



**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2024**  
**9:30am -11:00am**  
**In-Person & Virtual Meetings via Microsoft Teams**

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
  - Review/Approval of May 9, 2024, 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. Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update
- VII. Legislative Update
- VIII. Funding Opportunities
  - SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update
  - Community Courts Grant Update – Public Defender’s Office (PD)
  - Restorative Justice Division Update – District Attorney’s Office (RJD)
- IX. Upcoming Events and Notifications
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Adjournment



**DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**Minutes of the Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 9, 2024**  
**<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 9:30 AM. 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.

The Commissioners present were Commissioner John Wiley Price and Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel. Commissioner Price entertained a motion for opening the meeting. A motion was made and seconded by another participant. The motion was unanimously passed by the committee members.

**Review/Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the BHLT meeting held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, were included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Price offered an opportunity for the minutes to be reviewed and approved. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Introductions**

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

- Jennifer Wadsworth- Chief Clinical Officer, Metrocare Services
- Jasmine Brown- Director of Outpatient Operations, Metrocare Services

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

**Dr. Walter Taylor**, NTBHA, provided the update. Dr. Taylor reports that NTBHA served 25,412 adults and 8,017 children and overall exceeded their monthly target. Dr. Taylor reported that NTBHA has ratified their Youth Crisis Outreach Team which will function similarly to the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team, focusing specifically on youth who are involved with the Department of Family Protective Services. Dr. Taylor reported the state has granted NTBHA \$1.75 million dollars with no match required for this initiative.

**Matt Roberts**, NTBHA, reported the 48-bed competency program, now has nine participants at one hospital, others have been approved and are transferring next week. The second hospital has four individuals with more pending review. NTBHA is waiting to see if the third hospital will go into contract with them, if not, those beds will go back to the participating hospital.

### **Meadows Mental Health Policy Institution (MMHPI)**

**Ron Stretcher**, MMHPI, reported that MMHPI is doing research on intergenerational incarceration and will be reaching out to the community and the criminal justice system for assistance. Mr. Stretcher also stated that MMHPI has Caruth funding that allows them to do work with schools on identifying appropriate level of care services for children and adolescents.

Commissioner Price requested a report detailing Deflection Center deliverables, operations and expenditure to help dictate best practices. Julie Turnbull, District Attorneys Office, stated D.A. Creuzot planned on meeting with the Commissioners to review the findings of the report completed by MMHPI evaluators.

**Doug Denton**, Homeward Bound, introduced Carla Rouse, the Deflection Center's Mental Health Clinical Director.

### **Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup (BHHWG)**

No report was provided during this meeting.

### **Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update**

**Yordanos Melake**, Program Manager, Criminal Justice Department provided the update. Ms. Melake reported for the month of April, there were 2,903 magistrate orders for 16.22 screenings with 2,022 completed, 215 defendants refused screenings and 550 defendants unable to be located. Ms. Melake reported the Mental Health Advisory Committee last met Tuesday April 9 and will continue to meet every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month with the next meeting scheduled for June 11.

### **Legislative Update**

**Janie Metzinger**, directed the committee to the Interim Charges from the Senate within the meeting packet. Ms. Metzinger pinpointed a few; The Defense and Veteran Affairs' suicide prevention, Human Services' interim charges on Intellectual Developmental Disabilities, Public Health's response to mental health emergencies, Youth and Safety had one on behavioral health for at risk youth and Health and Human Services had several children's mental health access to health care, health insurance and monitoring.

### **Funding Opportunities Updates**

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

**Marcus Turner**, Criminal Justice Department, provided the update. Mr. Turner reported that there were six new SAMHSA admissions to Nexus Recovery Center with an average wait time of 15 days, Homeward Bound had five admissions with an average wait time of 19 days. Mr. Turner reported that there were nine total discharges for the month of March, six successful and three unsuccessful. Mr. Turner reported that SAMHSA is on track to meeting all their metrics. Mr. Turner also provided one success story on a client from Homeward Bound who decided to return to the center upon successful discharge to volunteer his time.

