

DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP

Dallas County Administration – 500 Elm Street, Customer Excellence Training Room 7.Y17, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas
June 28, 2023, 10:00-11:30am

COVID-19 is hard on all of us but especially hard on our low-income and homeless populations.

Even though we are all doing business differently than before there is value in being able to communicate during these unpredictable times.

Thank you for all you are doing and please stay safe.

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Reports

a. Governance – Commissioner Theresa Daniel

- Approval of May 31, 2023, minutes
- Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness –
- Dallas County Citizen Committee
- Federal & State legislative environment

b. Resources – services, programs, people, funds

- Shelter Discussions-
- NTBHA
- Housing Navigator / Homeless Jail Dashboard/St Jude Center
- Housing Authority Report- DHA/DCHA
- ARPA Update
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c. Projects and Industry Updates

- Housing Forward updates
- Pretrial Diversion and MH screening
- Dallas Connector
- Homeward Bound, Crisis Residential & Respite Services
- Youth Housing
- Family Housing
- Mattingly Report

3. Next Meeting – August 23, 2023

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.

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ATTENDEES: Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dallas County Commissioner; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Erin Moore, Dallas County; Tzeggabhran Kidane, Dallas County; Judge D'Metria Benson, Dallas County, Jaymaya Pruitt, Dallas County; Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp; Linicha Hunter, DART; Dawn Dorman, DART; Tanya Brooks, DART; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Angela Morhead, Volunteers of America; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Lisa Marshall, Fighting Homelessness; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Sara Masih, Salvation Army; Kimberly Onofre, Sharing Life Ministries, Sara Craig, Housing Forward, Charlene Randolph, DCCJ

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 is reorganizing and moving to determine if the partnership will define and progress their purpose forward or determine if their efforts are a duplication of services already being rendered. The next meeting will be held on June 1st.

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee:

Erin Moore reported Dr. Huang gave a final COVID-19 update. This meeting was to determine the efforts and influences within the shelters. The Eviction Prevention Task Force that is being coordinated by United Way and several other organizations including Dallas County, presented information to the committee as well. The focus of the committee continues to be on the definition of homelessness and a study is being conducted to determine the cost of homelessness within the county.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported that legislative session just adjourned but only for a short moment. A legislative summary will be provided mid-June due to the Governor having until June 18th to either sign or veto bills. The budget will allocate \$26 million dollars to the opioid settlement. Statewide, state hospitals are either being constructed or reconstructed and the areas to see this construction include Dallas/Fort Worth, Terrell, and Wichita Falls. Another initiative within this legislation created a discharge planning team to assist patients once they are discharged from the state hospital. They will be tasked with connecting individuals to services. This service will help to alleviate the "brokering" that is being done to newly discharged patients going into boarding homes. Cities currently regulate the boarding homes, but the legislature has allowed a new amendment on HB 216 with limited language that allows counties and municipalities to regulate boarding homes. There was ongoing discussion regarding boarding home certification and regulation.

DART Presentation: Dawn Dorman, Linicha Hunter, and Tanya Brooks, DART

Dawn Dorman introduced the DART presentation on the changes made in 2022 and the future of the DART system. Linicha Hunter presented on the Redesign Phase 2 Area Plan in which she touched on service expansion and a fare study being conducted by DART. Tanya Brooks presented on the DART capital projects, programs and the customer experience. She highlighted DART's corridor investments, their fleet transition plan, and their passenger amenities and facilities. She stated that DART has turned 40 years old this year and they are redesigning these systems to upgrade them to modern time.

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 was not available for the meeting. The report is included in the packet.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

The FUSE April data is in the packet. FUSE partners are working to reconstruct the program and they are searching for other fundraising opportunities. The United Way will discontinue its primary financial support of the FUSE program on June 30th but will continue to offer support in other ways. CitySquare will also not be the lead agency of the project as of June 30th. The project will continue with two shelter partners that have funding to assist and another partner may be on board, but it is contingent on the funding availability. More discussion about the progression of the project will take place at the June 13th FUSE partnership meeting.

Homeless Jail Dashboard: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

The report is provided to the group in the meeting packet. There was a decrease in the total number of jail book-ins from March to April, but an increase in the suspected number of mental health book-ins. There has also been a consistent decrease to the number of criminal trespass offenses reported.

Housing Authority Report: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS

Thomas Lewis was not available for the meeting, but his report is included in the packet. The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) had 124 vouchers allocated by HUD and three (3) open vouchers.

