

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

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

**January 30, 2025, 10:00-11:30am**

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

### **2. Reports**

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

- Approval of December 4, 2024, minutes
- Homeless Advisory Committee Meeting
- 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
- Metrocare Services
- AIDS Services of Dallas (ASD)

#### **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

### **3. Next Meeting February 26, 2025**

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

**December 4, 2024 Minutes**

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**ATTENDEES:** Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Jessica Mendoza, Dallas County; Tzeggabhran Kidane, Dallas County; Tom Ervin, Dallas County; Kimberley Rawls, DCCJ; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Kelvin Brown, Homepoint; Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp; Kerri Stitt, Youth 180; Traswell Livingston, (ASD) AIDS Services of Dallas; Lisa Marshall, Fighting Homelessness; Students from Jesuit High School

*Dr. Daniel opened the meeting by having the members at the table to introduce themselves and their organization. The students from Jesuit High School also introduced themselves and spoke about their future educational plans.*

The meeting started by talking about how the county government, nonprofit agencies, and businesses collaborate together to help mitigate the homelessness situation in Dallas County.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner and the committee approved the minutes from the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County

Commissioner Daniel reported that a meeting was held on November 18<sup>th</sup> and Tzeggabhran Kidane stated that the eviction diversion data has been postponed at this time due to the ARPA funding ending. They are in the process of working with budget to determine if the program can continue through alternative funding.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported that the first day for bills to be filed, over 1100 bills were filed and she found six bills were related to homelessness. Rep. Walle presented some housing bills. One was to develop a statewide data sharing network to provide real time data on homelessness and another focused on Texas tenant readiness and landlord incentive pilot program. Sen. Eckhardt also presented another version of the bill to the Senate, which presents good feedback because they garner bi-partisan attention and interest. Janie also mentioned she has some concerns about HB 1042 that was presented by Rep. Bhojan. The bill would provide issuance of driver's license and birth records to those experiencing homelessness. Her concern is that the current bill leaves open space for potential identity theft and trafficking because proper identifying documentation is not obtained. The intent of the bill is to make it easier for the homeless to obtain their identification.

There were also a couple more bills that were presented regarding housing and the Commissioner stated that Dallas County will be watching to see if there is anything that the county can do during these legislative sessions. Lisa Marshall stated that her team is currently working on bills for the legislature including bills dealing with criminal justice reforms and youth homelessness.

There was a question as to whether there are housing legislative advocacy groups out there. Lisa Marshall stated that groups such as Texas Housers and Texas Homelessness Network do exist. She reported that Texas Housers is currently the largest organization, and they have bi-weekly meetings that focus on their legislative agenda. Currently, they are discussing tenant rights and equitable tax incentives and insurance for developers. Kerri Stitt reported that Texas Network of Youth Services also does a lot of legislative work as well.

Traswell Livingston reported that Rep. Jones reported that there are two current bills that are targeting HIV. One effort is trying to get HIV testing as a part of general screenings, and the other is to target the decriminalization of HIV from being a

felony case.

Tom Ervin mentioned that Commissioner Sommerman was in Austin at the time of the meeting doing a roundtable on homelessness and possible funding avenues due to the ending of ARPA funding. Kimberly Rawls questioned if there were any bills addressing re-entry programs and Janie answered she believes there are some bills that have been filed regarding those programs and once she researches them more deeply, she will report back. Commissioner implored the group to keep their ears open and if they are going to Austin, to listen to those legislators and report back to the group those conversations and changes so that all can be informed.

## **RESOURCES**

### NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty reported that they have incurred some obstacles with the TBRA program and processing their applications. TDHCA's contract expired, and NTBHA has to wait until they review and reopen the contract to continue processing those applications and submitting new ones. The contract expired with 15 applications in process that are currently seeking to assist 12 households. They have been on hold for two weeks waiting for the release of the contract and once it is done, they will continue with the processing of applications.

### Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls reported that the FUSE data is in the meeting packet, and she is currently working on October and November's data and that will be available for the group very soon. DC Criminal Justice Executive Team and the DC Criminal Justice Housing Team have met and spoken with Commissioner Sommerman and the City of Dallas Office of Homeless Solution team and provided them information on the criminal justice housing department, re-entry housing, and the support services they provide for the county.

Kimberly stated that she is diligently researching grant funding for the FUSE program and once announcements have been made, she will apply for those grants. The Dallas County St. Jude beds are currently at capacity, and they don't foresee any future vacancies. She is currently working with the contracting specialist to complete the procurement process so the RFP can be posted for HSHCJC grant and it could take up to 12 months to post. She also reported that she has been invited by the BJA to present during their Second Chance Act Conference in Philadelphia in late December. Lastly, she reported that the Connector is running well on our end.

