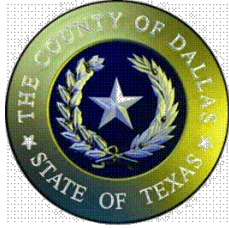


Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
Thursday, May 11, 2023
9:30am -11:00am
In-Person & Virtual Meetings via Microsoft Teams

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 - Review/Approval of April 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- II. Introductions
- III. North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update
- IV. Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) Update
- V. Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup Update
- VI. Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update
- VII. Legislative Update
- VIII. BHLT Voting Membership Review Committee Update
- IX. Funding Opportunities
 - The Cottages Update
 - SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update
 - Community Courts Grant Update – Public Defender’s Office (PD)
 - Restorative Justice Division Update – District Attorney’s Office (RJD)
- X. Upcoming Events and Notifications
- XI. Public Comments
- XII. Adjournment

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

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



DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
Minutes of the Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 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 March 09, 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:

- Sherry Lockhart- Program Manager. Transicare
- Carlette Scott- VP of Clinical Operations, Transicare
- Schabandol Johnson- TCOOMMI Jail Diversion-QMHP, Metrocare Services
- Audrey Garnett- Deputy Chief of Restorative Justice, Dallas County District Attorney's Office
- Latrice Shaw- Hickory Trail Behavioral Health Hospital

Presentation: Opioid Response Grant and PreTrial Diversion Assessment Program

- **Laura Edmonds**, Assistant Director Behavioral Health, Dallas County Criminal Justice Department provided an overview of the Opioid Response Grant and the PreTrial Diversion Program (PTD). The Opioid Response Grant is used to identify offenders at jail bookin with opioid use disorder, assess their needs and link and refer to Medication Assisted Treatment services within the community. The program identifies first time offenders who may be eligible for court-based diversionary programs to potentially resolve criminal charges as well

as link and refer to community resources. This program also addresses the defendant's behavioral health needs upon release.

Laura discussed the Opioid Response Grant goals such as collaboration with Parkland Jail Health on the voluntary MAT program implementation and assist with exit planning and care coordination along with the grant's successes such as; access to APAA recovery coaches (2 peers who started 10/2022) for those in jail on MAT and distribution of Narcan. On average there are typically 70 people receiving MAT treatment, currently there are 46. Laura reported the Opioid Response grant will end 9/30/2023 and the transition will focus to PTD, however, CJD will continue collaboration with Parkland Jail Health in support of individuals receiving MAT in the jail.

Laura also provided an overview of the Peer Recovery Grant through the BJA in partnership with APAA that funds 4 full time APAA Recovery Coaches who will engage individuals referred to PTD and provide recovery support.

- **Crystal Garland**, Program Manager, Opioid Response Grant, Dallas County Criminal Justice Department introduced the clinical assessors for both Opioid Response and PTD; Dominique Menjivar, LMSW & Tonia Williams, LMSW. Both assessors receive and assess referrals to identify treatment and programming needs.

Crystal provided an overview of the Pretrial Diversion Program. Crystal stated the assessors utilize the Texas Risk Assessment System (TRAS) for program placement. This PTD program also provides individuals an opportunity to prevent a felony conviction.

- **Audrey Garnett**, Deputy Chief Restorative Justice Division, Dallas County District Attorney's Office provided additional information including on the PreTrial Diversion Program. Audrey states the PTD program has allowed the DA to standardize and tailor the conditional dismissal to the individual's needs. Those who score high on the TRAS are being referred to Specialty Courts and those who are scoring low are being offered a Pretrial Intervention formally known as Conditional Dismissals with an opportunity for dismissals and expunctions. Commissioner Price asked if individuals are required to pay a fee to participate in the program, Audrey stated that most Specialty Courts along with the PTI program do charge a fee and the fee for PTI is \$500 with an application for indigency that would reduce or waive the fee. Chief Richardson asked, what the fees being utilized for. Audrey stated that the fees collected from AIM and PTI are going back into those programs and helping fund services like IOP, therapy, transitional housing/sober living at Clean Connections, drug testing and other things that support individuals in the program. Commissioner Daniel asked if the referral needed to be initiated by the attorney, Audrey stated the referral can be initiated by the attorney, defendant, and even their family but the attorney's consent is required to assess the defendant and the defendant's consent is required to participate. Audrey noted that the PTI agreements are typically 3-6 months while specialty courts are about 12-18 months long so there is potential for more volume with PTI programs than there are for specialty courts as they are limited by the number of staff (local mental health providers and probation officers) available to serve a particular program. Audrey noted that the PTI eligibility requirement is grant related and without exception or they would be at risk of losing funding and that referrals are high in volume at this time. Commissioner Daniel asked about exceptions for acceptance into PTD for felony offenses incurred during a mental health crisis. Audrey stated that the Mental Health Division under Lee Pierson reviews and considers offenses that may not qualify for PTD. Chief Richardson asked if a person reoffends will the DA consider reentry in to the PTD/PTI program, Audrey

said, yes, on a case by cases basis based on the facts of the new situation and previous programming. Chief Richardson asked about research around recidivism and success rates of the programs, Julie stated research is a part of the grants funding and they are currently in the stage of data gathering to be sure they are able to provide at least 3 years of data to researchers.

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update

Carol Lucky, NTBHA, CEO reported that NTBHA continues to exceed the numbers required to serve, remaining the highest in the state at, 24,527 adults served and 8,871 children served. Carol stated NTBHA was able to participate in the Charity Care Pool and were recently notified that they would receive at least \$10,678,298 with a potential for an additional \$200,000 based on a federal enhancement. Carol noted that Metrocare and Lakes Regional are not included in the numbers as they file their own information in the Charity Care Pool. Carol stated this funding would be beneficial to their private providers that have not had access to expanded funds in the past. NTBHA has also received an increase in long term continuation of housing and services that surround housing from the federal government at roughly \$6,000,000 for this term year and also \$3,000,000 for the next two years. NTBHA is looking to continue to increase coordination with Housing Forward and Meadows. Carol reports she has accepted the chair of the Continuum of Care for Housing Forward (The All Neighbors Coalition) which is a 130 homeless provider network which includes those who are peripheral to homeless provision. Carol reports that NTBHA has had their agency audit for the Local Mental Health Authority contract and believes it went well overall with some findings centered on policy and procedure. NTBHA and CJD plan to meet this Friday or Monday on the Dallas Behavioral Health Hospital (DBH) program to finalize process and procedures and DBH is finalizing hiring and hoping to get people moving to the hospital soon as their units are somewhat operational at this time.

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institution (MMHPI)

Ron Stretcher, Senior Director of Systems Management, MMHPI reports his team is working with Housing Forward to build a 5 year sustainability plan as they've received funding for about 400 permanent supportive housing units and supportive services.

Doug Denton, Executive Director, **Homeward Bound** provided an update on the Deflection Center. Doug reports that the District Attorney's Office has brought on Leah Gamble as a consultant to the Deflection Center and she is initiating outreach to line officers on accessing the center. Deflection Center staff is currently having conversations with the DAs office and partners about expanding the offense group to expand the scope of individuals that can be served.

Doug reported that they've just received a grant from Microsoft to develop a dashboard that would assist in data collection and data presentation.

Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup (BHHWG)

No report provided during this meeting.

Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update

Yordanos Melake, CSP Manager, provided the update on the 16.22 CCP Project. Yordanos states that the TechShare Migration launched successfully on March 19. Yordanos reports there were some questions from stakeholders at the last Advisory Committee meeting regarding the

screening form or the TCOOMMI Collection of Information form and CJD has reached out to the Civil DA to assist in final decision making, with a memo expected in the next couple of weeks that will guide next steps.

Legislative Update

Janie Metzinger, NTBHA, provided a packet that includes the bill list and a bar chart. Janie reports that House Bill 1 got passed out of the house last week and sent to the Senate yesterday.

Doug Denton, Homeward Bound, mentioned House Bill 299. Doug states, in the city of Dallas if there are 4 or more unrelated individuals living in one home you may need to be registered as a boarding home which keeps you from becoming certified as a recovery home. Doug states that there is a need for more recovery homes and especially MAT friendly recovery homes.

Athena Trentin, EdD, Executive Director, NAMI Dallas, wanted to bring awareness on SB 7,11 and 18 as they restrict what educators can and can't do in the classroom. Dr. Trentin reports that NAMIs numbers are significantly decreasing amongst their youth programs because terms like "suicide" are used and issues surrounding LGBTQ are discussed. The decisions to allow programs that provide these interventions into the schools are no longer the decision of principals and educators but the schools staff committee that is comprised of administrators, parents and counselors and they are saying "no".

