

Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
Thursday, July 14, 2022
9:30am -11:00am
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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* 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, June 9, 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 welcomed everyone and announced that the meeting was being recorded and those who continued in attendance were consenting to being recorded as a part of the open records.

Review/Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the BHLT meeting held on Thursday, May 12, 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.

Commissioner Price announced that Sherry Cusumano had transitioned, and the Community Visitation would be held on Tuesday, June 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Allen Family Funeral Options, 2112 W. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas. He asked Ms. Randolph to share the information with the BHLT committee.

Introductions

Commissioner Price welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked first-time attendees to introduce themselves. The first-time attendees were:

- Blanca Garcia, Clinical Social Worker and Director of Mental Health Resources with the Grant Halliburton Foundation; a foundation that works to strengthen the network of mental health resources for children, teens, and young adults. This foundation promotes better mental health and suicide prevention.

- April Baerga-Scruggs, Social Support Manager with NPower. NPower's mission is to create pathways to economic prosperity by launching digital careers for military veterans and young adults from underserved communities.

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update

Carol Lucky, CEO at North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, provided the NTBHA update. Ms. Lucky reported that NTBHA served 24,096 adults and 9,442 children which exceeded their state requirements. She advised of a presentation which mentioned the opioid crisis in the area, reminding everyone to also remember the alcohol, methamphetamine, and other substance use problems in the area.

Ms. Lucky was concerned with the high price of gasoline that the QMHP's and peers who provide transport and outreach services were faced with, mentioning the need to come up with a plan to be sure they can continue providing services. Ms. Lucky also reported that the summer months started budget season and contracts were coming in early, which provided security in future goals. Funding received was approved for Private Psychiatric Beds (PPB) in an amount just over \$1.5 million. A no-money-based contract was received for home and community-based services.

Ms. Lucky further reported that the House Bill 13 contract for the Living Room was renewed for 2023, stating that NTBHA was approved to participate in the directive payment program, IGT, which replaces DSRIP. The board approved putting up the first of two payments in the amount of \$1.7 million for a total of \$3.5 million for the year which will bring back \$7.4 million.

Dr. Walter Taylor, Chief Strategy Officer at North Texas Behavioral Health Authority reported that Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia nominated Lasselle Mendez to the Planning & Network Advisory Committee.

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI)

Mr. Ron Stretcher, Senior Director of Systems Management with MMHPI, provided the update, thanking everyone who came to The Dallas County Deflection Center ribbon cutting ceremony, mentioning the center will open within the next two weeks.

Doug Denton, Executive Director of Homeward Bound Inc., provided a brief update on phase two of the Deflection Center project, stating that NTBHA was training their professional who would be onsite, the video was complete with the narrative overlay in process, staff is onsite and ready, with patrol training starting the week of June 27th.

Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup

Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dallas County Commissioner, District 1, provided the update stating that there were a lot of projects going on with a lot of factors involved to keep people in housing. She mentioned that post COVID, shelters are shifting back, repositioning the way people were housed, so they could keep more people housed. Dr. Daniel also reported that Eviction Prevention continued to work towards keeping tenants in housing, while the Navigators were continuing to collect data to be sure there was equitable distribution of the variety of services needed in the mental health arena. Dr. Daniel further reported that it is a very critical time for people with housing vouchers due to the rising cost of rent.

- Commissioner Price requested a financial report on the status of housing funding.

1115 Waiver Crisis Services Project Update

Yordanos Melake, Program Manager with Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, provided the update reporting that for 1115 Waiver, HHSC had decided to not request a DSRIP extension, which ends DSRIP on September 30, 2022. Mrs. Melake also reported that the final reporting opportunity for DY10 activities would be October 30, 2022, with the IGT settlement due July 6, 2022, and payments for DSRIP April reporting being received on July 29, 2022. For 16.22, technical requirements and interventions had been identified and were in the data phase of creating required data structures for integration and automation enhancements. She further reported that the next 16.22 Advisory Committee meeting would be June 14, 2022.

- Commissioners Price requested a report on the impact of losing the 1115 Waiver/DSRIP funding to be sent to the commissioners.

Legislative Update

Janie Metzinger, Legislative Coordinator at NTBHA, provided the update, reporting that some progress had been made in congress with 19 bills passed out with more moving on the chart. Some hearings had taken place on the Texas side. Senate finance would meet later in June and one of the charges being looked at was the mental health system.

- Commissioner John Wiley Price requested vetting by Ms. Metzinger, on if funding had been removed from mental health and placed elsewhere.
- Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniels requested an analysis for a clearer context of where mental health funding is and where it is going.

Funding Opportunities

•The Cottages Update

Yordanos Melake, Program Manager with Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, provided the update stating that the Cottages update was on page 2 in the BLT Supplemental meeting packet. In the month of May, The Cottages started with 44 residents and ended with 43 residents, with one termination and zero lease violations.

•SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update

Sheena Oriabure, Mental Health Specialty Court Coordinator with Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, provided the update, stating that the SAMHSA stats were on page 27 of the BHLT packet, noting that the grant year would end September 30, 2022.

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

Chief Lynn Richardson, Dallas County Public Defender's Office, complimented the team on doing a great job during Mental Health Month.

Michaela Himes, Bond Division Chief, Dallas County Public Defender's Office, provided an update stating there were two graduations. South Dallas Community Court had two graduates the prior week and South Oak Cliff, Veterans Court had six graduates.

● **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, reporting stats were in the supplemental packet, and stating they enjoyed all the activities for Mental Health Awareness Month as well as National Drug Court month.

Upcoming Events and Notifications

- Doctor Walter Taylor announced that next Friday, June 17th, at 9:00a.m., Dr. Morrow's presentation on *The Things That Make Men Cry*, would be held on Eventbrite.
- Jolie Robinson, President and CEO of Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance, announced that a State of Homelessness Address was conducted with the most recent point-in-time count. She stated that information concerning this address can be found on the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance website and the link would be included in the Teams BHLT chat.
- Patrick LeBlanc, Senior Community Health Educator/Behavioral Health at Parkland Hospital and Executive Director of Bridging the Gap Foundation, announced a meeting to be held Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 3122 Metropolitan Avenue, Dallas, TX 75215 where Rev. Kenneth King is Pastor. The meeting titled “Let’s Talk” focuses on mental health awareness and access to care while deconstructing the stigmas associated with mental health needs of men.
- Commissioner Price announced that after follow-up with Dr. Ibrahim, there is now a place, date, and time for a community meeting in the southern sector. He stated the details would be added to the chat.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

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

Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas 75202
June 23, 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: Jim Mattingly, Luma; Keri Stitt, Youth180; Charlene Randolph, DCCJ; Laura Edmonds, DCCJ; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Lisa Marshall, City Citizen Homeless Commission; Dave Hogan, Homeward Bound; Hector Faulk, Dallas County; Madeline Reedy, CitySquare; Kimberly Onofre, Sharing Life Ministries; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dallas County Commissioner; Erica McDaniel, Dallas County; Erin Moore, Dallas County; Tzegabrhan Kidane, Dallas County

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

CALL TO ORDER: The minutes were approved without changes.

GOVERNANCE

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness:

Dallas Area Partnership meeting was held June 2, 2022, which was a review of things in progress. Healthy discussions continue for the conditions and status of creating more housing. Dallas County is involved in different housing projects that are moving forward. Efforts remain for building new housing, remodeling existing housing and for people to stay in current housing. The City of Dallas has approved a housing deal with 10 million from Dallas County for an area in the southern sector located near Duncanville that will include 107 units. Programming for residents will focus on jobs, workforce training, financial education, etc. All projects are in various stages of development, and we will continue to report on their progress.

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee:

Next meeting scheduled for June 27.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Report available at next meeting as legislative interim committee meetings are held.

RESOURCES

Shelter Discussions: Sarah Masih, Salvation Army

Report available at next meeting.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty

Eric McCarty reported no new updates on project TBRA at this time. They have a new contract to provide COVID rental assistance; \$1.4 million TANF program-dependent under 18 and behavior health condition, up to \$7,000 in rental assistance. This grant funding can help pay up to four months of rent and utilities with qualifying conditions. Funds are available until September 30, 2022. Further information can be found on their website: NTBHA.org; click services tab.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Report was provided to the group in the meeting packet. They are also moving partnerships forward with eight boarding homes to increase housing options with inmates being released.