### Homeless Jail Dashboard: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls stated that the report is in the meeting packet and the numbers have been steady and consistent. If there are any questions, she is available to answer those. Commissioner Daniel mentioned that there was a decrease in the suspected mental health book-ins, but the overall trend is increasing. Kimberly reported that the loss of the FUSE program funding and the rapid rehousing funding may have an impact on the jail system. Traswell Livingston reported that rapid rehousing funding has been awarded to organizations, but it hasn't started yet. Jim Mattingly reported that some of the funding that has decreased has affected organizations from having Housing Navigators and this has decreased the opportunities to help to get people rehoused.

## **PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES**

### Youth Homelessness: Kerri Stitt, Youth 180

Kerri Stitt reported that she didn't have much information on youth homelessness at this time, but she did report that youth medication assisted treatment will come online in the next two months for adolescents who are on Medicaid or without insurance. They are currently expanding their recovery support services at this time.

### Mattingly Report: Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp

Jim Mattingly stated that this will be his last meeting with the Housing Workgroup. He thanked Commissioner Daniel for the opportunity to be included and thanked her for bringing the organizations to the table to address the issues surrounding housing and homelessness and helping them from working alone in silos. He stated that there started to be significant changes around four years ago with the reorganization of Housing Forward and the community continuum of

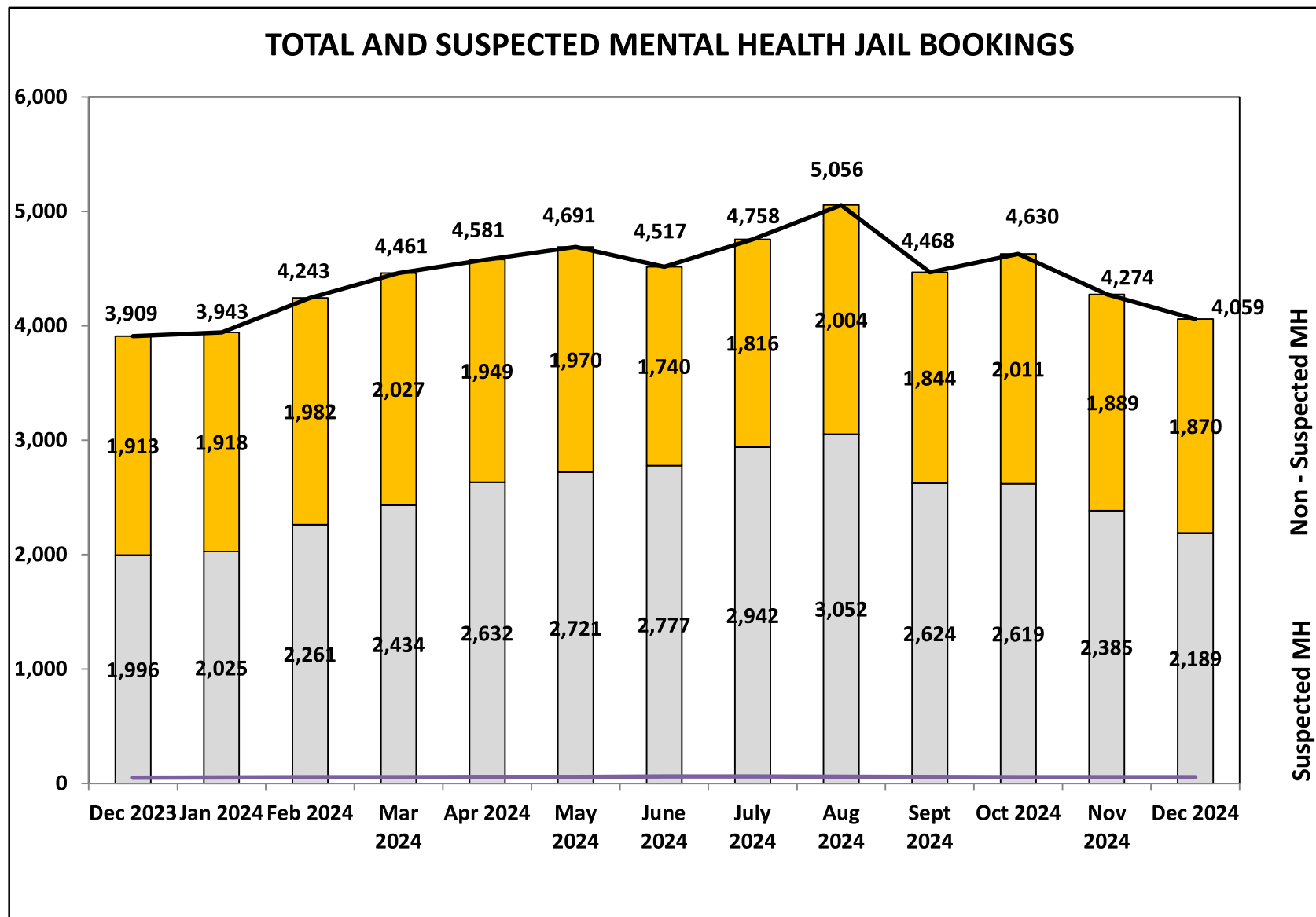
care. Now that the county has the federal funding, and organizations are working together, those efforts that began need to be recognized and celebrated. He stated since January 2021, 13,822 people and families have been placed in housing through the organizations working together with Housing Forward and other entities. The Point in-Time count has seen three years of decrease. In the last year, there has been a 19% decrease in homelessness, a 24% decrease in unsheltered homelessness, a 22% decrease in youth homelessness, and a 14.9% decrease in family homelessness. This year to date, over 242 people living in encampments have been housed. He stated we haven't solved the problem, but we are making progress, and he echoed Commissioner Daniel's sentiment that we are not done yet.

