

**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**  
**Thursday, February 11, 2016**  
**Henry Wade Juvenile Justice Center**  
**2600 Lone Star Drive, Dallas, TX**  
**Room 203-A at 9:30 -11:30 a.m.**

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Review/ Approval of Minutes from last meeting\*
- III. NTBHA Indigent Services Plan
- IV. The Stepping Up/ Caruth SMART Justice Initiative Update
  - Presentation, Dr. Jacqualene Stephens, Director of Systems Transformation, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute
- V. Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup
- VI. 1115 Waiver Crisis Services Project Update\*
- VII. NorthSTAR Update
  - NTBHA Update
  - ValueOptions NorthSTAR Update
  - State Advisory Committees
- VIII. The Cottages at Hickory Crossing Update
- IX. Funding Opportunities
  - SAMSHA Update
- X. Upcoming Events and Notifications
- XI. Public Comments
- XII. Adjournment



Dallas County  
Behavioral Health Leadership Team  
Meeting Notes  
Thursday, January 14, 2015

**Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ron Stretcher at 9:38 AM.

**Review/Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the BHLT meeting held on December 10, 2015 were included in the meeting packet. BHLT committee members voted to approve the minutes with no modifications to be made.

**Introductions and Absent BHLT Members:**

Commissioner John Wiley Price and Commissioner Theresa Daniel were not in attendance for the meeting. Mr. Stretcher, acknowledged and introduced Judge Susan Hawk, Dallas County District Attorney, who was in attendance. Brittony McNaughton was introduced as the new Transition Director for NTBHA.

**NTBHA Indigent Services Plan and Updates:**

Mr. Stretcher stated that Commissioners Court approved the total project budget for transition planning at \$462,000 and this will allow for staff to continue to work with member counties to secure transitional funding for the remainder of FY2016. Janie Metzinger with the Legislative Steering Committee stated that the county judges also wanted to make sure that the new transition planning of care continues to offer choice of provider and open access. Brittony McNaughton stated that NTBHA has also decided not to move forward with a competitive procurement process to select an administrative service organization (ASO) to manage the indigent care system. Ms. McNaughton acknowledged that it in no way changes the structure of the system outlined in the previous plan as the financial and authority control will still be a separate function from that of the providers of services. It will allow for the continuation of a robust network of providers in the community. Initial discussions with the State are supportive of the change in plan which includes revisions that lay out the strategy for NTBHA to retain administrative functions upon implementation of the new system. Mr. Stretcher stated at the next NTBHA Board meeting they will approve the open enrollment process.

**Stepping Up Initiative Update/Caruth Grant:**

Dr. Jaqualene Stephens reported that the data is complete and the Caruth Smart Justice Planning Grant continues to progress with the assessment functions. Intercept I has concluded its last focus group with law enforcement and Intercept II started its first meeting with the Dallas County Criminal Justice Division and The Council of State Governments Justice Center. Dr. Stephens announced the next partners meeting would be held on February 4, 2016. It was also announced that Andy Keller is the new CEO of Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute.

**Behavioral Health Housing Work Group (BHHWG) Update:**

Germaine White, stated things continue to move forward with a possible facility being converted into a multi-use facility to provide crisis services. The scenario is that this facility be a location where people can be monitored, treated, referred for services and ultimately placed in permanent supportive housing. The pipeline development group continues to look at potential housing properties. Brooke Etie will be meeting

with small independent owners (4-400) to discuss initiatives and to streamline the process DHA created for those willing to accept vouchers. The next BHHWG meeting will be held on January 27, 2016 at 10am at the Dallas County Administrative Building.

**1115 Waiver Crisis Services Project Update:**

Charlene Randolph reported that a cash flow chart had been included in the packet (pg. 34) for review. At the end of DY4, CSP had spent 4.1 million and at the end November 2015 we had 3.4 million in the bank. We provided services to 300 unique consumers in the month of November. CSP is going through an audit process with Myers and Stauffer Mrs. Randolph is currently working with NTHBA to get this process completed.

