

DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP

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

May 27, 2026, 1:30pm-3:00pm

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Reports

a. Governance – Commissioner Theresa Daniel

- Approval of April 29, 2026, 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
- ASD -A Home For Life (Formerly Aids Services of Dallas)

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

3. Next Meeting : June 24, 2026

Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas 75202
April 29, 2026 Minutes

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ATTENDEES: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Tzegabrhan Kidane, Dallas County; Maria Herrera, DCCJ; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare; Traswell Livingston, ASD: A Home for Life; Wendy Hardeman, Sharing Life; Judge David Woodruff, DC STAC Court; Lavida Davison, Suicide Crisis Center; Daniel Roby, Austin Street;

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 March 26th meeting.

GOVERNANCE

Homeless Advisory Committee: Commissioner Daniel Office

The Homeless Advisory Committee was held on Monday, April 20th. The latest report of the Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center information is in the packet for review.

RESOURCES

Housing Navigator/Homeless Dashboard/FUSE St. Jude: Maria Herrera, Dallas County Criminal Justice

Maria Herrera reported that Kimberly Rawls is currently working on the BJA FY 25 grant application. She also stated that the current FUSE data was in the meeting packet and Kim is finalizing the March 2026 data and will present it at the May meeting. The FUSE jail-based navigators are partnering with Housing Forward on attorney outreach and release planning. This outreach includes those experiencing unsheltered homelessness particularly in the downtown area who have historically been difficult to engage with. Both teams are working to develop workflows and finalize data sharing agreements. MOUs for the State Crisis Grant Funding are currently in process in the District Attorney's Civil Office. For the St. Jude project, Kim is working to fill four vacancies and is awaiting updates from their team. For the HSHCJC Grant update, a vendor has been selected, and the Civil DA and Procurement offices are finalizing the contracts. The Dallas Connector continues to operate smoothly on our end, and the March 2026 data is available on Austin Street's report. The Homeless report is in the packet and there has been a slight increase in jail book ins from January- March 2026 and is reflected in the homelessness and the suspected mental health and related categories. There was conversation regarding the increase in jail book in from February to March specifically with criminal trespass and drug and alcohol related charges. Ikenna Mogbo noted that "sleeping in public" citation may have gone into effect and that may have affected the numbers some.

MetroCare: Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare

Ikenna Mogbo reported that the affordable housing development market is somewhat frozen at the current moment. The usual private funding is waiting to see what the elections bring. He states that Metrocare is struggling to try to find funders with some of their current projects.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton was not available for the meeting but provided a report for the meeting packet.

MEETING DISCUSSION

Wendy Hardeman noted that her calls and emails have doubled due to evictions and those who are on the brink of eviction are falling over the edge. She has small CDBG funding and relies on private funding for assistance with rental costs. She states that many of her calls are due to shortage of income and loss of employment.

Daniel Roby stated that he is concerned about the City of Dallas budget issues because although their grant funding is not significantly large, it does affect their operations and if cut or reduced, he will have to reduce beds. He also stated that he has workforce concerns because of his budget impacts. His employees have moved further out looking for housing affordability and with many of them having over an hour drive, it creates some stress in the work/life balance. The economy is also forcing many to take second jobs and making it harder for organizations to retain good people.

There was also conversation on how inflation has impacted the economy over the years and how now it is affecting the total reach of funding. The real estate and costs of apartments are now flattening, but not to the rate they were first increased. Ikenna Mogbo stated that in the homelessness/housing space, the B and C grade multifamily units are now contacting the organizations seeking clients to be placed in their units.

Ikenna Mogbo stated that the population of Dallas is getting to the size that single family units are not feasible for the population. He believes we are now getting to the point where more rental units are needed to accommodate the growing population. Wendy Hardeman recently assisted a client with rental option called “pad split” which is a person buying a home and renting out the rooms separately in the home, or people living in a home and seeking roommates in their own homes.

Judge David Woodruff mentioned that the specialty court that he presides over has 200 clients that have been adjudicated and he sees them after they have committed the crime. He is concerned about the jail population, and to reduce it, some of the unhoused clients need a place to go once they are released from jail. Traswell Livingston asked if there were partnerships available for those in the justice system to which Judge Woodruff answered “yes.” Mr. Livingston mentioned they are working on their workplace housing model and that maybe partnerships with manufacturing companies such as data centers may assist in providing housing for those who may have criminal backgrounds. Commissioner Daniel asked Maria Herrera what are some of the barriers to those who are unhoused in the criminal justice system. She answered that constant contact and case management for those in the system is a barrier that she believes leads to some of the clients cycling through the system.

