapter B to “Court-Ordered Mental Health Services for a Child with Mental Illness”
- Revises statute related to temporary stay of juvenile court proceedings in cases where probable cause exists that the child is a child with mental illness and meets criteria for court-ordered mental health services.
- Revises initiation of proceedings for court-ordered mental health services.
- Requires treatment in the least restrictive environment.
- Revises statute related to discharge from court-ordered outpatient mental health services for a child.
- Revises procedures for discretionary transfer to criminal court on the child’s 18th birthday.
- Revises procedures for a child’s fitness to proceed to trial in juvenile court proceedings.
- Revises procedures related to inpatient mental health or residential intellectual disability services.
- Revises information required by the court to be sent by the juvenile probation department to a facility or alternative setting.
 - Prescribes information required if the child is unfit to proceed.
- Amends procedures in cases where the court orders IDD services.

[SB 1587](#)-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”. Companion: [HB 186](#)-Julie Johnson

[SB 1677](#)-Perry-Amends Texas Government Code 531 Subchapter B.

Directs HHSC, in cooperation with LBHA/LMHAs primarily located in rural areas of Texas, to contract with nonprofit organizations to establish or expand behavioral health centers or jail diversion centers to provide additional:

- Forensic hospital beds and competency restoration services.
- Inpatient and outpatient mental health services to adults and children.
- Reduction of recidivism and the frequency of arrest, incarceration and emergency detentions of persons with mental illness.

[SB 1815](#)-Johnson-Amends Health and Safety Codes regarding emergency detention and procedures for court-ordered mental health services.

- Amends 573.012(h). By changing may to shall, requires a judge or magistrate to permit a physician to submit an application for emergency detention by email or secure electronic means.
- Amends 574.001. Current statute requires that an application for emergency detention must be filed with the county clerk in the county in which the proposed patient resides.

SB 1815 adds options related to:

- where the proposed patient is located at the time the application is filed or
- the location in which the proposed patient was apprehended.
- Requires a judge or magistrate to accept an application at any time the judge or magistrate is on duty regardless of the hour, the day, weekend, or holiday.
- Requires that applications for emergency detention orders be filed in the same manner as any other document, including electronic filing.
- Motions for orders of protective custody may not be denied solely because the proposed patient was not emergency detained at the time the application for court-ordered mental health services is filed.
- Directs court to allow competent medical or psychiatric testimony on video teleconferencing if it is available and there is good cause not to conduct in-person testimony, such as to avoid disruption to the testifying person's other patients.

Companion: [HB 3504](#)-Leach

[SB 1816](#)-N. Johnson-Amends the Texas Health and Safety Code 754

- Prohibits a judge from declining to appoint an attorney because the judge perceives or knows that the patient is not indigent.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574 Subchapter A.
 - If the LBHA/LMHA of a county does not recommend that a proposed patient be committed, the authority must include:
 - The name and address of the examining physician.
 - The name and address of the person examined.
 - The date and place of the examination.
 - A brief diagnosis of the examined person's physical and mental condition.
 - The period, if any, during which the examined person has been under the care of the examining physician.
 - An accurate description of the mental health treatment, if any given by or administered under the direction of the examining physician.
 - The examining physician's opinion.
 - Identify the criteria for commitment that the proposed patient does not satisfy and include the facts on which that determination is based.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.021 regarding orders of protective custody.
 - A recommendation from a LBHA/LMHA is not required.
 - A court may not consider a recommendation from a LBHA/LMHA if the recommendation fails to comply with the above requirements.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.023 regarding transportation of proposed patients under orders of protective custody.
 - "A protective custody order shall direct a person authorized to transport patients under Section 574.045 to take the proposed patient into protective custody and transport the person immediately to a mental health facility deemed suitable by the local mental health authority for the area or a physician who completed a certificate of medical examination under Section 574.009".
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.025(d) to allow the applicant, the proposed patient, and the proposed patient's attorney shall have the opportunity at the hearing to appear and present evidence on the application. Deletes the phrase "~~to challenge~~".

