

**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**  
**Thursday, June 9, 2022**  
**9:30am -11:00am**  
**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
  - Review/Approval of May 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes
- II. Introductions
- III. North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update
- IV. Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) Update
- V. Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup Update
- VI. 1115 Waiver Crisis Services Project Update
- VII. Legislative Update
- VIII. Funding Opportunities
  - The Cottages Update
  - SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update
  - Community Courts Grant Update – Public Defender’s Office (PD)
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- IX. Upcoming Events and Notifications
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Adjournment

\* Indicates items requiring approval from Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

The following reports from BHLT Committees are included for your records: *ACOT, BHSC, PD Mental Health Stats, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, FUSE and RJD Stats*. Unless action is required, there will be no verbal updates from those committees.



**DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**Minutes of the Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 12, 2022**  
**<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/criminal-justice/bhlt/>**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Commissioner John Wiley Price called the Behavioral Health Leadership Team (BHLT) meeting to order at 9:30AM, noting that legal notices had been posted and a quorum of the Commissioners Court was present (Commissioners Price, Dr. Daniel, and Koch); therefore, Commissioner John Wiley Price entertained a motion for opening the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel for the opening of the meeting and was then seconded by Commissioner J.J. Koch. The motion was unanimously passed by the committee members accepting the request to open the Behavioral Health Leadership Team meeting.

Commissioner Price announced that the meeting was being recorded and those who continued in attendance, were consenting to being recorded.

**Review/Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the BHLT meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 2022, were included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Price offered an opportunity for the minutes to be reviewed or approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel for approval of the minutes of the meeting and was then seconded by Commissioner J.J. Koch. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Introductions**

Commissioner Price welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked first-time attendees to introduce themselves. The first-time attendees were Alexandria Dean with the South Dallas Drug Court; Jennifer Erasime Director of Innovation at Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute; Nancy Bloom, Chief of Regional Operations at NTBHA; Desiree Bailey, Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator for South Oak Cliff; Cricia Acevedo, with Commissioner Garcia; and Fernando Ortiz with the Victim Intervention Program Rape Crisis Center at Parkland. The new attendees were welcomed by the Commissioners.

**Presentations**

There was one presentation during the May 12, 2022, BHLT meeting, by UT Southwestern Hospital titled: "*UT Southwestern Psychiatric Hospital Planning.*" The presenters were Dr. Hicham Ibrahim, Associate Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Ambulatory

Services at UT Southwestern Hospital, Dr. James Baker, Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs for the Department of Psychiatry at UT Southwestern Hospital and Jennifer Erasime, LCSW-S, Director of Innovation at Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute.

The presenters shared the background history, vision, and facility design options of the planned UT Southwestern Psychiatric Hospital.

**North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update**

Dr. Walter Taylor, Chief Strategy Officer of NTBHA provided the update stating that he was pleased to announce that the FY2021 financial audit was presented and received by the NTBHA Board with no findings. Dr. Taylor further stated that the board had approved a suicide prevention advisory committee which would be overseen by the NTBHA board. This committee would be chaired by Anthony Garcia, Director of Compliance and Nancy Blum, Chief of Regional Operations.

Dr. Taylor announced that the next DEI Courageous Conversations Training would be on Friday, May 20th from 9:00AM until 10:30 AM and the title of that training would be “*Exploring BIPOC Love and Family Relationships and the Impact on Mental Health.*”

Anthony Garcia provided insight on the suicide prevention Advisory Committee, stating that ideal members for the committee will be passionate, and community-oriented members from the communities of the NTBHA catchment area which includes the counties of Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall.

**Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI)**

Mr. Ron Stretcher provided the update stating that The Dallas County Deflection Center ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on May 20, 2022, with overflow parking at UNT and shuttle services provided.

**Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup**

Commissioner Dr. Daniel provided the update reporting that information continued to be shared with the housing workgroup, looking at housing in conjunction with mental health, substance use, and criminal justice issues. She reported there had been a lot of evaluation about how the service delivery systems had been affected by COVID as well as an assessment of how safely business was being conducted while still maximizing limited resources.

Dr. Daniel further reported that efforts had been made to streamline paperwork, as well as collecting necessary data effectively. Housing stock continued to be an issue but continued to be monitored for possible housing opportunities. Housing projects continued with either remodeling, reuse of existing housing, or building new housing.

**1115 Waiver Crisis Services Project Update**

Laura Edmonds, Assistant Director-BH Planning. Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, provided the update reporting that the April reporting for DSRIP was complete and they were able to report 100% metric achievement, but they did receive official notification that DSRIP would not be extended.

Mrs. Edmonds also reported that monthly Advisory Committee meetings continued for the 16.22 Code of Criminal Procedure, with efforts continuing to go well. Discussions with Harris Logic regarding IT solutions and efficiencies were ongoing.

### **Legislative Update**

Janie Metzinger, Legislative Coordinator at NTBHA, provided the update, reporting that Health and Human services seemed to be the primary focus of the hearings, with concerns for children in Child Protective Services care and for people with IDD. She further reported that a hearing of the Senate Finance Committee would be held next week, mentioning that the Lieutenant Governor has appointed Senator Joan Huffman as the new chair of Senate Finance due to Senator Jane Nelson's retirement.

### **Funding Opportunities**

#### **•The Cottages Update**

Charlene Randolph, Director, Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, provided the update stating that the Cottages update was on page 37 in the BLT meeting packet. In the month of April, The Cottages started with 44 residents and ended with 44 residents, with nine units off the market for repairs and restoration.

#### **•SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update**

Teresa Salisbury, SAMHSA Program Coordinator, Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, provided the update, stating that for the month of April, there was one admission and two successful discharges, with eight pending admissions.

#### **•Community Courts Grant Update-Public Defender's Office (PD)**

Michaela Himes, Bond Division Chief, Dallas County Public Defender's Office, provided an update stating there were 8 participants with new incoming participants at the South Oak Cliff Veterans Treatment Court. She stated that while most sessions are still on Zoom, there had been an in-person session which went well. She announced that Monday, June 13, 2022 would be the graduation date. Michaela further stated that the city of Dallas is working hard to accept as many people as possible, connecting them to the services that program offers. Those people include veterans with either treatment needs, substance use disorders, or mental health disorders, with pending city of Dallas tickets. Those services include rental assistance, eviction prevention assistance, help with getting ID's, education, job training, and other kinds of social services that they might need help with.

Vickie Rice, Supervisor, Misdemeanor Division, Dallas County Public Defender's Office, also provided an update about activity occurring during the month of May for Mental Health Awareness month. She stated that Kavina McLeod, Engagement Supervisor for the Dallas County Public Defender's Office, and her team created a calendar of events for the month, launching the "*Let's Talk About It*" campaign, where they passed out literature in the Frank Crawley building. In addition, they were planning block walks in areas such as Deep Ellum, West End, and Trinity Groves, and different Commissioner's catchment areas, passing out literature. She further stated that they were trying to get the word out as to the great things the Public Defender's Office is doing in Dallas County for the community, with plans to go out into the community routinely every two

to three weeks to make the Community aware of what Dallas County has to offer and to how to handle certain mental health crisis situations.

