

## **DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP**

**Dallas County Administration – 500 Elm Street, Customer Excellence Training Room 7.Y17, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas**

**May 22, 2024, 10:00-11:30am**

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### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

### **2. Reports**

#### **a. Governance – Commissioner Theresa Daniel**

- Approval of March 27, 2024, 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

#### **c. Projects and Industry Updates**

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

### **3. Next Meeting June 26, 2024**

**Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dallas Texas 75202**

**March 27, 2024 Minutes**

**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; Erin Moore, Dallas County; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Ikenna Mobo, Metrocare; Tzeggabran Kidane, Dallas County; Kelvin Brown, Housing Crisis Center; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Krystal Lotspeich, CitySquare; Kimberly Onofre, Mesquite Sharing Life; Lisa Marshall, Fighting Homelessness; Jim Mattingly, LumaCorp; Keri Stitt, Youth180; Thomas Lewis DC HHS; Leah Williams, Housing Forward; Dustin Perkins, Austin Street; Larry Gordon, Downtown Dallas Inc.; Trey Wisely, DC IT; Jennifer Huynh, Suicide and Crisis Center of North Texas

***Dr. Daniel opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.***

**CALL TO ORDER:** The minutes were approved with no changes.

**GOVERNANCE**

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County  
Commissioner Daniel reported that the Partnership met on March 7, 2024. Jim Mattingly asked what tools the partnership has to accomplish the goals they have set forth regarding housing. He also questioned how the partnership is different from Housing Forward and the All Neighbors Coalition.

Discussions were had regarding the organizations having better communication about the services offered and to determine if organizations are duplicating services. There is a question if the right stakeholders are at the table that can make decisions about processes and procedures. There was also mention that much of the work is being done at the subcommittee level and many of the decision makers are needed at that level to determine more policy for the All Neighbors Coalition as a whole. Efficiency of services was also discussed. Ikenna Mogbo stated that with as many organizations around the country addressing the housing and homelessness issues, they are trending in the opposite direction. Only 27% of the 480 COC's nationwide saw a decrease in homelessness with Dallas being one of those areas. It is believed that we are trending in the right direction and addressing some of the issues.

There was also a question if the Housing Workgroup meeting is still beneficial for the housing cause. The attendees determined that the Workgroup meeting is beneficial for more than just housing. Areas such as the legislative updates, mental health, substance abuse, and other areas are being discussed within this meeting. Dustin Perkins evaluated that many organizations are addressing many factors affecting housing and homelessness, but there are few committees, sub committees and groups specifically targeting "special populations", i.e. those suffering with mental health issues. There were continued discussions about the contributing factors of homelessness with mental health and substance abuse being some of the main factors causing the issue and how within the Housing Workgroup, there are organizations that address those specific needs to that population.

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee: Erin Moore, Dallas County

The report was provided in the packet and all attendees were encouraged to read it.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger stated that the report is available in the packet and the federal government has approved the budget for HUD. Most of the items within the budget received more funding. Ikenna Mogbo stated that within the state budget, \$100 million dollars has been allocated for mental health facilities and an RFP had been released in February. Metrocare has partnered with NTBHA and Catholic Charities to submit a proposal for three different projects totaling around \$13 million

dollars. Metrocare's project is to build 30 units of permanent supportive housing for women with children. Catholic Charities is working on Miramar, and NTBHA is doing a crisis facility on or near Martin Luther King boulevard.

## **PRESENTATION**

Suicide and Mental Health: What to Look for In Teens: Jennifer Huynh, Suicide and Crisis Center of North Texas

Jennifer reported that Suicide and Crisis Centers of North Texas host suicide survivors' grief groups for those who have lost people due to suicide. She is the director of the Teens Can Survive Program. As a clinician, she has a background of working in a behavioral health center and has encountered the unhoused population who use the hospitals and centers as ways to handle external business while being in a place that can take care of their basic needs. Within that population, she has experienced teens who have cycled through the homeless system and, as they age, they continue the cycle of homelessness. She also stated that teens and adults show similar signs of depression, but there are some differences that may be noticed in teens. Signs such as irritability, anger, unexplained illnesses or pain, withdrawal from some people but not all, and extreme sensitivity to criticism are some behaviors that may signal a teen is dealing with depression. Some signs of teen suicide ideation include verbal or written thoughts or plans, giving away personal possessions, an increase in drug and alcohol use, high anxiety, and previous suicide attempts.