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

Although Mr. Lewis was unable to attend in person, he did provide a written report. As of June 23, 2022, there have been 54 homeless participants in receipt of lease funds, 27 searching, 43 EHV open vouchers and 29 homeless participants are scheduled for briefing next week.

CARES Act/ARPA Funds: Hector Faulk, Dallas County

Mr. Faulk reported the RFP for nonprofits funding opportunities closed end of day on meeting day. The ARPA team has been involved in work groups around the county related to partnerships with major service providers.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute: Ron Stretcher

Report available at next meeting.

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: Dave Hogan, Homeward Bound

Dave Hogan reported DPD training video for the Dallas County Deflection Center is still being editing and roll out for services will be following soon. Although this has delayed full operations, the building is ready to go.

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

Report available at next meeting.

Family Housing: Ellen Magnis, Family Gateway

Report was provided to the group in the meeting packet.

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 indicate 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. Discussion followed which indicated the targeted residents factored into that with possible saturation levels with high end apartments and affordable housing continuing as a concern.

Updates and Announcements

- Hector Faulk announced Dallas County Job Fair scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 9am-12pm and encouraged the group to inform others who may be interested in employment with Dallas County.

- MDHA's Hard Conversations will feature a discussion with authors Gregg Colburn and Clayton Page Aldern of their book Homelessness Is a Housing Problem on Friday, June 24 through a virtual event. Register at MDHA website.

The meeting was adjourned with words of maintaining the efforts by Dr. Daniel.

Next Meeting: August 25, 2022



Crisis Services Project

CSP Total
 DY11 CSP Monthly Report_No Graphs(with LCN)
 Last Refresh: 7/7/22 at 9:35:32 AM GMT-05:00

	Past Year Avg	2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	Average:	Sum:
Total Service Episodes:	516	474	470	493	511	572	504	2,520
Total Unique CID:	415	470	451	460	475	517	474.6	2,373
Total Unique PID:		470	451	459	475	517	474.4	2,372
% Change to DY 9 by CID		79.80%	76.57%	78.10%	80.65%	87.78%		

<u>Total Encounters by Type:</u>		2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	Average:	Sum:
Triage		474	470	493	511	572	504	2,520
Care Coordination		435	423	605	406	342	442.2	2,211
F2F Encounter		265	269	305	270	321	286	1,430
Sum:		1,174	1,162	1,403	1,187	1,235	1,232.2	6,161

<u>F2F Encounter</u>		2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	Average:	Sum:
MHPR Bond		136	125	171	134	179	149	745
Non-MHPR		129	144	134	136	142	137	685
Sum:		265	269	305	270	321	286	1,430

<u>Administrative Note</u>		2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	Average:	Sum:
Desk Reviews		3	11	11	13	8	9.2	46



Crisis Services Project

Frank Crowley
 DY11 CSP Monthly Report_No Graphs(with LCN)
 Last Refresh: 7/7/22 at 9:35:32 AM GMT-05:00

	2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	Average:	Sum:
Service Episodes:	474	470	493	511	572	504	2,520

<u>Unique Consumers:</u>	2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	Average:	Sum:
By N* ID	33	49	52	54	56	48.8	244
By LCN	270	193	215	187	223	217.6	1,088
By Client ID	167	209	193	234	238	208.2	1,041
TOTAL Unique Consumers:	470	451	460	475	517	474.6	2,373
TOTAL Unique Consumers as %:	99.16%	95.96%	93.31%	92.95%	90.38%		

<u>Unique F2F:</u>	2022-01	2022-02	2022-03	2022-04	2022-05	Average:	Sum:
By N* ID	15	31	31	24	34	27	135
By LCN	148	129	134	95	135	128.2	641
By Client ID	98	107	137	142	144	125.6	628
TOTAL Unique F2F:	261	267	302	261	313	234	1,404
TOTAL Unique F2F as %:	98.49%	99.26%	99.02%	96.67%	97.51%		



Baseline	Goal	Year MO	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
			01/2022	02/2022	03/2022	04/2022	05/2022	06/2022	07/2022	08/2022	09/2022	10/2022	11/2022	12/2022

M1-262 Depression with Suicide and Homicide Risk

731		SRAT And/Or VRAT Rating Count	79	158	268	357	465							
752		Total of Unique Individuals	80	160	270	360	469							
97.21%	97.54%	Percentage	98.75%	98.75%	99.26%	99.17%	99.15%							

M1-263 Psychosocial/developmental Assessment

679		Number of CSP Encounters	11	34	80	112	168							
743		NTBHA Psychological Evaluations	11	37	88	124	184							
91.39%	92.40%	Percentage	100.00%	91.89%	90.91%	90.32%	91.30%							

M1-265 Housing Assessment for Individuals with Schizophrenia

375		Identified individuals with housing outcome/ housing assessment	29	55	91	116	156							
437		Identified individuals with verified schizophrenia visits within 12 month period.	31	62	96	124	165							
85.81%	87.48%	Percentage	93.55%	88.71%	94.79%	93.55%	94.55%							

**With CSP as the denominator



F2F Recidivism Summary for 01/01/2022 to 05/31/2022

QPI_DY11 Multi-version Recidivism

Last Refresh: 7/7/22 at 9:38:21 AM GMT-05:00

Triage 12 w/F2F	1,259
Recidivism 12-12 w/F2F	141
Recidivism 12-12 w/F2F Percentage	11.20%

Bookins 12 w/PAP	1,645
Recidivism 12-12 w/PAP	140
Recidivism 12-12 w/PAP Percentage	8.51%

Total F2F and PAP	2,904
Recidivistic Individuals	281
Recidivism Percentage	9.68%

	January	February	March	April	May
Year MO	2022/01	2022/02	2022/03	2022/04	2022/05

Triage w/F2F:

Triage 12 w/F2F	239	487	743	980	1,259
Recidivism 12-12	6	24	50	91	141
Recidivism 12-12%	2.51%	4.93%	6.73%	9.29%	11.20%

PAP:

Count of PAP	280	583	934	1,308	1,645
PAP Recidivism	6	10	47	83	140
PAP Recidivism%	2.14%	1.72%	5.03%	6.35%	8.51%

Total:

Count of F2F & PAP	519	1,070	1,677	2,288	2,904
Recidivism F2F& PAP	12	34	97	174	281
Recidivism%	2.31%	3.18%	5.78%	7.60%	9.68%

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
Nexus New	1	3	2	1	1	2	0	1	0				11	23	26	25
Nexus Average Days in Jail from Referral to	17	24	24	20	20	8	8	8	0				14	12	12	8
Homeward Bound New	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	2				12	14	24	11
Homeward Bound Average Days in Jail from Referral to	119	92	90	90	93	102	113	73	78				94	92	79	7
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																
Successful	0	1	2	2	4	1	2	2	2				16	22	43	27
Unsuccessful	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0				5	7	11	3
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2022																
Number of Referrals by Specialty Courts	AIM		6		DWI		0		STAR		4					
	ATLAS		3		IIP		0		Veterans		0					
	Competency		9		Legacy Family		0		4-C		0					
	DDC		0		MHJD/SET		4									
	DIVERT		0		STAC		21									

*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 6

*Nexus Pending Admission: 2

HARRY INGRAM		FY2022 ATLAS STATISTICS											203rd				
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	REV	GRADUATES	PROBATION MODIFICATIONS	DISMISSALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT ATLAS PARTICIPANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER ATLAS PARTICIPANTS	BOND
June	44	1	45	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	43	19	0	0	19

HARRY INGRAM		FY2022 MISDEMEANOR DIVERT MENTAL HEALTH COURT STATS											CCCAP1/WADE				
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	Rediverts	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	DISMISSAL	OTHER	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF GRADUATES	BOND***			
June	10	0	8	18	0	0	0	1	0	1	17	14	1	14			

HARRY INGRAM		FY2022 S.E.T. STATISTICS											291st				
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	REV	GRADUATES	PROBATION MODIFICATIONS	DISMISSALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER PARTICIPANTS	BOND
June	44	9	53	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	50	26	4	0	22