**NorthSTAR Update**

**NTBHA Update:**

- Alex Smith stated that NTBHA had responses provided responses to the auditors and that a final report is expected within 30 days, but there is no indication that there are any outstanding concerns. The Local Service Area Plan (LSAP) had been posted on the NTBHA website for review.
- **ValueOptions NorthSTAR Update:** John Quatrin CFO for VO reported that they will remain focused and accessible for the remainder of the year. VO also supports the transition plan that is moving forward. VO had their first meeting with NTBHA and DSHS staff to evaluate what the transition will mean for the staff.
- **State Advisory Committees:** Sherry Cusomano reported that she is currently working on the Forensic and State Hospital allocations and the committee is discussing what type of formula to use. The community centers get penalized for over utilizing the State Hospital. The Behavioral Health Intergartion Committee will still continue on. The Phase II report which was written by Mellissa Rowan has been posted.

**The Cottages at Hickory Crossing Update:**

There are no updates on the Cottages at this time.

**Funding Opportunities:**

There are no updates at this time.

**Upcoming Events and Notifications:**

Lynn Richardson, Dallas County Chief Public Defender, stated that the Public Defender's Office will host a meeting with State Representative Toni Rose. Judge Mays with the STAC Court will be hosting a movie night at the Angelika Theater on February 9, 2016. Charles Gulley called for volunteers for the Annual Point-in- Time Count, the last day to sign up is January 18, 2016.

**Public Comments:**

No comments were made.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Lynn Richardson, seconded by Sharon Phillips, and was approved to adjourn at 10:54 AM.

**RESOLUTION**

**DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**RESOLUTION NO:** 01-2016

**DATE:** February 11, 2016

**STATE OF TEXAS }**

**COUNTY OF DALLAS }**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** at a regular meeting of the Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS,** On January 4, 2011 Dallas County Commissioners Court was briefed to establish the Behavioral Health Leadership Team (BHLT); and

**WHEREAS,** the Dallas County BHLT was comprised of key stakeholders and organizations throughout the county, including the Dallas County Hospital District.; and

**WHEREAS,** the body was made up of five (5) Advocates, twelve (12) County/City organizations, seven (7) Residential Facilities, sixteen (16) Outpatient Providers, and five (5) Payers/Funders; and

**WHEREAS,** since the BHLT's inception, a number of membership seats have become vacant and additional stakeholder groups have been identified for representation in the BHLT; and

**WHEREAS,** the BHLT recommends the following changes and additions to the BHLT membership:

- Dallas County District Attorney – Judge Susan Hawk

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team appoints the above listed individuals as active members of the BHLT.

**DONE IN OPEN MEETING** this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016.

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John Wiley Price  
Commissioner District #3  
Dallas County

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Dr. Theresa Daniel  
Commissioner District #1  
Dallas County