CARES Act/ARPA Funds: Dallas County

Report will be given at the next meeting.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Housing Forward updates: Sara Craig, Housing Forward

Sara Craig said that her report is included in the packet. She highlighted that the City of Dallas was chosen to be a partner with the White House and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness to host a designated team member who will work with Housing Forward to learn and offer insights on legislative issues. This is a two-year partnership in which they will learn about the Dallas homeless community and how we are working to reduce homelessness in the area.

Pretrial Diversion and Mental Health Screening: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls reported for Laura Edwards. She reported that things are continuing to go well, and the Criminal Justice department is working with stakeholders to implement the 1622 CCP mental health evaluation expansion that is expected to start soon. Kimberly also stated the Criminal Justice department is working diligently to screen and assess first time felony offenders charged with nonviolent offenses to connect them with various diversion programs. The Criminal Justice Department was able to refer 173 candidates and the CJD assessors were able to complete 95 assessments in April.

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 his report is in the packet. He reported that 17 clients were assisted in April and in May, 31 clients were referred to the program. Doug credited the work of NTBHA's Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) and Critical Time Intervention (CTI) for engaging distressed clients before law enforcement is dispatched, if they can. There has been an increase of five to six people from their work. Irving and Garland have also made first time referrals for use. The Deflection Center has also developed a relationship with Constables of Precinct 1 and Precinct 5 to develop a concept to assist clients who are in mental health crises and experiencing eviction. The Deflection Center would be a resource to assist with the stabilization of the client to move them into a healthier situation.

Youth Housing: Josh Cogan, A Way Home America
Report will be given at next month's meeting.

Family Housing: Ellen Magnis, Family Gateway
Ellen Magnis was unavailable for the meeting, but her report is in the packet.

Mattingly Report: Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp
Quarterly report will be provided next quarter.

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

Next Meeting: June 28, 2023



Texas House Bills

HB 1058-Goldman (Perry). Amends Texas Tax Code 171 regarding franchise or insurance premium tax credit for affordable housing developments.

Section 171.565-Inclusion of Information in Low Income Housing Plan

- Requires Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to include information relating to the performance of the credit in the previous year:
 - Number of qualified developments that were issued certificates.
 - Total number of units supported.
 - Description of the location, household type, demographic information for residents, income levels intended to be served and authorized rents or set-asides of each qualified development.
 - Housing and demographic information to how the development addresses the need for affordable housing in the community.
 - Analyze any remaining disparities in the affordability of housing within those communities.

Signed by Governor. Effective January 1, 2024.

HB 1361-Morales-Shaw (Eckhardt) Amends Texas Education Code 51.

- Directs Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to designate a liaison to assist students who are parents to access resources including medical and behavioral health coverage and services, food security benefits, affordable housing and housing subsidies, parenting and child care resources, employment, transportation, academic success resources and other services and benefits.
- Requires report by May 1 of each year.

Signed by Governor June 12. Effective immediately.

HB 2071-Jetton (Bettencourt) Amends Texas Local Government Code related to public facilities to provide affordable housing.

- Amends Texas Government Code 303.021 regarding authority to create a public facility corporation.
- Adds definitions, conflict of interest provisions and renames headings of sections.
- Adds provisions related to multifamily residential developments created by public facility corporations.
- Gives exemptions for charitable corporations.
- Specifies qualifications for exemptions for multifamily developments.
- Requires audits.

Signed by Governor June 18, 2023. Effective immediately.

This document is intended for informational purposes only and is not intended to indicate a position for or against any legislation. If you have questions, please contact: Sabrina Conner at sconner@ntbha.org or Janie Metzinger at jmetzinger@ntbha.org

[HB 3466](#)-Campos (Campbell). Establishes and expands community collaboratives.

Section 2 amends Texas Government Code 539.002-Grants for Establishment and Expansion of Community Collaboratives.

- Current law directs Texas Department of State Health Services to give special consideration to:
 - Establishing new collaboratives or
 - Establishing or expanding collaboratives serving multiple counties with populations under 100,000.
 - HB 3466 adds: “Providing services to an average of at least 50 percent of persons experiencing homelessness in a geographic area served by a Continuum of Care Program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development according to the last three Point-in-Time surveys of homelessness conducted by that department”.
- Current law requires DSHS to require grant awardees to
 - Leverage additional funding or in-kind contributions.
 - Coordinate LBHA/LMHA, municipalities, local law enforcement and other stakeholders
 - Provide evidence of a local law enforcement policy to divert appropriate persons from jails or other detention facilities.
 - HB 3466 adds diversion from mental health facilities operated by or under contract with HHSC.

Section 3 requires a biennial report from HHSC by September 1 of each even-numbered year detailing:

- Method of recipient selection
- Amounts awarded to grantees.
- Number of individuals served by each collaborative.
- Outcomes measures required by DSHS.