June		FY2022 MHPD STATS														
	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TRIALS	PLEAS	COND. DISM.	REVK	REVC	DISMISSALS	INCOMPETENT	REFERRALS	OTHER COUNSEL APPT.	TOTAL CLOSED			
R. Lenox	277	33	310	0	1	13	0	0	1	0	0	18	33			
L. Strather	382	42	424	0	7	8	0	0	14	0	0	1	30			

June		FY2022 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS														
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATIONS	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
M. Harden	163	7	0	0	0	12	6	5	0	11	5	1	0	0	0	
R. Scott	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

RANDALL SCOTT		FY2022 MISDEMEANOR COMPETENCY STATISTICS														
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATIONS	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
June	160	52	0	0	0	1	0	57	0	25	0	1	0	0	0	15

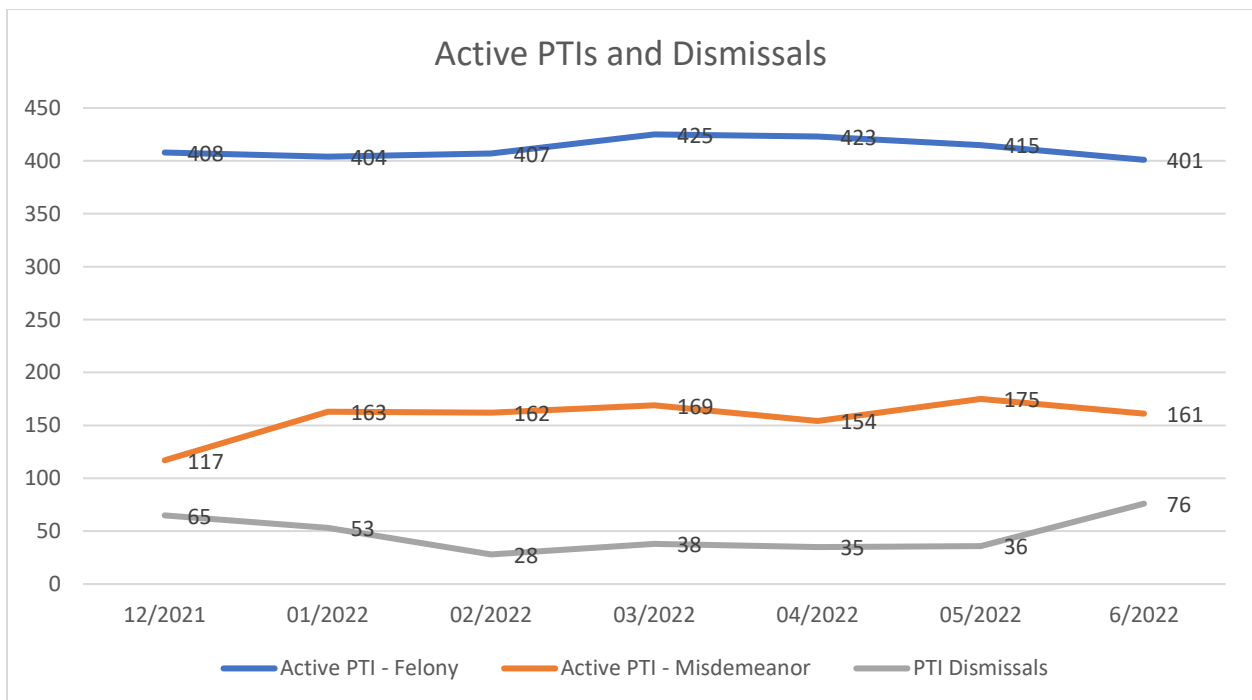
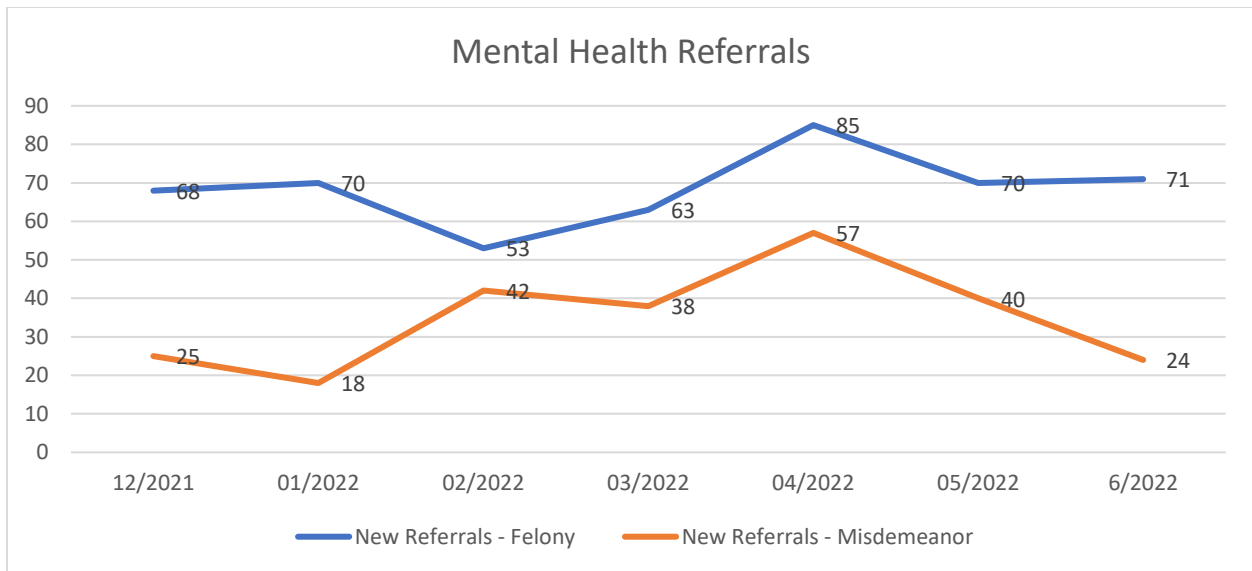
June		MI Court																							
MONTH	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT GREEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT PARKLAND	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	NEW CLIENTS AT GARLAND BEHAVIORAL	NEW CLIENTS AT CLEMENTS (formerly ZALE LIPSHY)	NEW CLIENTS AT HICKORY TRAILS	NEW CLIENTS AT METHO DIST RICHARDSON	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS PRESBYTERIAN	NEW CLIENTS AT VA	NEW CLIENTS AT WELLBRI DGE	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENTS AT PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE	NEW CLIENTS AT THR ARLINGTON	MR/MILLWOOD/HAVEN	PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS HELD	NO CONTEST COMMIT	CONTESTED COMMIT	FORCED MEDS HEARING IN COURT	MODIFICATION HEARINGS	OUTPATIENT COMMIT	INPATIENT COMMIT
L. Roberts	50	9	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	1	3	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	0
C. Cox*	160	0	0	0	133	0	0	6	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	10	0	0	0
K. Nelson	178	0	0	0	61	0	0	99	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	14	13	0	0	0
R. Black	109	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	8	0	0	0

*PD unable to submit stats by deadline.

DAN ECKSTEIN		MHPR BOND STATS										
MONTH	INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS)	MHPR BOND APPOINTMENTS FROM DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS MINUS THOSE SCREENED-OUT)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND GRANTED (# of clients)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND DENIED (# of clients)	TOTAL HEARINGS (# of clients)	Total # of Cases	Total # of Felony Cases	# of Felonies Approved	# of Felonies Denied	Total # of Misd. Cases	# of Misd's Approved	# of Misd's Denied
June	2007	223	48	14	62	97	62	49	13	35	27	8