Commissioner Daniel asked what else the group could be doing to make the public aware of the current housing situation and Traswell mentioned educating the public on how important voting is and how their lives are impacted by the legislation that is passed in the midterms. He also suggested educating the public on the various bills and legislation that are being proposed. He believes the county has the infrastructure to educate the unhoused population on civic engagement and how it impacts their lives.

Traswell Livingston reported that he had the data from the previous meeting to report to the group. There was a question of how many senior living facilities were in Dallas County and he answered 55 facilities. 31 of them are Dallas Housing Authority developments. He also reported the PIT count revealed that almost a third of the homeless population are 55 and older. As prices continue to rise and the population grows with more older adults, seniors have a moderate income at around \$2,000.00 a month. He reported that within his organization, almost 48 percent of his neighbors are 50 and older. Most of the other senior properties are geared towards the high-income seniors and they are almost 99 percent full and have wait lists.

Commissioner Daniel remarked that we will get together and see what type of information that the group can put out to educate the public on the current status of housing and how we can assist those in need. There was also a poll conducted regarding the timing of the meeting and it was decided that the meeting time will change to 1:30 pm on the last Wednesday of the month.

Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for their work and encouraged the group to continue to identify the gaps and see what the group can do to make a positive impact.

Next Meeting: May 27, 2026



DALLAS EVICTION ADVOCACY CENTER (DEAC)

ADVANCING LEGAL SUPPORT TO INDIGENT RESIDENTS FACING WRONGFUL EVICTION WRONGFUL EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM (WEPP) - DATA ANALYSIS REPORT

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APR 2026

Description	For Apr 2026	Cumulative (from Nov 2024)	% (Apr 2026)
Total Eviction Cases Filed (from Nov 2024)	2,986	58,512	5.1%
Total Represented Cases	722	11,099	6.5%
Total Eviction Prevention Completed	510	6,736	7.6%
Funds Obligated	\$2,300,000		
Payment Disbursed to DEAC		\$1,883,331	0.0%

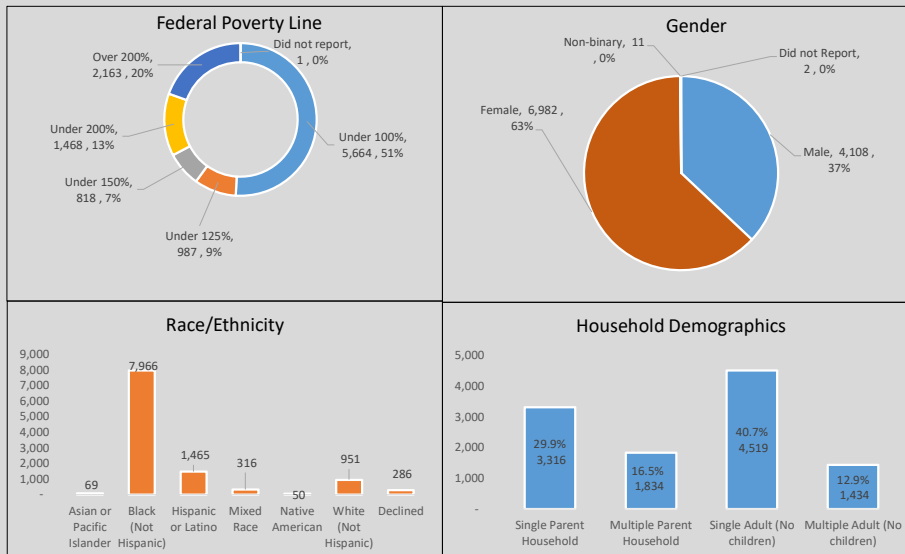
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82%,
Payment
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Cases (Lost and Won)

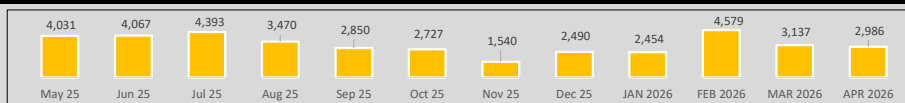
JP Court	Cases for Apr 2026					Cumulative cases (from Nov 2025)					Cumulative Cases
	Eviction Cases Filed	Represented Cases	Tenant Won	Tenant Lost	Win Rate (Rep. cases)	Eviction Cases Filed	Represented Cases	Tenant Won	Tenant Lost	Win Rate (Rep. cases)	
JP 1-1	585	135	101	34	75%	11,860	2,491	1,615	876	65%	Tenant Won, 6736
JP 1-2	249	59	33	26	56%	4,317	795	392	403	49%	
JP 2-1	266	44	13	31	30%	5,846	765	304	461	40%	
JP 2-2	177	44	29	15	66%	4,226	1,061	517	544	49%	
JP 3-1	328	46	27	19	59%	6,567	1,069	627	442	59%	
JP 3-2	396	116	96	20	83%	6,020	975	745	230	76%	
JP 4-1	253	69	44	25	64%	5,651	1,040	647	393	62%	
JP 4-2	167	53	41	12	77%	3,460	578	386	192	67%	
JP 5-1	456	133	114	19	86%	7,550	1,487	993	494	67%	
JP 5-2	109	23	12	11	52%	3,015	838	510	328	61%	
Total	2,986	722	510	212	71%	58,512	11,099	6,736	4,363	61%	Tenant Lost, 4363