Signed by Governor. Effective September 1, 2023.

[HB 3554](#)-Thierry-Amends Texas Penal Code 3554 to increase the criminal penalty for trafficking of persons to a first-degree felony if committed within 1000 feet of a school, a residential treatment center that serves runaway youth, foster children, people who are homeless, persons subjected to human trafficking, domestic violence or sexual assault, a community center offering youth services and programs or a child care facility. Signed by Governor. Effective September 1, 2023.

[HB 4504](#)-Moody-Nonsubstantive changes to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

Includes 45A.257-Waiver of Payment of Fines and Costs. Allows a judge in a municipal court or a justice court to waive payment of all or part of court costs, including for a homeless child or youth, an unaccompanied youth, or defendants who are homeless or housing insecure.

Signed by Governor. Effective January 1, 2025.

[HB 4559](#)-Darby-Regarding applications of statutes classifying political subdivisions by population.

- Section 204 amends Texas Occupations Code-Subtitle B-Physicians, Chapter 162-Regulation of Practice of Medicine, Subchapter A-Regulation by Board of Certain Nonprofit Health Corporations.Amends (c-4)
- Changes the population of a county covered by the statute from a population of more than 800,000 to a population of more than 1.2 million. Covers health centers serving migrant, community, or homeless populations. Signed by Governor. Effective September 1, 2023.

HB 4611-Price-Amends various state codes to make non-substantive revisions of laws governing Health and Human Services Commission, Medicaid, LBHA/LMHAs and other social services, primarily by reorganizing and renumbering sections of current law. Signed by Governor. Effective April 1, 2025.

HB 4443-Cunningham-Re: allocation of federal funds provided under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act. Signed by Governor 6/13. Effective immediately.

HB 4550-Cunningham-Relating to allocation of low-income housing tax credits

- Section 1-Amends Texas Government Code 2306.67022.
 - Directs Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to adopt an allocation plan and manual to provide information regarding the low-income housing tax credit program.
 - Requires acceptable cost of a development per square foot to be adjusted to reflect inflation.
 - Must consider the US Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in making the computation.
- Section 3-Amends Texas Government Code 2306.6724.
 - Requires DHCA to issue a final commitment for an allocation of housing tax credits not later than the 120th day following receipt of a complete cost certification package with all required documents.

Signed by Governor. Effective September 1, 2023.

Texas Senate Bills

SB 26-Kolkhorst—Amends several Texas statutes related to LBHA/LMHA audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services and programs.

- **Section 4** Directs HHSC to develop a plan for transitioning individuals who require a level of care provided by nursing facilities and a high level of behavioral health supports from a behavioral health hospital to a nursing facility.
 - Plan is due by January 1, 2025.
 - Must include:
 - Recommendations on incentive payments for providers.
 - Recommendations for creating bed capacity, including reserved beds.
 - Fiscal estimate of cost to nursing facilities and savings to hospitals.
 - Plan may be implemented only if HHSC determines that implementation will increase the amount of available state general revenue.
- **Section 6** directs HHSC to adopt or amend rules to ensure continuity of services and planning for patient care between state hospitals and LBHA/LMHAs.
 - Requires DSHS to participate in joint discharge planning.
 - Requires HHSC to designate at least one hospital employee to provide transition support services.
 - LBHA/LMHA transition support services must complement joint discharge planning efforts:
 - Enhanced services and supports.
 - Post-discharge planning for up to one year after discharge date to reduce likelihood of readmission.
 - Directs HHSC to concentrate on services for patients who have been admitted and discharged multiple times per month or who have been in a facility for longer than 365 consecutive days.
- **Section 8** directs the Texas Department of State Health Services, in collaboration with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to develop a system of performance and outcome measures relating to mental health and substance use services that includes the numbers of people who are homeless that are served.

Signed by Governor. Effective September 1, 2023.

SB 30-Huffman (Bonnen)-Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

Section 7.05 appropriates \$1,000,000 to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs-Strategy C.1.2-Programs for the Homeless to provide youth and young adult homeless housing and services in Fort Bend County. Signed by Governor on June 9, 2023. Effective immediately.

SB 68-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Education Code 43.104 to adjust the compensatory education allotment for homeless students or students in foster care under the Foundation School Program. Requires temporary housing between academic terms for students who are homeless or who were in foster care. Gives priority access to student housing for students who are homeless. Authorizes memorandums of understanding between the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Signed by Governor May 24, 2023. Effective immediately.