Funding Opportunities Updates

• Cottages Update

Charlene Randolph, Director, Criminal Justice Department, provided the update. Charlene states the Cottages Monthly Property Metrics are on page 32 of the BHLT packet. Charlene reports that the resident census at the Cottages for March was 43 with 3 move-ins starting the month of April at 46.

• SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update

Marcus Turner, SAMHSA Coordinator, Criminal Justice Department, provided the update. Marcus states the goal for SAMHSA is to serve 40 participants. There have been 19 admissions to date in Grant Year 5. At the end of March there were 12 pending participants on the wait list to enter treatment. Marcus states the project needs to average 5 admissions per month to meet the target goal of 40 individuals. Marcus states that adjustment have been made on how information is reported and shared between partners. Marcus states his team is working on strategies to inform the court about the SAMHSA grant process and resources available to the specialty courts. SAMHSA's quarterly meeting is April 20th and they plan to discuss barriers and plans of action towards improvement

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

Vickie Rice, Special Programs Division Director, Public Defenders Office referred to the BHLT packet for program reports

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

Julie Turnbull, Chief, Restorative Justice Division, District Attorney's Office, provided the update. Julie requests assistance in identifying Spanish speaking inpatient treatment facilities. Julie mentioned that some individuals can be sent to Hidalgo County Substance Abuse

Treatment Facility however they will not accept individuals that do not have legal status.

Upcoming Events and Notifications

- **Dr. Walter Taylor**, Chief Strategy Officer, NTBHA announced an event that will be held this Saturday April 15 at the Balch Springs Civic Center from 10:30a-12:30p hosted by Terry Marshall, former mayor of Balch Springs.
- **Reverend Stacy Brown**, announced a Lunch and Learn tomorrow to conclude the Black Maternal Health Week sponsored by United Way. They will also be giving a call to action about some legislation, particularly HB12, which would extend the amount of maternal health care provided to individuals who are on Medicaid. Reverend Brown also mentions the community fair held at Exline Community Center on Saturday.
- **Athena Trentin**, EdD, Executive Director, NAMI Dallas announced the annual NAMI Walk that will be held May 6, 2023 at the Frisco Riders Field
- **Joe Powell**, CEO, APAA announced the Black and Brown Conference on April 19th & 20th. Joe also mentioned the Big Texas Rally for Recovery Month as September is Recovery Month.
- **Vickie Rice**, Special Programs Division Director, Public Defenders Office asked that everyone on the BHLT sends their information in to the Public Defender's office as they would like to push information out to the community to bring awareness to behavioral health and treatment options within our community. Vickie also reported that the Podcast hosted by the Public Defender's Office will be bringing in the Regional Right Care Team that services Cedar Hill and DeSoto for discussion and if anyone on the BHLT would like to participate for the month of May, please forward your information.
- **Charlene Randolph**, Director, Criminal Justice Department announced the retirement of Cynthia Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Criminal Justice Department. Charlene asked that all BHLT announcements and reports be sent to herself.

Adjournment

Commissioner Price thanked everyone for their service. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Mission Statement: The Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Work Group (DCBHWG), 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 DCBHWG 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; Tzeggabran Kidane, Dallas County; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Krystal Lotspeich, CitySquare; Yolanda Williams, CitySquare; Yordanos Melake, DCCJ; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Thomas Lewis, DCHHS; Aadya Ahuja, United Way; Lisa Marshall, Fighting Homelessness; Sara Craig, Housing Forward; Steve Abbott, Red Cross; Larry Abrahms, Red Cross; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Dr. Constance Lacy, UNT-Dallas; Dr. Alicia Brossette, UNT Dallas; Sarah Masih, Salvation Army; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare; Kimberly Onofre, Sharing Life Ministries

Dr. Daniel opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

CALL TO ORDER: The minutes were approved with no change.

GOVERNANCE

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness:

Commissioner Daniel reported the Dallas Area Partnership met on April 6th and stated many things were in process. Councilmember Casey Thomas resigned, and a new co-chair will be introduced at a later date. Dallas County is involved in about 15 different housing projects ranging from involvement in construction, planning, and the negotiation of land purchase.

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee:

Erin Moore reported that the committee is still working on definitions and history of homelessness. A committee member is putting together a presentation on the state of building and lending in Dallas that will focus on identifying where the disparities and funding are. Eviction prevention from the ARPA funding is also focusing on sustainability with the repurposing of old hotels and establishing navigators into each Justice of the Peace court so people can have representation.

Ron Stretcher emphasized the need for infrastructure and sustainability with the CARES and ARPA funding. He also expressed the need to garner support for permanent supportive housing and funding streams for MCO's and Medicaid. Commissioner Daniel explained that she is pulling together a meeting of individuals with a financial background to construct a financial structure for housing.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported that both the Senate and House of Representatives have passed their budget, but they are not in agreement so the budgets are now in the Conference Committee. The year's appropriation for the biennium from the House for adult mental health services is \$482 million, crisis services will be \$164.3 million, and substance use disorder services is at \$276.9 million. Continuity of care grants are also increasing. A state hospital for adults and one for children will be constructed in the Dallas area within the next 5 years. Staffing continues to be an issue in these types of healthcare facilities. Partnering with the medical schools hopes to remedy the 17-year gap that exists. Legislation is in the pipeline that will create loan forgiveness programs for people working for the local behavioral health authority to boost staffing in that area. Also, SB 26 is a bill in the legislature that will allow nursing homes to provide services to patients with mental and physical disabilities.

Other Legislative Comments:

Doug Denton conveyed a point about Medicaid, private insurance, and value-based options. Ron Stretcher volunteered that his team could put together a presentation and expand more on that topic. Janie Metzinger also stated that the bills that are in session that haven't been heard this week may not survive. They will have to make their way through another process to be heard or be attached to another bill.

RESOURCES

Shelter Discussions: A representative was not available for the meeting. The report will be given at next month's meeting.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty

Eric McCarty stated the report was in the packet. There hasn't been much change to the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) because they have a staffing shortage. They are still able to provide assistance to those looking to move into the cities of DeSoto, Rowlett, Addison, and Richardson and the surrounding counties, Kaufman, Ellis, and Hunt. Applicants do not need a mental health diagnosis to receive assistance, but they need to meet the income requirements. They are coordinating when and how they will broadcast this information. Dr. Constance Lacy asked about what educational requirements NTBHA needed to address the staffing issues, to which Eric stated they are addressing this need with temporary workers. Dr. Lacy stated that their program has undergraduate students who need internship hours and may be able to provide some case management interns to assist with their need.

Housing Navigator: Yordanos Melake, Dallas County

The FUSE March data is in the packet. Yordanos reported that after June, United Way will no longer fund FUSE. The criminal justice department is meeting with shelter partners to coordinate how to move forward and support those in the program. Sustainability plans are in place and Kim will report those plans next month. Commissioner requested regular updates on the status of the program.

Homeless Jail Dashboard: Dallas County

The report is provided to the group in the meeting packet.

Housing Authority Report: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS

Thomas Lewis reported that the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) had 124 vouchers allocated by HUD and now all vouchers are used. He stated case management services are important to this process. With the partnership of St Jude Park Central and the Dallas County Housing Authority, case management has helped to utilize those units too. They are moving forward with the foster children grant that will allow them to assist with 25 individuals. They will report more on that initiative as they make progress.

CARES Act/ARPA Funds: Dallas County

Commissioner Daniel reported that ARPA funds have been dedicated and the county is in the process of spending the funds over the next three years.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Housing Forward updates: Sara Craig, Housing Forward

Sara Craig indicated that the State of the Homelessness Report listed that chronic homelessness decreased by 32%. She also reported that they have partnered with other entities such as the City of Dallas, NTBHA, CitySquare and other non-profits to form an encampment decommission task force whose goal is to resolve encampments and provide resources to get those neighbors housed. In forming this group, it has aided in decreasing unsheltered homelessness by 14%. Overall homelessness decreased by 4%. Housing placement increased by 18% and the average days the neighbors experience homelessness is 95 days. 92% of those housed within Dallas and Collin County are remaining so after a year. They have increased funding by 20% through private and HUD funds. With those funds the plans are to build new permanent supportive housing and diversion programs. Their new real time rehousing goal is 6,000 by 2025.

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

Yordanos Melake reported for Laura Edwards. She reported that they continue to transition jail releases back into the community. They connect them with NTBHA and the Connector to make sure they have transportation. They appreciate the partnership with NTBHA, and all is going well.