Cumulative Represented Cases (from Nov 2024)



Eviction Cases Filed in Dallas County for the month of Apr 2026

(Source: CPAL)

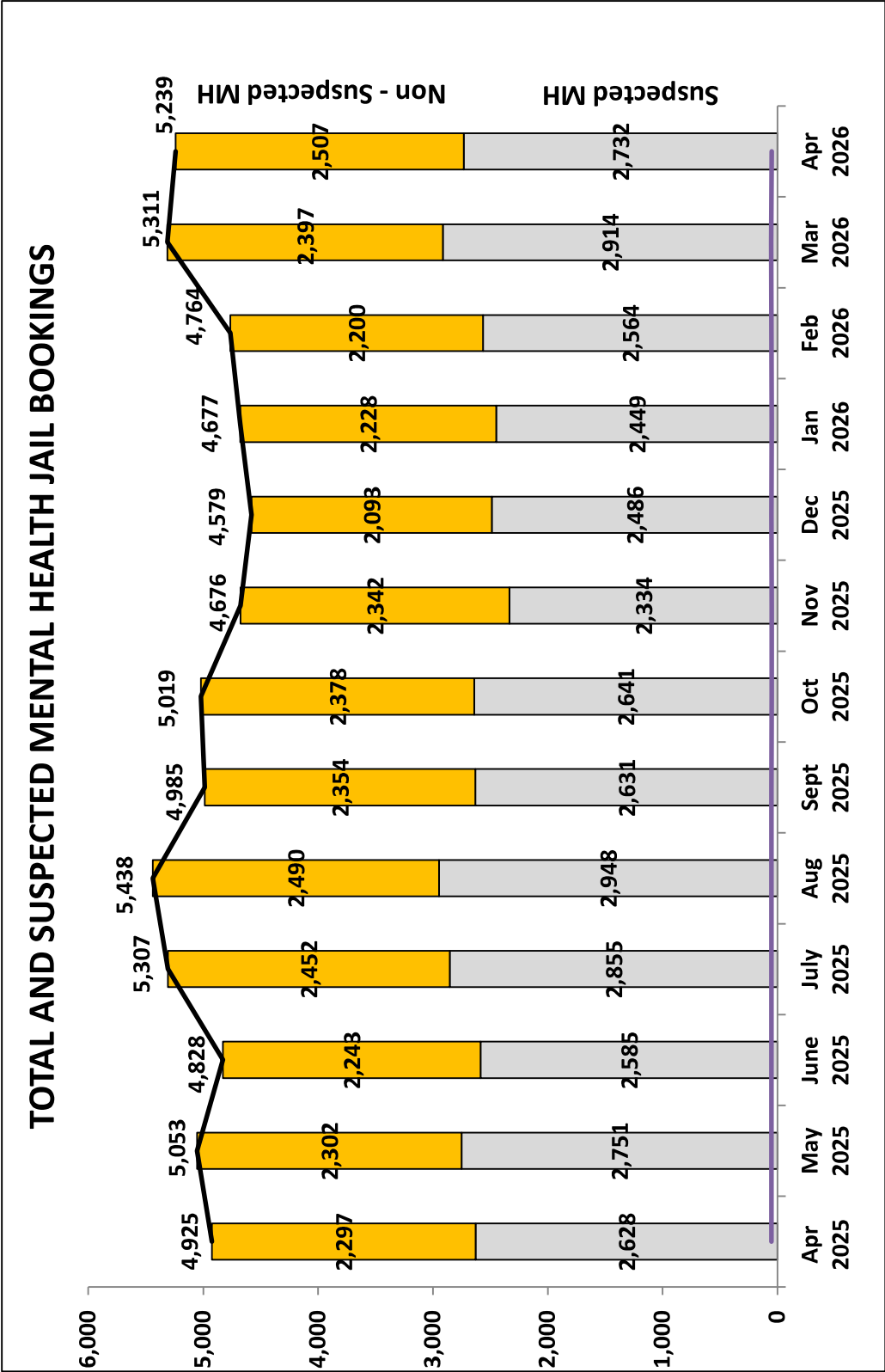


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Sources: CPAL (record level data), DEAC & DC

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APR 2026 Homeless Report Snapshot