***Commissioner Daniel thanked Jimm Mattingly for his service, she thanked everyone for participating and wished them Happy Holidays .***

***Next Meeting: January***

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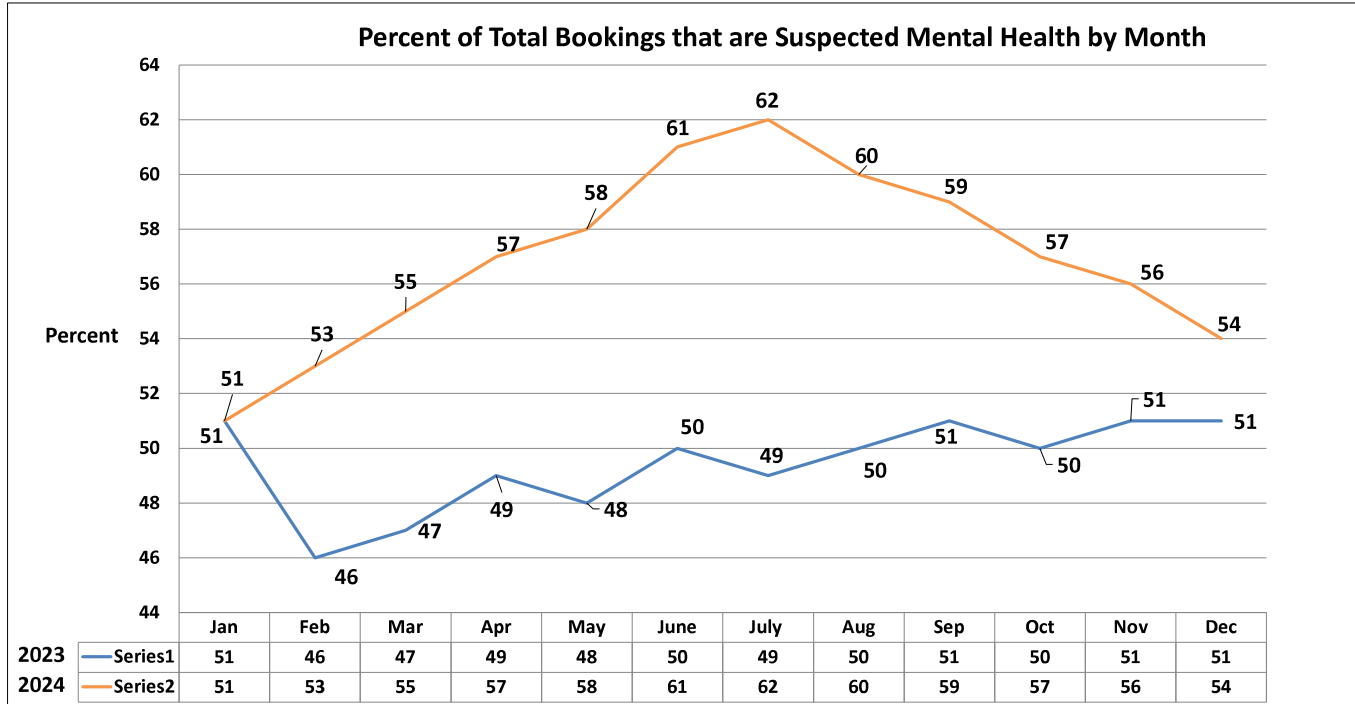
## Dec 2024 Homeless Report Snapshot