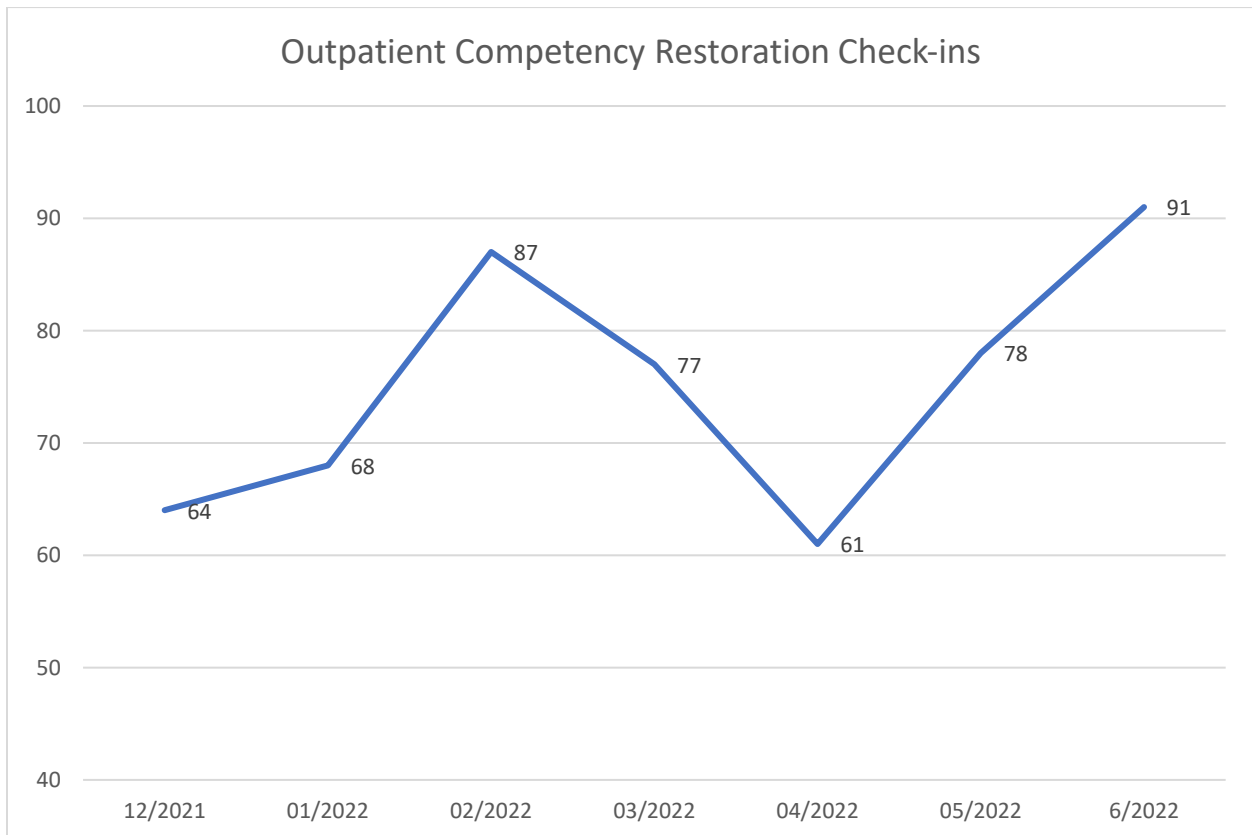
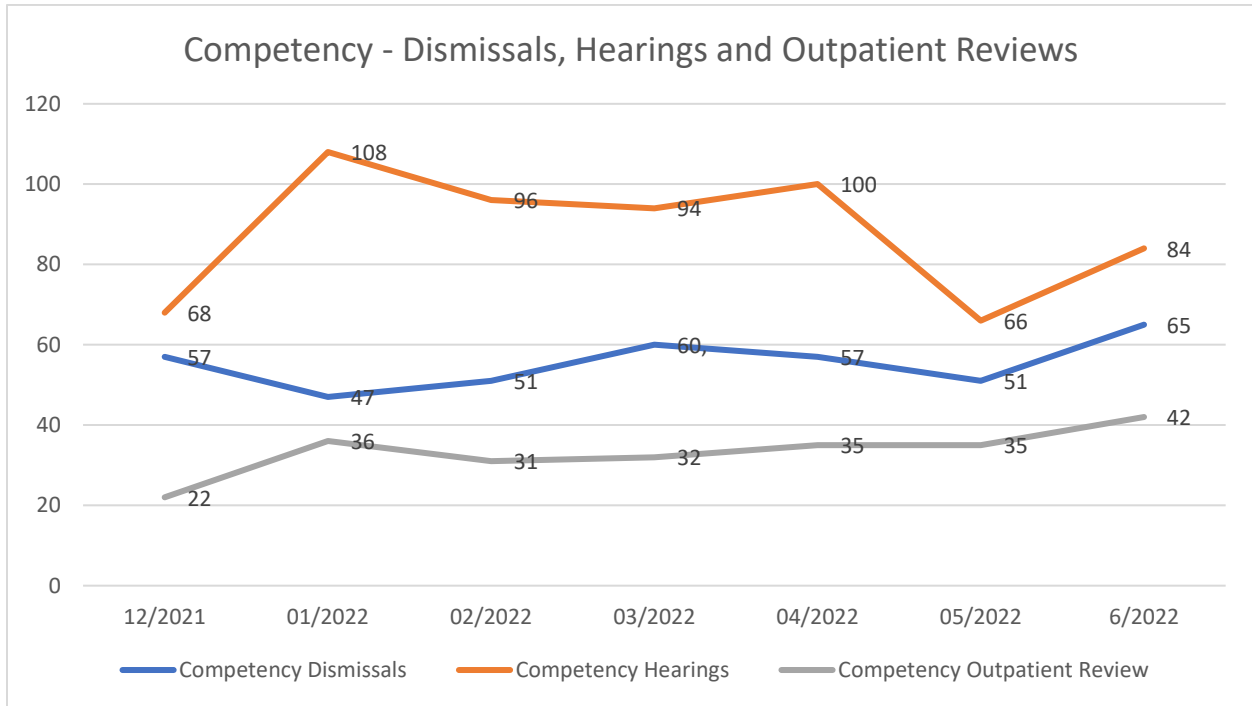