[SB 820](#)-Kolkhorst (Klick)-Amends Business and Commerce Code Title 5, Subtitle A. Would require registration of vision support organizations that provide support services to optometrists. Exempts nonprofit corporations that perform eye care services primarily for homeless, migrant, indigent, or medically underserved populations.

Signed by Governor. Effective September 1, 2023.

[SB 1527](#)- Huffman (S. Thompson) Amends multiple Texas statutes related to human trafficking. Article 2, Section 202 Amends Texas Penal Code Section 20A.02(a) and (b).

- Adds “disabled individual” to the statute related to trafficking.
- Offense is applicable regardless of whether the perpetrator knows the victim is disabled.
- Offense is applicable if the perpetrator recruited, enticed, or obtained the trafficked person from a shelter residential treatment center that serves runaway youth, foster children, the homeless, or persons subjected to human trafficking, domestic violence, or sexual assault.

Signed By Governor. Effective September 1, 2023.

SB 2032-Creighton-Amends Texas Education Code 12-Charter Schools.

- Authorizes school districts, institutions of higher education and local governments to contract with a nonprofit to establish a public high school to serve adults from 18 to 50 who have not earned a high school diploma.
 - Nonprofit or a member of its executive leadership must have a successful history of providing educational services, industry certifications and job placement services to individuals limited in the past by educational/training opportunities, disabilities, homelessness, criminal history, or similar marginalizing circumstances.
- Seeks to replicate the success of the Texas Public Adult High School pilot program which has:
 - Graduated 1,500 students with 90% positive outcomes.
 - Increased average income by more than \$4,300 per student upon graduation.
 - Increased post-secondary enrollment.
 - Improved educational outcomes for participants’ children.
 - Lower recidivism rates.
 - Higher employment rates.
- Directs Texas Education Agency to adopt rules by August 31, 2023.

Signed by Governor on May 29, 2023. Effective immediately.



Dallas County Criminal Justice (DCCJ) Housing Navigator June 2023 Report

FUSE Project

May 2023 Jail FUSE Data

<i>May 2023 Jail FUSE Data</i>		<i>Total Clients Triaged for FUSE</i>		389
Referral Source				
Jail FUSE Navigator Triage	375	NTBHA Living Room Referral		0
Defense Attorney Referral	2	Shelter/Street FUSE Navigator Referral		1
Another Referral Source	5	Pretrial Referral		6
Client Triage/Referral Outcomes				
Released to Another Program or Agency	16	Referral Banned from Shelter		0
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate or Interview attempt	1	Client didn't qualify for FUSE		166
Immigration Hold	15	Client report not being Unsheltered		3
Released (i.e., Posted Bond)	72	Qualified referred by Shelters/Street Outreach		0
FUSE bond denied	1			
Pending Client Referrals				
Waiting on info, Waiting on Bond to Post, and pending attorney response	98	In Quarantine/Medical/Interview Pending		6
Total Released from Jail to FUSE				11
Shelter Assignment				
Austin Street Center	3	The Bridge		7
Salvation Army	1	Referred to or by Street Outreach		0
Other	0	No Response		0
Shelter Connection Rate				
Austin Street Center	0	The Bridge		3
Salvation Army	0	Other		0
No Response	0	Client Abscond/Did Not Connect		8
Housed				3
Placed on Housing Priority List or Info sent to Housing Forward				0

St. Jude Project

2920 Forest Ln, Dallas, TX 75234	104 Units	Dallas County has 13 allocated beds	Housing is for Seniors +55 years old
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- All 13-Dallas County beds are occupied.