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

**Paul Blocker**, Interim Chief, Public Defender's Office. Mr. Blocker reported the PD's Office has been able to onboard two attorneys into the positions funded by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission and looking to onboard two case workers by the end of June. Mr. Blocker reported the PD's Office is working with stakeholders to address the state hospital

wait list. Mr. Blocker stated, the PD's Office plans to give a presentation to the BHLT committee by September.

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

**Julie Turnbull**, District Attorney's Office referred to the report in the BHLT packet. Ms. Turnbull reminded the committee that it is Mental Health Month and encouraged everyone to come by the sixth floor, District Attorney's Mental Health Division where they will provide popcorn and goodie bags.

### **Upcoming Events and Notifications**

**Dr. Athena Trentin**, NAMI North Texas, announced the NAMI walk May 18 at 9:30 am at the Rider's Field in Frisco. Dr. Trentin also announced the North Texas Mental Health Symposium on November 14 2024.

**Patrick LeBlanc**, Bridging the Gap, announced the Men of Color, Health and Wellness Summit on June 8 at Southern Hills Church of Christ – 6969 C.F. Hawn Freeway.

**Dr. Walter Taylor**, NTBHA announced that Dr. Morrow will be providing a training May 18, on Men's Mental Health and Mental Wellness, called "The Things That Make Men Cry", in partnership with Friendship Baptist Church in Rockwall County.

**Kerry Marshall**, NAMI Dallas Southern Sector, announced a virtual presentation today, Thursday May 9 at 7pm, "Culture and Society: Influencers of Mental Wellness" with Patrick LeBlanc as speaker.

**Veronica Moore**, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, announced that CMS has released new information related to mental health and substance use disorders, specifically around their behavioral health strategy and information regarding access to expanded telehealth services, behavioral health services in nursing homes, finalized rules related to Medicare Advantage plans and expanded support for reentry and care transitions for justice involved individuals.

**Lynn Richardson**, Assistant Dallas County Administrator, announced she is now Assistant County Administrator. Mrs. Richardson states she will continue to attend the BHLT meetings as she is able. Mrs. Richardson encouraged the committee to reach out to her regarding any questions or concerns.

**Jasmine Brown**, Metrocare Services, announced Metrocare now has an extended hour family clinic at the Westmoreland Adult Outpatient clinic and Pharmacy Monday through Friday from 5:00pm to 10:00pm and Saturday 8:00am to 2:00pm. Individuals can walk in as an evaluation or a scheduled appointment and receive immediate services with a member of the medical team, licensed clinicians, peer support services and qualified mental health professionals that will help link them to community benefits as needed.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Price thanked everyone for their service. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

# DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

2023-24	23-Sep	23-Oct	23-Nov	23-Dec	24-Jan	24-Feb	24-Mar	24-Apr	24-May	24-Jun	24-Jul	24-Aug	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL TRIAGED</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>357</b>
<b>Referral Source</b>													
Dallas PD													0
SC Div	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	4	2	1			22
SW Div	2	3			1	4		2	2	1			15
SE Div	2	1	1	1	2	1		1					9
NC Div	1	2	1			1	2						7
NE Div	1	1	1		1	1	5	2	1	2			15
NW Div		1		1			2	2	2	1			9
CEN Div	1	4		2	5	2	1	3	2				20
Right Care	1					1	1	1	1				5
Dallas Marshal - CDC										1			1
College Campus PD	1												1
Great SW Coalition				2	1		4	1	1				9
SE Coalition	2	3		1	3	1	2	4	1				17
NTBHA MCOT/CTI	5	11	9	10	19	7	2	8	11	1			83
Garland PD				2	1								3
Irving PD	2	3							2				7
DART PD	3	8	11	9	20	17	19	17	17	3			124
Parkland-Baylor PD	2	2		1		2	1	2					10
<b>TRIAGE OUTCOME</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Psych Crisis Residential	1			1									2
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt									1				1
Living Room-NTBHA*		9			2	3	6	1	7	1			29
CMHP Services					1								1
ACT Team	3	0		2	1								6
OTHER SUD Services	2	3			1	3		3	3	1			16
Shelter													0
Austin Street			2		2		2	1	2	1			10
Bridge	1	1		1	1	5	3	4	4	1			21
Salvation Army		1	1		1		1	1	1				6
Union Gospel Mission		1											1
Other		1			1		2		2				6
Home-Family-Friends	3	4	6	8	15	8	8	11	9	3			75
Boarding Home/PSH	2	2	3	2	3	4	3	1	2				22
Higher Level of Care													0
Behavioral Health	1	2	1	2	4	1	1		1				13
Physical Health	1	4	2	5	6	5	2	6	2				33
Veterans Administration	2												2
APOW/W or Arrest					1								1
LEA Maintained Custody	3			1	2	1		3	1				11
Still in Service		3	5	4	10	1		1	2	1			27
Refused Services	5	10	5	6	5	8	13	15	5	2			74

**Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dallas Texas 75202**

**May 22, 2024 Minutes**

**Mission Statement:** The Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Work Group (DCBHWG), 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 DCBHWG is committed to a data driven decision-making process with a focus on data supported outcomes.

**ATTENDEES:** Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dallas County Commissioner; Erin Moore, Dallas County; Laura Edmons, DCCJ; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Quincy McKinnon, Metrocare; Tzeggabran Kidane, Dallas County; Tom Ervin, Dallas County; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Kimberly Onofre, Mesquite Sharing Life; Lisa Marshall, Fighting Homelessness; Jim Mattingly, LumaCorp; David Gruber, Housing Forward; Larry Gordon, Downtown Dallas Inc.; Trey Wisely, DC IT;

***Dr. Daniel opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.***

**CALL TO ORDER:** The minutes were approved with no changes.

## **GOVERNANCE**

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County  
Commissioner Daniel reported that over the last few years major strides have been made in the housing/homeless arena and now more than ever, organizations are now talking to one another about the services provided. Jim Mattingly pointed out that with the injection of funding into the organizations as a result of Covid, we are seeing a downward trend of homelessness within Dallas and Collin counties. In other parts of the country, housing and homelessness issues are trending upward. David Gruber described the Covid funding as a “once in a generation” type of funding and he reported that if organizations did not factor in sustainability, homeless numbers would begin to increase again.

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee: Erin Moore, Dallas County

Erin Moore reported that the committee has continued to meet and review eviction prevention data. They are also continuing to monitor the issues of RSV, Covid-19, and influenza in the shelters. The analysis of the individual cost of homelessness in Dallas County is also ongoing and they are gathering data to provide a holistic view of the cost of an individual being homeless versus those who are housed. Commissioner Daniel reported that there are a few different organizations trying to calculate the cost from their vantage point. There was also discussion of how the criminal justice department calculates homelessness and the impact it has on the jail population.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger stated that interim charges have finally been set. The senate started their hearings two weeks ago. One of the senate hearings is focusing on veteran services and having a more centralized database that will allow veterans easier access to connect to services including housing. Another topic of note is the House Youth and Safety area. They are exploring youth behavioral health services and are looking at children that are at an increased risk of becoming involved in the foster care or juvenile justice system. Janie stated that she will be attending the hearings to determine if any substantial information regarding housing will be mentioned.

Commissioner Daniel stated that information has been released that veteran services throughout Dallas County and HUD have reported that they are able to house all veterans within Dallas County. This has also sparked conversation about affordable housing in the area. There was conversation about the incoming state mental health hospitals and the renovations and construction of the programming surrounding them.