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## Month-to-Month Category Total Differences

Months	Total Monthly Bookins	Total Suspected MH Bookins
Nov 2024 to Dec 2024	4274 to 4059 - Decrease 215	2385 to 2189 - Decrease 196



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## Homeless Breakdown and Avg LOS - Nov 2024 to Dec 2024

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Nov 2024	Suspected MH	2,385	56%	% of total bookings [4274]
	Homeless	574	13%	% of total bookings [4274]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	429	75%	% of total homeless [574]

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Dec 2024	Suspected MH	2,189	54%	% of total bookings [4059]
	Homeless	538	13%	% of total bookings [4059]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	403	75%	% of total homeless [538]

Month/Yr	Avg LOS Total Bookings [days]	Avg LOS Homeless Bookings [days]
Nov 2024	7	10
Dec 2024	7	9

## Monthly Unsheltered Expense

- Count of Dec 2024 Unsheltered Bookings = 538 (538 of 4059 = 13% of total Dec Bookings)
- ALOS for all Dec unsheltered 538 bookings as of 1/8/25 = 14 (14\*\$88.47(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$1238.58 per Individual)
- As of 1/8/2025, Total number of Unsheltered Releases = 275
- Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for the 275 releases = 6 (6\*\$88.47(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$530.82 per Individual)
- Below are the top 6 offense categories for the 538 Unsheltered.

Offenses	Count of BookinNo
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	89
POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G	61
Holds	34
FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE INTENT GIVE FALSE INFO	17
THEFT PROP >=\$100<\$750	16
AGG ASSAULT W/DEADLY WEAPON	15

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## Homeless Primary Offense Categories - Nov 2024 to Dec 2024

Offense Categories	Nov 2024 total	Nov 2024 %	Dec 2024 total	Dec 2024 %	MTD
Arson	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	
Assaultive	56	9.8%	64	11.9%	8 Increased
Burglary	23	4.0%	22	4.1%	
Criminal Mischief	13	2.3%	13	2.4%	
Criminal Trespass	99	17.2%	94	17.5%	
Drug/Alcohol	135	23.5%	118	21.9%	17 Decreased
Evading	27	4.7%	16	3.0%	11 Decreased
False Info/Fail to Identify	20	3.5%	26	4.8%	
Fraud	5	0.9%	3	0.6%	
HOLDS	60	10.5%	44	8.2%	16 Decreased
Murder	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	
Other	43	7.5%	46	8.6%	
Prostitution	2	0.3%	1	0.2%	
Resist	7	1.2%	12	2.2%	
Robbery	14	2.4%	14	2.6%	
Sexual Offense	5	0.9%	9	1.7%	
Theft	39	6.8%	41	7.6%	
UUMV	24	4.2%	14	2.6%	10 Decreased
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>538</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) Housing Navigator January 2025 Report

### FUSE Data

- Will provide at the next scheduled Housing Workgroup meeting.

### 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 the vacancies are full.

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

- We are working with the Purchasing department toward next steps of completing the Procurement Process.

### 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 December 2024 jail data.

# DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

	2024-2025	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL TRIAGED</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>34</b>		<b>220</b>
<b>Referral Source</b>							
Dallas PD							0
SC Div	2			2	3		7
SW Div	4	1	1				6
SE Div					1		1
NC Div	1			2			3
NE Div	1	1	2	2			6
NW Div		1			1	1	3
CEN Div			1	1	1	3	5
Right Care		1	3	2			6
Dallas Marshal - CDC							0
College Campus PD							0
Great SW Coalition	1						1
SE Coalition	1				1		2
NTBHA MCOT/CTI	10	14	27	41	24		116
Garland PD		2	1			1	4
Irving PD		3	1				4
DART PD	11	14	11	13	5		54
Parkland-Baylor PD	1	1					2
<b>TRIAGE OUTCOME</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>34</b>		
Psych Crisis Residential			3		6		9
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt							0
Living Room-NTBHA*	2	5	7		4		18
CMHP Services							0
ACT Team							0
OTHER SUD Services	2	2	7	6			17
Shelter							0
Austin Street	2	1	1	1			5
Bridge	3	2	4	5	2		16
Salvation Army			1	1	2		4
Union Gospel Mission		1		1			2
Other		4		3	1		8
Home-Family-Friends	12	11	11	22	2		58
Boarding Home/PSH	2	2	1	2			7
Higher Level of Care							0
Behavioral Health	2		4	2	1		9
Physical Health	2	2	3	3	1		11
Veterans Administration			1				1
APOWW or Arrest			1				1
LEA Maintained Custody				1			1
Still in Service	4	3	2	12	14		35
Refused Services	1	5	5	6	1		18