At the Suicide and Counseling Center, they use the AS+K model which is to directly ask if a person is about to or planning to kill themselves. If the answer is yes, there are steps that can be taken to address the issue. First, seek information about what and how they plan to execute the plan. Secondly is to find out if they have a source of help and if so, what it is. The next step is to secure lethal means (any harmful objects, i.e. guns) to get them out of the "suicide zones." Behavioral health centers and hospitals can be spaces that can be contacted for assistance. If a person is adamant about performing the act in front of someone, the person in crisis is not to be left alone. The goal is to get the person outside of the suicide zone through providing resources, references, and assistance.

## **RESOURCES**

Shelter Discussions: Daniel Roby, Austin Street Shelter

Daniel Roby was unavailable for the meeting and will provide a report for the next meeting.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty reported that the COVID 19 Supplemental Grant is still available for clients who have been identified with a behavioral health or substance abuse condition that may need assistance with deposits, furniture, etc. The information is available on the NTBHA website.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls stated that the report is included in the meeting packet for review.

Homeless Jail Dashboard: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls provided a report that is included in the meeting packet for review and highlighted the cost of homeless book-ins within the jail. In January there were 490 unsheltered book-ins with their average length of stay being 17 days. The daily jail bed rate of \$85.13 cost the jail \$1447.21 per person for their 17 day stay. There were 503 book-ins as of 03/21/24 with their average length of stay being 19 days and their jail cost totaling \$1617.47 per person for their length of stay. Commissioner Daniel also mentioned that with the increased jail population, it is now costing the jail \$13 million dollars a month to operate.

Housing Authority Report: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS

Thomas Lewis commended Housing Forward on their partnership and collaboration with Dallas County HHS. Of the 100 Housing Choice Vouchers that have been allocated, they have nine (9) individuals who are housed with 25 individuals looking for housing. He stressed the importance of case management and the work that Housing Forward is doing.

ARPA Update: Commissioner Daniel, Dallas County

Commissioner Daniel reported that Dallas County is assessing how much of the allocated funds have not been spent and are determining how the funds should be reassigned in order to meet the 2026 deadlines.

## **PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES**

Housing Forward updates: Leah Williams, Housing Forward

Leah Williams reported that she works with the youth and veteran populations. The Veterans Initiatives will be getting an update soon from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness on the declaration for effectively ending veteran homelessness. Housing Forward has the \$9 million dollar grant from HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Grant. As a component of the grant, the Coordinated Community Plan has been turned into HUD and feedback should be received in two weeks. From there they will know what projects they can fund and will begin community conversations about HUD funding. Information about the upcoming State of Homelessness Address will be released soon.

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

Kimberly Rawls provided a report on behalf of Laura Edmonds stating that the jail releases are going well. NTBHA is continuing to assist with care coordination. The Criminal Justice department's Pre-Trial Diversion Program is working to assess first time felony offenders charged with a non-violent offense. They recently worked to streamline their internal processes. In February the clinicians completed 109 assessments. The 1622 CCP project, which provides mental health assessments to individuals who are booked into the jail, is running smoothly. The partner vendor Adapt completed 2,503 assessments in February.

Dallas Connector: Dustin Perkins, Austin Street

Dustin Perkins reported that the Connector had an average of 630 riders per week over the last two weeks. They expect an increase when they are able to operate their second van full time. They have a 25 passenger bus and a 15 passenger van. The bus has been operating consistently, but the van was being under-utilized and they are currently re-vamping the schedule to get better utilization. They will also put in a proposal to Housing Forward to have the Emergency Housing Workgroup to reconvene as they believe the Connector can assist with those being turned away from shelters to find other resources.

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton reported they had two available beds in their Crisis Residential Unit. Their crisis unit is a step down from the mental health hospital and can provide care to those who are in crisis. January was a record month for the Deflection Center with 56 referrals from law enforcement and NTBHA. Since September 2023, 49 people have refused services, but a rapport has been established and they have left the facility with resources and referrals for assistance.

Youth Housing: Josh Cogan, Youth 180

Josh Cogan provided a youth homelessness update report on the federal level that is available in the meeting packet for review.

Family Housing: Ellen Magnis, Family Gateway

Ellen Magnis was unavailable for the meeting and a report will be provided at the next meeting.

Mattingly Report: Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp

Jim Mattingly reported that apartment units are steadily becoming online and available. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

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

***Next Meeting: April 24, 2024***



# 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Interim Charges

## Texas House Interim Charges Related to Behavioral Health

### Texas House Appropriations Committee

Monitor and oversee the implementation of appropriations bills and other relevant legislation passed by the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature, including the following:

- Implementation and impact of appropriations under Article II for reimbursement rates.
- Monitor the federal revenue trends and resources available to efficiently administer timely payments to those awarded grants from the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Attorney General.