## **RESOURCES**

Shelter Discussions: Daniel Roby, Austin Street Shelter

Daniel Roby was unavailable for the meeting and will provide a report for the next meeting. Lisa Marshall reported that

most of the shelters are full and are not accepting referrals.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty reported that not a lot has changed with their housing programs, the TBRA (Tenant Based Rental Assistant) program and their Covid-19 supplemental grant. The TBRA program may have some funding come mid-June that will be able to assist those who have disabilities and are within Dallas County. They have been exploring the thought of opening their waitlist, but it would only assist those in the outlying counties. There is \$8.3 million available in that program, but individuals would only be assisted if they live in Addison, Richardson, DeSoto, and Rowlett within Dallas County. These cities don't necessarily require the disabled condition, but an individual must be able to meet the income requirements to receive the funding. It was reported that these cities are able to receive these placements because they do not have their own housing authority. NTBHA has deemed not to open their waitlist since doing so would not be able to assist the specific population that they serve.

Housing Navigator: Laura Edmonds, Dallas County

Laura Edmonds stated that the report is in the packet. She also reported the FUSE partners are working to adjust the program with regard to how reporting will be done going forward and they are wanting the report to be reformatted. There was a question of who the FUSE partners are, and Laura reported they are Austin Street, The Bridge, Salvation Army, Homeward Bound, Parkland and NTBHA. Kimberly Rawls is also working to fill one vacancy with St. Jude, and she is also continuously working on the grant programs.

Homeless Jail Dashboard: Laura Edmonds, Dallas County

Jim Mattingly asked about the 10 percent increase in the suspected mental health jail book-ins over the last three months and what is attributed to the increase. Laura reported that the general jail book-ins have been steadily increasing and that is a contributor to the increase mental health book-ins. She also clarified that when a person is booked into the jail, the "suspected mental health" flag is a broad net and depending on the type of offense that is committed, the flag can be indicated. Laura stated that she would do some more research about some of the contributing factors to the increase of the book-ins and bring the findings to the next meeting.

Housing Authority Report: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS

Thomas Lewis was unavailable for the meeting but provided a report that is located in the meeting packet. There was some discussion regarding the housing choice vouchers that the Dallas County Housing department are allocating. Eric McCarthy mentioned that the requirements and criteria to meet the guidelines to obtain the vouchers can be very specific to meet and complete. Lisa Marshall commented that there are 27 permanent supportive housing vouchers available for children who are aging out of foster care in addition to the 100 vouchers that are allocated for adults.

ARPA Update: Commissioner Daniel, Dallas County

Commissioner Daniel reported that all of the ARPA funding has been allocated and now evaluation is being done to determine what has not been spent and if and how it can be re-allocated.

## **PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES**

Housing Forward updates: David Gruber, Housing Forward

David Gruber reported that Housing Forward had their State of Homelessness Address in which they reported they have had a 19 percent reduction in overall homelessness and a 24 percent reduction in unsheltered homelessness since their system transformation in 2021. They have had their lowest Point-In-Time (PIT) count in the last 10 years and double digit decrease in sub populations. The belief is that the strategies and methods are working to house those homeless neighbors and they are lowering the number of homeless in the area. They are in the process of doubling down their methods with specific focus on unsheltered homelessness. They are perfecting their street-to-home approach (encampment decommissioning). This 6-8 week process involves selecting the encampment and bringing the necessary resources for those to be housed to the encampment and by the end of the process, 95 percent of the neighbors are in housing. Not they have set their goal to decrease homelessness by 50 percent for the 2026 PIT count. . In order to continue the work at the current pace, this will require a \$30 million investment. They have a \$10 million federal investment, they will probably need a \$10 million local government investment, and they will have to raise a \$10 million in private funds.

There was a question about the cause of the racial disparity for the number of African Americans who experience homelessness that was highlighted in the Housing Forward summary. David answered that there are many factors that contribute to the high number of African Americans experiencing homelessness including but not limited to decades of oppression. He also expressed that race is a major factor that they are constantly addressing. There were also talks about the Latino population here in Dallas County and a mention was made of the "Hispanic Paradox"(higher poverty rate and



lower homelessness). David stated more information would be given to the group at the next meeting.