Housing Services for Homeless Criminal Justice-Involved Clients (HSH-CJC) Grant

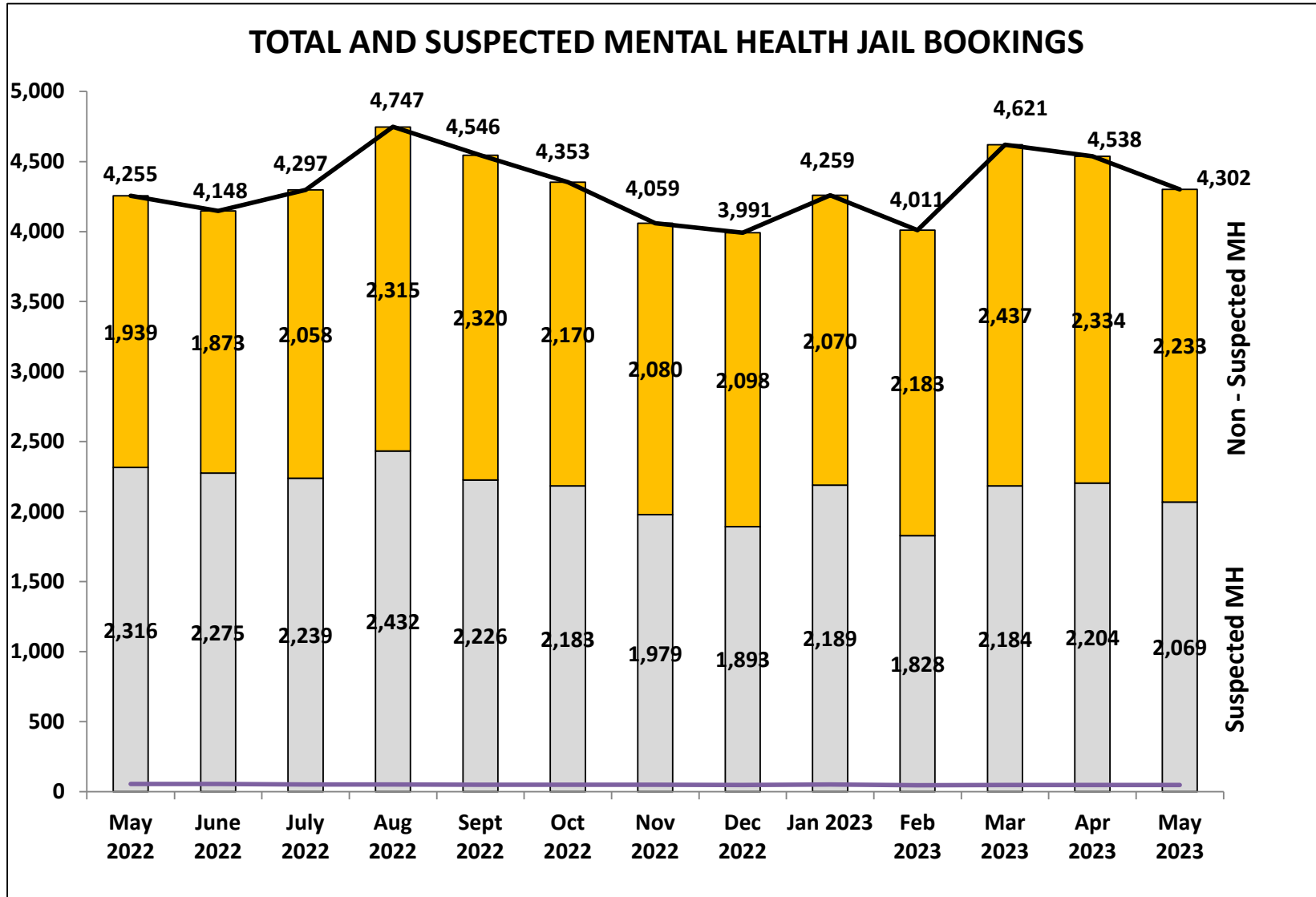
- The procurement bidding process has begun for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 22 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative grant funding award.

Dallas Connector Project (DCP) Dallas County Client Utilization (Transport to the NTBHA LR from the Jail and or the LR to the FUSE Shelters)

The NTBHA Livingroom (LR) Staff conducted jail releases for individuals going to the Livingroom and Austin Street's report would contain the May 2023 jail data.

