

DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP

**Dallas County Administration – 500 Elm Street, Customer Excellence Training Room 7.Y17, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas
October 22, 2025, 10:00-11:30am**

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Reports

a. Governance – Commissioner Theresa Daniel

- Approval of September 24, 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 TBD due to holidays

**Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas 75202
September 24, 2025 Minutes**

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ATTENDEES: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Tzegabrhan Kidane, Dallas County; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare; Lisa Marshall, Fighting Homelessness; Wendy Hardeman, Sharing Life; Kendal Brown, Family Gateway; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Jesuit High School Students: Ethan Irrobali, Jack Williams, Alexander Bowari, Grant Barrett, Davis Skinner, Grey McComber, Brayden Conlon, Andrew Benyo

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

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner and the committee approved the minutes from the June 25th meeting.

RESOURCES

Homeless Advisory Committee: Commissioner Daniel Office

Tzegabrhan Kidane stated that the Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center report is in the packet. Commissioner Daniel reported that we are closely watching the eviction trends. Lisa Marshall asked about the \$1.3 million dollars of obligated funds that were earmarked for eviction prevention and wondered if they were already spent. Commissioner Daniel stated that she knows federal and state funding are currently in limbo at the moment.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty reported that he hasn't heard of any current changes with the TBRA funding, but the Persons with Disabilities funding has not been available in over a year and he is not aware of any upcoming funding. He stated their general fund had \$16 million in January and now the funding is currently at \$7.5 million with applications still being processed one at a time. Ikenna Mogbo asked if Eric had any information about the Enhanced Rental Assistance funding that they receive through NTBHA because it has been frozen and not available for use. Mr. McCarty stated that he didn't have any information regarding that particular funding. He did report that state contractors are following up directly with households who have received funding and ensuring that they have direct contact with those individuals. There was a question about what is being done about people abusing the system. Eric McCarty responded that their state partners are monitoring and handling that. Ikenna Mogbo stated that Metrocare determines the rent calculation and once they figure the difference between what's being reported and what they are actually receiving, they charge back the client for that time period, or they are evict the clients from the program.

Kimberly Rawls asked if the TBRA funding is for prevention of homelessness or funding those who are currently homeless. Mr. McCarty stated TBRA meets people where they are currently, but they do not fund delinquent rents. Wendy Hardeman spoke about the CARES funding being unavailable and families are really struggling with little to no access to assistance. Waiting lists and shelters are full.

Federal/State Legislative Update:

Ikenna Mogbo reported that COC renewable funding received a cost of living increase. The current administration did not cancel the funding and one of Metrocare's grants received \$500,000 at the beginning of September. He also reported that last year, the administration switched to a two year funding cycle. The current administration stated they would review it yearly, but at this point, nothing has been done or said about it and the funding is currently in place. Wendy Hardeman reported that they are currently waiting for reimbursement from the ESFP funds. Ikenna Mogbo and Kendall Brown reported that their organizations are receiving and being reimbursed for their programs.

Housing Navigator/Homeless Dashboard/FUSE St. Jude: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County Criminal Justice

Kimberly Rawls stated that the report is in the packet. She is currently working on the June-August FUSE data. FUSE has been unfunded for a year and a half and the shelter partners are currently being gracious and working with those clients to continue to shelter them. From the homeless report, there was a slight increase from July-August which has caused increases to the other overall categories. A new section was added to the report to show the number of categorical differences from month to month by offense.

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

Kimberly Rawls reported that Laura Edmonds is out and that she will be giving the report for her today. They are continuing to schedule and facilitate releases from jail to connect them with the community and mental health services. In August the Criminal Justice department facilitated 84 jail releases. ADAPT continues to complete mental health assessments for those who have been flagged with a suspected mental health need. In August, 2,850 assessments were completed. The Criminal Justice department is also working with Housing Forward and NTBHA on various attorney outreach and release planning for those flagged as complex-needs neighbors to connect them with services. They have developed a warm handoff release program for those neighbors and are currently getting them connected to services.