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
February	44	2	46	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	44	24	0	0	24

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***			
February	28	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	2	2	26	21	0	19			

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
February	43	9	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	20	2	0	18

February		FY2023 MHPD STATS													
	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TRIALS	PLEAS	COND. DISM.	REVK	REVC	DISMISSALS	INCOMPETENT	REFERRALS	OTHER COUNSEL APPT.	TOTAL CLOSED		
R. Lenox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
L. Strather	425	13	438	0	2	5	0	0	3	0	0	8	18		

February		FY2023 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS														
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATIONS	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
M. Harden	227	5	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	3	5	1	0	0	3	14
R. Scott	23	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	3

RANDALL SCOTT		FY2023 MISDEMEANOR COMPETENCY STATISTICS														
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATIONS	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
February	88	24	0	0	1	0	0	39	0	10	0	8	0	0	0	15

February		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 RICHARDS ON	NEW CLIENTS AT WELLBRIDGE	NEW CLIENTS AT THRAPLINGTON	MR/MILLWOOD/HAVEN	PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS HELD	NO CONTEST COMMIT	CONTESTED COMMIT	FORCED HEARINGS IN COURT	MODIFICATION HEARINGS	OUTPATIENT COMMIT	INPATIENT COMMIT
L. Roberts	37	7	7	20	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	6	0	0	0
C. Cox	117	0	0	0	0	0	100	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	4	2	1	7
K. Nelson	168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	73	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	13	0	0	0
R. Black	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	24	42	0	0	5	0	1	1	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 HEARING S (# of clients)	Total # of Cases	Total # of Felony Cases	# of Felonies Approved	# of Felonies Denied	Total # of Misd. Cases	# of Misd's Approved	# of Misd's Denied
February	1936	246	64	32	96	84	55	28	27	29	16	13

FUSE DATA FY 2022-2023 12 MONTH

Category Item	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Total Clients Triaged for FUSE	375	371	340	283	304	385	304					
Referral Source												
Jail FUSE Navigator Triage	332	311	288	238	268	345	248					
NTBHA Living Room Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Defense Attorney Referral	6	12	5	9	5	7	4					
Shelter/Street FUSE Navigator Referral	14	19	18	12	7	10	34					
Other Referral Source	15	21	21	15	17	14	11					
Pretrial Referral	8	8	8	9	7	9	7					
Client Triage/Referral Outcomes												
Released to Another Program or Agency	6	9	2	2	4	12	13					
Referral Banned from Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate or Interview attempt	11	14	1	4	1	8	5					
Client didn't qualify for FUSE	158	149	136	144	123	144	112					
Immigration Hold	11	8	4	2	6	11	1					
Client report not being Homeless	5	9	8	8	5	2	3					
Released (i.e. Posted Bond)	47	31	79	17	56	77	60					
Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach	5	14	9	2	5	4	12					
FUSE bond denied	2	0	0	1	0	0	1					
Pending Client Referrals												
Waiting on info, Waiting on Bond to Post, and pending attorney response	108	115	83	75	87	106	83					
In Quarantine/Medical/Interview Pending	7	2	3	9	4	12	2					
Shelter Assignment												
Total Released from Jail to FUSE	15	20	15	19	13	9	12					
Austin Street Center	6	1	0	4	3	2	4					
The Bridge	8	12	14	11	10	7	7					
Salvation Army	1	7	1	4	0	0	1					
Qualified Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach	0	0	0	12	0	0	0					
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	2					
No Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Shelter Connection Rate												
Austin Street Center	2	1	0	4	3	1	2					
The Bridge	3	8	4	3	5	2	4					
Salvation Army	0	3	0	2	0	0	0					
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	2					
No Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Client Abscond/Did Not Connect	10	8	11	10	5	6	6					
Housed	1	1	3	4	1	0	2					
Housing Priority List or Info sent to MDHA	7	2	2	1	2	2	1					