Advocates			Initial Representative	Current Representative	Proposed Representative
Mental Health America	1	Janie Metzinger	Janie Metzinger		
NAMI Dallas	1	Ashley Zugelter	Marsha Rodgers		
NAMI Dallas Southern Sector	1	Anna Leggett-Walker	Anna Leggett-Walker		
Child/Family	1	Vanita Halliburton	Vanita Halliburton		
Consumer	1	Dedra Medford	Dedra Medford		
<b>Category Subtotal</b>	<b>5</b>				
County/City					
Jail Behavioral Health Services	1	Waseem Ahmed	Waseem Ahmed		
City of Dallas	1	New Seat	Norman Seals		
Sheriff Department	1	David Mitchell	Alice King		
CSCD (Adult Probation)	1	Teresa May-Williams	Dr. Dori L. Hilker	Dr. Johansson-Love	
Juvenile Department	1	Desiree Fleming	Christin Yost		
Judicial Representative	1	New Seat	Kristin Wade		
District Attorney	1	Durrand Hill	Renee Brezeale	Judge Susan Hawk	
Public Defender	1	Lynn Richardson	Lynn Richardson		
Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance	1	Mike Faenza	Mike Faenza	Cindy Crain	
Dallas Housing Authority	1	Brooke Etie	Brooke Etie		
Law Enforcement	1	Herb Cotner	Herb Cotner		
Dallas County Health & Human Services	1	Zach Thompson	Zachary Thompson		
School Liaison	1	New Seat	Dr. Michael Ayoob		
<b>Category Subtotal</b>	<b>13</b>				
Residential Facilities					
Parkland	2	Josh Floren	Sharon Phillips / Dr. Tamara Johnson		
Green Oaks	1	Tom Collins	Tom Collins		
Timberlawn	1	Craig Nuckles	Shelah Adams		
Terrell State Hospital	1	Joe Finch	Joe Finch		
Chemical Dependency Residential Center	1	Doug Denton	Doug Denton		
Veterans Affairs (VA)	1	New Seat	Tammy Wood		
<b>Category Subtotal</b>	<b>7</b>				
Outpatient Providers					
Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) -(Residential/OP)	1	Rebecca Crowell	Rebecca Crowell		
The Bridge	1	Jay Dunn	Jay Dunn		
SPN - Adult	1	Liam Mulvaney	Open		
SPN-Child Adolescent	1	Michelle Weaver	Michelle Weaver		
SPN - Crisis	1	Preston Looper	Preston Looper		
Peer/Non-Clinical	1	Joe Powell	Joe Powell		
Non-SPN Crisis	1	Ken Medlock	Ken Medlock		
Re-Entry	1	Michael Lee	Christina Crain		
Adult Clinical Operations Team	1	Renee Brezeale	Sherry Cusumano		
Child/Adolescent Clinical Operations Team	1	Summer Frederick	Jane LeVieux		
Parkland COPC	1	Jacqualane Stephens	Jacqualane Stephens		
Psychiatrist Leadership Organization	1	Judith Hunter	Judith Hunter		
Psychiatry Residency	1	Adam Brenner	Adam Brenner		
Mental Retardation/Developmental Delay	1	James Baker	John Burruss		
Underserved Populations	1	Norma Westurn	Norma Westurn		
Primary Care Physicians	1		Dr. Sue S. Bornstein		
<b>Category Subtotal</b>	<b>16</b>				
Payers/Funders					
Commissioners Court	2	Ron Stretcher	Ron Stretcher/Gordon Hikel		
Meadows Foundation	1	New Seat	Cindy Patrick		
NTBHA	1	Alex Smith	Alex Smith		
NTBHA Chair	1	New Seat	Ron Stretcher	Brittony McNaughton	
Value Options	1	Eric Hunter	Matt Wolf		
<b>Category Subtotal</b>	<b>6</b>				
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>47</b>				

# North Texas Behavioral Health Authority Transition Plan

## **Transition Planning Update: February 5, 2016**

### Revised Local Plan for Indigent Behavioral Health Services

NTBHA submitted the Revised Local Plan for Indigent Behavioral Health Services (Revised Plan) to DSHS and HHSC for review and approval on January 15, 2016. The plan has been reviewed by their Executive Steering Committee and is currently under review by the Executive Commissioner for final approval. Initial feedback has been positive.

### Work session with Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI)

The NTBHA Transition Director engaged with two MMHPI consultants in a 2 day intensive planning work session on February 2 and 3, 2016. The NTBHA Board of Directors Chair participated as needed. The objectives of the planning session included development planning, review of functional roles and responsibilities, development of proposed organizational chart and hiring plan, and development of a budget for the \$1.5M transition funds available in SFY 2017.

### IT and Data Exchange

NTBHA has been working closely with DSHS to agree on an IT solution for exchange of mental health records and a process for generating unique NTBHA consumer identification numbers across the new system. After significant back and forth exchange and negotiation with DSHS, NTBHA and DSHS have reached a tentative agreement on processes for addressing these issues. DSHS facilitated a call with NTBHA and SPN providers on Wednesday, February 3, to review the plan and answer questions. There was general acceptance of this proposed solution among SPN providers. There is one SPN provider still evaluating.

### Open Enrollment for Network Providers

NTBHA is currently working with MMHPI consultants to develop the procedures and documents needed for provider open enrollment. The projected start date for open enrollment is early March 2016. NTBHA is currently accepting and reviewing applications for a Contract Manager position to facilitate network development.