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

Laura Edmonds provided a report that is available in the meeting packet for review.

Dallas Connector: Dustin Perkins, Austin Street

Dustin Perkins was unavailable for the meeting and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton was unavailable for the meeting and a report was provided in the packet for review.

Youth Housing: Leah Williams, Housing Forward

Leah Williams was unavailable for the meeting and a report was provided in the packet.

Family Housing: Ellen Magnis, Family Gateway

Ellen Magnis was unavailable for the meeting and a report will be provided at the next meeting.

Mattingly Report: Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp

Jim Mattingly provided a report and stated that rental prices have slightly decreased, 1.7 percent over 12 months, due to the large amount of apartments being delivered in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. He also stated that occupancies are down 1.2 percent and the number of apartments being leased are well below the number of units that are coming online. 10,000 new apartments are becoming available each quarter with only 10 percent being leased. Many apartments are still under construction, so this will be the trend over the next 7-8 months. Population growth in the area is the primary cause and this will be the trend for the next 6-8 quarters. Renters won't be facing the same amount of increases they have in the past and the rental prices will actually be in their favor for the next couple of years. There will be a significant decrease in the number of units becoming available in the next 2.5 years. Jim also reported that of the 13 newly constructed apartments, 2, 510 units are available with only 32.3 percent occupied. The average effective rent is \$1,249.00 which is \$300.00 per unit less than the average market rent. Lisa Marshall stated that some of the vouchers won't cover the cost of the rent, and this led to the conclusion that the vouchers aren't being adjusted to the price of market rent. There was a question asked about how the market has been inflated to its current level to where older complexes, who were once affordable, are now increasing their rental amounts to match the market. Jim answered that two factors need to be considered when studying this inflation; 1. Occupancy was very tight when the increases started, and, 2. A lot of money was available. This was due to a few things including people not moving during the pandemic, delays in evictions, and renters having access to additional funding to pay the rent. These factors drove up the rental price. Currently we are moving from a supply imbalance to an over-supply of units.

***The meeting was adjourned with words of motivation by staying engaged and informed by Dr. Daniel.***

***Next Meeting: June 26, 2024***



## Department of Criminal Justice

### FY2024 SAMHSA Grant Project

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2028 Total	FY2027 Total	FY2026 Total	FY2025 Total	FY2024 Total
<b>Nexus</b> New Admissions	0	2	2	1	1	3	6	2									17
<b>Nexus</b> Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission		7.5	10	6	12	30	15	13									13.357
<b>Homeward Bound</b> New Admissions	0	3	2	2	2	1	5	0									15
<b>Homeward Bound</b> Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission		18	36	36	21	22	19	0									21.714
<b>RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES</b>																	
<b>Successful</b>	0	0	1	3	4	1	6	2									17
<b>Unsuccessful</b>	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1									6
<b>REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2024</b>																	
<b>Number of Referrals by Specialty Courts</b>		AIM		3				DWI					STAR		1		
		ATLAS		3				IIP					Veterans				
		Competency		11				Legacy Family	2				4-C				
		DDC		1				MHJD/SET	8								
		DIVERT		5				STAC	8								

\*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 7

\*Nexus Pending Admission: 1

# Dallas County Public Defender's Office Mental Health Stats

HARRY INGRAM													FY2024 ATLAS STATISTICS										203rd	
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	REV	GRADUATES	PROBATIO N MODIFIC ATIONS	DISMISS ALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSI TIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURREN T ATLAS PARTICIP ANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPA NTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER ATLAS PARTICIPA NTS	BON							
May	43	2	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	22	0	0	22							

HARRY INGRAM FY2024 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 DISPO SITION S	ENDING # PENDIN G CASES **	CURRE NT PARTI CIPANTS	NUMBE R OF GRADU ATES	BOND***	
May	16	0	4	20	0	0	0	1	6	7	13	12	1	12	