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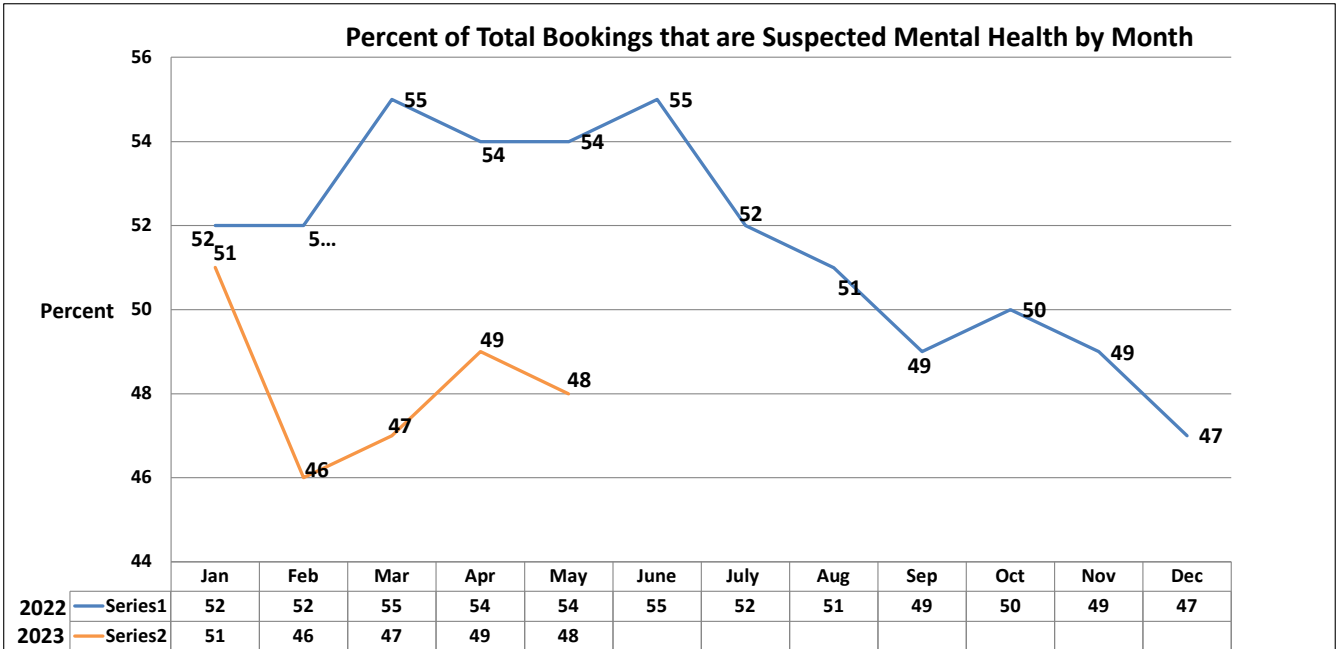
MAY 2023 Unsheltered Report Snapshot



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Month-to-Month Category Total Differences

Months	Total Monthly Bookins	Increase 356
Apr 2023 to May 2023	4538 to 4302 - Decrease 236	2204 to 2069 - Decrease 135



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Unshelterd Breakdown and Avg LOS - Apr 2023 to May 2023

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Apr 2023	Suspected MH	2,204	49%	% of total bookings [4,538]
	Unsheltered	426	9%	% of total bookings [4,538]
	Unsheltered w/Suspected MH flag	298	70%	% of total unsheltered [426]

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
May 2023	Suspected MH	2,069	48%	% of total bookings [4,302]
	Unsheltered	483	11%	% of total bookings [4,302]
	Unsheltered w/Suspected MH flag	310	64%	% of total unsheltered [483]

Month/Yr	Avg LOS Total Bookings [days]	Avg LOS Unsheltered Bookings [days]
Apr 2023	7	10
May 2023	7	10

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Unsheltered Primary Offense Categories - Apr 2023 to May 2023

Offense Categories	Apr 2023 total	Apr 2023 %	May 2023 total	May 2023 %	MTD
Arson	3	0.7%	2	0.4%	
Assaultive	44	10.3%	47	9.7%	
Burglary	17	4.0%	25	5.2%	
Criminal Mischief	10	2.3%	16	3.3%	
Criminal Trespass	60	14.1%	61	12.6%	
Drug/Alcohol	104	24.4%	112	23.2%	
Evading	10	2.3%	22	4.6%	Increased: 12
False Info/Fail to Identify	33	7.7%	9	1.9%	Decreased: 24
Fraud	6	1.4%	6	1.2%	
HOLDS	40	9.4%	59	12.2%	Increased: 19
Murder	1	0.2%	2	0.4%	
Other	37	8.7%	50	10.4%	Increased: 13
Prostitution	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	
Resist	5	1.2%	8	1.7%	
Robbery	8	1.9%	9	1.9%	
Sexual Offense	3	0.7%	10	2.1%	
Theft	32	7.5%	31	6.4%	
UUMV	12	2.8%	13	2.7%	
TOTAL	426	100.0%	483	100.0%	

HOLDS: Citation/Tickets, Insufficient Bonds/Insufficient Bond Warrants, External Holds (Transfer to another county), and Parole Violations
Other: Offense categories with one or two charge occurrences of monthly bookin totals (i.e. Terrorist Threats, Child Endangerment, Stalking, etc.)
UUMV: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (i.e. Joyriding)

Month-to-Month Category Total Differences
 = MTD by +/- 10 bookins

HOUSING FORWARD UPDATE

JUNE 2023

Thank you to everyone who completed the annual survey for the All Neighbors Coalition! We received more responses than in previous years and this will help us understand what is working well and how Housing Forward can improve its support throughout our system.

In preparation to implement system wide diversion and an upcoming Request for Proposal (RFP) for diversion funds, the Diversion Work Group is convening starting next week. They will be focusing on creating a diversion program model, system workflow, and staffing model. This workgroup will meet weekly for the next few months. Contact Amber Austin at amber.austin@housingforwardntx.org to join this planning group.

