

DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP

**Dallas County Administration – 500 Elm Street, Customer Excellence Training Room 7.Y17, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas
May 28, 2025, 10:00-11:30am**

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Reports

a. Governance – Commissioner Theresa Daniel

- Approval of April 23, 2025, 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 June 25, 2025

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

April 23, 2025 Minutes

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ATTENDEES: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Tzeggabhran Kidane, Dallas County; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Quincy Hogan, Metrocare; Kendall Brown, Family Gateway; Thomas Lewis, DCHA; Raven Carr, Sharing Life; Kerri Stitt, Youth 180; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Dr. Daniel opened the meeting by having the members at the table to introduce themselves.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner and the committee approved the minutes from the February 26th meeting.

GOVERNANCE

Homeless Advisory Committee: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County

The Homeless Advisory Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 21st and the eviction data is in the report. There was a question about Dr. Huang's federal funding and the programs that are being impacted. Tzeggabhran Kidane reported about 50 Immunizations sites were cut and about 21 employees were let go from that department. Dallas County is working to see if some employees could be hired in other departments around the county.

Doug Denton reported that the state is contracting through University of Texas San Antonio for several programs including recovery support services and medical assisted treatment. Through this program Homeward Bound received a technology grant that allowed them to expand their client engagement virtually. This funding was cut within the last couple of weeks, and they are monitoring other funding aspects that may be cut. He also reported that some SAMSHA funding has been eliminated and other program elements that had been absorbed by other programs have been cut as well. Commissioner Daniel asked if any other programs around the table had been impacted or had their funding cut to which, Kimberly Rawls answered that the funding she was planning to apply through the Bureau of Justice Administration grants were stopped. She stated that after talking with their grants manager, they do not have an estimated timeframe if the application will be made available again. Kendall Brown reported that their funding for permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing with the COC is a little more protected than some of the other programs. They are looking to receive their contracts sometime this summer for the next funding cycle and they are waiting to see how it all plays out. She also stated that Housing Forward's legal team is inspecting the contracts for verbiage that may be different than those of the past, and they will be diligently inspecting the contacts for impact.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported reorganization is happening and it is taking a while for everything to balance out. She also reported that since the end of the ARPA funding, the state is having to determine which community based programs to continue to fund that are beneficial to the public. She encouraged each organization to keep educating the legislature on mental health and substance abuse issues because some lawmakers have changed their stance based on constituent testimonials. Commissioner Daniel questioned if the organizations could become more organized in presenting their stance to the legislature and bringing client testimonials to the legislature to which Doug Denton replied that locally NAMI is one of the organizations doing that work.

Mr. Denton stated that due to the lack of funding for residential services, many people who are encountered downtown are not being assisted. Commissioner Daniel stated that once people have been identified, what is the next step in the process. Eric McCarty stated that he sees wrap around services as the next step in the process, but without the educational aspect integrated in the process, many of those who are utilizing the assistance will return. He also mentioned that more permanent supportive housing vouchers may be needed to help with stabilization.

Commissioner Daniel then asked Thomas Lewis what the county's stance on this issue is. Mr. Lewis answered, that collaboration is important among the organizations. He stressed that reading and knowing what the policies and procedures are, is important to servicing the clients. He stated that educating the clients is really important. He also stressed that programs also need to know their policies and procedures so as to not bring attention to themselves to incite more investigation into specific programs. He stated that balancing the education while not bringing more attention to the program is key to staying on par.

As it pertains to educating the clients using the services, Kimberly Rawls asked if mandatory stipulations can be put on clients receiving services Eric McCarty stated that by agency rules, organizations cannot enforce any stipulations to assist in long term stability absent from resources. Janie Metzinger reported that there may need to be an amendment to the legislative that addresses that issue. As it stands, many of the funding sources don't have those stipulations in place. Commissioner Daniel consulted with Charles Reed to see if any legislation regarding self-sufficiency plans for those receiving assistance is being talked about or purposed. Doug Denton explained that those utilizing services fall into different categories. Many that are utilizing the programs are using it as assistance that is needed to help them to get on their feet, but there are others that are using the programs as income and a way of life. Kerri Stitt stated that the general public could use a clarified narrative to be educated about the programs and their general use in this era of mental health. Kendall Brown stated that Housing Forward is adding some language in their grant agreements for COC funded projects that will add in some work requirements.