MetroCare: Ikenna Mogbo , Metrocare

Ikenna Mogbo reported that the State of Texas is offering a \$25 million dollar three-year grant through the opioid settlement funds and Metrocare is proposing a recovery house for 25 youth addicted to opioids. They are partnering with Harris County and the Rio Grande Valley to have state coverage and are applying for \$12 million dollars between the three areas. They are only awarding one grant per state, but by applying together to cover the geographic area and targeting the specific demographic, they believe they have a good chance of receiving it. The potential start time could be around January 2027. The grant is for three years of funding with an option for the state to potentially extend it two years.

Housing Forward:

A representative from Housing Forward was not able to attend the meeting today.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton was not able to attend the meeting but provided a report for the meeting packet. Latoya Jenkins reported that Doug Denton was present at the Criminal Justice Advisory Board meeting, and he stated that DART was one of the main contributors bringing clients into the clinic. He stated that the word is spreading around town, and they are receiving more walk in clients, but they are still not able to make clients stay there to receive treatment. Tzeggabran Kidane added that through the fiscal year September 2024-August 2025, they have served almost 1,000 clients at their location.

Youth Housing:

Lisa Marshall stated that at Lake Highlands High School, they have about 100 kids reported under the McKinney Vento Act. She also reported that many of these students need clothing and toiletry items. Ikenna Mogbo mentioned that the Jesuit students may do a community service drive to gather some of these items for the disadvantaged students at these schools. Lisa Marshall stated that the Jesuit junior class has taken ownership of this project and the Jesuit students also stated that some of the sports teams' sponsor donation drives as well. Lisa Marshall reported that the current seniors at the meeting are working on state legislation to support the federal protections of students who are flagged under the McKinney Vento Act. She stated that under the new voucher program that is to be initiated next year, students who are flagged under the McKinney Vento Act will lose some of the federal protections that are assigned to them. They are currently working with SMU on this legislation to either write the protections back into the policy or to write a new law for passage in 2027.

Family Housing: Family Gateway, Kendall Brown

Kendall Brown reported that their 50-room shelter was full and about 50 families were in overflow space. With school started back, the numbers decreased this month, and the shelter is still full, but only about 20 families are in the overflow space. Within the meeting packet, their report compared pre-pandemic numbers to where we are today and they are currently monitoring those increases year-over-year. There was a question about what is contributing to the increase of families requiring intervention. Kendall stated that she believes there are a myriad of things such as cost of living increases, the shortage of affordable housing, and our current economic environment.

ASD: Traswell, Livingston

Traswell Livingston was not available for the meeting today, but Ikenna Mogbo reported that their projects are still on schedule. He stated that Metrocare is working on an MOU with them to place clients at the Braniff hotel location, but they are having difficulty finding subsidies to support the clients.

There was discussion amongst the students asking about housing and how they can help to mitigate the issue. Many answers were given such as educating the public about what the issues are and making them aware. Also, if more business owners and developers are able to develop affordable housing, we may be able to provide more housing for those who need it. Many of the students provided valuable input to the conversation, but they learned that part of the goal is to ultimately work together and make everyone aware of the concerns and this will assist in rectifying the issue.

Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for their work and encouraged them to continue to share information with the Housing Work Group .

Next Meeting: October 22,2025



FUSE Data

FUSE DATA FY 2025-2026
12 MONTH



Category Item	May 25	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 2026	Feb	Mar	Apr
Total Clients Screened for FUSE	106	116	200	131								
Referral Source												
Jail FUSE Navigator Screening	2	1	30	4								
Pretrial Referral	12	27	30	18								
Defense Attorney Referral	4	3	5	4								
Shelter/Parkland Hospital Street FUSE Navigator Referral	2	0	0	0								
NTBHA Living Room Referral	0	0	0	0								
Dallas Deflection Center	6	0	0	0								
Probation/CSCD	0	0	0	0								
Other Referral Source (Adapt, Community Partners, etc.)	80	85	135	105								
Interview Outcomes												
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate	0	3	9	1								
Client reported not being Unsheltered	0	0	0	0								
Unavailable to Interview	0	1	1	0								
Pending Interview	38	0	0	6								
Other Outcome Categories (*See Below)	56	85	173	105								
Total Released from Jail to FUSE	12	27	17	19								
Shelter Connection Rate												
Austin Street Center	6	9	6	5								
The Bridge	5	14	10	13								
Salvation Army	1	1	1	1								
Other Local Shelter, Boarding Homes, & Shelter Ref's	0	2	1	3								
No Response	0	1	0	0								
Left Before Entering Program/Did Not Connect	10	12	12	7								
Housed	0	0	0	0								
Housing Priority List, Info sent to Housing Forward, or Reunited w/Family	0	0	0	0								

Other Categories: Released to Another Program or Agency, Boarding Home Placement, Referral Banned from Shelter, Client didn't qualify for FUSE, Immigration Hold, Released (i.e. Posted Bond), Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach, FUSE bond denied, Waiting on info, Sex Offender, Not in AIS, Waiting on Bond to Post, and Pending attorney response & etc.