**Crisis Services Project**

Frank Crowley  
 CSP Monthly Report DY5\_No Graphs  
 Last Refresh: 1/8/16 at 8:36:38 AM GMT-06:00

	2015-10	2015-11	2015-12	Average:	Sum:
<b>Service Episodes:</b>	829	780	750	<b>786.33</b>	<b>2,359</b>

<u>Unique Consumers:</u>	2015-10	2015-11	2015-12	Average:	Sum:
By N* ID	758	659	591	<b>669.33</b>	<b>2,008</b>
By Client ID	52	69	70	<b>63.67</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>TOTAL Unique Consumers:</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>2,199</b>
<b>TOTAL Unique Consumers as %:</b>	<b>97.71%</b>	<b>93.33%</b>	<b>88.13%</b>		

<u>Unique F2F:</u>	2015-10	2015-11	2015-12	Average:	Sum:
By N* ID	235	200	199	<b>211.33</b>	<b>634</b>
By Client ID	17	16	26	<b>19.67</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>TOTAL Unique F2F:</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>173.25</b>	<b>693</b>
<b>TOTAL Unique F2F as %:</b>	<b>88.73%</b>	<b>80.90%</b>	<b>68.18%</b>		

	2015-10	2015-11	2015-12	Average:	Sum:
<b>F2F Percentages:</b>	34.26%	34.23%	44.00%	<b>37.50%</b>	<b>#####</b>



# Crisis Services Project

Frank Crowley  
 CSP Monthly Report DY5\_No Graphs  
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Encounters by Type:	2015-10	2015-11	2015-12	Average:	Sum:
Triage	829	780	750	786.33	2,359
Care Coordination	3,140	2,973	3,669	3,260.67	9,782
F2F Encounter	284	267	330	293.67	881
<b>TOTAL Encounters:</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>4,020</b>	<b>4,749</b>	<b>4,340.67</b>	<b>13,022</b>

Female:	2015-10	2015-11	2015-12	Average:	Sum:
Black	121	119	96	112	336
Hispanic	38	34	18	30	90
Other	1	1		1	2
Unknown	2	1	5	2.67	8
White	84	65	65	71.33	214
<b>TOTAL Female:</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>216.67</b>	<b>650</b>

Male:	2015-10	2015-11	2015-12	Average:	Sum:
Black	345	278	310	311	933
Hispanic	75	79	52	68.67	206
Other	4	4		4	8
Unknown	5	5	5	5	15
White	135	142	110	129	387
<b>TOTAL Male:</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>516.33</b>	<b>1,549</b>





<b>Age of Triage Encounters:</b>	<b>2015-10</b>	<b>2015-11</b>	<b>2015-12</b>	<b>Average:</b>	<b>Sum:</b>
Adult	799	719	657	<b>725</b>	<b>2,175</b>
Minor	6	8	3	<b>5.67</b>	<b>17</b>
Uncollected	5	1	1	<b>2.33</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>TOTAL Age of Triage Encounters:</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>2,199</b>

<b>Age of F2F Encounters:</b>	<b>2015-10</b>	<b>2015-11</b>	<b>2015-12</b>	<b>Average:</b>	<b>Sum:</b>
Adult	249	210	224	<b>227.67</b>	<b>683</b>
Minor	3	6	1	<b>3.33</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL Age of F2F Encounters:</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>693</b>

**Transicare Reporting  
Crisis Services Project**

		2015-09	2015-10	2015-11	2015-12
1	<b>Beginning Census</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>68</b>
2	REFERRALS	33	38	29	25
3	<b>Admissions</b>				
4	<b>Referred Admitted</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13*</b>	<b>16</b>
5	No Admit Client Refusal	1	2	0	0
6	No Admit Criteria	15	8	5	0
7	No Admit Structural	3	3	4	2
8	Pending	5	11	7	7
9	<i>PRIOR PENDING</i>				
10	<b>Pending Admitted</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>
11	No Admit Client Refusal	1	0	3	0
12	No Admit Criteria	6	2	2	0
13	No Admit Structural	0	0	0	0
14					
15	<b>Total Admissions</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>
16					
17	<b>Discharges</b>				
18	Success Transfer	1	0	5	3
19	DC Midterm Disengage	4	6	6	2
20	DC Rapid Disengage	1	1	2	3
21	DC Structural	7*	7	4	4
22	<b>Total Discharged</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>
23	Active End Of Month	61	63	68	75
24					
25	<b>Outcome Data</b>				
26	<i>Terrell State Hospital Linkages</i>				
27	≤7 Connect To Prescriber	4	3	2	4
28	≤30 Connect To Prescriber	0	0	0	
29	Missed Metric	0	0	0	1
30	Total Released	4	3	2	5
31					
32	<b>Cummulative ≤7 Connect %</b>	<b>80.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>90.0%</b>
33	<b>Cummulative ≤30 Connect %</b>	<b>87.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>90.0%</b>
34	<b>Missed Metric</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>
35	<i>Unduplicated Served</i>				
36	<b>Monthly Unduplicated</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>84</b>
37	DSRIP YTD Unduplicated Served	349	89	114	166
38					
39	<i>Encounter Data</i>				
40	F2F Encounter	407	388	335	411
41	Care Coord	163	174	143	184
42	Total	570	562	478	595