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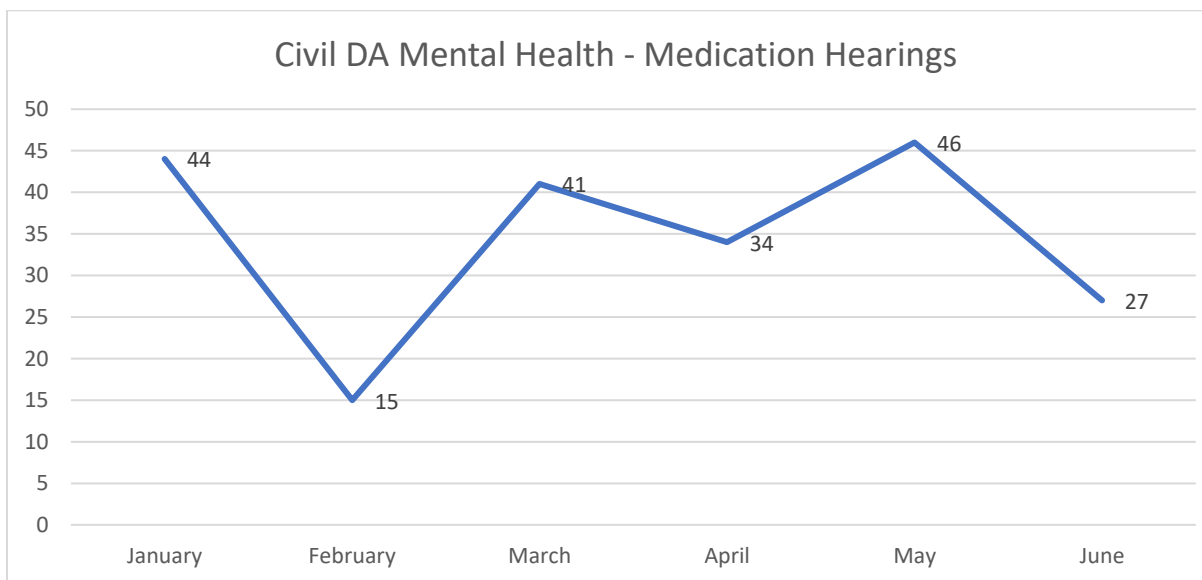
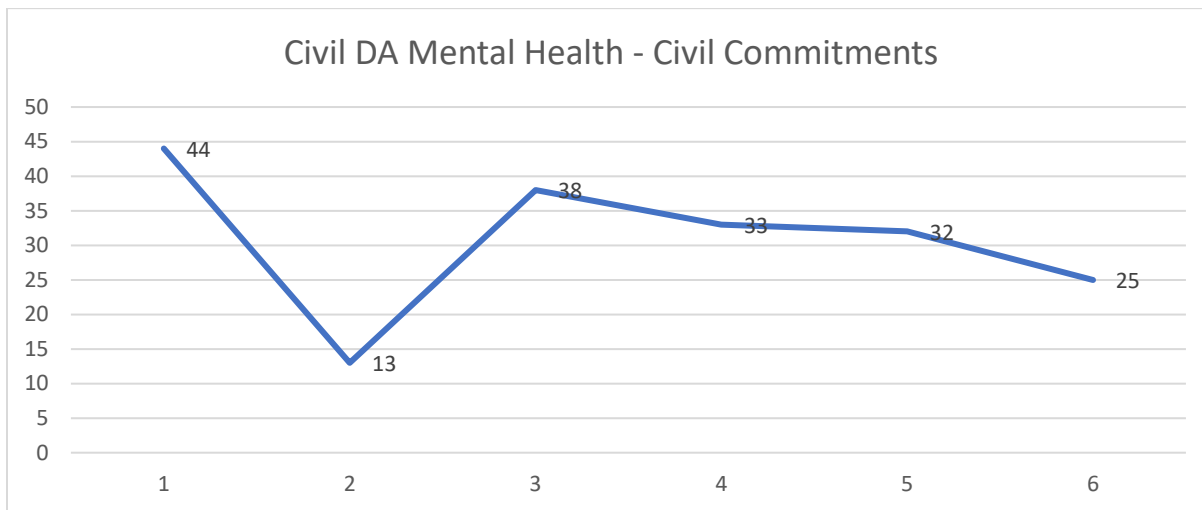
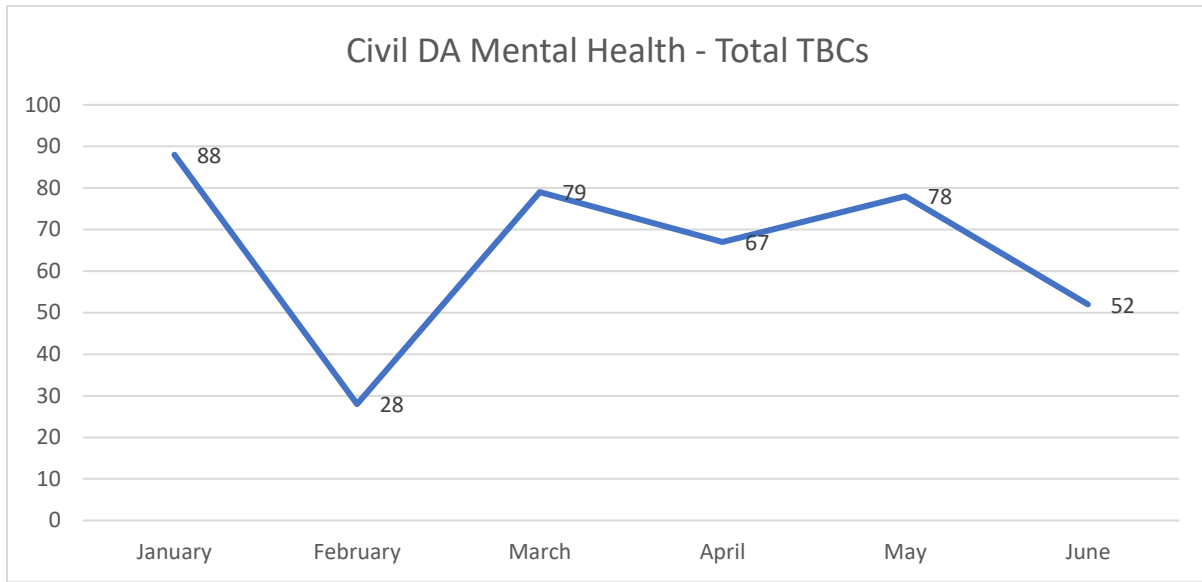


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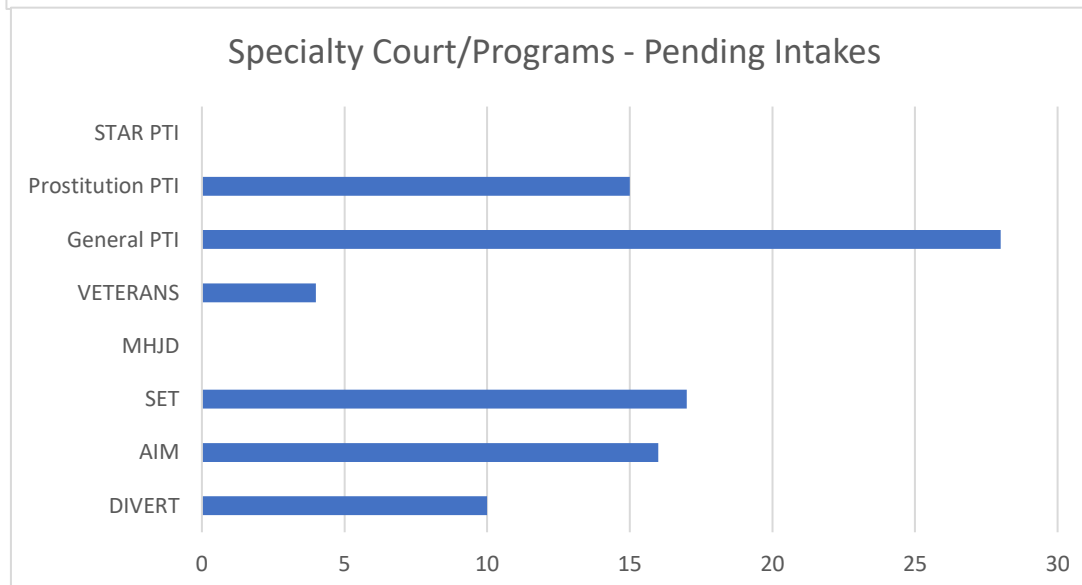
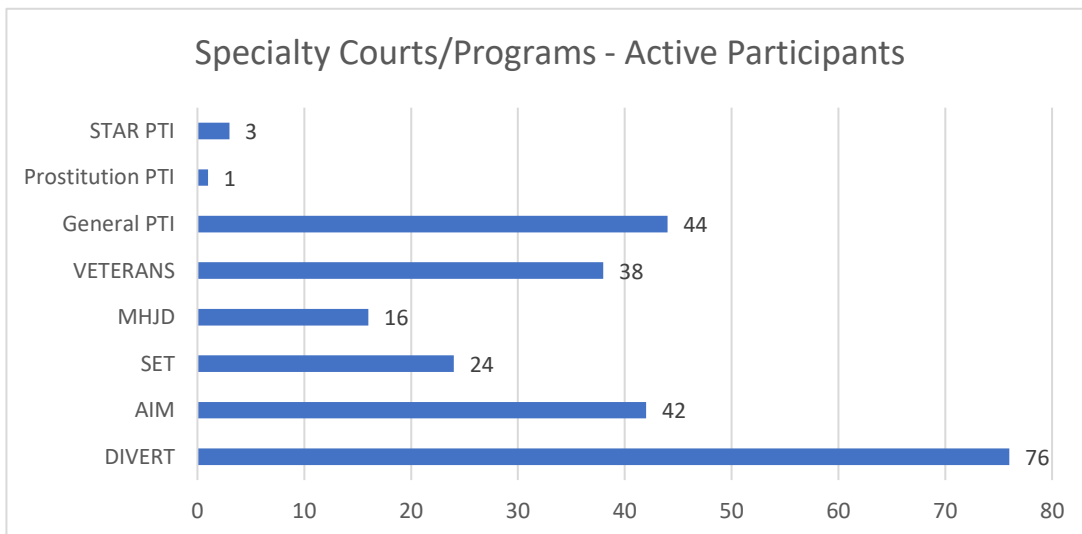