Dallas Connector: Daniel Roby, Austin Street

Report will be given at next month's meeting.

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton stated that the report was in the back of the packet. He reported that referrals from law enforcement had decreased in March, but they have partnered with NTHBA's Mobile Crisis Team (MCOT) and have received some referrals. The DA's office hired Leah Gamble to go out to the law enforcement offices to talk to the patrol officers about the Deflection Center. Tarrant and Harris County are expanding the range of offenses that they can receive in their Deflection Center. He reported that an individual doesn't have to have a charge to be referred to them. Entities such as MCOT and Transicare can make a referral to the center. He believes the Deflection Center is going to make an impact on jail population.

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 and will report next month.

Mattingly Report: Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp

Jim Mattingly was not available for the meeting, but he sent his quarterly report. Commissioner Daniel noted the areas with higher levels of rent decreases were in the East Dallas, M Streets, and White Rock West areas. She also noted that the area with the most permits issued for units in the pipeline are all around Dallas County and not within it.

The meeting was adjourned with words of motivation by staying engaged and informed by Dr. Daniel.

Next Meeting: May 31, 2023

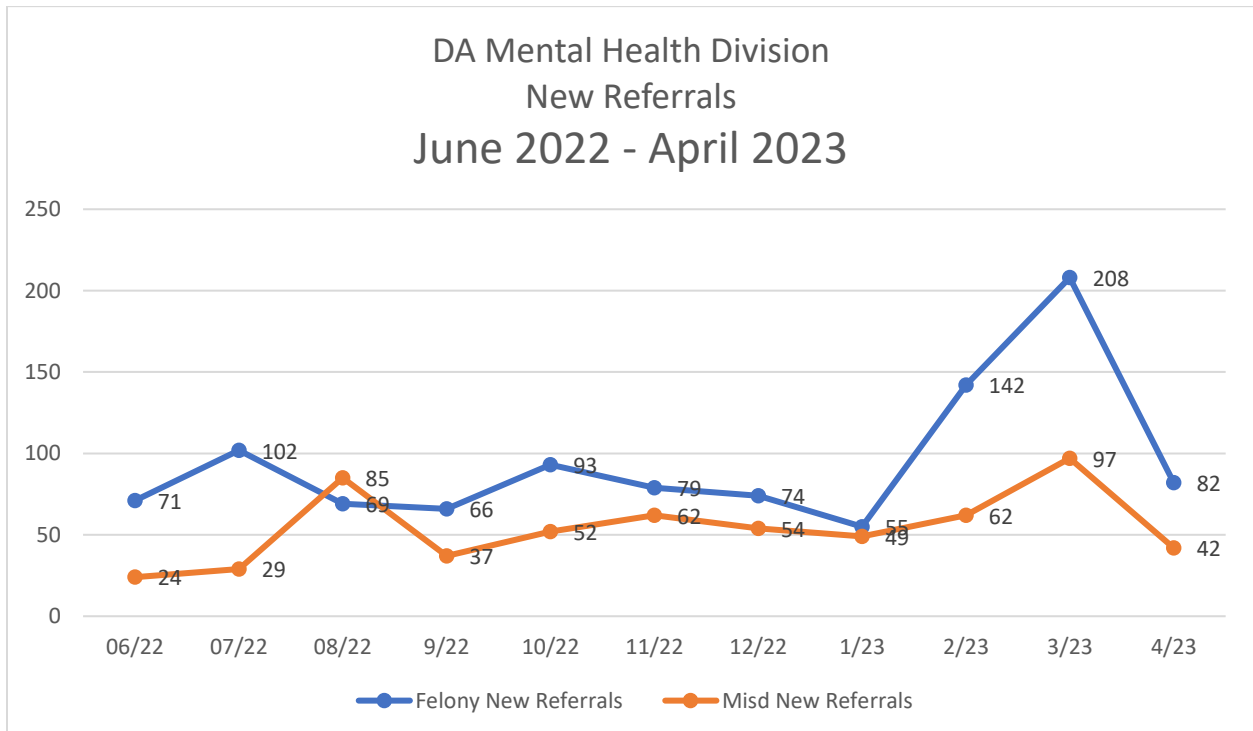
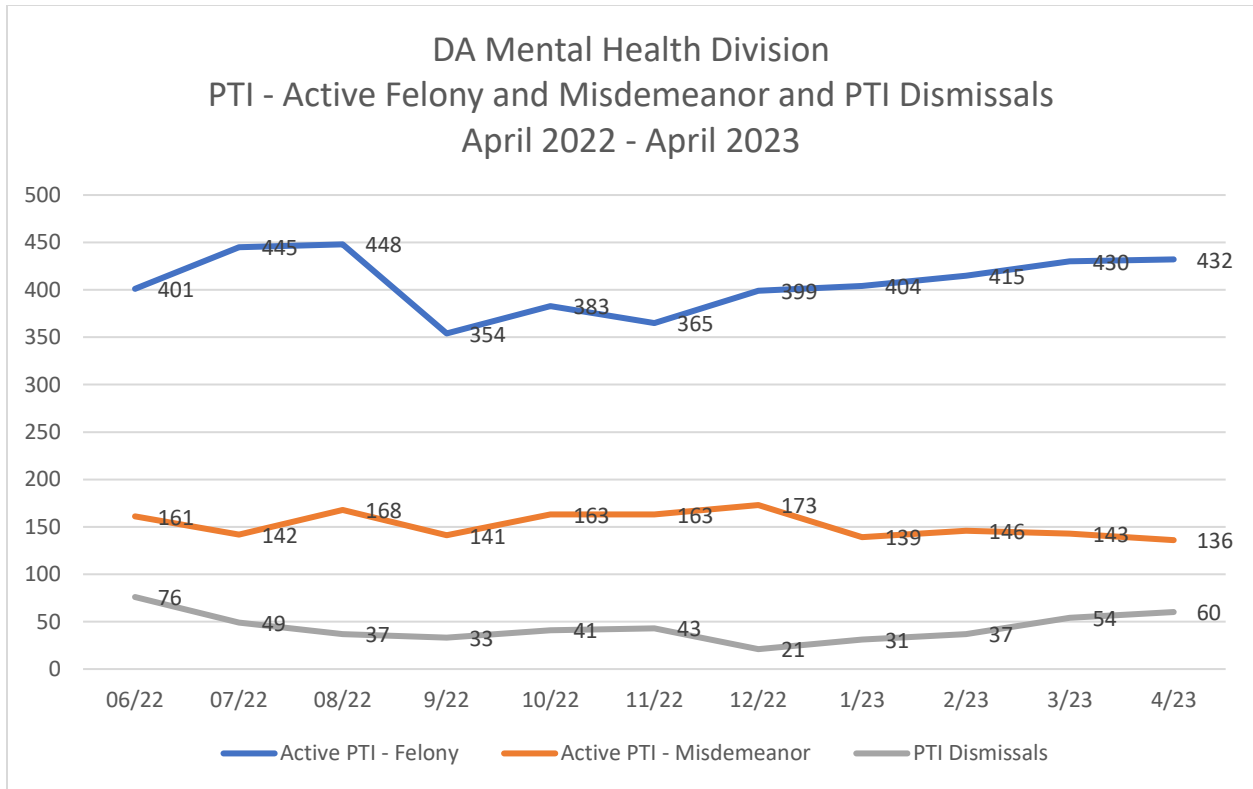
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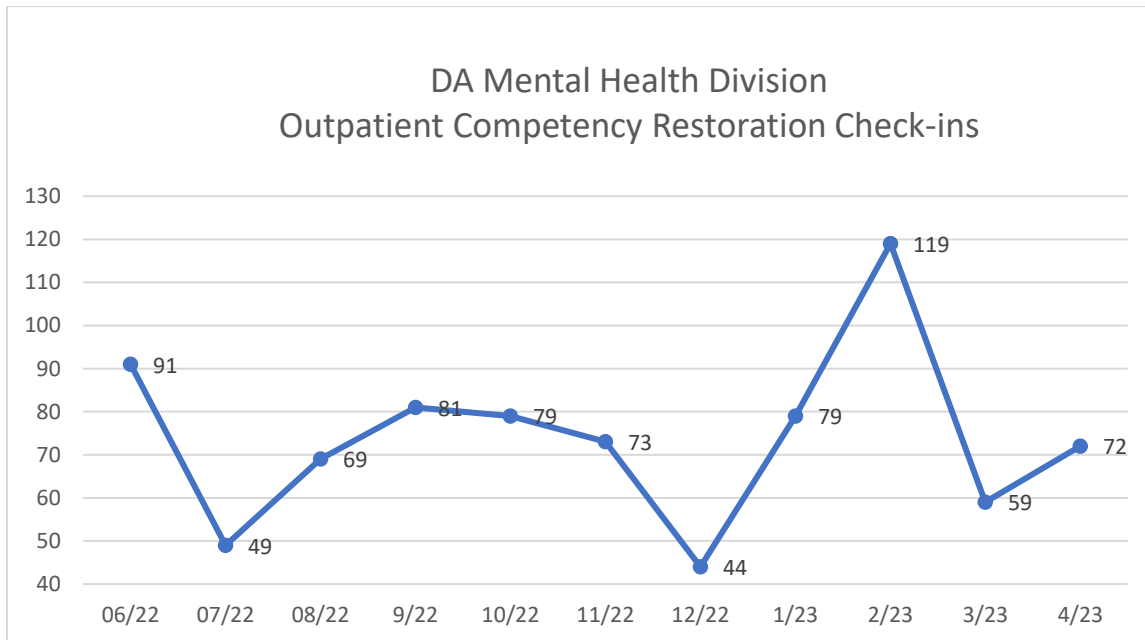
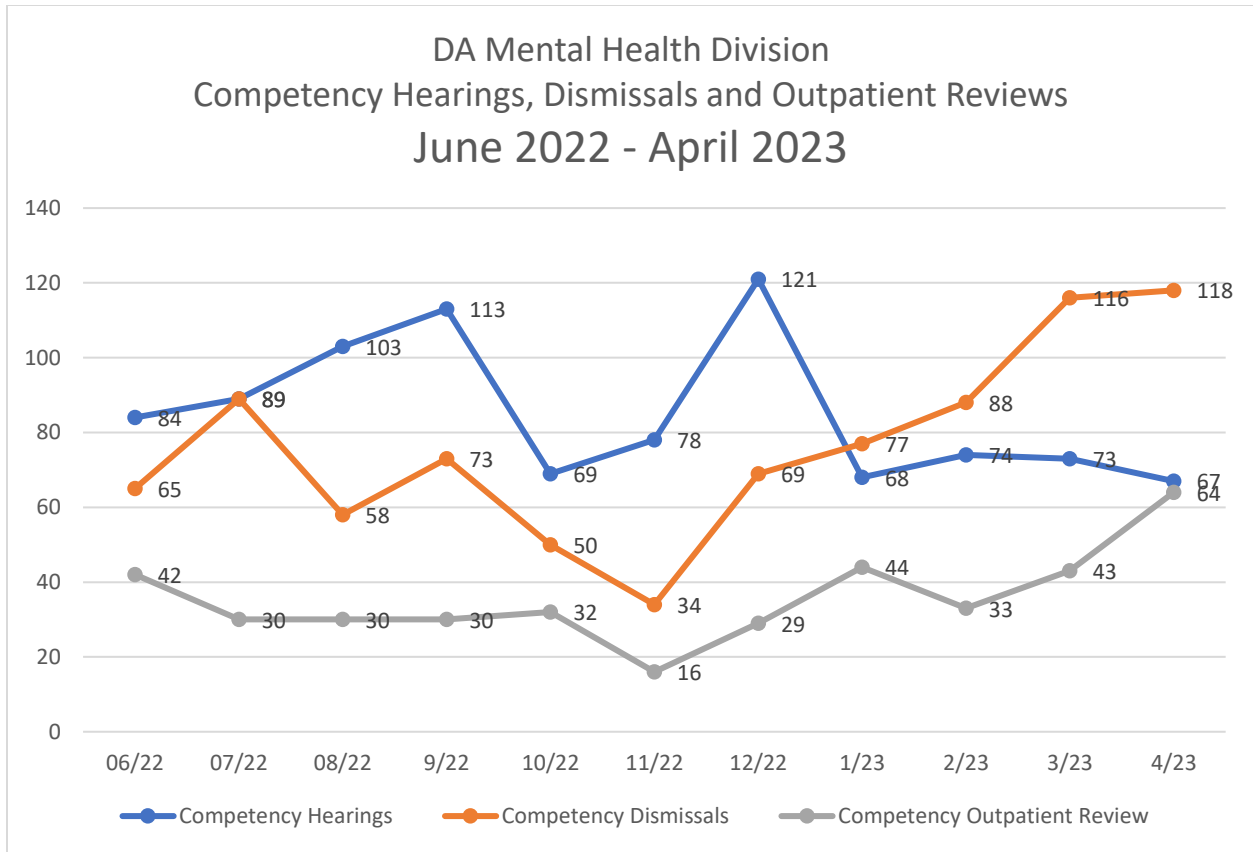
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Nexus New Admissions	0	2	2	0	1	4	2						11	11	23	26	25
Nexus Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	0	51	27	0	52	21	20						34	16	12	12	8
Homeward Bound New Admissions	1	2	1	2	3	1	3						13	13	14	24	11
Homeward Bound Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	13	19	50	84	96	114	120						71	94	92	79	7
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																	
Successful	1	0	1	1	1	1	4						9	19	22	43	27
Unsuccessful	1	1	2	0	2	1	2						9	5	7	11	3
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2023																	
Number of Referrals by Specialty Courts		AIM	5			DWI						STAR	2				
		ATLAS	0			IIP						Veterans					
		Competency	12			Legacy Family						4-C					
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*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 5