### Texas House Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee

Monitor HB 671 relating to a veterans suicide prevention campaign.

### Texas House Human Services Committee

Support for Texans with Intellectual Disabilities

- Evaluate access to Home and Community-based Services (HCS) waivers, including:
  - The interest list,
  - Effects of inflation on the cost of services,
  - Availability of services and service providers.
- Consider the long-term stability of long-term services and supports in the waiver programs.
- Consider alternative delivery models.

### Texas House Committee on Public Health

Monitor SB 26 relating to Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) and Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services, and programs.

### Responses to Mental Health Emergencies

Review and evaluate best practices of procedures for the emergency detention of a person with mental illness.

### Texas House Youth and Safety

Behavioral Health Services for At-Risk Youth

- Evaluate programs and services currently available to children and families that are either involved with, or at high risk for becoming involved with the foster care and juvenile justice systems.
- Study the current barriers for accessing community-based behavioral health services for children with intense behavioral health needs, with an emphasis on ensuring that parents do not have to give up custody of children to gain access to services.

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## **Texas Senate Interim Charges Related to Behavioral Health**

### **Texas Senate Finance Committee**

#### **Mental Health Services and Inpatient Facilities:**

- Monitor the implementation of Senate Bill 30, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, with regard to appropriations made for expanding mental health services and inpatient facilities across the state.
- Report on the progress of inpatient facility construction projects.
- Assess and report on the effectiveness of spending on mental health services.

### **Texas Senate Health and Human Services Committee**

#### **Children's Mental Health:**

- Review care and services currently available to the growing population of Texas children with high acuity mental and behavioral health needs.
- Make recommendations to improve access to care and services for these children that will support family preservation and prevent them from entering the child welfare system.

#### **Access to Health Care:**

- Evaluate current access to primary and mental health care.
- Examine whether regulatory and licensing flexibilities could improve access to care, particularly in medically underserved areas of Texas.
- Make recommendations, if any, to improve access to care while maintaining patient safety.

#### **Health Insurance:**

- Examine the Texas health insurance market and alternatives to employer-based insurance.
- Identify barriers Texans face when navigating a complex health insurance market.
- Make recommendations that help individuals obtain health care coverage.

#### **Monitoring:**

- Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services passed by the 88th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction.
  - Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of Senate Bill 26, relating to Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) and Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services, and programs.

### **Texas Senate Veterans Affairs Committee**

#### **Veteran Mental Health:**

- Review current programs that provide direct and indirect mental health services to veterans in Texas.
- Identify barriers to accessing mental health resources for rural veterans.
- Make recommendations to improve access to mental health support for all veterans.

#### **Support Service Database for Texas Veterans**

- Review and report on the progress toward the creation of a single database to facilitate the seamless provision of veteran benefits by state agencies.
- Make recommendations to improve coordination among state, federal, and local agencies and others that provide benefits to veterans.





### FUSE Data

- I will provide the FUSE data during next month's report.

### 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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- We are working to fill one vacancy.