● **Restorative Justice Division-District Attorney's Office (RJD)**

Julie Turnbull, Chief of the Restorative Justice Division, Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office, provided the update, stating that the DA's office had identified a little over 1000 individuals that could possibly be funneled to the Opioid Response Grant program, with over 300 already assessed. This work helps with expanding the capacity for specialty courts and for pretrial intervention agreements, mentioning that the PTI's would get lower risk, lower need offenders out of the criminal justice system. She further mentioned that the Opioid Response Grant has identified those that need MAT services, commending Parkland Jail Health for their efforts to bring MAT services to the jail which would also be a great opportunity for peer-to-peer support in the jail.

**Upcoming Events and Notifications**

- Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel reminded the committee of the May 20th opening of the Dallas County Deflection Center.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner John Wiley Price thanked the committee for being on the call and for their sacrifice. Commissioner Price then entertained a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Theresa Daniel so moved and was seconded by Commissioner J. J. Koch.

**Dallas Deflects Organizing Committee**  
**May 9, 2022**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Dr. Theresa Daniel (Dallas County Commissioner), Doug Denton (Homeward Bound), Laura Edmonds (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Don Hyder (DART PD), Lee Pierson (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Aaron Bartula (UNT Dallas), Lt. Monica Igo (Dallas Police Department), Erica McDaniel (Commissioner Daniel's Office), Crystal Garland (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Claire Crouch (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Julie Turnbull (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Marsha Edwards (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), LaShonda Jefferson (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Dr. Michael Noyes (UNT Dallas), Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez (MMHPI), Chief Richard Roebuck (Dallas County Hospital District Police), Dave Hogan (Homeward Bound), Deborah Hill (Dallas County District Attorney's Office), Kyla Rankin (Parkland Hospital), Michaela Himes (Dallas County Public Defender's Office), Tzeggabhran Kidane (Commissioner Daniel's Office), Ron Stretcher (MMHPI), Yordanos Melake (Dallas County Criminal Justice Department), Erin Moore (Commissioner Daniel's Office), Kurtis Young (Parkland Hospital), and Chad Anderson (NTBHA)

**Committee Reports:**

**Ribbon Cutting:**

- Claire Crouch with the DA's office provided an update on the May 20<sup>th</sup> Ribbon Cutting event. Invites for the event have been sent out along with information on parking.
- Claire provided an update on the event planning and asked for feedback regarding the program/order of events.
- It was determined that DA Creuzot will take on the opening and introduction of any special guests. Doug Denton will then proceed to facilitate the remainder of the event.
- A resolution will be presented on May 17, 2022 Commissioners Court, to recognize the Dallas County Deflection Center.

**Facilities:**

- Doug provided an update on the facilities and stated that the final finish-outs are near completion.
- There will not be a soft opening prior to the May 20<sup>th</sup> Ribbon Cutting. Dave Hogan is working to finalize the staffing pattern and Parkland is finishing up final onboarding and this should be completed by May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- DPD will be filming the police training video on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Lt. Igo reported that once it is filmed, it should take approximately one week for it to be completed for distribution and officer training.

**Medical:**

- Kyla Rankin reported that the Parkland team is currently in their two-week period to load in their equipment and supplies and they are currently on schedule.

**NTBHA:**

- Dave Hogan reported that NTBHA is finishing up hiring their care coordinators/QMHPs and he will follow-up to ensure the NTBHA staff is ready. Doug Denton and Ron Stretcher will aid in follow-up with NTBHA.

**Financial (Budget) and Data/Goals and Objectives:**

- Ron reported that the final data sharing agreement will be sent to NTBHA from MMHPI to begin execution.

**Police Procedure and Training:**

- Lt. Igo provided an update on the police training video. She reported that due to delays with construction of the reception area, filming was delayed until Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. There is concern it may be pushed back again if the opening area is not completed.
- Once the training video is done being filmed, it will take approximately one week to complete and then distribution and training of officers can take place.
- It was decided that once the training video is complete and the officers are trained, then the official opening of the Deflection Center will take place.

**Connection with Community Partners:**

- Dave Hogan reported a coordination meeting has taken place with all the Deflection Center partners.
- Dave shared that the partners are going to do a role play/walk-through of the processes for when the police training video is filmed so they can ensure all processes are set and the workflow is complete.
- Dave met with the Office of Homeless Solutions with the City of Dallas to ensure smooth collaboration. He also met with and presented to the Dallas Area Partnership to End Homelessness regarding the work of the Deflection Center.

**Other Updates:**

The next Dallas County Deflects planning meeting will be held on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00pm via Teams.

**Dallas County Administration, 411 Elm Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Dallas Texas 75202**  
**May 25, 2022 Minutes**

**Mission Statement:** The Dallas County BH Housing Work Group, with diverse representation, will formulate recommendations on the creation of housing and housing related support services designed to safely divert members of special populations in crisis away from frequent utilization of expensive and sometimes unnecessary inpatient stays, emergency department visits and incarceration.

Success will be measured in placement of consumers in housing and the decreased utilization of higher levels of care (hospitals and emergency care visits) and reduced incarceration in the Dallas County Jail. The Dallas County BH Housing Work Group is committed to a data driven decision-making process with a focus on data supported outcomes.

**ATTENDEES:** Dr. Theresa Daniel, Commissioner; Dawn Dorman, DART; Ralph Zaragoza, DART; Eric Dominguez, DART; Jim Mattingly, Luma; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare Services; Charlene Randolph, DCCJ; Laura Edmonds, DCCJ; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Ellen Magnis, Family Gateway; Yvonne Green, Parkland Health and Hospital System; Sarah Masih, Salvation Army; Lisa Marshall, City Citizen Homeless Commission; Yordanos Melake, DCCJ; Blanca Gonzalez, Dallas County; Tzeggabran Kidane, Dallas County

***Dr. Daniel opened the meeting and introduced all first-time attendees.***

**CALL TO ORDER:** The minutes were approved without changes.

**GOVERNANCE**

DART-Dallas Area Rapid Transit:

A presentation was completed on updates for DART by Dawn Dorman, Community Relations Representative with Government and Community Relations and Ralph Zagora, Project Manager with Service Planning. Most notable updates are a discount pilot program, contactless payment, and service routes.

The discount pilot program offers half off regular priced fares with a go-pass tap card. Individuals automatically qualify if they meet qualifications of certain assistance programs to include CHIP, TANF, CEAP, SNAP, WIC, DHA, Housing Choice Voucher Program, Medicare, and Medicaid. The website is live now and the link for registration is [DART.org/TapForHalf](http://DART.org/TapForHalf) or registration can be completed with a live agent at 972-482-6491. This program is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2022, and the card will convert to full fare. Individuals will continue to have access to any funds remaining on card. However, if the program continues, individuals will need to recertify annually.

A new contactless payment system has been made available where riders can purchase transit fare on DART at electronic card readers with any contactless credit or debit card, or any payment-enabled mobile device (phone, tablet, watch, etc.) Additionally, routes were adjusted due to operations and to better service riders with frequency changes for work, school, medical and shopping.

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness:

Dallas Area Partnership meeting was held May 5, 2022. Healthy discussions continue for the conditions and status of creating more housing. Dallas County is involved in seven different housing projects. Efforts keep going to build new housing, remodel existing housing and for people to stay in current housing. Projects are in various stages of development, and we will continue to report on their progress.