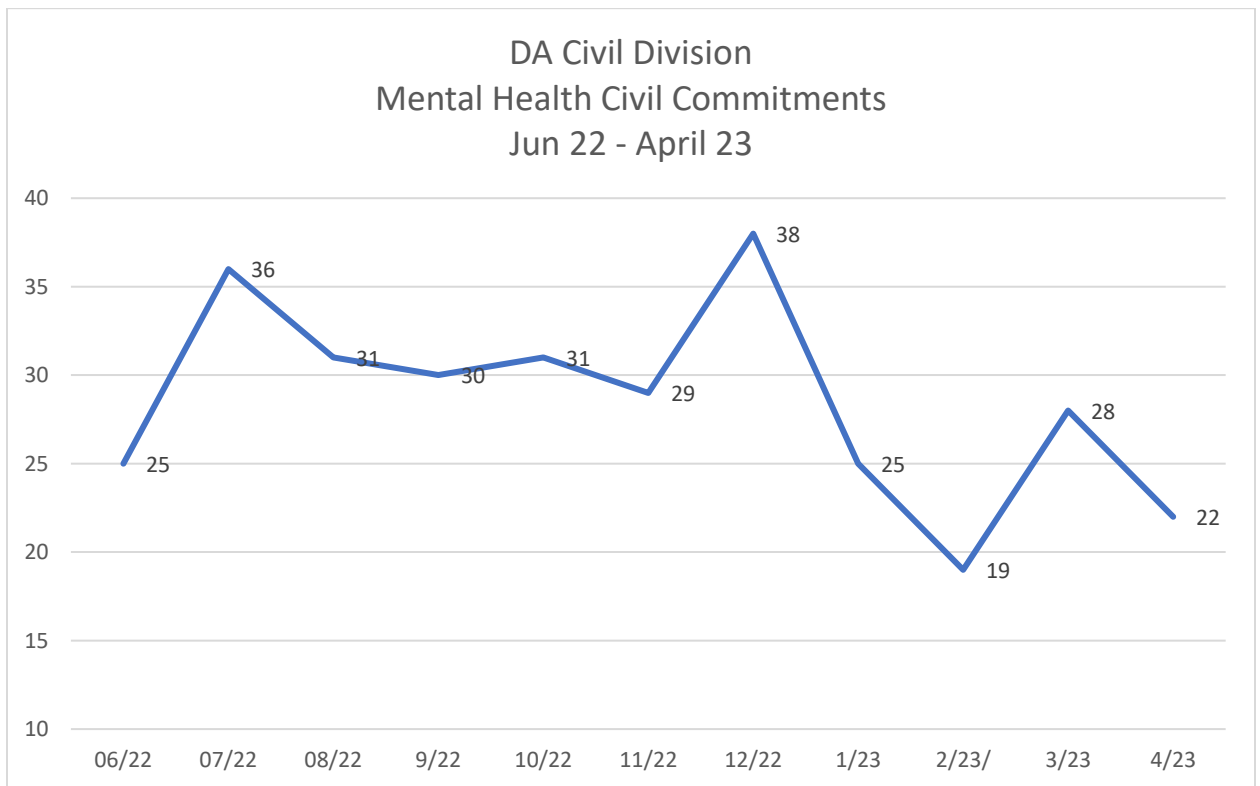
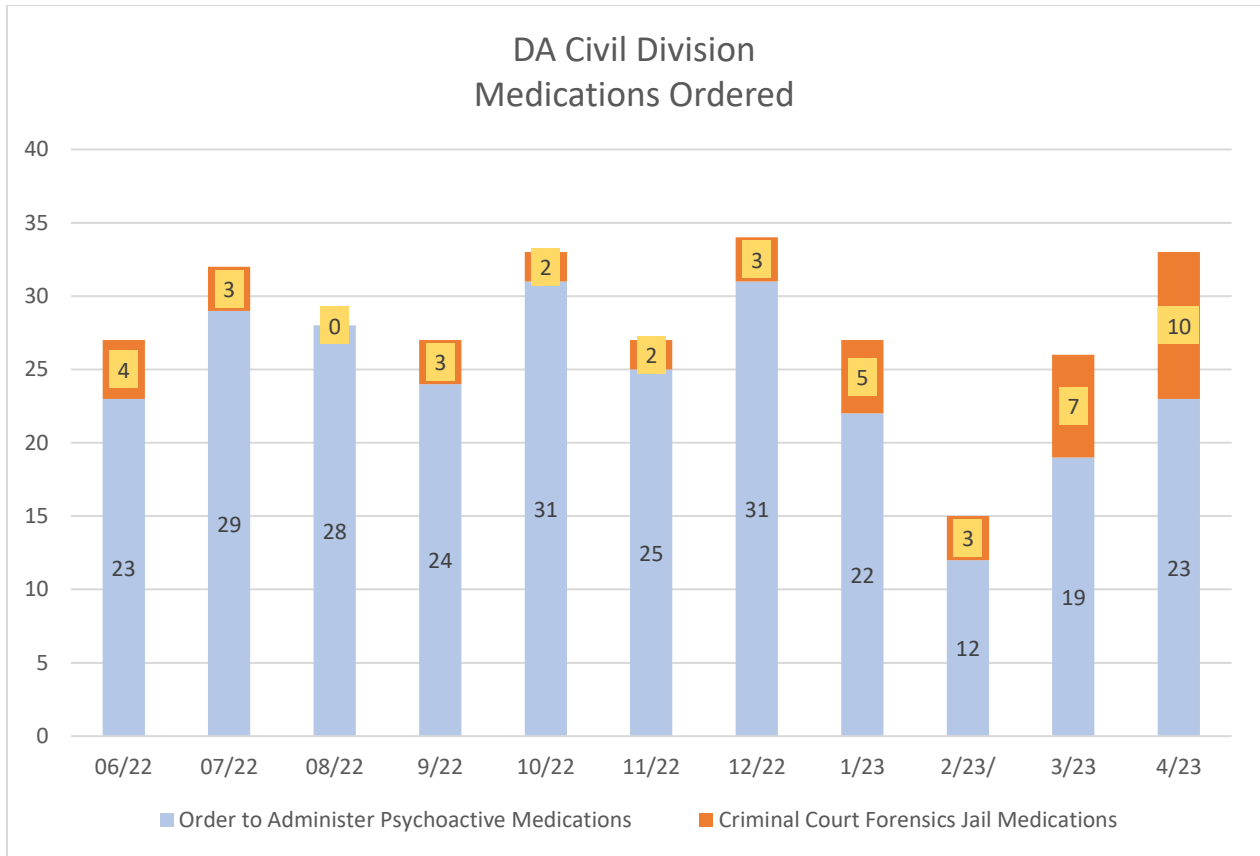
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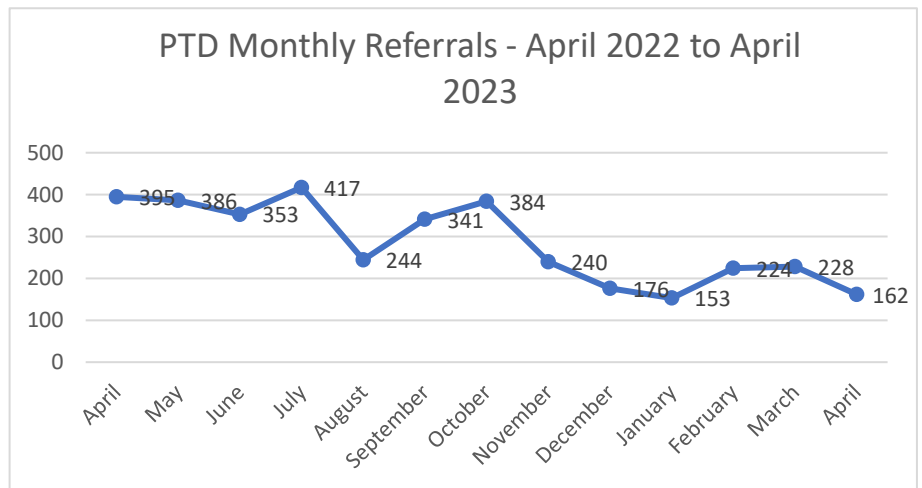