# JANUARY 2016 MONTHLY UPDATE

Dallas County Crisis Services Program	Program Specific and Systems Update	Summary of VO's Monthly Activities	Numeric Outcomes Reporting
1	<b>Adapt Community Solutions (ACS)</b> - Targets members released from jail using both ACS to ensure continuity of care.	Conducted case consultations on approximately 11 cases this month	VO-CSP Outcomes Report
2	<b>Transicare Post Acute Transitional Services (PATS)</b> - Targets high utilizers released from jail with more intensive need to ensure continuity of care.	Available for case consults/clinical support for Transicare Post- Acute Transitional Services (PATS)-Clinical Rounds  Updated Flags-add/discharges Monthly reconciliation  Supported 7-day after-care appts. (5-ICR/8 jail discharges)	Flags in system - VO outcomes reports in progress.
3	<b>After-care Extension IOP/SOP (SUD)</b> - Provides extension of SUD supportive services when VO's IOP/SOP benefits have been completed and exhausted	Review of clients for benefit exhaustion pending/awaiting December 2015 report	Not Applicable
4	<b>ACT FDU - Provides ACT for high utilizers of the legal system-Responsible for approving evaluations of FDU referrals</b>	Clinical Review of cases for appropriate LOC/recommendations on 10 FDU referrals	Not Applicable
5	<b>CSP-Systemic Operations</b> Continuing to develop program infrastructure for After-care Engagement Package (AEP)  Involved in discussion (re-vamping) AEP program  FDU-Oversight	Follow-up on referrals (7-total)  Reviewed AEP package framework for adjustments/modifications  Reviewed treatment treatment plans/Engaged Medical Director for psychiatric consultation to ensure appropriate discharge planning and review medications	Not Applicable  Not Applicable  Not Applicable

**Forensic Diversion Unit (FDU) Report**

	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15
<b>Beginning Census</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Number of Referrals Received from CSP</b>											
Adapt	1	1	0	2	8	7	13	3	12	5	6
Metrocare	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Transicare	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
<b>Number of Admissions</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Number Discharged</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Number not admitted due to:</b>											
Client qualifies for ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Client qualifies for other programs	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0
Client didn't meet level of need required	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other reasons	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	5	0	1
<b>Average Service Utilization:</b>											
Average hours seen	8.3	9.2	7	7.31	9.22	12.27	10.92	9.73	10.63	12.15	11.26
<b>Encounter Breakdown:</b>											
Face to Face	497	419	236	302	519	469.23	653	555	566	532	578
Service Coordination	76	81	69	75	94	75	57	62	72	77	71
<b>Number of clients accessing:</b>											
Emergency Room (medical)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
23-hour observation (psych)	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inpatient (med/ psych)	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	1
Jail book-in	1	0	0	1	3	5	2	3	2	0	0
<b>Reasons for Discharge:</b>											
Graduate	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Client Disengagement	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1
Extended Jail stay (case-by-case basis)	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	6
Other Intervening factors	0	0	0	0	0	1-TJC	0	3	2	1	3
<b>End of Month Stats:</b>											
Number of Active FDU clients end of month	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>
Number of Unique Consumers	0	0	1	3	3	5	12	1	4	1	2
# of clients waiting to be released from jail	0	0	0	Pending 6	pending 6	4	3 pending	7	7	7	5
Average Length of stay on FDU (month)	12.45	12.15	12.49	12.18	12.65	12.32	12.6	12.99	12.42	12.37	12.62
<b>Maximum Census</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>

the consumers on the "waiting" list are being actively seen in jail until release



**Behavioral Health Steering Committee  
Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

**Meeting called to order at 8:35am**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Kristin Wade. Judge Wade asked for any adjustments or corrections to the minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes as recorded. Harry Ingram made a motion to approve the minutes, Angie Byrd seconded the motion and the committee approved the minutes as recorded.