Specialty Courts & Programs

Monthly Statistics - June 2022



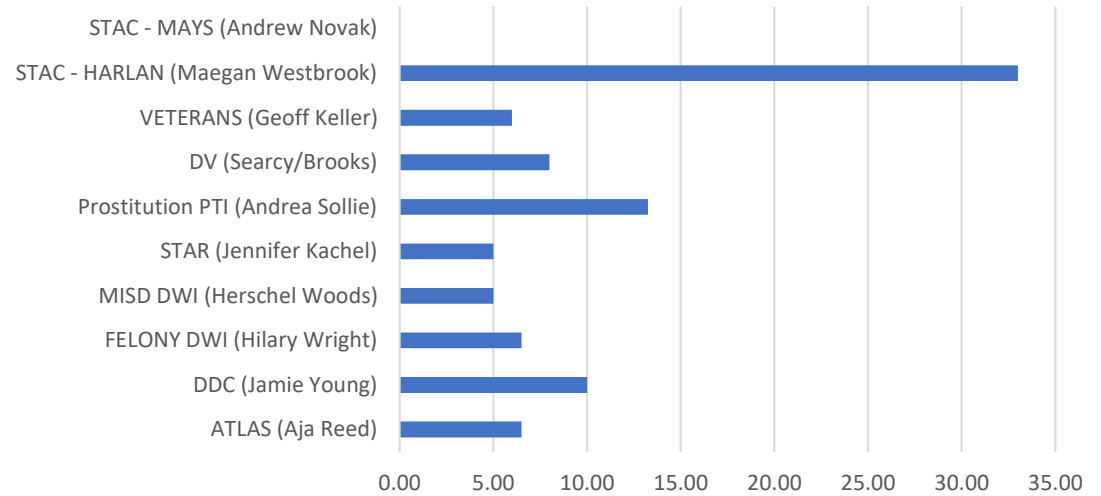
Specialty Court/Program	Pending Intake	Graduated	Failed	Active
DIVERT	10	3	9	76
AIM	16	0	2	42
SET	17	1	1	24
MHJD	0	0	0	16
VETERANS	4	1	1	38
General PTI	28	3	0	44
Prostitution PTI	15	1	0	1
STAR PTI	0	0	0	3



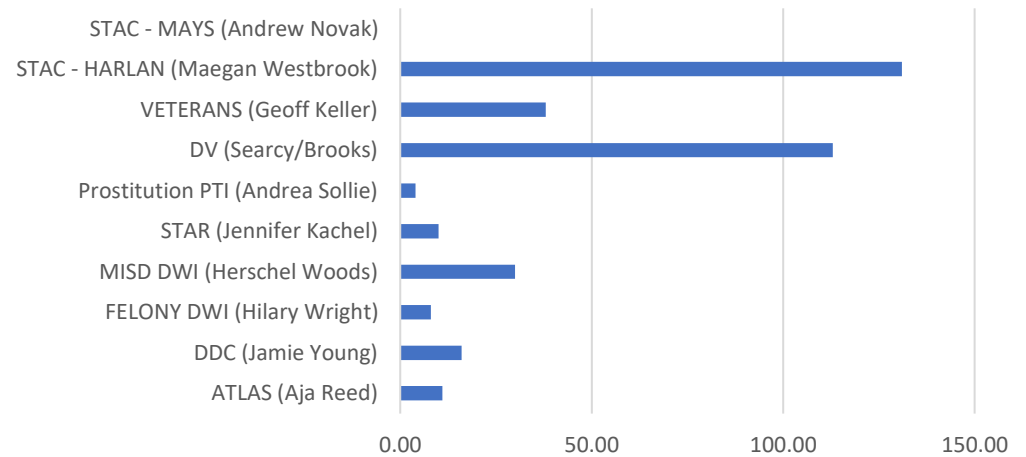
RJD SPECIALTY COURT/PROGRAMS ADA VOLUNTEER HOURS- June 2022

Specialty Court/Program	Hours	Caseload
ATLAS (Aja Reed)	6.50	11.00
DDC (Jamie Young)	10.00	16.00
FELONY DWI (Hilary Wright)	6.50	8.00
MISD DWI (Herschel Woods)	5.00	30.00
STAR (Jennifer Kachel)	5.00	10.00
Prostitution PTI (Andrea Sollie)	13.25	4.00
DV (Searcy/Brooks)	8.00	113.00
VETERANS (Geoff Keller)	6.00	38.00
STAC - HARLAN (Maegan Westbrook)	33.00	131.00
STAC - MAYS (Andrew Novak)	0.00	0.00

Volunteer Hours of Specialty Court/Program ADAs - June 2022



Caseload Numbers of Specialty Court/Program ADA Volunteers - June 2022



**FUSE DATA FY 2021-2022
12 MONTH**

Category Item	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Total Clients Triaged for FUSE	375	340	356	289	278	292	302	295	381	372	347	386
Referral Source												
Jail FUSE Navigator Triage	326	309	321	254	243	267	269	275	341	336	318	335
NTBHA Living Room Referral	8	4	6	0	0	0	3	2	5	2	0	0
Defense Attorney Referral	11	12	15	7	7	10	6	5	3	3	7	5
Shelter/Street FUSE Navigator Referral	15	3	1	15	9	5	12	8	20	18	5	14
Other Referral Source	11	7	9	9	14	7	6	0	7	8	12	24
Pretrial Referral	4	5	4	4	5	3	6	5	5	5	5	8
Client Triage/Referral Outcomes												
Released to Another Program or Agency	9	16	11	8	8	6	5	9	6	11	5	12
Referral Banned from Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate or Interview attempt	14	10	7	3	3	10	6	3	2	7	5	6
Client didn't qualify for FUSE	108	89	127	105	128	104	116	28	134	115	129	159
Immigration Hold	0	1	0	2	1	2	4	2	0	3	1	6
Client report not being Homeless	10	11	4	3	2	4	10	5	3	1	10	5
Released (i.e. Posted Bond)	88	72	58	35	32	36	31	136	90	75	65	64
Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach	14	5	0	7	2	2	3	6	20	18	5	5
FUSE bond denied	2	2	1	2	0	0	5	0	0	4	1	3
Pending Client Referrals												
Waiting on info, Waiting on Bond to Post, and pending attorney response	106	115	123	95	87	99	108	95	110	124	112	101
In Quarantine/Medical/Interview Pending	6	2	7	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	4
Shelter Assignment												
Total Released from Jail to FUSE	18	17	18	23	12	21	14	11	16	14	13	19
Austin Street Center	3	7	5	4	3	8	8	6	5	5	7	6
The Bridge	11	6	3	12	4	7	3	4	5	4	3	6
Salvation Army	4	4	7	7	5	6	0	1	6	5	3	7
Qualified Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach	8	0	0	2	0	3	3	1	6	10	5	2
Other	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
No Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelter Connection Rate												
Austin Street Center	1	2	2	3	0	4	8	2	1	2	2	3
The Bridge	4	5	1	2	1	4	3	2	3	1	2	4
Salvation Army	4	3	2	6	4	5	0	1	3	1	1	2
Other	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	4	1	2
No Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Client Abscond/Did Not Connect	9	7	12	12	7	8	2	6	9	6	8	10
Housed	2	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Housing Priority List or Info sent to MDHA	1	6	3	5	0	8	5	3	3	2	2	2

BHLT MEETING

SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

July 14, 2022

Report(s):

Legislative Reports



Summary of Hearing—June 28, 2022 House Human Services Committee State Hospital and Forensic Waitlists

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.

Interim Charge:

Monitor the current status of the state hospital system, including the forensic bed waitlist.

Links to Hearing and Hearing Documents:

- The discussion of State Hospitals and Forensic Waitlist is at approximately 03:36:40 to end.
- Presentation by HHSC:
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/presentation-to-the-house-human-services-committee.pdf>
- Link to 2014 Analysis of the Ten-Year Plan for the Provision of Services to Persons Served by State Psychiatric Hospitals by CannonDesign:
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5bec7c0a1137a6f21d74e0ee/t/604ce0813a2cb004c0352b85/1615650992047/Appendix+1+-+DSHS+Report+2014+-+Cannon+Report.pdf>
- Link to 2014 State Hospital Long Term Plan:
<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/legislative/2015/Rider83-State-Hospital-Long-Term-Plan.pdf>
- Link to 2017 Comprehensive Plan for State-Funded Inpatient Mental Health Services:
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/about-hhs/process-improvement/plan-state-funded-inpatient-mhs-aug-2017.pdf>

Invited Testimony

Scott Schalchlin—Deputy Executive Commissioner, Health and Specialty Care System

Mr. Schalchlin presents from approximately 03:36:40 to 04:08:47

Psychiatric Facilities owned by HHSC

- Current census is approximately 1500 persons.
- Texas State Hospitals (9) owned and operated by HHSC:
 - Austin State Hospital
 - Big Spring State Hospital
 - El Paso Psychiatric Center
 - Kerrville State Hospital
 - North Texas State Hospital
 - Wichita Falls Campus
 - Vernon Campuses
 - San Antonio State Hospital
 - Rio Grande State Center
 - Rusk State Hospital
 - Terrell State Hospital
 - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center for Youth in Waco
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center for Youth in Waco
- John S. Dunn Psychiatric Hospital is owned by HHSC and operated by UT Health Houston.
- Contracted beds at three facilities.
- New State Hospital in Dallas is currently in design phase
 - Original plan was for 200 beds
 - Children’s Medical Center has donated \$22 million to add 100 pediatric beds

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Challenges to Texas State Hospital System

Increase in forensic admissions

- 65% of current state hospital admissions are forensic. (See Chart on page 4 of presentation).
- Increase in forensic admissions means a corresponding decrease in revenue from third party payers that formerly came from non-forensic civil and voluntary admissions.