Restorative Justice Division General Pre-Trial Diversion

PTD Monthly Referrals April 2022 – April 2023



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
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October	384
November	240
December	176
January	153
February	224
March	228
April	162



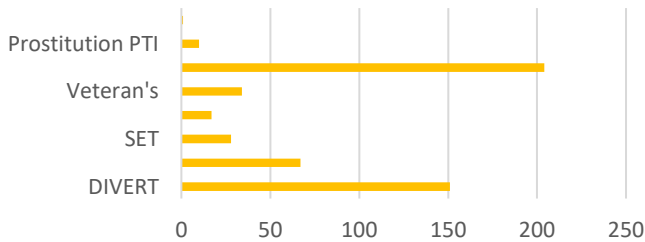
Specialty Court & Programs

Monthly Statistics - April 2023

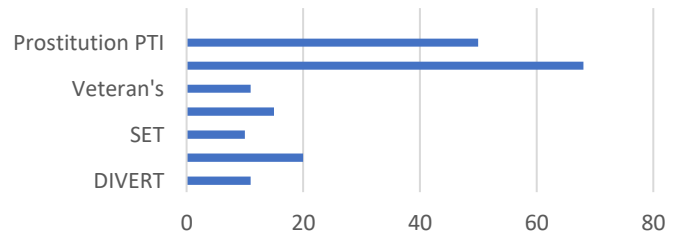


Specialty Court/Program	Pending Intake	Graduate	Failed	Active
DIVERT	11	3	2	151
AIM	20	3	2	67
SET	10	0	1	28
MHJD	15	0	0	17
Veteran's	11	4	1	34
General PTI	68	16	0	204
Prostitution PTI	50	2	1	10
STAR PTI	0	0	0	1

Specialty Court/Programs - Active Participants

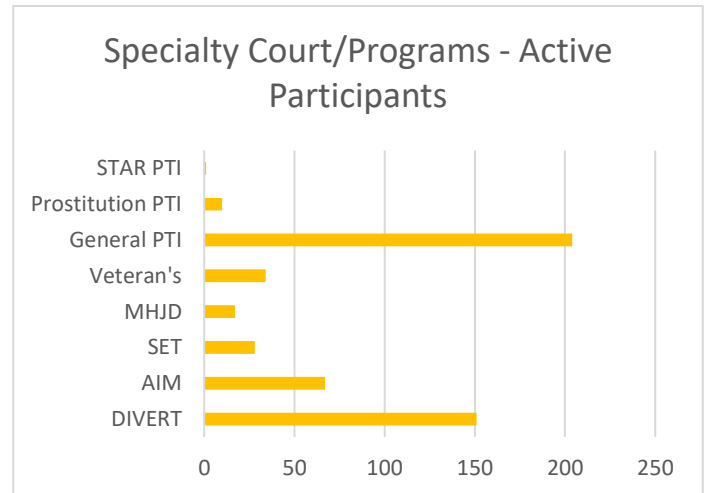
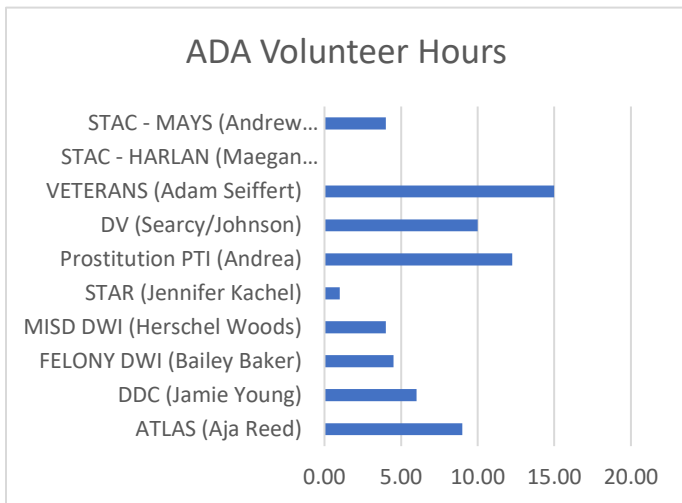