**Caruth Update**

Brittany Lash reported the progress of the Caruth Smart Justice Initiative; the group continues their work on Phase I, Community Assessments. The team remains on track to provide the completed community assessment in January 2016. It is anticipated the final findings from the Phase I assessment will be presented at the Behavioral Health Leadership Team meeting in February 2016. If you are interested in learning more about the initiative or have additional information, please contact [Blash@texasstateofmind.org](mailto:Blash@texasstateofmind.org). (Pg.4-5, January packet)

**SAMHSA Grant**

Christina Gonzales stated SAMHSA grant funding has placed 3 women into Nexus; one client from DIVERT and 2 from PRIDE. The next milestone will be the creation of a peer advisory committee and for the original Project Team to meet again to review the intake process.

**530 Sub-Committee**

Christina Gonzales provided an update on the 530 Fund. Currently, the felony account (4020) has a balance of \$46,883.31 and the misdemeanor account (4031) has a balance of \$68,801.82; for a combined total of \$115,685.13 (pg. 6, January packet.) The 530 subcommittee approved the following requests for funding and BHSC will also need to approve:

**DIVERT**-Keta Dickerson requested \$2,475 for annual drug court program, incentives, and graduations.

**STAC**- Judge Mays requested \$2,760 for participant incentives for 184 participants.

**PRIDE**-Lorena Villalva requested \$1,200 for year-end program incentives and graduation expenses.

Angie Byrd made a motion to approve all three requests; John Carlough seconded the motion, and the committee approved the use of 530 funds.

**BHLT & CSP Update**

Charlene Randolph highlighted the main points in the CSP report. At the end of December Transicare had 84 unduplicated clients, and they are currently aiming for 120. Mrs. Randolph stated that CSP will be working to increase the number of persons receiving wrap-around services from Transicare to ensure that service is fully utilized. Overall CSP is on track to meet the number of unduplicated clients served target. All reports are in the packet for review, if there are any questions please get in touch with Charlene Randolph.

## **Jail Reports**

**Hospital Movement**- Brandy Coty reported the month of December was slower in moving people out of the jail, due to holidays and scheduling transportation. In the month of December, 20 people were taken to the hospital and 6 were returned. This brought the number of those waiting for a hospital bed to 79 at the end of December. Ms. Coty added that the number of those waiting to go to the hospital may stay high through January, again due to scheduling of transportation. (pg. 23, January packet)

**Pregnant Women in Jail**- Shenna Oriabure reported there are currently 23 pregnant women in jail; 7 have been sentenced, 11 have upcoming court dates and 4 are without a court date. (pg. 24, January packet)

**Veterans Report** – Shenna Oriabure stated reports are showing that veterans are under-reporting their veteran status in jail. A representative from the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) reports this is a trend that is being seen around the state. TVC feels this may be due to veterans fearing they will lose their benefits if they are in jail. (pg. 25, January packet)

**NorthSTAR Intakes** - Christina Gonzales reported a total of 5,090 jail book-ins during the month of December. Of those book-ins, 1,296 were NorthSTAR matches ( 25%). (pg. 26, January packet)

**Homeless Report** – Christina Gonzales reported that the trend of decreasing arrests and days in jail has continued through December 2015. After reviewing the information, individuals with a mental illness tend to make up the majority of the homeless population in the jail. Christina provided a quick explanation of how the report is a snap shot of the cases on the day the reports are pulled. She also provided some information on the designation of an AdHoc attorney. As it has been explained to Ms. Gonzales, these are instances where the attorney is not present, and the judge has requested another attorney to step in for a particular purpose. As previously noted, the Public Defender's Office continues to handle the majority of the homeless and mental illness cases. (pg. 27-28, January packet)

## **Public Defender Report**

Information was provided as a handout on page 29 of the January packet.