RESOURCES

NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty stated that they now have their new contracts in place and are now going through about 40 waitlisted applications to fund their TBRA program. This funding is for the general population and around nine million dollars in additional funds are available but are in a holding reservation fund. He stated as soon as the funding is released, he will know exactly how much funding he will have to disburse.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls reported that both reports are in the packets. As for FUSE, she has applied for the State Crisis Intervention Grant through the Office of the Governor back in January. She was optimistic because she received feedback on some changes that needed to be made. There was an increase in the jail monthly book-in rate which caused an increase in all other categories. She stated she believes the weather and storms impacted the increases because all of the FUSE partners were full in the month of March. Commissioner Daniel asked if other state facilities were accepting people because if they don't accept our people, then it backs up. Kimberly stated that she could only speak to the Salvation Army, and since they are experiencing a backlog in their transitional housing, people are having to stay longer in the county jail. This caused an increase in Dallas County's jail population numbers as well. She also reported that the Dallas Connector is running well on our end.

Housing Authority: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County Housing

Thomas Lewis stated that they are getting closer to utilizing all the Housing Choice Vouchers available from Housing Forward. They have 19 of 100 vouchers remaining and hopefully by May they will have fulfilled that agreement.

MetroCare: Quincy Hogan, Metrocare

Quincy Hogan reported that they are being affected by the tariffs as they are developing more permanent supportive and affordable housing. The bids and estimates previously quoted are now different. He reported that they are also monitoring the availability of housing vouchers and their impact on their occupancy rates for the properties. He stated Metrocare is looking to progress forward in securing grant funding for permanent supportive housing due to the uncertainty of future funding opportunities.

Pre-Trial Diversion and Mental Health Screenings: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls reported that Laura Edmonds could not be in attendance so she has the report. Kimberly stated that the criminal justice department continues to work with NTBHA to facilitate releases from the Dallas County jail through community mental health services. In April, they facilitated over 30 releases. ADAPT continues to provide mental health assessments to those who are entering the jail with a suspected mental health need. In March 1,951 assessments were completed. The pre-trial diversion program is for those first-time felony offenders charged with a nonviolent offense. The assessment identifies treatment needs and makes a recommendation for a diversion program. Successful completion of the diversion program leads to case dismissal and expungement. In March, they received 104 referrals and assessors completed 72 assessments.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton reported they had 65 admissions in December, January, and February and in March they reached 88. He stated they received a private grant where they received outreach funding, and they are now working with businesses that have issues with chronic criminal trespass. As a stipulation of this funding, they have implemented a pilot Rapid Response Program that has allowed them to engage the businesses and as a result, they have diverted over 30 emergency calls. He stated that now their issue is their length of stay. People are now staying longer because housing placements are getting harder to find. Commissioner Daniel mentioned that the Salvation Army will be breaking ground on their new facility which may provide more beds for Deflection Center residents. Mr. Denton stated that the District Attorney wanted to have a Deflection Center type program in the Salvation Army, but the neighborhood has had some pushback on that idea. Commissioner Daniel also mentioned that she is in conversation with the City of Garland to see where Deflection Center beds could possibly be housed, and that work is still in process.

Family Housing: Kendall Brown, Family Gateway

Kendall Brown reported that Ellen Magnis of Family Gateway, Sara Kahn of Housing Forward, Ikenna Mogba of Metrocare and Traswell Livingston of ASD all went to Austin to testify in Senate hearings on behalf of SB 2623. The original language of the bill stated that services could not be provided to the homeless within one and a half miles of a park, school, playground, or higher education institution. After the hearings, the language has been adjusted to say they cannot provide homeless services within 1500 feet of public schools' grades K-12 and higher education. Currently there is no Senate or House vote scheduled for the bill. Ms. Brown also provided her report of Family Gateway for the first quarter which is included in the meeting packet.

Youth Housing: Kendall Brown, Family Gateway

Kendall Brown reported that Housing Forward presented their youth housing initiative at the All Neighbors Coalition meeting. The YHDP program is a federally funded program that targets youth housing, which is starting to house youth through the program. She also reported that six other organizations received funding through that program with Family Gateway being key. They received funding for their initiative targeting 18-24 year olds.

Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for their work and encouraged them to continue to do the work.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2025



Dallas County Criminal Justice (DCCJ) Housing Navigator May 2025 Report

FUSE Data

- Will provide for the June 2025 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.

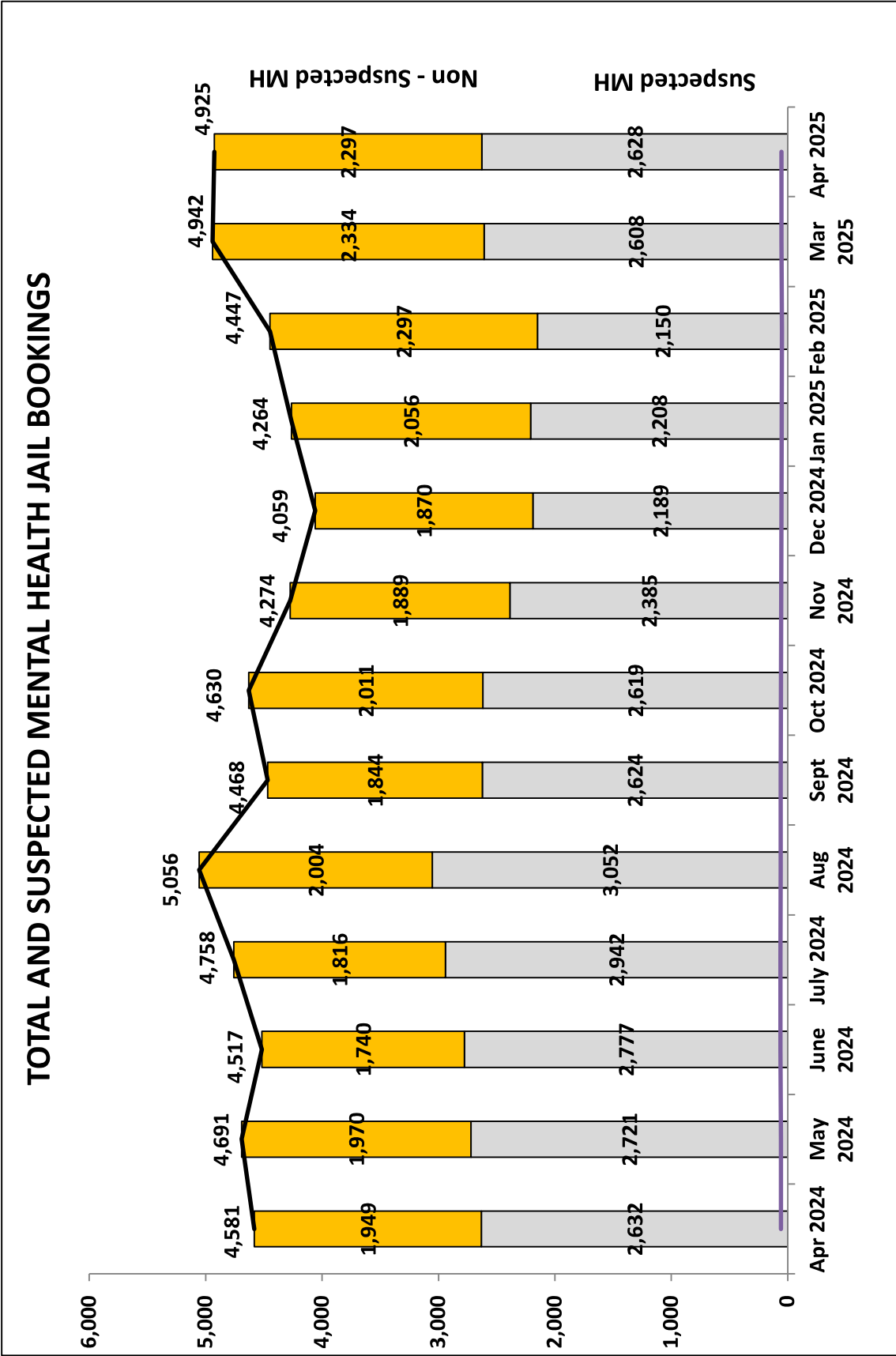
Housing Services for Homeless Criminal Justice-Involved Clients (HSH-CJC) Grant

- 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)