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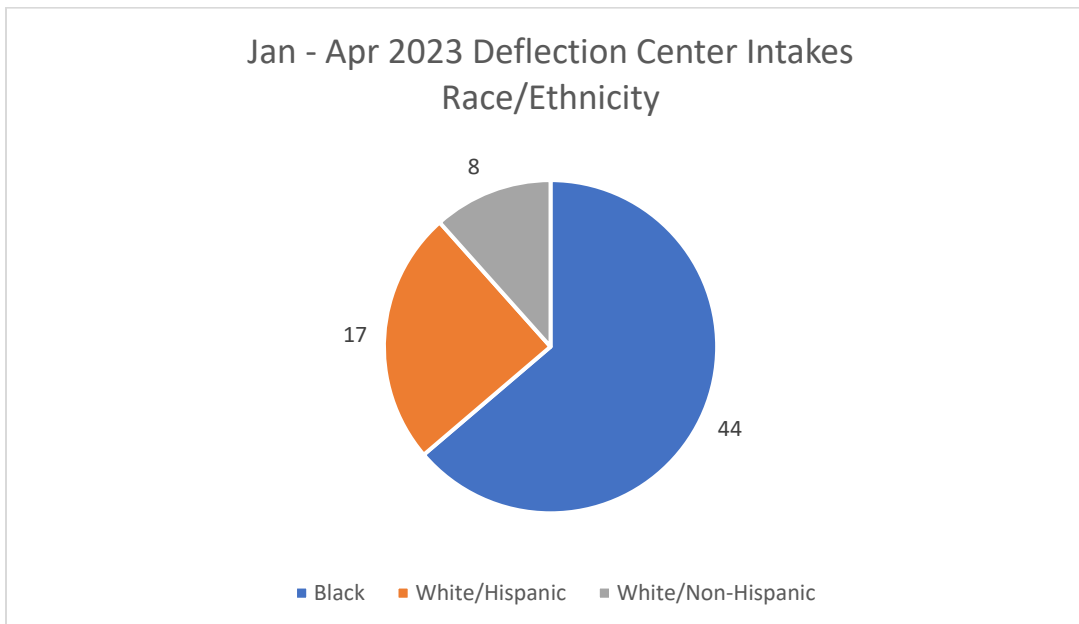
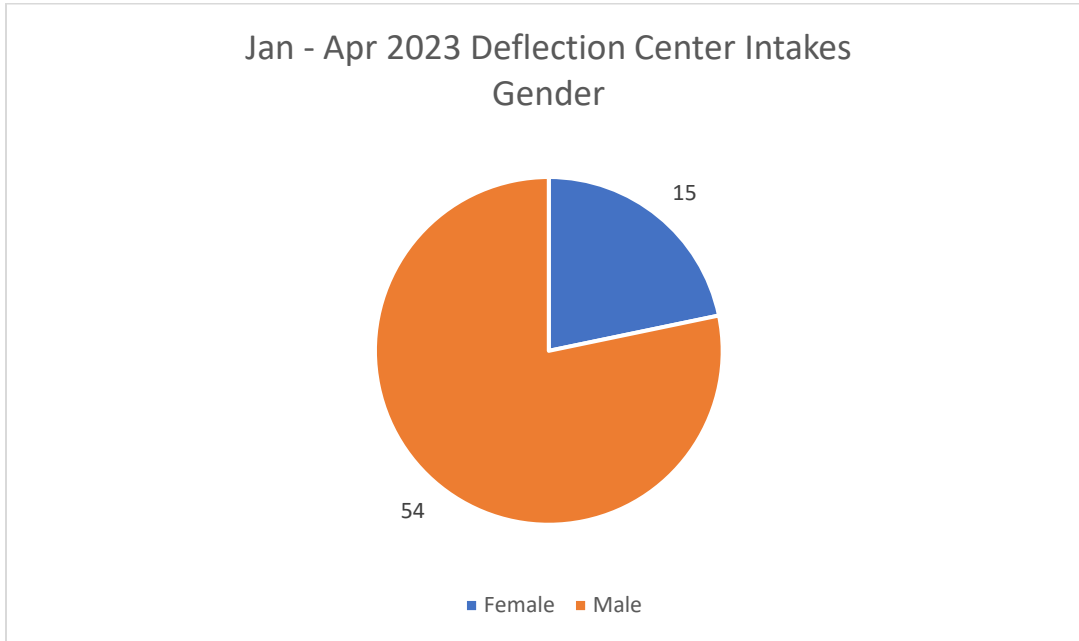
RJD SPECIALTY COURT/PROGRAMS ADA VOLUNTEER HOURS- April 2023

Specialty Court/Program	Hours	Caseload
ATLAS (Aja Reed)	9.00	11.00
DDC (Jamie Young)	6.00	11.00
FELONY DWI (Bailey Baker)	4.50	30.00
MISD DWI (Herschel Woods)	4.00	28.00
STAR (Jennifer Kachel)	1.00	8.00
Prostitution PTI (Andrea)	12.25	11.00
DV (Searcy/Johnson)	10.00	47.00
VETERANS (Adam Seiffert)	15.00	45.00
STAC - HARLAN (Maegan Westbrook)	0.00	114.00
STAC - MAYS (Andrew Novak)	4.00	

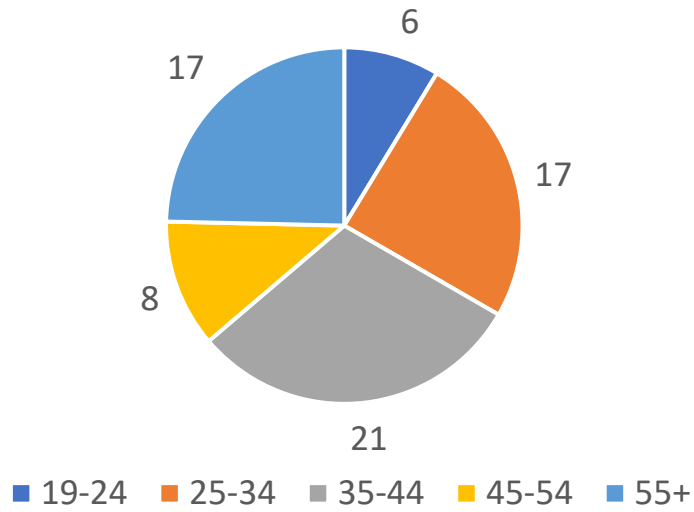


Dallas County Deflection Center – Intakes Jan – Apr 2023

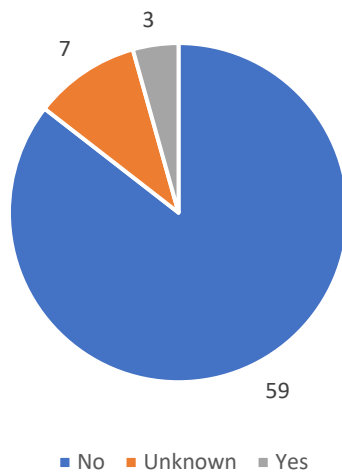
Intakes Jan – April 2023 = **69**



Jan - Apr 2023 Deflection Center Intakes
Age



Jan - Apr 2023 Deflection Center Intakes
Veteran



Dallas County Deflection Center – Intakes Jan – Apr 2023

Pickup Location	#
Bridge Homeless Shelter	1
Bus Stop	1
Business	35
Flora Motel	1
Gas Station	1
Hospital	3
Hospital Parkland	1
Hotel	2
Living Room	1
N/A	1
Parking Garage	1
Residential Property	13
Respite	1
Roadway	1
School	1
Shelter	1
Train Station	3
TRUCK STOP	1
Grand Total	69

Intakes By Month	No.
January	16
February	17
March	19
April	17
Grand Total	69



DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

Minutes of the Behavioral Health Steering Committee (BHSC) Meeting Thursday, October 20, 2022 Via Microsoft Teams

Call to order and Introductions

Judge Kristin Wade called the meeting to order at 8:31 am. 33 staff and agency representatives/providers attended with names recorded via Microsoft Teams and email. No introductions were given.