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

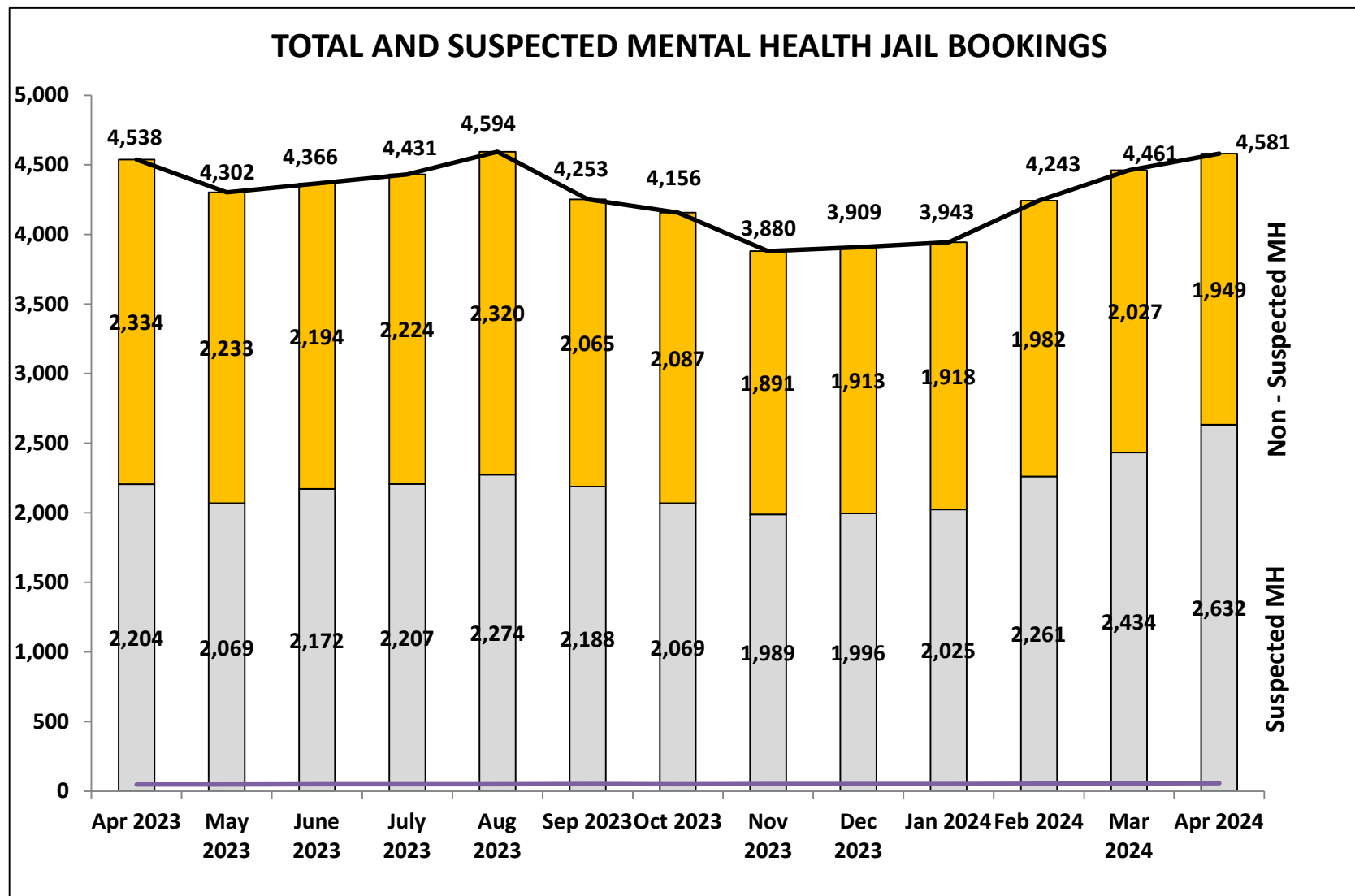
- I met with the CSG Tech team last Thursday, May 16, 2024. I have completed all the corrections and will adjust some of the vendor payouts for them to review. Once approved, the CSG Tech team will review and send them to the BJA for final approval.
- After the final draft has been approved by the BJA, the Criminal Justice Department (CJD) can finalize the procurement bidding process with the Dallas County Procurement department.

### 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 April 2024 jail data.

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## Apr 2024 Homeless Report Snapshot







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## Homeless Breakdown and Avg LOS - Mar 2024 to Apr 2024

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Mar 2024	Suspected MH	2,434	55%	% of total bookings [4461]
	Homeless	578	13%	% of total bookings [4461]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	408	71%	% of total homeless [578]

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Apr 2024	Suspected MH	2,632	59%	% of total bookings [4581]
	Homeless	614	14%	% of total bookings [4581]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	455	79%	% of total homeless [614]

Month/Yr	Avg LOS Total Bookings [days]	Avg LOS Homeless Bookings [days]
Mar 2024	7	9
Apr 2024	7	10

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## Homeless Primary Offense Categories - Mar 2024 to Apr 2024

Offense Categories	Mar 2024 total	Mar 2024 %	Apr 2024 total	Apr 2024 %	MTD
Arson	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	
Assaultive	49	8.5%	47	7.7%	
Burglary	23	4.0%	30	4.9%	
Criminal Mischief	11	1.9%	15	2.4%	
Criminal Trespass	100	17.3%	93	15.1%	
Drug/Alcohol	146	25.3%	163	26.5%	17 Increase
Evading	18	3.1%	20	3.3%	
False Info/Fail to Identify	29	5.0%	28	4.6%	
Fraud	9	1.6%	13	2.1%	
HOLDS	50	8.7%	53	8.6%	
Murder	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	
Other	36	6.2%	45	7.3%	
Prostitution	2	0.3%	1	0.2%	
Resist	12	2.1%	15	2.4%	
Robbery	12	2.1%	15	2.4%	
Sexual Offense	12	2.1%	9	1.5%	
Theft	59	10.2%	49	8.0%	10 Decrease
UUMV	9	1.6%	15	2.4%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

**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



## Dallas County Criminal Justice (DCCJ) April 2024 Unsheltered Expense Report

April 2024

1. Count of April 2024 Unsheltered Bookins = **614** (614 of 4,581 = 13% of total April Bookins)
2. As of 5/10/24, Total number of Unsheltered Releases = **315**
3. Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for the **315** releases = **7** (7\*\$85.13(Daily Jail Bed rate) = **\$595.91 per Individual**)
4. ALOS for all April unsheltered **614** bookins as of 5/10/24 = **15** (15\*\$85.13(Daily Jail Bed rate) = **\$1,276.95 per Individual**)
5. Below are the top 6 offense categories for the **614** April Unsheltered.