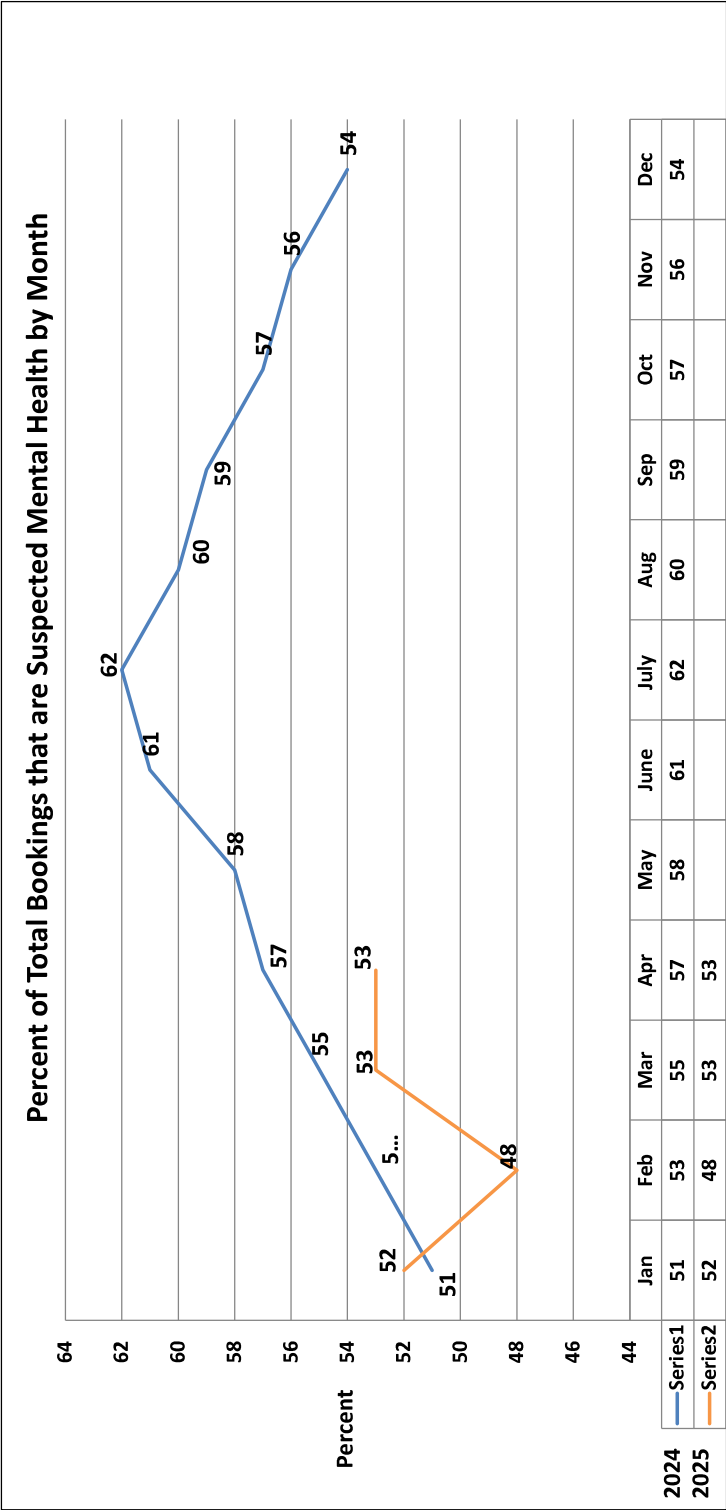
The NTBHA Livingroom (LR) Staff conducted jail releases for individuals going to the Livingroom and Austin Street's report would contain the April 2025 jail data.

Apr 2025 Homeless Report Snapshot



Month-to-Month Category Total Differences

Months	Total Monthly Bookings	Total Suspected MH Bookings
Mar 2025 to Apr 2025	4942 to 4925 - Decrease 17	2608 to 2628 - Increase 20



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Homeless Breakdown and Avg LOS - Mar 2025 to Apr 2025

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent
Mar 2025	Suspected MH	2,608	53%
	Homeless	692	14%
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	508	73%

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent
Apr 2025	Suspected MH	2,628	53%
	Homeless	723	15%
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	525	73%

Month/Yr	Avg LOS Total Bookings [days]	Avg LOS Homeless Bookings [days]
Mar 2025	6	9
Apr 2025	7	10