Minutes review and approval

The minutes from the July 21, 2022, meeting (packet pgs.1-3), were reviewed with a motion and second by Judge La'Donna Harlan and Alyssa Aldrich respectively for acceptance with no discussion or corrections. The motion was unanimously passed, accepting the minutes as read without objection.

***** Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked Julie Turnbull to share information with the BHSC regarding Urinalysis (UA) screenings and fentanyl testing. *****

Judge Kristin Wade asked Julie Turnbull if spoke with Audra Riley regarding the fentanyl and drug panel screenings. Julie Turnbull answered stating that she believes it was Judge Kristin Wade's court that discovered these screenings. She stated that she believes that Judge Kristin Wade had a participant with a clean Urinalysis (UA) and that she received information that the participant was using fentanyl. Julie Turnbull shared that Judge Kristin Wade also ordered additional tests that she believed also returned positive for fentanyl. Last, she shared that is when they learned that the 10 panel tests that Community Supervision and Corrections (Adult Probation: CSCD's) uses for their UA screenings were not detecting fentanyl use, thus causing Audra Riley to reach out.

Julie Turnbull stated that she spoke with the Redwood Toxicology Laboratory for testing confirmation. She also stated that she reached out to Paul Cary who attends the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) conference to receive some information regarding fentanyl testing.

Julie Turnbull shared that in Tuesday's night DIVERT court session there was discussion regarding the concern that if defendants begin to realize that they can use fentanyl and not be detected using the current testing method people could possibly overdose, which could lead to more deaths. She stated that she believes Shenna Oriabure also contacted the Redwood Toxicology Laboratory and shared that fentanyl testing would cost \$75.00 per person. Julie Turnbull shared that the various drug courts and programs should begin thinking about how they may need to adjust their drug screening process for certain opioids users. Judge Kristin Wade asked Shenna Oriabure if she knew if the drug patch testing could detect fentanyl use. Shenna Oriabure stated that the drug patch does not detect fentanyl use and for the premium testing that detects use would cost about \$75.00. She shared that she believes there is a basic test that costs between \$12.00 to \$20.00, but she is still waiting to confirm pricing.

Judge Kristin Wade stressed the importance of fentanyl testing because of the challenges that our population face with fentanyl use going undetected. Judge Kristin Wade asked Shenna Oriabure if both fentanyl and synthetic opioids could be detected with the testing offered by Redwood Toxicology Laboratory. Shenna Oriabure shared that she believes that is correct, and will email the information, so folks can review the information that the technician provided.

Judge Kristin Wade asked Julie Turnbull to invite the Redwood Toxicology Laboratory technician to provide an educational seminar regarding the various testing options that they offer and what is detected.

Judge La'Donna Harlan shared that hearing this information explains why many of the tests that her court provides return negative regarding certain clients that they believe are using fentanyl/opioids, which makes her feel that courts could be providing the incorrect testing for some clients. She shared that the educational seminar would be beneficial.

Conversation ensued with the committee regarding individual false/positive testing results. Nathaniel Clark Jr. shared that the CSCD is also experiencing individuals with false/positive testing results and fentanyl use not being detected.

Judge Kristin Wade shared the challenges that her court program is experiencing with operating their court programs regarding individual incentives and sanctions and asked if there are any other Judges in the meeting who share these sentiments. Judge La'Donna Harlan answered stating she agrees with Judge Kristin Wade's statement. She stated that her court has noticed that certain medications such as Trazodone could potentially cause false positive readings depending on the dosage. Therefore, she stated that their court is mindful of the prescription medications that individuals are taking, and they ensue to track them. She also shared that her court has been adjusting their participants prescription medications to see if that would stop triggering the false positive drug testing readings.

Judge Kristin Wade asked the specialty court Judges if they could share any other prescription medications that they believe could be triggering false positive drug testing readings. Julie Turnbull stated they have had discussions with Charles Reeds regarding the opioid court settlement funding and how it might be used. She suggested that this funding could potentially be used to order additional testing. Judge Kristin Wade asked Julie Turnbull if she or someone from the DA's office along with someone from the Probation office could lead this effort. Dr. Marta Kang offered to work with Julie Turnbull or the DA's office and stated she would contact the Redwood Toxicology Laboratory to see if someone can provide information pertaining to individuals testing positive for amphetamines.

*****Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked Janie Metzinger to share any legislative information with the BHSC.*****

Janie Metzinger reported that there was a hearing on fentanyl use and the increase opioid overdoses and deaths. She shared that there was a special selected committee addressing criminal justice reform. The report is not ready to be viewed, but once it is she will summarize it and provide it to the committee. She reported that the committee also discussed sex traffickers and how sophisticated offenders are becoming with engaging in the crime. She reported that offenders can make drugs such as fentanyl/opioids mimic prescription medications. She shared that currently, fentanyl drug testing strips are considered contraband and illegal in Texas. The committee is considering making them legal, so individuals can test on the streets to determine their drug use and hopefully, prevent some overdoses from occurring. Last, she reported that the committee discussed other various topics such as having a budget surplus and ways to allocate funding including: various company mental health professional staffing shortages and increasing salaries, increase Medicaid rates (better payment for jailed inmates), public health emergency and the possible effects to Medicaid and state funding, Child Protective Services (CPS), higher construction costs for the new Dallas psychiatric hospital, replacing Terrell State, Wichita Falls State and North Texas State hospitals bed for bed; and using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to accelerate the construction of the Dallas psychiatric hospital and construction of

psychiatric hospitals in the Panhandle (Permian Basin), Midland/Ector Counties. Last, she reported that all efforts should hopefully reduce the forensic waiting list and give additional options in Texas.

****Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked Shenna Oriabure to provide the 530 Sub Committee report and any voting items with the BHSC.****

***530 Sub Committee Shenna Oriabure (pgs. 5-17):** Shenna Oriabure reported that the 530 Committee is seeking approval for the FY2023 operating total budget is \$190,000.00 listed on page 16 of the meeting packet. She reported that the budget reflects the itemized line-item breakdown.

Judge Kristin Wade asked for a motion of approval of the 530 Committee's request for approval of the FY2023 operating total budget of \$190,000.00.

A motion was made and second by Judge La'Donna Harlan and Alyssa Aldrich respectively for acceptance with no discussion or corrections.

Judge Kristin Wade suggested possibly combining both the 530 committee and BHSC meetings to improved attendance and discuss and focus on budgeting aspects in terms of how funding is allocated.

****Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked Julie Turnbull to provide the DA's report with the BHSC.****

District Attorney's Report Julie Turnbull or Lee Pierson (pgs. 41-58): Julie Turnbull reported that the new pretrial diversion referral process is working well. They noticed that the pretrial specialty courts numbers are increasing, which is excellent because they are reaching max capacity in many of those courts. She thanked both Crystal Garland, Laura Edmonds, and their team for completing all the assessments. She shared that they are also completing many of the pretrial intervention agreements, which are light conditional dismissals. They are seeing large increases to those individuals who do not qualify for pretrial specialty court programs, which Maegan Westbrook hand-held those cases. She also shared that they received a peer support grant award for their pretrial diversion courts, and they are working with Joe Powell (Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA)). With the awarded funding they will hire four (4) peer support staff members to assist their pretrial courts. Last, she reported that the AIM court received the governor's grant funding. Pat Jones (Parkland Jail Health) asked Julie Turnbull if the peer support team will access clients incarcerated in the jail or through the specialty court programs. Julie Turnbull believes that there are two different types of peer support teams and asked Laura Edmonds if she could further elaborate. Laura Edmonds stated that they have two APAA peer coaches that specifically target individuals that are incarcerated participating in the Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. She stated that they are engaging with various individuals and are connecting via video chat.

Judge Kristin Wade asked if the other two peer support team members work with incarcerated individuals. Laura Edmonds stated yes and that some peers will begin jail engagement early if they are being considered for various diversion courts. They are still finalizing the workflow and will keep the committee updated as the program develops. Judge Kristin Wade asked if the peers will be working with individuals in MAT services and with addictions. Laura Edmonds answered stating that there are two separate funding sources that have various requirements. She stated that they have recovery coaches that specifically target individuals in the jail with opioid use disorder. The grant that Julie Turnbull mentioned is for the four full-time peer recovery coaches that will target any individual that is involved in pretrial diversion or a specialty court program. Judge Kristin Wade asked if the funding has been received and if the positions have been filled. Laura Edmonds answered stating that they received notice of award, which funding begin October 1, 2022. She stated that they are working on the grant startup and getting the contract finalized. Judge Kristin Wade expressed her interests in the peer support program and hopefully looking forward to her court working with a peer due to the critical addiction issues that her participants are encountering.