Offenses	Count of BookInNo
POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G	92
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	88
NULL	38
THEFT PROP >=\$100<\$750	20
THEFT PROP <\$2,500 2/MORE PREV CONV	19
FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE INTENT GIVE FALSE INFO	17

### Terms and Definitions:

- NULL: Holds Only



# DCHHS

Dallas County Health and Human Services

Healthy People Healthy Communities  
Health and Social Equity



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# Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

100-Allocated From the Housing Choice  
Voucher Program

51-Open Vouchers

22-Homeless Leased Up

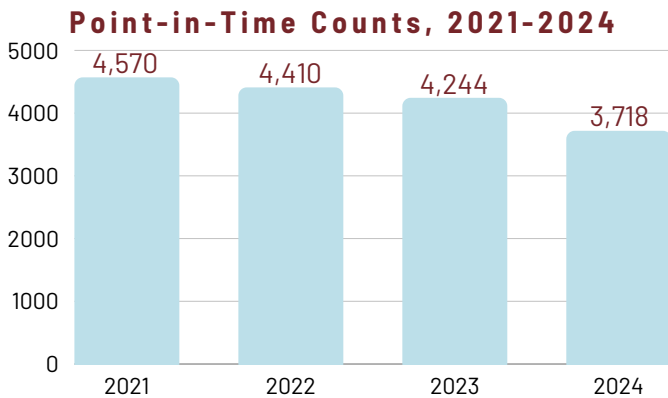
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Next scheduled Briefing:

May 16, 2024



Since 2021, more than 10,100 people experiencing homelessness in Dallas and Collin counties have been housed. The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is an annual census of our unhoused neighbors. The federally-mandated count helps understand changing trends and is one measure of our success over time.



## 3,718

Individuals Experiencing Homelessness on a Single Night in 2024

29% **Unsheltered** 71% **Sheltered**



19% Decrease in Overall Homelessness\*  
24% Decrease in Unsheltered Homelessness\*  
\*Since 2021

## DEMOGRAPHICS

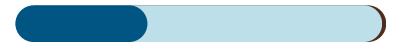
### Race/Ethnicity



56.94% Black or African American	1.08% American Indian
28.03% White	0.27% Pacific Islander
9.44% Hispanic/Latino	0.22% Middle Eastern/North African
1.37% Asian	2.66% Multiple Races

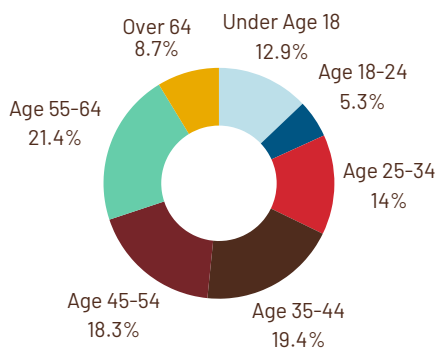
Black households make up just 19% of the general population in Dallas and Collin Counties but 57% of the homeless population.

### Gender

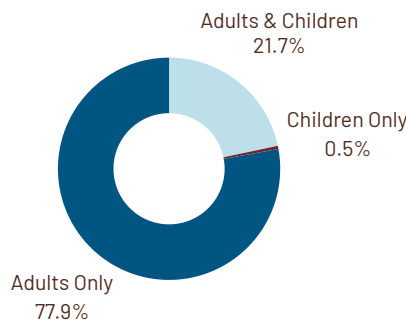


63.58% Male
35.58% Female
0.54% More than 1 Gender
0.19% Non-binary
0.08% Transgender
0.03% Questioning

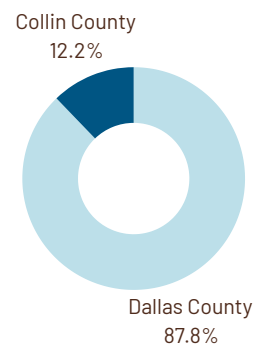
### Age Distribution



### Households



### County



## COMMUNITY TRENDS

In 2024, our community saw decreases across all populations in the number of neighbors experiencing homelessness. Dallas and Collin counties were among the small group of communities that reduced homelessness last year, while national rates increased.