Please check the 'Training Resources' page on the Housing Forward website for upcoming Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Green River Trainings: <https://housingforwardntx.org/training/>



SYSTEM PERFORMANCE METRICS

(01-04 2022 METRICS)



NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) SEASON BEGINS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding season is beginning. We anticipate the announcement of the Annual Federal Grant which is a national grant competition to be made soon. The notice is typically released in the Summer or Fall. This collaborative application is submitted by Housing Forward. Please make sure you are on the email list so that you are alerted as we announce our annual orientation, funding priorities and funding opportunities for project applications. Sign up for our All Neighbors Coalition email list here: <https://housingforwardntx.org/all-neighbors/>

Scan here to review previous applications



Scan here to review resources for new organizations interested in learning about HUD funding



Applications for individual projects are submitted by organizations then reviewed by Independent Review Committee (IRC) who make recommendations that are approved by the All Neighbors Coalition (CoC) Board. Those approved projects are submitted with the Collaborative Application. Renewal Programs are typically protected and new programs can ONLY be funded through reallocation OR bonus funding. These grant agreements are between individual providers and HUD. For the Local Procurement, the funding has already been allocated and the Request for Proposals are released once grant agreements/contracts have been signed.

R.E.A.L. TIME REHOUSING

(AS OF 6/15/23)

Through the recently expanded R.E.A.L. Time Rehousing initiative we are rehousing our most vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness. Our goal is to rehouse 6,000 individuals by the end of 2025 through Diversion, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing efforts. It relies on the support from our private and philanthropic community for flexible funds to ensure we can remove all barriers to housing.



ALL NEIGHBORS COALITION WORKGROUPS

The All Neighbors Coalition accomplishes much of its work within workgroups. Workgroups are led by Housing Forward staff, who collaborate with the workgroup members. Through the various workgroups, All Neighbors members conceive, test, and implement policies and practices that improve the homeless response system to make it more effective for our unhoused neighbors.



We encourage members of the All Neighbor Coalition to join a workgroup!

LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Housing Forward has been conducting a coordinated unit strategy to increase the available units across our system. This team has brought over 450 held and available units into the system since December. Do you have a need to find new units for neighbors experiencing homelessness and would be interested in working in a coordinated way to find units and utilize landlord incentives? Contact Marsha Jackson at marsha.jackson@housingforwardntx.org to learn more.

In the coming months we look forward to sharing about the addition of the Padmission IT system to our community so that Case Managers can look for available units in real time, more information coming soon!

ENCAMPMENT DECOMMISSIONING

(AS OF 6/9/23)

Encampment Decommissioning continues to be an innovative solution for our neighbors experiencing chronic homelessness. We are continuing to seek and build new partnerships with street outreach workers across our Dallas and Collin County footprint to increase alignment and our ability to rehouse more people out of encampments. The goal is to house our neighbors quickly while providing immediate connections to supportive services.



Stay tuned as Housing Forward will feature the Encampment Decommissioning program on the We Are Neighbors podcast in a two part series for June and July!

If you haven't already, follow us on social media @housingforwardntx and check out our, We Are Neighbors podcast.



DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

2022-23	22-Aug	22-Sep	22-Oct	22-Nov	22-Dec	23-Jan	23-Feb	23-Mar	23-Apr	23-May	23-Jun	23-Jul	TOTAL
TOTAL TRIAGED	2	17	14	29	21	22	21	20	17	38	19	0	220
Referral Source													
Dallas PD													0
SC Div	1	4	4	4	2	3	7		1	3	2		31
SW Div				4	1	3	1	2	2	1			14
SE Div		3	1	2	4	1	3	1	2	1			15
NC Div				2	2	1	3	1	2	2			13
NE Div			6	5		2	1	2	2	2			20
NW Div			1	2		2	1	2	2	2			10
CEN Div	1		1	6	7	4	2	5	1	2			35
Right Care					1	1		1					3
Dallas Marshal - CDC													1
Great SW Coalition				3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		11
SE Coalition													2
NTBHA MCOT/CTI						5	4	2	3	1	4		37
Garland PD													1
Irving PD													3
DART PD		4		1	1			1	2	4	2		15
DCHD - Parkland PD			1		2	1	1	1	1	2			9
TRIAGE OUTCOME	2	17	14	29	21	22	21	20	17	38	19	0	
Psych Crisis Residential				1			3			2			6
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt													0
Living Room-NTBHA*	1	4	6	9	2	3	1	3	1	1			30
CMHP Services							1			2			0
ACT Team					3								6
OTHER SUD Services						1			1				3
Shelter													0
Austin Street		1	1	1	1								4
Bridge										1			1
Salvation Army			1	2									3
Union Gospel Mission													0
Other					2			1	1				5
Home-Family-Friends	1		3	1	1	1	3	1	5	4	4		24
Boarding Home/PSH				1	1		2	3		7	3		17
Higher Level of Care													0
Behavioral Health				4	2	6	1	2	3	1			23
Physical Health				1	3	2	2	1	1	2			13
Veterans Administration						1	1						2
LEA Maintained Custody				2		1	1	2	1	1	3		14
Skill In Service										9			4
Refused Services		5	2	6	6	7	7	7	5	7	4		56