Judge Kristin Wade asked Pat Jones (Parkland Health & Hospital System) if he had any further information to share with the committee. Pat Jones shared that their department received a \$1.5 million dollar grant award for over the next three years. He suggested that since many departments that have applied for grant funding are now beginning to receive notification of awards that it would be beneficial to revisit exactly what programs are established with the funding to coordinate them more cohesively. Judge La'Donna Harlan asked if the peer support services will only be for pretrial diversion, or the post plea courts. She also asked if those courts would benefit from the peer support team based on how the grant was written. Laura Edmonds answered stating based on how the grant was written and the grant limits are for the diversion courts. She stated that she will conduct more research because sometimes grantors will allow grant modifications post award. She will keep the committee updated once the program launches and they are able to reassess and make any necessary changes.

*****Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked if a representative from the Bridge was on to provide a report to the BHSC. No representative from the Bridge was in attendance. Judge Kristin Wade asked Shenna Oriabure to provide the SAMHSA update.*****

SAMHSA Update Deborah Hill or Shenna Oriabure (pg.4): Shenna Oriabure reported that the SAMHSA grant is in its final year, which began September 30, 2022. She stated that they are still accepting referrals for both male and female participants for both vendors, Nexus and Homeward Bound and they are being paired with a recovery coach. She also reported that if participants need a longer length of treatment stay SAMHSA will provide 60 days of treatment in addition to recovery coaching. Last, she reported that if anyone has questions, to please feel to email her at shenna.oriabure@dallascounty.org.

*****Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked if a representative from IPS was on to provide a report to the BHSC and shared that they have changed some of their procedures.*****

IPS Reports Enrique Morris or Jessica Simmons (pgs. 62-65): Jessica Simmons answered stating yes, and that they have launched a new community partner phone line. She shared that an e-mail was sent yesterday regarding this information. She shared that the new community partner phone line is exclusively for their community partners and is separate from their main phone line number (214-331-1200) that clients currently use. She asked to please do not distribute the new community partner phone line number to clients because it is intended exclusively for community partners. She shared that there are both 1-800 and 214 numbers that partners can send text messages or call to initiate a referral or receive general inquiries about patients. They have individuals working both numbers Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If for some reason they are not able to answer the call, please leave a voicemail and someone will return your phone call. She stated that community partners can still access the ipsrecovery.com e-mail address. Judge Kristin Wade asked how the phone line would operate if the court needed to inquire about clients attending IPS sessions and they are in a court hearing. She asked if that would be an appropriate question to ask on that line. Jessica Minor answered stating yes, and that the phone line handles both intake requests and general inquiries if they have a consent on file, which Dallas County has obtained consent.

*****Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked Laura Edmonds to provide the BHLT & CSP update.*****

BHLT & CSP Update Laura Edmonds (pgs.18-20): Laura Edmonds reported that the BHLT meeting was held couple of weeks ago and the committee continues to receive community updates. She shared that there are various initiatives that are occurring and shared one regarding the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's (HHCS) Jail In-Reach Learning Collaboratives (JIRLC) that specifically targets our competency wait list. She also shared that they are excited about the collaborative and the next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2022. Last, reported that she looks forward to sharing lessons learned from the meetings with the committee. Jessica Martinez reported that Chad Anderson shared that North Texas Behavioral Health

Authority (NTBHA's) forensic services are investigating their coordinated services and more intensive services that focus on persons with criminal justice involvement. She stated that they have received several grants including one from SAMHSA's (Center for Mental Health Services) to fund their NTBHA CTI program. She stated that this program is a housing initiative developed to house individuals that have a behavioral health or substance use disorder. Last, she shared that it is the first grant that allows for substance use disorder only housing, which allows for sober living facilities to access funding. Through this initiative NTBHA can share information regarding specific referrals, which their other housing initiatives have closed.

**** Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked that a representative from the Public Defender's office to provide an update.****

Public Defenders Report Chief Lynn Richardson (pgs. 38-40): Vickie Rice reported that the PD's office is diligently working to get as many referrals approved and individuals placed into programs before December 19, 2022, since many of the PD's staff will be on vacation for the holidays. She shared that because of the holidays and many departmental staff being on vacation the process of getting individuals released from jail tends to slow down and individuals may not get out until the new year.

**** Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked that a representative from the CSCD office provide an update.****

Specialty Courts CSCD Nathaniel Clark Jr. (pgs. 67-70): Nathaniel Clark Jr. reported that they continue to receive clients into the various specialty courts. He shared that pretrial diversion numbers are increasing. He also stated that they are sending individuals to the Creuzot Judicial Treatment Center (JJCCJTC) to receive treatment, if needed. Last, he stated that they continue to have monthly graduations and continue to look forward to providing valuable service to participants in specialty court programs.

Announcements:

- Judge Lela Mays stated that she would like both her and Judge La'Donna Harlan to be placed on the January 19, 2023, BHSC meeting agenda to conduct a presentation on the Texas Workforce Commission and the employment needs of specialty court participants.
- Judge Kristin Wade thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication to the population that we serve.

**** Judge Kristin Wade stated to refer to the data provided in the meeting packet for the below committee reports.****

Jail Reports

- Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR) *Laura Edmonds* (pgs. 21-22)
- Dallas Deflects Center *Laura Edmonds* (pgs. 23-24)
- Hospital Movement *Janine Capetillo or Jeremy Lewis* (pgs. 25-26)
- Outpatient Competency *Janine Capetillo or Jeremy Lewis* (pgs. 27-28)
- Homeless & FUSE Reports *Kimberly Rawls* (pgs. 29-37)

Provider Reports and updates regarding in-person and videoconference services:

- The Bridge *Kelly Kane* (No data provided)
- Metrocare *Jason Mills or Jennifer Torres* (pgs. 59-61)
- Homeward Bound *Doug Denton* (Verbal report)
- Nexus *Stacy Burns* (Verbal report)

Problem Solving Courts

- DIVERT *Trina Crosby* (pg. 66)

Adjournment:

Judge Kristin Wade adjourned the meeting at 9:09 am. The next meeting is set for Thursday, January 19, 2023, via either Microsoft Teams or in-person. A reminder will be provided to everyone to submit their monthly stats to Kimberly Rawls at Kimberly.Rawls@dallascounty.org via email by the 2nd Friday of each month for tracking and distribution.

**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	294	318			
Referral Source												
Jail FUSE Navigator Triage	332	311	288	238	268	345	248	254	272			
NTBHA Living Room Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Defense Attorney Referral	6	12	5	9	5	7	4	3	5			
Shelter/Street FUSE Navigator Referral	14	19	18	12	7	10	34	22	11			
Other Referral Source	15	21	21	15	17	14	11	8	22			
Pretrial Referral	8	8	8	9	7	9	7	7	8			
Client Triage/Referral Outcomes												
Released to Another Program or Agency	6	9	2	2	4	12	13	24	22			
Referral Banned from Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate or Interview attempt	11	14	1	4	1	8	5	2	4			
Client didn't qualify for FUSE	158	149	136	144	123	144	112	117	130			
Immigration Hold	11	8	4	2	6	11	1	9	2			
Client report not being Homeless	5	9	8	8	5	2	3	0	3			
Released (i.e. Posted Bond)	47	31	79	17	56	77	60	47	70			
Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach	5	14	9	2	5	4	12	2	7			
FUSE bond denied	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1			
Pending Client Referrals												
Waiting on info, Waiting on Bond to Post, and pending attorney response	108	115	83	75	87	106	83	71	57			
In Quarantine/Medical/Interview Pending	7	2	3	9	4	12	2	7	9			
Shelter Assignment												
Total Released from Jail to FUSE	15	20	15	19	13	9	12	15	13			
Austin Street Center	6	1	0	4	3	2	4	7	5			
The Bridge	8	12	14	11	10	7	7	5	7			
Salvation Army	1	7	1	4	0	0	1	3	1			
Qualified Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0			
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0			
No Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Shelter Connection Rate												
Austin Street Center	2	1	0	4	3	1	2	4	4			
The Bridge	3	8	4	3	5	2	4	2	6			
Salvation Army	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	1			
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0			
No Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Client Abscond/Did Not Connect	10	8	11	10	5	6	6	8	2			
Housed	1	1	3	4	1	0	2	1	8			
Housing Priority List or Info sent to MDHA	7	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	0			