**Veteran Homelessness: 287**

21.37% Decrease Since 2023

**Youth Homelessness: 130**

22% Decrease Since 2023

**Family Homelessness: 805**

14.9% Decrease Since 2023



# THE NEXT BIG MILESTONE

## Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness By 50%

In 2021, we committed to a transformation of our homelessness response system. We aligned investments to focus on reducing unsheltered homelessness. Together, the All Neighbors Coalition has reduced unsheltered homelessness by 24% since that system transformation began.

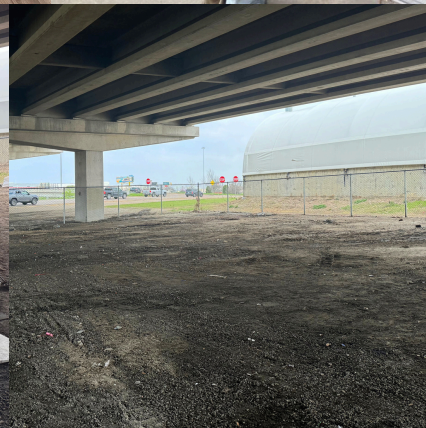
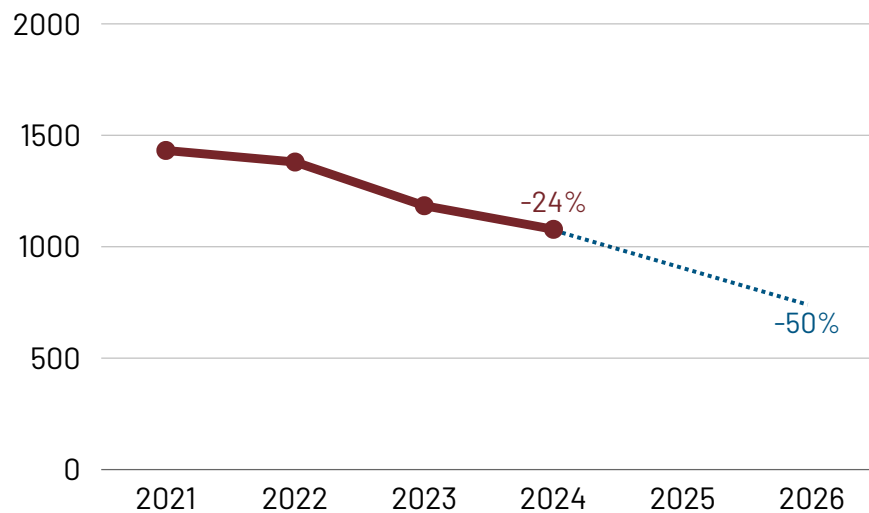
Our next big milestone is a 50% reduction in unsheltered homelessness as compared to 2021 levels. If we stay the course with continued public and private investments in proven strategies for housing and support services, we can reach this goal by 2026.

### HOW WE GET THERE

Housing Forward estimates we will need a \$30 million public-private investment to maintain the historic pace that has enabled us to house more than 10,100 individuals since 2021. Our next phase will emphasize closing encampments in the public space with a targeted “Street to Home” approach. We will offer housing and support services equitably, and coordinate with local government to ensure encampments remain closed permanently. This life-saving work reduces the personal and financial costs of homelessness.

Together, we will make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in Dallas and Collin counties.

**Unsheltered Population: Progress & Goal**



Tuesday, April 30, 2024  
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## PRESS RELEASE

### **All Neighbors Coalition Announces Third Year of Reductions in Homelessness in Dallas, Collin counties; More Than 10,100 Individuals Housed Since 2021 System Transformation**

Housing Forward and the All Neighbors Coalition today announced the third consecutive year of reductions in homelessness in Dallas and Collin counties, including the lowest total number of people experiencing homelessness in nearly a decade.

According to the January Point-in-Time count, a total of 3,718 individuals are experiencing homelessness on any given night in Dallas and Collin counties. That equates to a 19% reduction in overall homelessness and a 24% reduction in unsheltered homelessness since 2021.

That is the year the All Neighbors Coalition, now comprised of 150 organizations, transformed to more effectively tackle homelessness with evidence-based strategies. Fueled by public-private partnership, the system expanded pathways to housing, health, and stability for our neighbors who are unhoused.

"The success we are seeing in Dallas and Collin counties goes against national trends," said Peter Brodsky, Housing Forward Board Chair. "Together, we have built an infrastructure that is now housing more people experiencing homelessness than ever before and providing the critical wrap-around services to ensure people do not fall back into homelessness."