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee:

The Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee was held May 16, 2022. General discussion was held about the impact of COVID and homelessness. There was also discussion about some of the shelters beginning to open up and how social distancing effected shelter capacity which is now being readjusted. The efforts continue for eviction prevention and the partnerships between the State, County, and Cities for landlord and residential needs.



Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Report available at next meeting.

## **RESOURCES**

Shelter Discussions: Sarah Masih, Salvation Army

Sarah Masih, Salvation Army, reported general shelter updates. Program updates for Salvation Army in partnership with Parkland Hospital. Pathways Forward (high utilizer program) has picked up enrollment since May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the recuperative care program is currently at full capacity of six. A lot more people are coming back into the shelter which has all other programs full as well to include the veteran's and domestic violence programs. They continue to manage and are in review of their COVID processes. COVID testing remains in place once a month and Dallas County HHS returns June 2<sup>nd</sup> to provide a vaccine event for clients offering \$25 gift card as incentive.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty

Report was provided to the group in the meeting packet.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Report was provided to the group in the meeting packet. There may be a vacancy coming up soon for St. Jude. Partners are in discussion of overall program restructuring and working on a funding request application to be briefed June 7<sup>th</sup> at Commissioner's Court. Updates will be forthcoming as more information becomes available.

Homeless Jail Dashboard: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Data have remained consistent in which reports were provided to the group in the meeting packet.

Housing Authority Report: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS

Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS, provided a report stating Dallas County Housing agency currently has 46 individuals presently leased up, 34 currently searching and 10 people to receive vouchers this week. Mr. Lewis thanks MDHA for their services.

## **PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES**

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute: Ron Stretcher

Report available at next meeting.

CARES Act/ARPA Funds: Hector Faulk, Dallas County

Commissioner Daniel reported they are looking at a two-year time frame and most ARPA funds have been dedicated. Plans are being worked out to determine how to use which funds more efficiently which assists the seven projects Dallas County are involved with as well as their partnership with Parkland and other agencies.

Coordinated Access System: Joli Robinson, MDHA

Report was provided to the group in the meeting packet.

Pretrial Diversion and Mental Health Screening: Laura Edmonds, Dallas County

Laura Edmonds reported that the mental health pretrial process continues to go well. They recently had more complex issues with care coordination from jail to services and wanted to thank NTBHA for their help with those cases.

CitySquare: Madeline Reedy, CitySquare staff

Report available at next meeting.

Dallas Connector: Daniel Roby, Austin Street

Report available at next meeting.

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Report was provided to the group in the meeting packet. Also, the DPD training video for the Dallas County Deflection Center is wrapping up with editing and with roll out for services following very soon. Commissioner Daniel mentioned the success of the Deflection Center ribbon cutting ceremony after many years in the recognizing the need.

Metro Dallas Youth Committee: Leah Williams reporting; Metro Dallas Youth Committee

Report available at next meeting.

Family Housing: Ellen Magnis, Family Gateway

Ellen Magnis, Family Gateway reported the City of Dallas purchased a hotel in far North Dallas to operate as a family shelter, but it needs renovation to include space for programs and services. They received a 40-year contract and were awarded \$500,000 from the City of Dallas towards the \$2.2 million needed for renovations (other funding raised privately). There were 12,000 families served this past year compared to the 1,400 families served previously which shows the amount of growth and need in the community. They continue to pay for hotels for families as needed. This number has decreased and is believed the numbers are being affected by investments in prevention, diversion, and expansion of shelters and housing. However, it is still taking longer to get families out of shelters into housing due to the shortage of housing, voucher limitations, and the availability of funding.

Mattingly Report: Jim Mattingly

Jim Mattingly provided a report to the group in the meeting. However, he also wanted to point out that recent data indicates home sales have slowed down significantly due to three factors; an increase in housing prices, lack of inventory, and the recent rise in mortgage interest rates.

Updates

Commissioner Daniel noted the Dallas County Administration will be moving to new the Records Building Friday, May 27, 2022. As a result, moving forward, future group meetings will be held in person at the new location.

***The meeting was adjourned at 11:22am with words of maintaining the efforts by Dr. Daniel.***

***Next Meeting: June 22, 2022***



**Summary of Hearing—May 5, 2022**  
**House Human Services Committee**  
Update on 1115 Waiver, HB 133, Other Topics

**Committee Members:**

Representative James Frank-Chair, Representative Gina Hinojosa-Vice Chair,  
Committee Members: Representatives Lacey Hull, Stephanie Klick, Terry Meza, Victoria Neave,  
Candy Noble, Toni Rose, Matt Shaheen.

**Links to Hearing and Hearing Documents:**

- 1115 Waiver covered in approximately the first hour.  
[https://tlchouse.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=46&clip\\_id=23225](https://tlchouse.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=46&clip_id=23225)
- Presentation by HHSC  
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/house-hhs-committee-1115-waiver-may-5-2022.pdf>

**Invited Testimony**

Stephanie Stephens—Texas Medicaid Director-HHSC

Trey Wood—Chief Financial Officer-HHSC

**1115 Waiver**

- Authorizes Texas' Medicaid Managed Care program.
- 95% of Texas Medicaid beneficiaries are served under managed care.
- Savings from managed care finance the overall 1115 Waiver reforms such as coordinate care delivery system, improved outcomes and the transition to quality-based payment systems.
- Texas' request to extend its 1115 Waiver was approved for 10 years in early January 2021.
  - The extension was later rescinded. Texas appealed the rescission. In March, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved approximately \$5.5 billion in pending payments to Texas Medicaid providers.
  - In April, CMS reinstated approval for the ten-year extension. Some aspects of the case still must be worked out.
- Texas needs many aspects of the 1115 waiver, regardless of whether Texas expands Medicaid.
  - Over the past 20 years, the population of Texas has grown from 20,851,820 in 2000 to 29,145,505 in 2020.
  - In the same time period, the Texas Medicaid enrollment has grown from about 2 million in 2000 to approximately 5 million in 2020.
  - Approximately 4.3 million Texans are currently uninsured. If Texas were to expand Medicaid eligibility to 133% of Federal Poverty Level, it is estimated that approximately 1.1 million people would be eligible to added to the Medicaid rolls. It is estimated that approximately 700,000 would actually take advantage of this benefit. 1115 Waivers could also be used to expand Medicaid to targeted populations or for specific benefits.
- 1115 Extension includes additional monitoring and quality assessment reports on Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

*This document is intended for informational purposes only and is not intended to indicate a position for or against any legislation. If you have questions, please contact Sabrina Conner at [sconner@ntbha.org](mailto:sconner@ntbha.org) or Janie Metzinger at [jmetzinger@ntbha.org](mailto:jmetzinger@ntbha.org)*

### Implementation of HB 133—Extension of Medicaid to Six Months Postpartum.

HB 133 (Rose) requires HHSC to apply for a 1115 Medicaid Waiver to:

- Expand Medicaid eligibility for postpartum women from two months to six months following birth or involuntary miscarriage.
- Transitions Medicaid case management for children, young adults to age 21 and pregnant women to a managed care delivery system.
- HHSC sent the waiver request to HHSC in May 2022.
- During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), if states did not remove individuals from the Medicaid rolls, they received a higher Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), so Texas did not remove anyone from the rolls, including postpartum women. Rep. Frank noted that this will give Texas additional data to measure the effect of the extension.
- HB 133 is significant to behavioral health because a study of maternal mortality in Texas indicated that a sizable percentage of postpartum mortality was due to overdose.
- HHSC expects HB 133 to be operational by Fall 2022.