## **District Attorney Report**

District Attorney Susan Hawk reported she will start providing information to the BHSC on the SET and AIM programs that she is overseeing. She reported both programs are in the beginning stages and her office continues to collaborate with other departments for advice and guidance of the programs. The programs are unique in that they not only will allow a participant's charges to be dismissed, but they will also expunge the case if the client graduates successfully from the program.

## **Provider Reports**

**The Bridge** – Jay Meaders reports there was a lot of inclement weather and during those times The Bridge opens its doors to as many clients as possible. They also work to engage people to stay at The Bridge who would otherwise be under bridges and in encampments. The Bridge continues to take referrals from STAC court as well as other agencies such as Transicare. Jay also pointed out that the National Point in Time Homeless Count would be occurring that evening and those who wanted to volunteer should to contact MDHA. (pg. 30, January packet)

**Metrocare** - Crystal Garland directed the committee to review the information on page 31 of the January packet. Overall, many of the courts maintained the census from the previous months. The Probation ICM program ended the month with 73 clients, Atlas ended at 16, Post-DDRTC at 37, STAC at 28, PRIDE at 4, MHJD at 25 and DDRTC ended at 51. (pg. 31, January packet)

**IPS Report** - Enrique Morris reports IPS is still working to restructure, in order to obtain a 501c designation and is hoping this will be completed by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2016. Reviewing pg. 1, the specialty court admission and discharge rate has fluctuated; however, towards the end of the year, there

was a decline in the amount of Specialty Court participants. This decrease may be due to the reduction in the amount of participants in the STAC program. The diagram on pg. 1 captures the progression rate of their clients; 75% advancing in their treatment and in court, 18% have been retained at their current level and 7% were elevated. IPS recently underwent a Program Integrity Audit, which captured a 2-year period of claim reviews. The threshold for error is 10%, IPS was ranked at 11%. *(addendum to packet)*.

### **Problem Solving Courts**

**Outpatient Competency Restoration-** Brandy Coty reported for the month of December that 6 cases were added to misdemeanor OCR and 1 successfully graduated. On the felony side, 8 cases were added and 5 successfully graduated OCR ended the month with a total of 39 participants in misdemeanor and felony OCR combined. *(pg. 32, January packet)*

**DIVERT-** Keta Dickerson reported for the month of December that DIVERT had 5 new admissions, 2 unsuccessful discharges and 12 graduates. *(pg. 33, January packet)*

### **Specialty Courts CSCD**

Serena McNair reported the following numbers for the Probation Department: ATLAS ended with 28, DDC ended with 32, MH ended with 63, and STAR ended with 15 for a total of 138. Currently the Probation Department is working with Judge Mays to better count participants in her court and next month they will start reporting numbers for STAC. *(pg. 34-38, January packet)*

### **Announcements**

Special thanks to Judge Skemp who has made a large donation from his DDA to the 530 funds to pay for graduations and incentives. Judge Wade commended Judge Skemp for the contribution to the funds, and hope it serves as an example.

Malcom Harden has taken over the Outpatient Competency Court, as Marium Uddin has moved to the Civil DA's office.

Abdul Mohammad was introduced as the new Data Analyst for the Caruth Grant. Mr. Mohammad is from Seattle, WA and has had previous work with homeless issues.

Keta Dickerson announced the annual TADCP Conference is in April and information on stipends will be sent out to the Specialty Court/Problem Solving Judges. She is also attending the Strategic Planning Meeting at the Office of the Governor next week to review Specialty Courts and how they operate.

Judge Wade reminded the committee the 530 Sub-Committee will no longer approve out of state travel for training.

Lynn Richardson reported the partnership with the City of Dallas Community Court is accepting referrals. Mrs. Richardson encouraged BHSC members to contact her if they knew of someone that needed intensive case management and has a Class C misdemeanor..

Also, the Public Defender's Office is partnering with UNT Law School, for Community Lawyering Centers. Offices within the community will have representatives from legal aid and the Public Defender's Office to help people with legal issues. The offices will be open in the evening and the weekends.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am. The next meeting will be held on February 18th, 2016.