Since 2021, more than 10,100 people experiencing homelessness have been housed, with decreases this year as compared to 2023 in family homelessness (15%), youth homelessness (22%), and veteran homelessness (21%)

Federal officials have recognized the region as a top performer and one of only 27% of communities in the country to reduce homelessness last year. Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development earmarked \$27 million in annual funding for the All Neighbors Coalition. That is a 44% increase in performance-based funding as compared to 2021 levels.

Coalition leaders on Tuesday pledged to continue moving the needle on homelessness, with a new goal to cut street homelessness in the region by 50% as compared to 2021 levels. With a \$30 million public-private investment, officials said that goal can be met by 2026.

The next phase will emphasize closing encampments in public spaces with a targeted "Street to Home" approach. This proven model addresses public health and safety concerns, while providing a lifeline to our neighbors enduring unsheltered homelessness. Encampment closures are expedited by bringing behavioral healthcare and rehousing assistance onsite and supporting people experiencing homelessness to move back home.



"The organizations that comprise the All Neighbors Coalition are better aligned on our strategies than ever before," said Dr. David Woody, III, a Coalition Board Member and the President and CEO of *The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center* in downtown Dallas. "We better understand what it takes to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring, and we are committed to working together to ensure this progress continues."

The data also reveals ongoing challenges. While Black households make up just 19% of the general population in Dallas and Collin counties, nearly 57% of the unhoused population is Black. This imbalance is a by-product of the wide-ranging impacts of systemic racism and inequities.

"The data continues to support our focus on racial equity," said Sarah Kahn, Housing Forward President and CEO. "A key part of our system transformation is our commitment to advancing racial equity by identifying and dismantling disparities within the homeless response system."

The new data and details on the next phase of rehousing efforts were released as part of the annual State of Homelessness Address, held this year at the Winspear Opera House in the Dallas Arts District.

*About Housing Forward and the All Neighbors Coalition: Housing Forward, formerly Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA), was founded in 2002 to serve as a collective voice for homelessness in Dallas and Collin counties. Housing Forward has the expertise, partnerships, and resources to lead a system-wide, data-driven strategy to solve homelessness in our community. Housing Forward works together in collaboration with the All Neighbors Coalition to lead system-wide strategies for ending homelessness in our community. The All Neighbors Coalition is made up of 150 partner organizations across Dallas and Collin counties that provide critical resources and support directly to individuals, Veterans, youth, and families experiencing homelessness.*

# DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

2023-24	23-Sep	23-Oct	23-Nov	23-Dec	24-Jan	24-Feb	24-Mar	24-Apr	24-May	24-Jun	24-Jul	24-Aug	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL TRIAGED</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>305</b>
<b>Referral Source</b>													
Dallas PD													0
SC Div	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	4					19
SW Div	2	3			1	4		2					12
SE Div	2	1	1	1	2	1		1					9
NC Div	1	2	1			1	2						7
NE Div	1	1	1		1	1	5	2					12
NW Div		1		1			2	2					6
CEN Div	1	4		2	5	2	1	3					18
Right Care	1					1	1	1					4
Dallas Marshal - CDC													0
College Campus PD	1												1
Great SW Coalition				2	1		4	1					8
SE Coalition	2	3		1	3	1	2	4					16
NTBHA MCOT/CTI	5	11	9	10	19	7	2	8					71
Garland PD				2	1								3
Irving PD	2	3											5
DART PD	3	8	11	9	20	17	19	17					104
Parkland-Baylor PD	2	2		1		2	1	2					10
<b>TRIAGE OUTCOME</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Psych Crisis Residential	1			1									2
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt													0
Living Room-NTBHA*		9			2	3	6	1					21
CMHP Services					1								1
ACT Team	3	0		2	1								6
OTHER SUD Services	2	3			1	3		3					12
<b>Shelter</b>													0
Austin Street			2		2		2	1					7
Bridge	1	1		1	1	5	3	4					16
Salvation Army		1	1		1		1	1					5
Union Gospel Mission		1											1
Other		1			1		2						4
Home-Family-Friends	3	4	6	8	15	8	8	11					63
Boarding Home/PSH	2	2	3	2	3	4	3	1					20
<b>Higher Level of Care</b>													0
Behavioral Health	1	2	1	2	4	1	1						12
Physical Health	1	4	2	5	6	5	2	6					31
Veterans Administration	2												2
APOWW or Arrest					1								1
LEA Maintained Custody	3			1	2	1		3					10
Still in Service		3	5	4	10	1		1					24
Refused Services	5	10	5	6	5	8	13	15					67

# Deflection Center Dashboard

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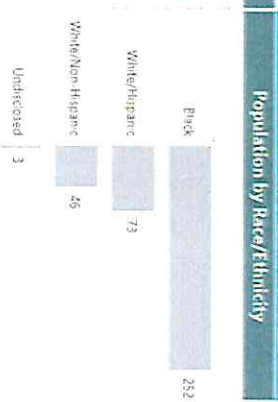
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## Deflection Center Metrics