St. Jude Project

2920 Forest Ln, Dallas, TX 75234 | 104 Units | Dallas County has 13 allocated beds | Housing is for Seniors +55 years old

- All the vacancies are full.

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

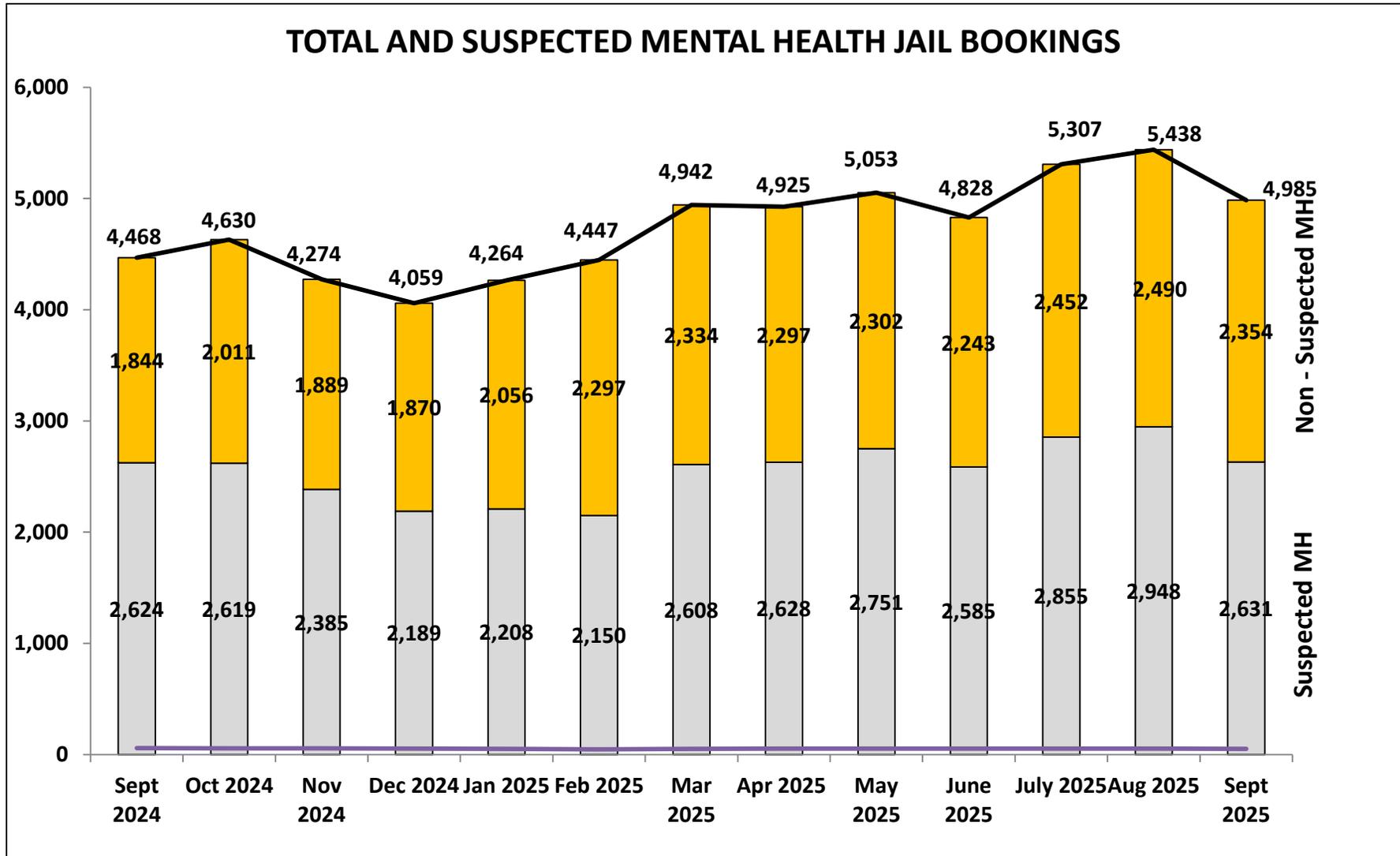
- The final RFP was completed and sent to Purchasing for review before moving forward to Commissioners Court for approval.