HARRY INGRAM				FY2024 S.E.T. STATISTICS												291st	
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	REV	GRADUATES	PROBATIO N MODIFICATI ONS	DISMISS ALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSI TIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURREN T PARTICIP ANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPA NTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER PARTICIPA NTS	BON
May	46	2	48	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	46	28	1	0	27

May		FY2024 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	275	23	298	0	10	0	1	0	32	1	2	15	61
L. Strather	373	19	392	0	6	0	0	0	22	4	1	10	43

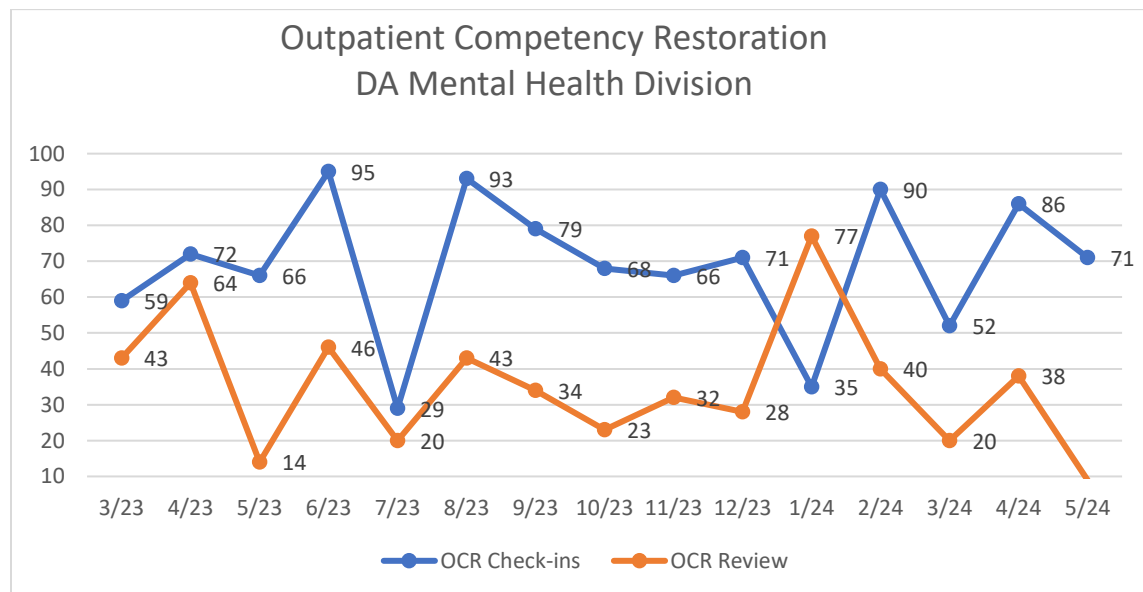
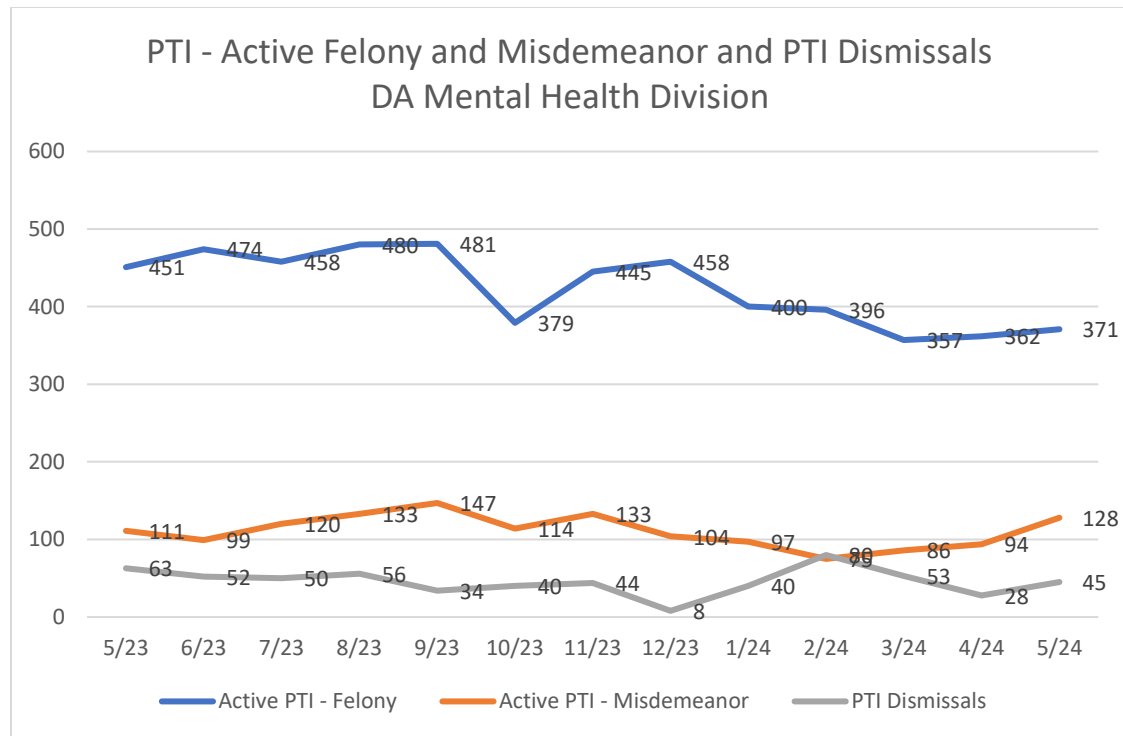
May	FY2024 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS															
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEA S	REVO- CATION S	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENS IONS	CIVIL COMMIT. T.	MHMR REFERR AL	CONSUL TS	OTHER	ENDING OF PEOPLE IN OCR
M. Harden	203	15	0	0	0	11	2	7	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
R. Scott	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