### Other Topics

HHSC also briefed Legislators on:

- HB 2658—Reduced the number of periodic income checks for Children’s Medicaid from quarterly to once per year.
- Texas Medicaid Waivers Programs.
- Medicaid Interest Lists for IDD services.





**117<sup>th</sup> US Congress**  
**Currently Active Legislation on Behavioral Health**  
May 25, 2022

*The bills listed in this report are active bills only, in order to make most efficient use of the NTBHA Board's time. Hundreds of bills related to behavioral health have been filed but no further action has been taken on them. Most will lay dormant and die at the end of the session. Behavioral health bills that begin to move through the committee process will be added to the tracking list and chart. A Glossary of Abbreviations may be found on page 8.*

**HOUSE COMPANION BILLS**

[HR 586](#)-Peters (D-CA). Suicide Training and Awareness Nationally Delivered for Universal Prevention (STAND UP) Act of 2021. Amends Public Health Service Act to direct the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to add student suicide awareness and prevention training policies that are evidence-based, culturally and linguistically appropriate for grades 6 through 12. Training to be provided annually and must include warning signs of self-harm or suicidal ideation, methods and resources for seeking help. May be delivered via in-person, digital, or train-the-trainer models. Annual report from recipient states or agencies required. HR 586 passed House on May 12, 2021 and sent to Senate HELP Committee. Companions: [S 1391](#)-Kennedy (R-LA), [S 1543](#)-Hassan (D-NH). A Committee Substitute for S 1543 passed the Senate with amendment and was returned to the House, where it passed on March 15, 2022, and became PL 117-100.

HR 958-Underwood (D-IL) Protecting Moms Who Served Act. Directs the VA to implement maternity care coordination. Directs the Comptroller General of the US to report on maternal mortality and morbidity among pregnant and postpartum veterans, including health disparities, trauma, access to behavioral health, with recommendations to Congress. Companion: [S 796](#) became PL 117-69 on November 30, 2021.

[HR 1448](#)-Stivers (R-OH) Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers-PAWS Act. Establishes a pilot program to provide therapy dogs for veterans with mental impairments who do not have physical impairments. Companion: S 613. HR 1448 became PL 117-37.

[HR 1899](#)-Griffith (R-VA) Ensuring Compliance Against Drug Diversion Act. Companion: S1286-Cornyn (R-TX). Amends Controlled Substances Act regarding List I chemicals. Became PL 117-53 on November 10, 2021.

[HR 2051](#)-Peters (D-CA) and Curtis (R-UT). Methamphetamine Response Act 2021. Declares methamphetamine as an emerging drug threat for purposes of the National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act. Current Status: Companion: [S 854](#)-Feinstein (D-CA) passed Senate Dec. 13, 2021 and passed House February 28, 2022. Became Public Law 117-99.

[HR 2441](#)-Axne (D-IA) Sergeant Ketcham Rural Veterans Mental Health Act. Companion: S 1468 Expands the Rural Access Network for Growth Enhancement (RANGE) Program to include three new locations based on the need for veteran mental health care. HR 2441 became PL 117-21 on June 30, 2021.

## Companion Bills—continued

[HR 2778](#)-Gonzalez (R-OH). Companion: [S 1296 Brown](#) (D-OH). Daniel J. Harvey and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transitions to Reduce Veteran Suicide. Would establish a pilot program aimed at reducing suicide among veterans, to include a three-hour training module in the Transition Assistance Program on risks after discharge for the Armed Forces, resources and treatment options, follow-up contact within 90 days of discharge, Pilot should be in not fewer than 10 locations and serve not fewer than 300 members of the Armed Forces. Report required after one year. Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing on November 17, 2021.

[HR 3070](#)-Trone (D-MD). Confidentiality Opportunities for Peer Support (COPS) Counseling Act. Established a confidential peer support program for federal law enforcement agencies. S 1502 became PL 117-60 on November 18, 2021.

[HR 3743](#)-Hudson (R-NC). Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act. Increases funding from “\$500,000 and not more than \$1,250,000” to “\$1,250,000 and not more than \$5,000,000”. Companion: [S 1662](#)-Lujan (D-NM) passed the Senate on June 24, 2021, was sent to the House. Where it passed on March 15, 2022 and became Public Law 117-101.

[HR 5029](#)-Rouzer (R-NC) Expanding the Families of Veterans Access to Mental Health Services Act. Companion: S 2817-Tillis (R-NC).Establishes counseling and other mental health services to families after death by suicide of active duty members of the military or veterans. Favorably reported by House E&C, November 4, 2021.

[HR 6411](#)-Takano (D-CA) Support the Resiliency of Our Nation’s Great (STRONG) Veterans Act.

- Would authorize a minority veteran coordinator in each VA medical center, expands VA workforce, scholarship programs for mental health providers.
- Establishes a Veterans Crisis Line requiring staff training, monitoring, guidance for callers at high risk for substance use and overdose.
- Establishes Solid Start Program to perform follow-up calls three times within the first year of discharge from the military.
- Designates one week a year as “Buddy Check Week”.
- Increases outreach regarding the Veterans Justice Outreach Program. Expands VA Peer Specialist Support Program.
- Provides mental health consultation for veterans filing VA compensation for service-connected disability relating to a mental health diagnosis.
- Requires report on Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership Program.
- Authorizes an analysis of VA sleep disorder care, inpatient mental health, substance use disorder care, co-occurring behavioral health disorders, suicide prevention teams, brain health, and requires recommendations for modifications of existing treatment and programs.

## SENATE COMPANION BILLS

*The following section entitled “Senate Companion Bills” contains the same information as the section above entitled “House Companion Bills”. Though it is duplicative, it is included to assist the reader in finding Senate bills by number should the need arise. A review of active House bills with no Senate companion begins on page 7. A review of active Senate bills with no House companion begins on page 12.*

[S 26](#)-Portman (R-OH). Drug-Free Communities Pandemic Relief Act. Allows Drug-Free Communities grants to be renewed even if the grantee organization is unable to raise matching funds or in-kind contributions due to conditions related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. Companion: [HR 654](#)-Joyce (R-OH) passed the House on 10-20-21, sent to Senate Judiciary Committee January 22, 2022.

[S 854](#)-Feinstein (D-CA). Methamphetamine Response Act 2021. Companion: [HR 2051](#)-Peters (D-CA) and Curtis (R-UT) Declares methamphetamine as an emerging drug threat for purposes of the National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act. S 854 passed the Senate December 13, 2021, passed House March 14, 2022. Became Public Law 117-99.