Staffing Shortages

- HHSC has lost approximately 20% of its workforce, leading to taking beds out of operation.
- HHSC reduced the number of beds to meet Joint Commission accreditation standards.
- 7,384 positions were filled before COVID pandemic.
- 6,023 positions were filled in June 2022.
- State hospitals currently have 2449 funded beds, but only 1732 currently staffed beds due to staffing shortages and aging, dilapidated facilities in unusable condition.
- Approximately 700 funded beds are currently unstaffed.

Retention and Recruitment Efforts

- Over 760 bonuses to nurses (RNs and LVNs) and psychiatric nurse assistants (PNAs).
- One-time merit bonuses
- Salary increases

Current State Hospital Capacity

Name of State-Operated Hospital	# of Beds Funded	Specified Purpose	# of Beds Currently Staffed
Austin S. H.	263	30 Pediatric	170
Big Spring S.H.	144	Non-Maximum Security	131
El Paso Psychiatric	71	Non-Maximum Security	51
Kerrville S.H.	220	70 Maximum Security	160
North Texas S.H. —Wichita Falls	268	24 Pediatric	189
North Texas SH —Vernon	262	262 Maximum Security	169
North Texas S.H. —Vernon South	32	32 Secure Adolescent	20
Rio Grande State Center	52	Non-Maximum Security	52
Rusk S.H.	288	40 Maximum Security	178
San Antonio S.H.	262	Non-Maximum Security	193
Terrell S.H.	305	35 Pediatric	170
Waco Center for Youth	74	74 Adolescent Residential	41
Name of Hospital Operated by External Partners			
John S Dunn BH Center	48	Non-Maximum Security	48
Mongomery Co. MH	96	Non-Maximum Security	96
Palestine Regional Hospital	20	Non-Maximum Security	20
UT Health Northeast-Tyler	44	Non-Maximum Security	44
TOTAL	2449		1732

State Hospital Construction Projects Currently in Progress

Name of State Hospital	# of Beds	Replacement /New	Specified Purpose	Completion Date
Austin S.H.	263	Replacement	Non-maximum Security	November 2023
Kerrville S.H.	70	New	Maximum Security	September 2022
Rusk S. H.	100 100	Replacement New	Non-maximum Security Maximum Security	May 2023
San Antonio S.H.	262 40	Replacement New	Non-maximum Security	January 2024
Dallas SH / UT-Southwestern	300	200 New 100 New	Non-Maximum Security Pediatric (Children's Medical Center)	2024

- This represents 625 replacement beds in progress and 510 new beds in progress.

Forensic Waitlist

- In 2019, Texas had 883 people on the forensic waitlist.
- Currently there are approximately 2,400 people on the forensic waitlist.
 - Approximately 885 people were waiting for a maximum security bed in May 2022.
 - Approximately 1,470 people were waiting for a non-maximum security forensic bed.

Initiatives to Reduce Waitlists

- Jail in-reach, collaboration, consultation, competency re-evaluations.
- Step-down pilot has provided housing in four homes to 25 people to assist state hospital patients to transition back to the community.
- Standardized Competency Restoration curriculum, training materials and resources to be used in all State Hospitals.

Charles Reed—Assistant County Administrator, Dallas County

Mr. Reed's presentation is from approximately 04:08:48 to 04:23:17 (end of hearing).

Dallas County Commissioners Court Resolution presented by Mr. Reed:

<https://dallascounty.civicweb.net/document/700932/Mental%20Health%20Resolution.pdf?handle=1D91F2032D9F4C4396B3FC858C89153A>

Effects of State Hospital Wait Lists on County Governments

Increased Appropriations by 87th Legislature for behavioral Health

- The 87th Texas Legislature increased behavioral health funding to HHSC by over \$500 million more than the previous biennium.
 - However, in March 2022, 30% of state hospital beds were unstaffed, even with additional appropriations.
- The new state hospital in Dallas is welcome.
 - Despite this, Texas will still be underwater on beds the day it opens.

Wait lists shift burden from state to counties.

- State hospital waitlists shift the financial burden for people needing psychiatric hospitalization from HHSC to the local county property taxpayer.

Effects of State Hospital Wait Lists on County Governments—continued

- There has been an approximately 300% increase in wait times.
- In May 2022, 400 people in Dallas County jail were waiting for competency restoration at the state hospital.
- Currently the average wait time for competency restoration for misdemeanors is: 401 days for males, 353 days for females, longer than the maximum sentence.
- By comparison, in 2017, wait time for competency restoration for misdemeanors was: 166 days for males, and 47 days for females.
- Many people so long waiting for a trial that they have to be released.
 - They may have been innocent but were never tried.
 - They spent all that time in jail but did not get the treatment they needed.
- Waitlists for maximum security beds are even longer.
 - Maximum security waitlist is 822 days for males and 315 days for females.
 - 2017 maximum security waitlist was 440 days for males and 160 days for females.
- Costs to Counties
 - Dallas County spends up to \$470 per day per inmate in jail awaiting a state hospital bed.
 - This adds up to \$5.5 million per month (\$66 million per year) over previous years, for services that should be provided in a state hospital.
- Counties have “no one to pass the buck to”.
 - Counties cannot simply shut down beds and refuse to admit people accused of crimes.
 - Counties “can’t be unsuccessful in hiring”.
 - Counties are paying tremendous amounts in overtime for jail staff.
 - The vast majority of people in the Dallas County Jail do not have insurance or any other private payer to cover costs of behavioral health care.
- Before COVID pandemic
 - Dallas County jail population was approximately 4,600.
 - This week, the jail population was over 6000.
 - Average census is 1,400 people more than pre-pandemic levels.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

- Dallas County has used approximately \$20 million in ARPA funds it received to supplement additional mental health services at NTBHA and Metrocare.
- Dallas County recommends that Texas use more of its ARPA funds to improve mental health services.

Remarks by Committee Members

- Chair James Frank observed that since the individuals are waiting for state hospital care, perhaps the funds to care for those waiting in county jails for state hospital beds should come from HHSC, rather than being shifted to counties, particularly since state hospitals were funded to staff beds that they currently have closed.

Remarks by Committee—continued

- Representative Toni Rose gave an impassioned description of the plight of individuals in jail who are experiencing psychosis, and lengthy waits for competency restoration. She asked about the implementation of [HB 211](#), passed by the 84th Legislature (2015) which requires judges to notify attorneys that an accused person has returned from the state hospital, to set case within 48 hours and to have the trial within two weeks. Mr. Reed noted that there are no penalties on judges for noncompliance. He also asked the legislators to not contemplate financial penalties on the judges, as those would also simply fall on counties.
- Rep. Stephanie Klick suggested that perhaps HB 211 would be strengthened by lowering a noncompliant judge's court efficiency score.





Summary of Joint Hearing—June 15, 2022
House Corrections Committee
House County Affairs Committee
Behavioral Health Services in County Jails

Corrections Committee Members:

Representative Andrew Murr-Chair, Representative Alma Allen-Vice Chair.

Members: Representatives Ernest Bailes, Dustin Burrows, Trey Martinez-Fischer, Eddie Rodriguez, Carl Sherman Sr., Bryan Slaton, James White.