Monthly Unsheltered Expense

1. Count of Apr 2025 Unsheltered Bookins = 723 (723 of 4925 = 15% of total Apr Bookins)

2. ALOS for all Apr unsheltered 723 bookins as of 5/8/25 = 14 (14*\$88.47(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$1238.58 per Individual)

3. As of 5/8/2025, Total number of Unsheltered Releases = 363

4. Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for the 363 releases = 7 (7*\$88.47(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$619.29 per Individual)

Below are the top 6 offense categories for the 723 Unsheltered

Top 6 Offenses	Count of BookinNo
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	119
POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G	101
NULL	55
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G	31
THEFT PROP >=\$100<\$750	24
FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE INTENT GIVE FALSE INFO	20

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Homeless Primary Offense Categories - Mar 2025 to Apr 2025

Offense Categories	Mar 2025 total	Mar 2025 %	Apr 2025 total	Apr 2025 %	MTD
Arson	1	0.1%	3	0.4%	
Assaultive	68	9.8%	56	7.7%	12 Decreased
Burglary	24	3.5%	22	3.0%	
Criminal Mischief	21	3.0%	16	2.2%	
Criminal Trespass	129	18.6%	121	16.7%	
Drug/Alcohol	164	23.7%	189	26.1%	25 Increased
Evading	17	2.5%	26	3.6%	
False Info/Fail to Identify	30	4.3%	39	5.4%	
Fraud	15	2.2%	9	1.2%	
HOLDS	62	9.0%	66	9.1%	
Murder	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	
Other	56	8.1%	61	8.4%	
Prostitution	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Resist	9	1.3%	12	1.7%	
Robbery	13	1.9%	17	2.4%	
Sexual Offense	15	2.2%	12	1.7%	
Theft	54	7.8%	58	8.0%	
UUMV	13	1.9%	16	2.2%	
TOTAL	692	100.0%	723	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 bookings



DCHHS

Dallas County Health and Human Services

Healthy People Healthy Communities
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Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

100-Allocated From the Housing Choice
Voucher Program

7-Open Vouchers

86-Homeless Leased Up

7-Searching

Next scheduled Briefing:

May 28, 2025



DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

2024-2025	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	TOTAL
TOTAL TRIAGED	32	38	51	65	65	65	88	102	506
<i>Referral Source</i>									
Dallas PD									0
SC Div	2		2	3		3	2	5	17
SW Div	4	1	1						6
SE Div				1		1			2
NC Div	1		2						3
NE Div	1	1	2	2					6
NW Div		1		1	1		1	1	5
CEN Div			1	1	3	2	1	1	9
Right Care		1	3	2	1		1	1	9
Dallas Marshal - CDC							1		1
College Campus PD									0
Great SW Coalition	1						1		2
SE Coalition	1			1				1	3
MCOT/CTI/Walk In	10	14	27	41	48	31	42	47	260
Garland PD		2	1		1			1	5
Irving PD		3	1						4
DART PD	11	14	11	13	11	12	21	16	109
Rapid Response						15	18	28	61
Parkland-Baylor PD	1	1				1		1	4
TRIAGE OUTCOME	32	38	51	65	65	65	98	114	
Psych Crisis Residential			3		6	3	2	5	19
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt							2	2	4
Living Room-NTBHA*	2	5	7		2			1	17
CMHP Services									0
ACT Team									0
OTHER SUD Services	2	2	7	6	7	7	11	9	51
Shelter									0
Austin Street	2	1	1	1	1	3	4	4	17
Bridge	3	2	4	5	2	3	5	1	25
Salvation Army			1	1	4		3	4	13
Union Gospel Mission		1		1	3			1	6
Other		4		3	1		4	2	14
Home-Family-Friends	12	11	11	22	10	23	37	51	177
Boarding Home/PSH	2	2	1	2	4	7	1	10	29
Higher Level of Care									0
Behavioral Health	2		4	2	8	5	3	3	27
Physical Health	2	2	3	3	4	1	7	3	25
Veterans Administration			1						1
APOWW or Arrest			1						1
LEA Maintained Custody				1					1
Still in Service	4	3	2	12	12	10	12	16	71
Refused Services	1	5	5	6	1	3	7	2	30
TOTAL TRIAGED									528
ALOS 5 Days, 28 Same Day Discharges with 2 Refusing Services									