[S 1296 Brown](#) (D-OH). Daniel J. Harvey and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transitions to Reduce Veteran Suicide. Would establish a pilot program aimed at reducing suicide among veterans, to include a three-hour training module in the Transition Assistance Program on risks after discharge for the Armed Forces, resources and treatment options, follow-up contact within 90 days of discharge, Pilot should be in not fewer than 10 locations and serve not fewer than 300 members of the Armed Forces. Report required after one year. Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing on November 17, 2021. Companion: HR 2778-Gonzalez (R-OH)

[S 1662](#)-Lujan (D-NM). Companion: [HR 3743](#)-Hudson (R-NC) Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act. Increases funding from “\$500,000 and not more than \$1,250,000 to “\$1,250,000 and not more than \$5,000,000”. S 1662-Lujan (D-NM) passed the Senate on June 24, 2021, was sent to the House where it passed March 15, 2022. Now Public Law 117-101.



## HOUSE BILLS WITH NO SENATE COMPANION

[HR 2379](#)-Trone (D-MD). State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act 2021.

Amends 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act to reauthorize and expand grants.

- Appropriates a \$1.75 billion for each fiscal year 2022 through 2027, with a minimum of \$4 million to each state and the District of Columbia.
- Requires formula adjustments to ensure that no State receives a significantly lower amount than the previous fiscal year.
- Requires a report to Congress to include an analysis mortality rates, outreach, direct support services, underserved communities and statewide treatment and recovery outcomes.

HR 2379 Passed House, sent to Senate HELP October 21, 2021.

[HR 2630](#)-Pappas (D-NH) Extending Temporary Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues became Public Law 117-12.

[HR 3684](#) DeFazio (D-OR) Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act. Became Public Law 117-58.

[HR 3894](#)-Blunt Rochester (D-DE). Collecting and Analyzing Resources Integral and Necessary for Guidance (CARING) for Social Determinants Act 2021. Directs HHS:

- To clarify guidance to states to address social determinants of health in Medicaid and CHIP.
- To provide guidance and technical assistance to states to encourage and incentivize managed care organizations (MCOs) to address social determinants of health.

HR 3894 passed the House, was sent to Senate HELP on December 9, 2021.

[HR 4026](#)-Burgess (R-TX). Social Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act 2021. Requires a report to Congress on actions taken by HHS to address social determinants of health, including data collection, coordination with federal, state, and local agencies, potential for duplication, barriers, and recommendations for fostering public-private partnerships and private sector efforts. HR 4026 passed the House and was referred to Senate HELP on December 1, 2021.

[HR 4233](#)-Murphy (R-NC) Student Veterans Counseling Centers Eligibility Act. Requires report assessing the mental health needs of veterans using veterans' educational benefits. Passed House and was sent to Senate Veterans Affairs Committee November 17, 2021.

[HR 5029](#)-Rouzer (R-NC) Expanding the Families of Veterans Access to Mental Health Services Act. Provides counseling and services to families of members of the armed forces or veterans who died of suicide. House Veterans Affairs Committee Reported favorably on November 4, 2021. House Companion HR 6411-Takano (D-CA) STRONG Veterans Act of 2022 reported favorably February 22, 2022 from House Veterans Affairs. Senate Companion: S 2817-Tillis (R-NC) referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs.

[HR 5305](#)-DeLauro (D-CT) Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act. Became Public Law 117-42.



## House Bills without Senate Companions—continued

[HR 5585](#)-Eshoo (D-CA)-Advance Research Project Agency-Health Act (ARPA-Health Act) Establishes The Advanced Research Projects Agency-Health to foster development innovation in health and medicine. Favorably reported from House E&C Committee May 18, 2022.

[HR 7076](#)-Schrier (D-WA). Supporting Children’s Mental Health Care Access of 2022. Reauthorizes pediatric mental health care access grant programs to support statewide or regional networks of pediatric mental health teams, and may be used in schools or emergency departments. Appropriates \$14 million per fiscal years 2023 through 2025, and \$30 million for fiscal years 2026 through 2027 for pediatric mental health care and \$50 million per fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for infant and early childhood mental health promotion, intervention and treatment. Referred to Energy and Commerce Committee-Subcommittee on Health.

[HR 7232](#)-Cárdenas (D-CA) 9-8-8 and Parity Assistance Act of 2022.

- Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct SAMHSA to establish an office to coordinate behavioral health crisis care across federal departments of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Health Resources and Services Administration to include services provided by the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline and Response System, community mental health centers, certified community behavioral health clinics and other community mental health and substance use disorder providers.
- Authorizes \$10 million per fiscal year 2023 through 2027 for the above purposes, \$1 billion for capital grants for health centers, and \$15 million for crisis management workforce.
- Defines minimum components of a crisis response continuum as including crisis call centers, mobile crisis response teams, and crisis receiving and stabilization facilities (including 24-hour stabilization services and short-term residential services), mental health and substance use urgent care facilities, and other facilities or providers that the Secretary of HHS shall specify.
- Amends the Public Health Service Act and the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act to authorize grants to states to implement mental health and substance use disorder parity and authorizes \$25 million for that purpose.

Referred to Energy and Commerce Committee-Subcommittee on Health

[HR 7233](#)-Hudson (R-NC) Keeping Incarceration Discharges Streamlined for Children and Accommodating Resources in Education Act (KIDS CARES Act). Amends the Social Security Act related to Medicaid screenings and referrals for juveniles being released from public institutions. Directs the Secretary of HHS to issue guidance on reducing administrative barriers to school-based services. House Energy and Commerce Committee-Subcommittee on Health favorably reported May 11, 2022.

## House Bills Without Senate Companions—continued

[HR 7234](#)-Spanberger (D-VA) Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act.

- Reauthorizes Public Health Services grants benefiting people who are homeless needing behavioral health services. Appropriates \$218.2 million per fiscal year s 2023 through 2027.
- Prioritizes programs addressing underage drinking, substance use treatment needs of regional and national significance, evidence-based treatments and interventions, prevention, jail diversion, transitions from homelessness, reducing overdose deaths, access to overdose reversal medication, comprehensive opioid abuse response, and changes the emergency department alternatives to opioids demonstration projects to a grant program.

Referred to House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health March 28, 2022.

[HR 7235](#)-Tonko (D-NY) Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant Act of 2022. Amends Public Health Service Act to change language from “substance abuse” to “substance use”. Appropriates \$1.9 billion for each fiscal year 2023 through 2027.

Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee-Subcommittee on Health.

[HR 7236](#)-Eshoo (D-CA) Strengthen Kids’ Mental Health Now Act of 2022.

- Amends Social Security Act to expand Children’s Medicaid mental, emotional, and behavioral health services including payment parity for pediatric behavioral health services, and providing timely access to care.
- Directs HHS to issue guidance to sustain and enhance availability of telehealth services.
- Establishes grant programs pediatric behavioral health workforce training programs.
- Establishes grant programs to modernize infrastructure for pediatric behavioral health services.

Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee-Subcommittee on Health.

[HR 7237](#)-Griffith (R-VA) Reauthorizing Evidence-based and Crisis Help Initiatives Needed to Generate Improved Mental Health Outcomes for Patients Act of 2022 or the REACHING Improved Mental Health Outcomes for Patients Act of 2022. Reauthorizes:

- National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory.
- Community Crisis Response System.
- Mental Health Awareness Training.
- Adult Suicide Prevention.
- Assertive Community Treatment Grant Program.
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment Grant Program for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness.

Referred to Energy and Commerce Committee-Subcommittee on Health.