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Homeless Breakdown and Avg LOS - Mar 2026 to Apr 2026

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Mar 2026	Suspected MH	2,914	55%	% of total bookings [5311]
	Homeless	809	15%	% of total bookings [5311]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	614	76%	% of total homeless [809]

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Apr 2026	Suspected MH	2,732	52%	% of total bookings [5239]
	Homeless	776	15%	% of total bookings [5239]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	614	79%	% of total homeless [776]

Month/Yr	Avg LOS Total Bookings [days]	Avg LOS Homeless Bookings [days]
Mar 2026	7	10
Apr 2026	7	10

Monthly Unsheltered Expense

1. Count of Apr 2026 Unsheltered Bookings = 776 (776 of 5239 = 15% of total Apr Bookings)

2. ALOS for all Apr unsheltered 776 bookings, as of 5/11/26 = 15 (15*\$95.58(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$1433.7 per Individual)

3. As of 5/11/2026, Total number of Unsheltered Releases = 432

4. Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for the 432 releases = 7 (7*\$95.58 (Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$669.06 per Individual)

Below are the top 6 offense categories and Arresting agencies for the776 Unsheltered

Offense	Count of BookinNo	LEA	Count of BookinNo
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	162	DALLAS POLICE	430
POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G	99	DART Police	122
NULL	70	Irving Police	50
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G <4G	27	Dallas County Sheriff	39
THEFT PROP <\$2,500 2/MORE PREV CONV	26	Garland Police	37
FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE INTENT GIVE FALSE INFO	21	Out of County	15

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Homeless Primary Offense Categories - Mar 2026 to Apr 2026

Offense Categories	Mar 2026 total	Mar 2026 %	Apr 2026 total	Apr 2026 %	MTD Column
Arson	1	0.1%	3	0.4%	
Assaultive	71	8.8%	61	7.9%	10 Decrease
Burglary	18	2.2%	26	3.4%	
Criminal Mischief	8	1.0%	13	1.7%	
Criminal Trespass	176	21.8%	183	23.6%	
Drug/Alcohol	220	27.2%	203	26.2%	17 Decrease
Evading	21	2.6%	22	2.8%	
False Info/Fail to Identify	36	4.4%	35	4.5%	
Fraud	16	2.0%	11	1.4%	
HOLDS	79	9.8%	70	9.0%	
Murder	4	0.5%	0	0.0%	
Other	66	8.2%	36	4.6%	30 Decrease
Prostitution	5	0.6%	2	0.3%	
Resist	13	1.6%	13	1.7%	
Robbery	12	1.5%	9	1.2%	
Sexual Offense	13	1.6%	22	2.8%	
Theft	42	5.2%	62	8.0%	20 Increase
UUMV	8	1.0%	5	0.6%	
TOTAL	809	100.0%	776	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



Dallas County Criminal Justice (DCCJ) Housing Navigator April 2026 Report

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
Total Clients Screened for FUSE	106	116	200	131	121	144	96	102	71	79	97		
Referral Source													
Jail FUSE Navigator Screening	2	1	30	4	1	0	30	12	13	3	0		
Pretrial Referral	12	27	30	18	22	40	15	12	18	19	7		
Defense Attorney Referral	4	3	5	4	4	12	4	1	1	1	4		
Shelter/Parkland Hospital Street FUSE Navigator Referral	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0		
NTBHA Living Room Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Dallas Deflection Center	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Probation/CSCD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0		
Other Referral Source (Adapt, Community Partners, etc.)	80	85	135	105	94	89	46	74	38	560	86		
Interview Outcomes													
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate	0	3	9	1	0	2	4	1	3	1	0		
Client reported not being Unsheltered	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Unavailable to Interview	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Pending Interview	38	0	0	6	12	1	21	1	24	0	2		
Other Outcome Categories (*See Below)	56	85	173	105	101	116	59	91	37	63	80		
Total Released from Jail to FUSE	12	27	17	19	7	25	12	8	7	12	15		
Shelter Connection Rate													
Austin Street Center	6	9	6	5	2	6	4	3	3	3	10		
The Bridge	5	14	10	13	5	15	6	4	2	8	5		
Salvation Army	1	1	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	1	0		
Other Local Shelter, Boarding Homes, & Shelter Refs	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	3	1		
No Response	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Left Before Entering Program/Did Not Connect	10	12	12	7	3	10	3	4	3	7	7		
Housed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Housing Priority List, Info sent to Housing Forward, or Reunited w/Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	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

St. Jude Project

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

- Working to fill one vacancy. The other vacancy has been filled. I will keep everyone posted once the last vacancy has been occupied.

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

- The vendor selection process is complete, and the Dallas County Procurement Office and we are working with the Civil DAs to complete vendor contracts.

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 April 2026 jail data.

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