Total Served Pop.	Total Male Pop. %	Total Female Pop. %
374	70.86%	28.61%
Served Pop. this Year	Male Pop. % this Year	Female Pop. % this Year
122	72%	27.87%
Avg Stay Length (days)	Not Yet Discharged	Longest Stay (days)
1.79	36	33.09

Age Groups	Male	Female	Total Pop.
55+	66	28	95
45 to 54	50	17	67
35 to 44	61	22	83
25 to 34	66	32	99
19 to 24	22	8	30



### Discharge to by Race & Gender

Discharged to?	Black	Undisclosed	White/Hispanic	White/Non-Hispanic	Total
Paiding Home	8		3	2	13
Higher Level of Care - Medical	22		6	8	36
Higher Level of Care - Psych	14		10	7	31
Medical			1	1	2
Not Appropriate	7		1		8
Not Discharged yet	24		9	3	36
Officer Retained	8	1	8	1	18

### % Homeless

Unsheltered Sheltered

Homeless Males

259 No. of Homeless

69.25% 48.93% 19.79%

### % Veteran

No Yes

Veterans

21 No. of Veterans

5.61% 94.39% 0.80%

### Pop. by Location of Engagement

Location	Count
Business	150
Transit	120
Residential Property	42
Other	33
Property	14
Hospital	10

### Length of Stay (Hours)

Length of Stay (Hours)	Count
0 to 3	192
4 to 10	34
10 to 24	37
24 to 72	44

### Population in the last 12 Months

Month	Count
May	15
June	25
July	29
August	33
September	19
October	30
November	15
December	21
January	33
February	31
March	20
April	0



## Youth Report

YHDP RFPs are going to be coming live in June of this year for different projects, some including Diversion, Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing. We are going to be hosting an information session related to the youth projects and RFPs, but that date has not been determined yet.

## DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & HOUSING WORK GROUP

### DFW Multifamily Update, 1st QTR, 2024

By Jim Mattingly, Principal, LUMA Residential

Average monthly rental rates, reported by ALN Apartment Data, were \$1,545, down 0.2% in the 1st quarter and down 0.7% for the year. The increase in the number of apartment communities offering concessions and the size of concessions resulted in a decline in average effective rents, down 1.7% at \$1,511. The sub-markets with the largest rent increases during the quarter, East Fort Worth up 4.1% (\$1,148), Central Fort Worth 3.0% (\$1,565), Bachman Lake/ Webb Chapel up 2% (\$1,281), Southwest Dallas/Oak Cliff Chapel up 1.9% (\$1,506) and, Central Arlington up 1.1% (\$1,233). Several sub-markets saw declines in rental rates during the 1st quarter, ranging from -3.7 % to -1.9%. These markets are Rockwall/Rowlett/Sachse/Murphy (\$1,556), Far North Dallas – Tollway East (\$1,385), Garland Central (\$1,358), White Rock East/Buckner/Ferguson Rd. (\$1,250) and West Fort Worth (\$1,234).

Occupancy levels continued to decline, down 1.2% to 87.2% and unit absorption turned positive for the quarter at +901, compared to the prior quarter -287. 11,285 new units were delivered. Unit absorption for the trailing 12 months came in at 9,959, while 36,983 new units were delivered during the same period. 2nd quarter 2024 deliveries are forecast to reach ~16,000 units and deliveries in the following 3 quarters are expected to total ~33,500 units, with approximately ½ of those arriving in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. ALN reports there are currently 108,683 units in construction and/or lease up with an additional 101,991 units in pre-construction.

The top 5 submarkets with the most units in the pipeline are Frisco/The Colony/Little Elm at 23,019, McKinney/Allen/Fairview at 13,195, North Fort Worth at 12,345, Denton/Corinth at 10,532 and Central Fort Worth at 9,222.

Screening the ALN database for only Affordable Housing properties yields 333 properties in the DFW area totaling 65,135 units with an average effective rent of \$1,243 and an occupancy rate of 89.2%. Included in the above totals are 13 newly constructed properties totaling 2,510 units with average effective rents of \$1,249 and average occupancy of 32.3%. I note that average effective rents for the new properties ranged from a high of \$1,549 to a low of \$618.

Although effective rental rates have held up better than I expected I believe with new apartment deliveries expected to continue at ~10,000 units per quarter, and absorption likely to remain well below those amounts, vacancies will continue to mount up and effective average rental rates will drift lower over the coming year.