Youth Housing

Josh Cogan

Youth Update:

- HUD is at risk of losing billions of \$ in funding. A Way Home America is convening a group of national youth movement leaders and partners in this work -- such as Youth Collaboratory, True Colors United, and Point Source Youth -- to draft a sign-on letter, to be sent to federal appropriators to secure the highest possible funding for the programs we support / impact our work at every level. Senate T-HUD Chair Sen. Schatz (HI) has informed us that markups will begin after the July 4th recess, approximately July 10. We will have a sign-on letter drafted in the next week or two and are requesting for any and all youth & young adult serving organizations (13-25 y/o) to please sign on. I will be sending the letter to you all, once drafted!

[DATE]

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Muray, Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member Collins and Rank Member DeLauro,

We, the undersigned organizations, respectfully offer the following recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations. We are a collection of youth-serving national organizations committed to ending youth and young adult homelessness nationwide. These recommended funding levels are updated in light of passage of the Fiscal Responsibility Act to reflect top-line level funding for non-defense discretionary programs.

FY24 Funding Recommendations


Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

In FY22 and FY23, Congress allocated \$107 million each year, of which \$25 million was set aside for systems-change planning grants. We estimate that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will award those funds to communities in the second half of 2023 or early 2024. Within 12 months of receiving those funds, many of the planning grant awardees will likely be capable of qualifying for Youth-Specific Project by meeting eligibility benchmarks of sophistication for working with young people experiencing homelessness.

In Fiscal Year 2024, we recommend **\$107,000,000** for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, of which **\$25,000,000** shall be for “youth specific projects” for qualifying CoCs that can demonstrate sophistication in meeting the needs of youth experiencing homelessness. This represents **level funding** with FY2023. If appropriated, we estimate the \$25 million youth-specific project funds would be ready for competition by HUD in late 2024, **coinciding with the conclusion of the first round of systems-change planning grants** appropriated by Congress in FY22 and FY23. We recommend that the Committee direct HUD to continue to offer these competitions as separate NOFOs from the regular CoC competition.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

A groundbreaking 2018 study by Chapin Hall revealed the most accurate assessment to date on the prevalence of youth homelessness in the United States: **1 in 10 young adults** ages 18 to 25 (approximately **3.5 million** individuals) will endure some form of homelessness in a year.

← OTG Appropriations Letter  Homelessness is a pervasive issue in homelessness in **rural** and **nonrural** similar rates for young adults (9.2% and 9.6%). Approximately one in five (**19.4%**) youth who experienced unaccompanied homelessness were **also victims of human trafficking**.

To assist communities in meeting the urgent needs of youth experiencing homelessness, we request **\$146,283,000** in aggregate for the two Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) line items with the Administration for Children and Families. This represents level funding in comparison to FY2023.

Further, to improve FYSB grantees' ability to provide prevention services when necessary, and to ensure equitable access to services for all young people, we respectfully request inclusion of the following report language:

"The Committee supports the ability of grantees to provide prevention services regardless of enrollment in residential services, and urges the program to remind grantees that they are not required to enroll a young person in shelter or residential services, nor require the young person to physically travel to the grantee's location, in order for the young person who is deemed at risk of running away or becoming homeless to be eligible to receive prevention and supportive services, including counseling and case management.

The Committee strongly urges the program to ensure that service delivery and staff training comprehensively address the individual strengths and needs of youth, as well as be language appropriate, gender appropriate (interventions that are sensitive to the diverse experiences of male, female, and transgender youth and consistent with the gender identity of participating youth), and culturally sensitive and respectful of the complex social identities of youth (i.e., race, ethnicity, nationality, age, religion/spirituality, gender identity/ expression, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, physical or cognitive ability, language, beliefs, values, behavior patterns, or customs). The Committee strongly believes that no runaway youth or homeless youth should be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, based on any of the conditions outlined in this paragraph."

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Campion Advocacy Fund



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