**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 should contain the September 2025 jail data.

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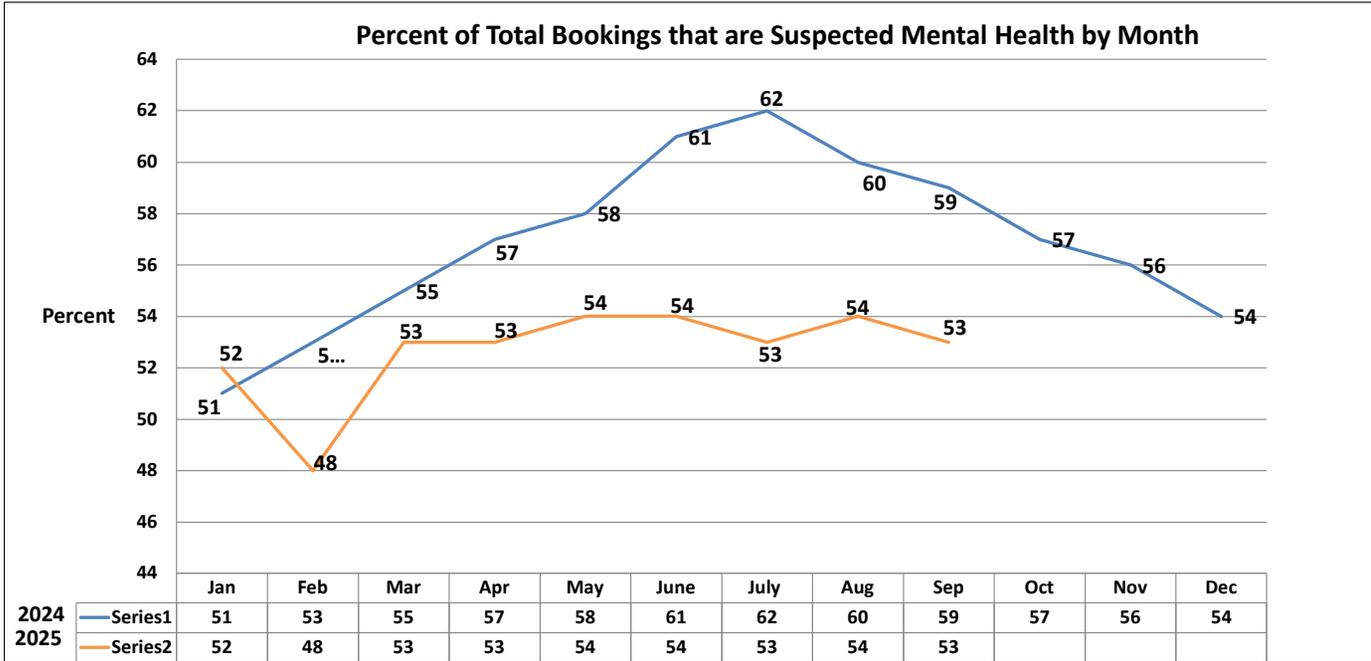
Sep 2025 Homeless Report Snapshot



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Month-to-Month Category Total Differences

Months	Total Monthly Bookins	Total Suspected MH Bookins
Aug 2025 to Sep 2025	5438 to 4985- Decrease 453	2948 to 2631- Decrease 317



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Homeless Breakdown and Avg LOS - Aug 2025 to Sept 2025

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Aug 2025	Suspected MH	2,948	54%	% of total bookings [5438]
	Homeless	843	16%	% of total bookings [5438]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	632	75%	% of total homeless [843]

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Sept 2025	Suspected MH	2,631	53%	% of total bookings [4985]
	Homeless	767	15%	% of total bookings [4985]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	552	72%	% of total homeless [767]