[HR 7238](#)-Bucshon (R-IN) Timely Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders Act of 2022. Revises opioid treatment program admission criteria to eliminate the requirement that patients have been addicted for at least one year prior to being admitted to treatment.

Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee and House Committee on the Judiciary.

## House Bills Without Senate Companions—continued

[HR 7241](#)-Crenshaw (R-TX) Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Reauthorization Act. Appropriates \$857.5 billion for each fiscal year 2023 through 2027 for evidence-based crisis care. Allows states flexibility in spending five percent in one year or ten percent over two years. Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee March 28, 2022.

[HR 7248](#)-Joyce (R-PA) Continuing Systems of Care for Children Act. Reauthorizes Continuing Systems of Care for Children grants. Increases funding to \$125 million for each fiscal year 2023 through 2027. Energy and Commerce Committee-Subcommittee on Health favorably reported April 28, 2022.

[HR 7255](#)-McMorris Rodgers(R-WA) Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Reauthorization Act.

- Reauthorizes funding for Suicide Prevention Resource Center. Increases funding to \$9 million for each fiscal year 2023 through 2027.
- Reauthorizes Garret Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention Program.
- Reauthorizes Mental and Behavioral Health Outreach and Education.

Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee-Subcommittee on Health.

[HR 7666](#)-Pallone (D-NJ). Reauthorizes programs to address mental health and substance use disorders including Community Mental Health Services Block Grant, Native Behavioral Health Access Improvement, Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Grants, Recovery Housing, Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grants, Timely Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder, Access to Mental Health Care and Coverage, Pediatric Mental Health Access Grants, Continuing Systems of Care for Children, Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Reauthorization, 9-8-8 implementation, Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. Mental Health Crisis Response Partnership Pilot, Assertive Community Treatment Grant Program, Assisted Outpatient Treatment Grants, Anna Westin Legacy grants for education and training on eating disorders, Sober Truth on Preventing (STOP) Underage Drinking grants, Jail Diversion grants,

[HR 7667](#)-Eshoo (D-CA) and Guthrie (R-KY) Pallone (D-NJ) and Rodgers (R-WA). Food and Drug Administration Amendments of 2022. Extends FDA user fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, biosimilar biological products, efforts to improve diversity in clinical trials, research and development, supply chains, inspections, and transparency program integrity and regulatory improvements.

## GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

CDC—Centers for Disease Control

CMS—Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

E&C—House Energy and Commerce Committee

FMAP—Federal Medical Assistance Percentage

FQHC—Federally Qualified Health Center

HELP—Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

HHS—Health and Human Services

HRSA—Health Resources and Services Administration

MAT—Medication Assisted Treatment

MCO—Managed Care Organization

NIH—National Institutes of Health

NIMH—National Institute of Mental Health

NIMHD—National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

NIOSH—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

ONDCP—Office of National Drug Policy

ODU—Opioid Use Disorder

PHS—Public Health Service

RHC—Rural Health Center

SAMHSA—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SUD—Substance Use Disorder

USDA—U.S. Department of Agriculture



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**Companion Bills**

Bill #	Sponsor	Subject/Title	Comm.	Subcomm. Vote	Comm. Vote	H/S Vote	>H>S	Comm.	Sub-Com Vote	Comm. Vote	H/S Vote	To Pres.
<a href="#">HR 433</a>	Trone (D-MD)	Family Support Services for Addiction Act 2021	E&C			4-15-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">S 485</a>	Gillibrand (D-NY)		HELP									
<a href="#">HR 586</a>	Peters (D-CA)	STAND UP Act of 2021	E&C			5-12-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">S 1391</a>	Kennedy (R-LA)		HELP									
<a href="#">S 1543</a>	Hassan (D-NH)		HELP			+ w/am 12-16-21	→H	E&C				PL 117-100
<a href="#">HR 623</a>	Wexton (D-VA)	Gabiella Miller Kids First Research Act	E&C	5-11-22								
<a href="#">S 1521</a>	Kaine (D-VA)		HELP									
<a href="#">HR 654</a>	Joyce (R-OH)	Drug-Free Communities Pandemic Relief Act	E&C	7-15-21+	+w/am	10-21-21	→S	Judiciary				
<a href="#">SB 26</a>	Portman (R-OH)		Judiciary									
<a href="#">HR 721</a>	Napalitano (D-CA)	Mental Health Services for Students Act 2021	E&C			+5-13-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">S 1841</a>	Smith (D-MN)		HELP									
<a href="#">HR 925</a>	Davids (D-KS)	Data to Save Moms Act	E & C	7-15-21								
<a href="#">S 347</a>	Smith (D-MN)		HELP									
<a href="#">HR 958</a>	Underwood (D-IL)	Protecting Moms Who Serve Act	H V Aff.									
<a href="#">S 796</a>	Duckworth (D-IL)		S V Aff.				→H	E&C				PL 117-69
<a href="#">HR 1205</a>	Ruiz (D-CA)	Improving Mental Health Access in the Emergency Department Act	E&C			5-12-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">S 2157</a>	Capito (R-WV)		HELP									
<a href="#">HR 1324</a>	Bilirakis (R-FL)	Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Dept.	E&C			5-12-21	→S					
<a href="#">S 467</a>	Murkowski (R-AK)		HELP									
<a href="#">HR 1448</a>	Stivers (R-OH)	PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act	H V Aff					Vets Aff				PL 117-37
<a href="#">S 613</a>	Tillis (R-NC)		S V Aff									



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<a href="#">HR 1475</a>	Watson-Coleman (D-NJ)	Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act	E&C			5-12-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">S 1795</a>	Menendez (D-NJ)		HELP									
<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subject/Title</b>	<b>Comm.</b>	<b>Subcomm. Vote</b>	<b>Comm. Vote</b>	<b>H/S Vote</b>	<b>&gt;H&gt;S</b>	<b>Comm.</b>	<b>Sub-Com Vote</b>	<b>Comm. Vote</b>	<b>H/S Vote</b>	<b>To Pres.</b>
<a href="#">HR 1899</a>	Griffith (R-VA)	Ensuring Compliance Against Drug Diversion Act	E&C			4-15-21	→S	Judiciary			Passed 10-27-21	PL 117-53
<a href="#">S 1286</a>	Cornyn (R-TX)		Judiciary									
<a href="#">HR 2051</a>	Peters (D-CA) Curtis (R-UT)	Methamphetamine Response Act of 2021	E&C		7-21-21 +							
<a href="#">S 854</a>	Feinstein (D-CA)		Judiciary			12-13-21	→H					PL 117-99
<a href="#">HR 2441</a>	Axne (D-IA)	Sgt. Ketcham Rural Veterans Mental Health Act	E&C									PL 117-21
<a href="#">S 1468</a>	Tester (D-MT)		HELP									
<a href="#">HR 2778</a>	Gonzalez (R-OH)	Daniel J. Harvey & Adam Lambert Act Reduce Veteran Suicide	E&C									
<a href="#">S 1296</a>	Brown (D-OH)		HELP	h-11-17-21								
<a href="#">HR 2877</a>	Ferguson (R-GA)	Behavioral Intervention Guidelines Act 2021	E&C			5-12-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">S 1383</a>	Cornyn (R-TX)		HELP									
<a href="#">HR 2929</a>	Lee (E-NV)	Virtual Peer Support Act	E&C									
<a href="#">S 157</a>	Cortez Masto (D-NV)		HELP									
<a href="#">HR 2981</a>	Katko (R-NY)	Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2021	E&C			5-12-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">S 2425</a>	Reed (D-RI)		HELP	+ 8-3-21	→Cal 9-21-21							
<a href="#">HR 3070</a>	Trone (D-MD)	COPS Counseling Act										
<a href="#">S 1502</a>	Cortez-Masto (D-NV)								E&C			PL 117-60
<a href="#">HR 3743</a>	Hudson (R-NC)	Supporting the Foundation for NIH and Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA	E&C		7-21-21	Debate 11-30						
<a href="#">S 1662</a>	Lujan (D-NM)		HELP			6-24-21	→H					PL 117-101