County Affairs Committee Members:

Representative Lynn Stucky-Chair, Representative Charles ‘Doc’ Anderson-Vice Chair.

Members: Representative Jeff Cason, Jolanda Jones, Oscar Longoria, Ray Lopez, David Spiller, Phil Stephenson, John Turner.

Interim Charge:

For individuals in county jails and TDCJ facilities, or on community supervision on parole, examine:

- The availability of behavioral health services: and
- The current treatment and recovery options available for those who are experiencing withdrawal from drug and alcohol use.

Make recommendations for best practices to address the needs of individuals requiring treatment.

Links to Hearing

https://tlchouse.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=46&clip_id=23296

Links to Agency Presentations:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/handouts/C2002022061510001/C2002022061510001.PDF>

Invited Testimony

Bryan Collier—Executive Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Most of Mr. Collier’s testimony concerned the escape of an inmate who was at-large for 21 days, subsequently murdered Mark, Waylon, Carson Hudson and Bryson Collins before being killed in a shoot-out with law enforcement officers.

Behavioral Health Services at TDCJ

- TDCJ conducts screenings upon intake including chemical dependency, mental health, foster care history, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and Intelligence Quotient.
- Mr. Collier noted that the average IQ score for inmates is 90.
- TDCJ provides mental health care, sex offender treatment, cognitive intervention and substance use treatment.
- Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) contracts with LBHAs/LMHAs to ensure continuity of care for inmates upon release.
- Currently piloting Technology Assisted Treatment for parolees.

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Brandon Woods—Executive Director, Texas Commission on Jail Standards

- Mental health services are required at county jails, considered at same level as medical care.
- Screenings for behavioral health needs conducted at booking.
- Training related to intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) has been initiated. IDD Advisory Committee making recommendations on additional jail standards related to inmates with IDD.
- More county jails are using telehealth for mental health services with good outcomes.
- New requirement to have sheriffs on LBHA/LMHA boards is helpful.
- Some jails provide behavioral health services at ‘gold standard’ best practices rather than merely meeting minimum standards.

Sonja Gaines—Deputy Executive Commissioner, Intellectual and Developmental Disability and Behavioral Health Services, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

- HHSC and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) use the Texas Law Enforcement Communication System (TLETS) to exchange data to identify special needs offenders.
- Individuals are screened for suicide risk, and other medical, mental or developmental impairments in order to assist with continuity of care.
- HHSC waitlist reduction efforts:
 - Forensic waitlist reduction pilot working with state hospitals, HHSC office of Forensic Medicine, Judicial Commission on mental Health, ten LBHAs/LMHAs.
 - Grants to 23 LBHAs/LMHAs in 45 counties to address physical or behavioral health needs to reduce recidivism.
 - Six Jail-Based Competency Restoration Programs served 537 defendants in FY 2021. Competency was restored for 222 individuals.
 - 18 LBHAS/LMHAS provided Outpatient Competency Restoration services to 253 people in FY 2021. 57% had competency restored or charges dropped.
 - Certified Peer Specialists provided services to assist transition from jail to community-based care
 - Outreach, Screening, Assessment, Referral (OSAR) services offered to incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders (SUD).
 - Goal to provide treatment for opioid use disorder for incarcerated persons and to improve medication assisted treatment (MAT) and recovery support for inmates prior to release.
 - 11 peer recovery support organizations provide peer support, recovery housing, employment and re-entry support to 3,041 people.
- SB 292 has allowed innovative local collaboratives.

Joseph V. Penn, MD, CCHP, FAPA, Director of Mental Health Services University of Texas Medical Branch Correctional Managed Care (CMC).

- UTMB provides mental health services for approximately 80% of TDCJ inmates.
- Over 19,000 inmates on psychotropic medications.
- Number of inmates on UTMB’s mental health caseload has increased from approximately 11,000 in 2004 to just under 23,000 in April 2022.

UTMB--continued

- The percentage of the TDCJ census on the mental health caseload has increased from 9.3% in 2004 to 24.2% in April 2022.
- Special programs include for mental health, suicide prevention, violence prevention, prison rape elimination, treatment and relapse prevention, trauma therapy, baby-mother bonding, developmental disabilities program, therapeutic diversion programs,
- Telepsychiatry, telepsychology have increased access to services for inmates.
- Severity and comorbidity of mental illness among inmates is increasing.
 - Need for additional in-patient and step-down spaces for inmates with serious and persistent mental illnesses (SMI).
 - Most inmates with SMI also have other chronic medical conditions.
 - Aging inmates experiencing comorbidities including dementia, neurocognitive disorders, head injuries.
 - Self-mutilating, self-harming behaviors.
 - Long-term effects of COVID: Long-haul syndrome in inmates, burnout among staff.

Shirley Marks, MD, MPH, DLFAPA-Regional Director, Behavioral Health Services Tamarra Mason, MA, MBA, Managing Director, Behavioral Health Services Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Managed Care.

- Provides behavioral health services for approximately 20% of TDCJ inmates.
- Serves 19 facilities between Fort Stockton and Dalhart and west of Wichita Falls, Breckenridge and Brownwood.
- 1005 psychiatric beds.
- Outpatient encounters have increased from 3348 in August 2017 to 5901 in May 2022.

Jarvis Anderson-Director, Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

Bexar County is about to launch a Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR) pilot program for probationers which will provide MAT, overdose prevention and peer support.

- Over 100 probationers tested positive for opioids last month.
- Employs telehealth for counseling. Could be used anywhere in Texas.

Brian Hawthorn-Sheriff, Chambers County representing Sheriffs Association of Texas.

- Emphasized the importance and value of having Sheriffs on LBHA/LMHA Boards.
- Each LBHA/LMHA is different. Sheriff doesn't always know what services LBHA/LMHA could provide.
- Most jails have increased use of telehealth for medical and mental health.
- Mental Health Deputies are very helpful.

Eduardo Arredondo—Burnet County Attorney Colleen Davis—First Assistant County Attorney, Burnet County

- No mental health facilities, no psychiatrists in Burnet County.

- 3 to 4 Deputies working on shift at any given time. Transporting an individual to a mental health facility in Travis or Williamson Counties takes Deputy off shift for five to six hours.
- Mental Health Deputies or experienced workers at LMHA often leave for higher paying opportunities.
- Limited medication formularies in county jails.
- Mental health hospitals or mental health courts are not fiscally feasible for rural counties, but a regional diversion center with emergency and respite beds, transitional housing, regional mental health court with a regional judge for multiple counties could bring speedier access to care and to justice.
- Help people in crisis at earlier stages before they commit felony offenses. Intervene early at school level, truancy court and juvenile court, early in CPS, misdemeanor levels when more options for treatment and diversion are available.
- Standards for hospitalizations sometimes prevent getting a person in crisis effective care. Immediate/Current danger to self and others criteria often isn't accurate at the time the officer is on-scene, but arrest is an option to get person help and treatment. Speakers believe there needs to be a way to intervene and get the person to treatment before Sequential Intercept 1.

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Written Testimony

Dallas County provided a handout and the following recommendations:

- Increase funding for community supervision and local mental health authorities in order to increase treatment availability and access.
- Consider requiring Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to be required in treatment programs that handle individuals who experience withdrawal from drugs or alcohol.
- Increase the number of bilingual staff.

Texas Jail Project provided a handout and the following recommendations:

- Referred to recommendations contained in 2016 publication entitled “Preventable Tragedies: How to Reduce Mental Health -Related Deaths in Jails by University of Texas Civil Rights Law Clinic. <https://law.utexas.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2016/11/2016-11-CVRC-Preventable-Tragedies.pdf>
- Direct Texas Commission on Jail Standards to develop new protocols and management actions which would allow families to provide information about medical and psychiatric histories of their loved one to the jail.
- Appoint a staff member as the designated family liaison for communication around medical issues and medical releases.
- Address the gap in continuity of care and formulary prescriptions for the forensic population returning to county jails from state hospitals using the prescription reimbursement program under the Forensic Office of the Health and Human Services Commission,

Texas Probation Association (TPA)

- Basic supervision and Community Corrections programs are deteriorating,
- Probation population is riskier and have higher mental health and SUD needs.
- Funding formulas for Community Supervision and Corrections Department is archaic.
- Many departments struggle to funds for behavioral health services, especially for inmates transferred to other jurisdictions.
-