Month/Yr	Avg LOS Total Bookings [days]	Avg LOS Homeless Bookings [days]
Aug 2025	7	9
Sept 2025	7	9

Monthly Unsheltered Expense

- Count of Sep 2025 Unsheltered Bookins = **767** (767 of 4985 = 15% of total Sep Bookins)
- ALOS for all Sep unsheltered **767** bookins as of 10/14/25 = **16** (16*\$88.47(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$1415.52 per Individual)
- As of 10/14/2025, Total number of Unsheltered Releases = **445**
- Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for the **445** releases = **7** (7*\$88.47(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$619.29 per Individual)

Below are the top 6 offense categories for the **767** Unsheltered

Offenses	Count of BookInNo	LEA	Count of BookInNo
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	169	DALLAS POLICE	383
POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G	102	DART Police	136
Holds	52	Dallas County Sheriff	67
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G	25	Irving Police	52
FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE INTENT GIVE FALSE INFO	17	Garland Police	26
AGG ASSAULT W/DEADLY WEAPON	17	Mesquite Police	16

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Homeless Primary Offense Categories - Aug 2025 to Sept 2025

Offense Categories	Aug 2025 total	Aug 2025 %	Sept 2025 total	Sept 2025 %	MTD
Arson	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	
Assaultive	59	7.0%	61	8.0%	
Burglary	29	3.4%	27	3.5%	
Criminal Mischief	16	1.9%	13	1.7%	
Criminal Trespass	181	21.5%	168	21.9%	13 Decreased
Drug/Alcohol	212	25.1%	196	25.6%	16 Decreased
Evading	30	3.6%	24	3.1%	
False Info/Fail to Identify	46	5.5%	33	4.3%	13 Decreased
Fraud	16	1.9%	12	1.6%	
HOLDS	82	9.7%	70	9.1%	
Murder	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	
Other	67	7.9%	65	8.5%	
Prostitution	11	1.3%	0	0.0%	
Resist	15	1.8%	11	1.4%	
Robbery	14	1.7%	22	2.9%	
Sexual Offense	12	1.4%	8	1.0%	
Theft	40	4.7%	45	5.9%	
UUMV	12	1.4%	10	1.3%	
TOTAL	843	100.0%	767	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

DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

	2025-2026	25-Sep	25-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec	26-Jan	26-Feb	26-Mar	26-Apr	26-May	26-Jun	26-Jul	26-Aug	TOTAL
TOTAL TRIAGED	105	0	105											
Referral Source														
Dallas PD														
SC Div	3													3
SW Div														0
SE Div														0
NC Div														0
NE Div														0
NW Div	1													1
CEN Div	3													3
Right Care	3													3
Dallas Marshal - CDC														0
College Campus PD														0
Great SW Coalition														0
SE Coalition														0
NTBHA MCOT/CTI														0
Garland PD														0
Irving PD														0
Lancaster PD														0
Duncanville PD														0
Mesquite PD														0
Desoto PD														0
Combine PD														0
DART PD	26													26
DART Cares	7													7
Parkland-Baylor PD														0
Walk-In	27													27
Rapid Response	26													26
Crisis stepdown	2													2
Other	7													7
TRIAGE OUTCOME	121	0												
Psych Crisis Residential	1													1
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt	2													2
Living Room-NTBHA*														0
CMHP Services	2													2
ACT Team														0
OTHER SUD Services	10													10
Shelter														0
Austin Street	6													6
Bridge	13													13
Salvation Army	4													4
Union Gospel Mission	1													1
Other														0
Home-Family-Friends	55													55
Boarding Home/PSH	6													6
Higher Level of Care														0
Behavioral Health	1													1
Physical Health	2													2
Veterans Administration	1													1
APOW/W or Arrest/Security Intervention														0
LEA Maintained Custody	1													1
Still in Service	16													16
Refused Services														0
TOTAL TRIAGED	121													121
Average Length of Stay - 6.04														



January – September Program Numbers	
# Served in Emergency Shelter/Overflow	370 families (1,149 individuals)
# Served with Diversion/Prevention/Rapid Resolution	1,371 families (3,481 individuals)
# Served in Supportive Housing	143 families (506 individuals)
# Served Across All Projects (unduplicated)	1,579 families (4,208 individuals)

Triage Chart: Eligible Pre-Screening Assessments (n = 4,521)