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HR 4251	Pallone (D-NH)	Native BH Access Improvement Act	E & C									
S 2226	Smith		Indian Affairs									
<a href="#">HR 4387</a>	Kelly (D-IL) Burgess,MD (R-TX)	Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act	E & C		7-21							
<a href="#">S 1675</a>	Warnock (D-GA)		HELP		6-8-21							
<a href="#">HR 5029</a>	Rouzer (D-NC)	Expanding the Families of Veterans Access to Mental Health Services Act	H V Aff		11-4-21							
S 2817	Tillis (R-NC)		S V Aff									
HR 6411	Tanako (D-CA)	STRONG Act	H V Aff		2-22-22							

## House Bills without Senate Companion

Bill #	Sponsor	Subject/Title	Comm.	Subcomm. Vote	Comm. Vote	H/S Vote	>H>S	Comm.	Sub-Com Vote	Comm. Vote	H/S Vote	To Pres.
<a href="#">HR 768</a>	McKinley (R-WV) Dingell (D-MI)	Block, Report and Suspend Suspicious Shipments Act 2021	E&C			5-12-21	→S	Judiciary				
<a href="#">HR 1480</a>	Bera (D-CA) Fitzpatrick (R-PA)	Helping Emergency Responders Overcome (HERO) Act	E&C			5-12-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">HR 1868</a>	Yarmuth (D-KY)	American Rescue Plan	E&C				→S	HELP				PL 117-7
<a href="#">HR 2355</a>	Davis (R-IL) Bilirakis (R-FL)	Opioid Prescription Verification Act of 2021	E&C		+w/am. 7-21-21	12-9-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">HR 2364</a>	Kim (D-NJ) Pappas (D-NH)	Synthetic Opioid Danger Awareness (SODA) Act	E&C		+w/am. 7-21-21	12-9-21	→S	HELP				
HR 2367	Levin (D-CA)	SOBER Homes Act	E&C									
HR 2376	Trone (D-MD)	Excellence in Recovery Housing	E&C									
<a href="#">HR 2379</a>	Trone (D-MD) Sherrill (R-NH)	State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act of 2021	E&C	7-15-21	+w/am. 7-21-21	10-20-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">HR 2630</a>	Pappas(D-NH)	Extending Temporary Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues	E&C				→S	HELP				PL 117-12
<a href="#">HR 2862</a>	Beyer (D-VA) Kinzinger (R-IL)	Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act	E&C			5-12-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">HR 2955</a>	Stewart (R-UT) Matsui (D-CA)	Suicide Prevention Act	E&C			5-12-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">HR 3684</a>	DeFazio (D-OR)	Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act	Transportation				→S					PL 117-58
<a href="#">HR 3743</a>	Hudson (R-NC)	Foundation for NIH and Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA	E&C	7-15-21	+	7-21-21	→S					
<a href="#">HR 3894</a>	Blunt-Rochester (D-DE) Bilirakis (R-FL)	CARING for Social Determinants of Health 2021	E&C		+w/am. 7-21-21	5-12-21	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">HR 4026</a>	Burgess, M.D. (R-TX) Blunt-Rochester(D-DE)	Social Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act	E&C		7-21-21	Passed 12-1	→S	HELP				
<a href="#">HR 4233</a>	Murphy (R-NC)	Student Veterans Counseling Centers Eligibility Act	H V Aff			Passed 11-17-21	→S	S V Aff				





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HR 4341	Trone (D-MD)	CARA 3.0	E&C, E&L W&M Judiciary									
HR 4944	Blunt-Rochester(D-DE)	Helping Kids Cope Act	E&C									
HR 5218	Fletcher	Collaborate in an Orderly and Cohesive Manner Act	E&C									
<a href="#">HR 5305</a>	DeLauro (D-CT)	Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act	E&C									PL 117-42
<a href="#">HR 5376</a>	Smith (D-WA)	Build Back Better Act	E&C			Passed 11-17-21						
HR 5585	Eshoo (D-CA)	ARPA-Health	E&C	5-11-22								
<a href="#">HR 6119</a>	DeLauro (D-CT)	Further Extending Government Funding	E&C									PL 117-70
HR 6411	Tanako (D-CA)	STRONG Act	H V Aff		2-22-22							
HR 7073	Clark (D-MA)	Into the Light for Maternal Mental Health and SUD	E&C									
HR 7076	Schrier (D-WA)	Children’s MH Access	E&C									
HR 7232	Cárdenas (D-CA)	9-8-8 and Parity Assistance Act	E&C									
HR 7233	Hudson (R-NC)	KIDS CARES	E&C									
HR 7234	Spanberger (D-VA)	Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment , Recovery	E&C									
HR 7235	Tonko (D-NY)	SUD Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Block Grant	E&C									
HR 7236	Eshoo (D-CA)	Strengthen Kids Mental Health	E&C									
HR 7237	Griffith (R-VA)	REACHING Act	E&C									
HR 7238	Buschon (R-VA)	Timely Treatment for OUD	E&C									
HR 7241	Crenshaw (R-TX)	Community MH Services Block Grant	E&C									
HR 7248	Joyce (R-PA)	Children’s Systems of Care Grents	E&C									
HR 7255	Rodgers (R-WA)	Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Grants	E&C									



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HR 7666	Pallone (D-NJ)	Reauthorization of BH Grants	E&C									
HR 7667	Pallone, Rodgers Eshoo, Guthrie	Food and Drug Amendments of 2022	E&C									

**Senate Bills Without House Companions**

Bill #	Sponsor	Subject/Title	Comm.	Subcom. Vote	Comm. Vote	H/S Vote	>H>S	Comm.	Subcom Vote	Comm. Vote	H/S Vote	To Pres.
<a href="#">S 1296</a>	Brown (D-OH)	Daniel J. Harvey and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transitions to Reduce Suicide	S V Aff	Hearing 11-17-21								

**Key**

Bill numbers [underlined and in blue](#) in the first column are links to the text of the bill.

**Companion Bills**

- Companion Bills are listed together first, with the pairs arranged in numerical order based on the number of the House Bill. For example, HR 433 and S 485 are Companion Bills. They are listed as a pair and highlighted for House or Senate.
- The Subjects column of Companion Bills are not highlighted.
- When a House Bill passes the House and is sent to the Senate, the “To H/S” column has an arrow: → S
- When a Senate Bill passes the Senate and is sent to the House, the “To H/S” column has an arrow: →H

**House Bills**

- On this chart, House Bills are highlighted in light blue for the life of the bill.
- House Bills in the US House of Representatives begin with the prefix **HR**.
- E & C = House Energy and Commerce Committee (Health-related legislation is referred to this committee).
- W & M= House Ways and Means Committee (Legislation that raises revenues is referred to this committee).
- V Aff = House Veterans Affairs

**Senate Bills**

- On this chart, Senate Bills are highlighted in light orange for the life of the bill.
- Senate Bills in the US Senate begin with the prefix **S**.
- HELP = Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.
- S V Aff = Senate Veterans Affairs
- → Calendar = Bill has been sent to Senate Calendar.

## Department of Criminal Justice FY2022 SAMHSA Grant Project

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2022 Total	FY2021 Total	FY2020 Total	FY2019 Total
<b>Nexus</b> New Admissions	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	1					8	23	26	25
<b>Nexus</b> Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	17	24	24	20	20	8	8	8					18	12	12	8
<b>Homeward Bound</b> New Admissions	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1					7	14	24	11
<b>Homeward Bound</b> Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	119	92	90	90	93	102	113	73					97	92	79	7
<b>RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES</b>																
<b>Successful</b>	0	1	2	2	4	1	2	2					13	22	43	27
<b>Unsuccessful</b>	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0					5	7	11	3
<b>REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2022</b>																
<b>Number of Referrals by Specialty Courts</b>	AIM		5		DWI		0		STAR		3					
	ATLAS		3		IIP		0		Veterans		0					
	Competency		7		Legacy Family		0		4-C		0					
	DDC		0		MHJD/SET		4									
	DIVERT		0		STAC		20									

\*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 7

\*Nexus Pending Admission: 1

**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team (BHLT)  
Adult Clinical Operations Team (ACOT) Committee Meeting  
May 5, 2022**

Dr. Walter Taylor (NTBHA), Charlene Randolph (Dallas County), Laura Edmonds (Dallas County), Yordanos Melake (Dallas County), Crystal Garland (Dallas County), Janie Metzinger (NTBHA), Anthony Garcia (NTBHA), Allison Mintus (Metrocare Services), Jessica Simmons (IPS), Andy Wolfskill, David Kemp, Ikenna Mogbo (Metrocare), Jessica Martinez (NTBHA), Kevin Fox (NTBHA), Matt Roberts (NTBHA), Alvin Mott (NTBHA), Doug Denton (Homeward Bound), Timothy Jackson (NTBHA), Amy Sanders (NTBHA), Alice Zaccarello (Well Community), Dr. Celeste Johnson

**Welcome and Introductions: Charlene Randolph**

- Meeting notes from the April 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved

**Presentation: Mental Health Awareness Month- NTBHA Program Presentations**

Amy Sanders, Manager of Education & Outreach for MHFA: Mental Health First Aid

- What is MHFA?
  - MHFA is the initial help offered to a person developing a mental health or substance use challenge or experiencing a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate treatment and support are received or until the crisis resolves.
- Why is MHFA needed?
  - On average, 130 people die by suicide every day.
  - From 1999 to 2019 841,000 people died from drug overdoses.
  - Nearly 1 in 5 in the U.S. Lives with a mental illness.
- The ALGEE Action Plan for recognizing sign and symptoms of mental health and substance challenges and how to interact and connect with those experiencing those challenges.
  - Approach: assess for risk of suicide or harm and assist.
  - Listen: non judgmentally
  - Give: reassurance and information
  - Encourage: appropriate professional help
  - Encourage: self-help and other support strategies.
- Outreach & Results: NTBHA provides MHFA to as many people as we can each year. NTBHA's primary outreach is to public and charter schools, as well as any higher education's organization and numerous community programs. NTBHA has funding through HHSC as well as grants for rural counties through the DFWHC.

**NTBHA OSAR Overview:**

Timothy Jackson, OSAR Team Lead

- What is OSAR? Outreach, Screening, Assessment and Referral
- Serves as the first point of contact for individuals seeking substance use treatment services.
- There are 3 OSAR programs in Region 3:

- Lifepath (Collin Co)
- MHMR of Tarrant County (Cooke, Denton, Earth, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise)
- NTBHA (Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, Rockwall)
- Accepts referral DFPS, School, Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice, Hospitals, social service agencies, family members and friends.
- Serves adults and adolescents (age 13+)
- OSAR is available Monday- Friday from 8am-5pm (except holidays)
- Email: [osar@ntbha.org](mailto:osar@ntbha.org) 469-420-5396 844-275-0600
- NTBHA- SUD Providers

#### NTBHA Substance Use Disorder Community Health Worker Program

Kevin Fox, Program Manager

- What is a Community Health Worker
  - A community health worker is a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has an unusually close understanding of the community served. His trusting relationship enables the worker to serve as a liaison/ link/ intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competency of service delivery. \* We are not licensed social workers, counselors or psychiatrists\*
  - Assist with access to needed services and increase health literacy and self-sufficiency through a range of activities
  - Harm reduction (Narcan distribution and training)
  - NTBHA Bridge Builders
  - Send a referral Kevin Fox, CHW Program Manager [chwrightreferral@ntba.org](mailto:chwrightreferral@ntba.org)
  - Direct 972-504-5698 Cell: 469-865-0332
  
- **Presentation: Dr. Walter Taylor**  
**The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma By: Bessel Van Der Kolk, MD**  
 Chapter 4: Running for Your Life: The Anatomy of Survival from Part 2: This is your Brain on Trauma
- During disasters young children usually take their cues from their parents. As long as their caregivers remain calm and responsive to their needs, they often survive terrible incidents without and serious psychological.
- Noam's experience allows us to see and outline two critical aspects of the adaptive response to threat that is basic to human survival. At the time the disaster occurred, he was able to take an active role by running away from it, thus becoming an agent in his own rescue.

## **NTBHA Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) & Multicultural Competency Training Update:**

- Matt Roberts (NTBHA):
  - Monthly trainings are on Eventbrite; search NTBHA.
  - DEI council will start meeting again
  - BIPOC in Relationships and Love Training- Find on Eventbrite for registration
- Sabrina Conner (NTBHA):
  - Partnerships with WFAA for Mental Health Awareness month.
  - NTBHA DEI is also starting recruitment for DEI Advisory Council.

## **Legislative Coordinator, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority**

- Janie Metzinger (NTBHA):
  - US Congress had a hearing where they heard 19 bills related to mental health and will be on the report for BHLT and the NTBHA Board meeting.
  - Janie reported she will be sending out hearing summaries next month

## **NTBHA & Community Updates:**

- Anthony Garcia (NTBHA) - Compliance and QM: Satisfaction surveys have been completed at 10 provider locations. Surveys are being administered in English and Spanish. They were recently deployed to their first provider location at APAA. The survey's overall goal is to measure the quality of services provided to consumers and consumer satisfaction. Once data is collected and organized, NTBHA will send out late summer.
- Any questions please email Anthony Garcia or Michelle Garcia.
- Charlene Randolph (Dallas County) UTSW will be presenting at the May 12 BHLT.
- Matt Roberts (NTBHA) NAMI Walks is coming up, please feel free to join
- Please keep Sherry Cusumano in your thoughts and prayers.

Meeting was adjourned at 01:28pm