RANDALL SCOTT FY2024 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
May	73	74	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	13	0	2	0	0	0	10

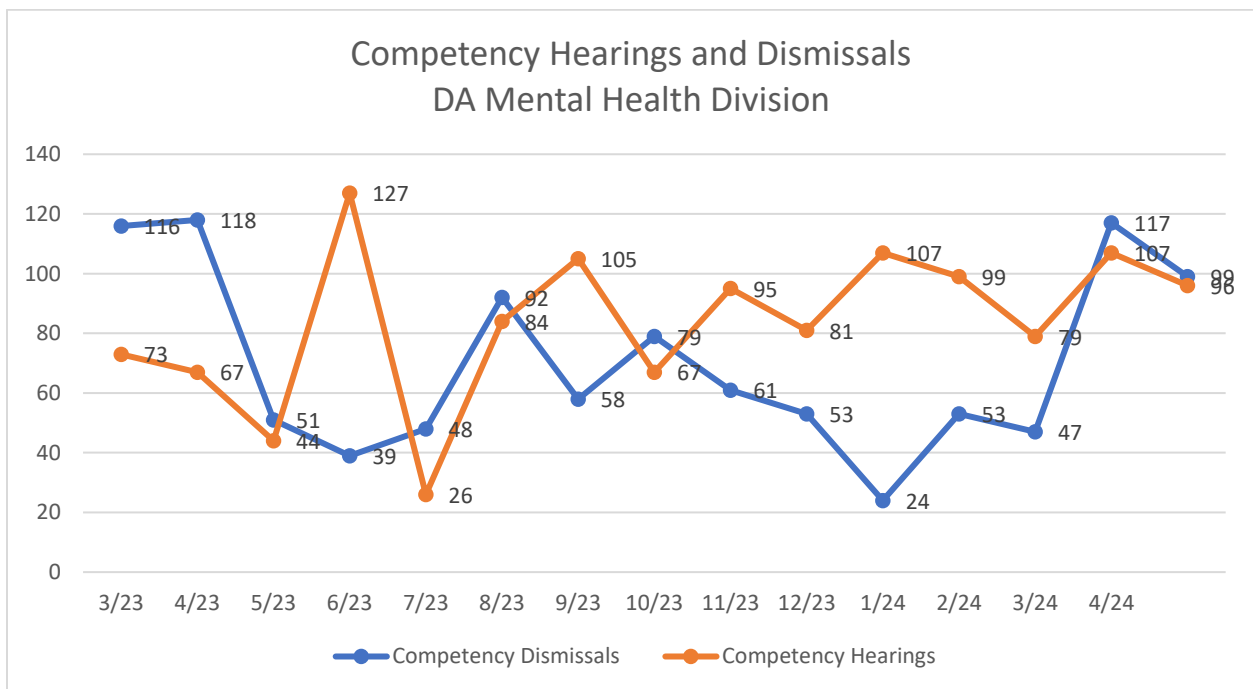
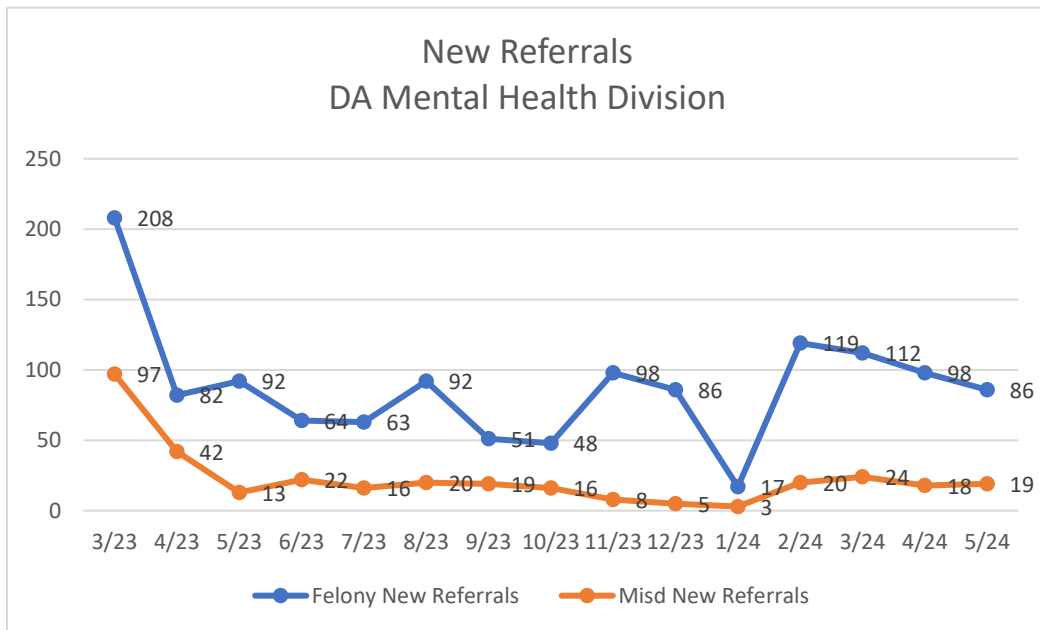
MI Court																								May	
MONTH	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENTS AT PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE	NEW CLIENTS AT PARKLAND	NEW CLIENTS AT CLEMENTS (formerly ZALE LIPSHY)	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS PRESBYTERIAN	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	NEW CLIENTS AT HICKORY TRAILS	NEW CLIENTS AT VA	NEW CLIENTS AT GREEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT GARLAND BEHAVIORAL	NEW CLIENTS AT METHODIST RICHARDSON	NEW CLIENTS AT WELLBRIDGE	NEW CLIENTS AT THIRLINGTON	MRM/ MILLW OOD/H AVEN	PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS HELD	NO CONTEST COMMIT	CONTESTED COMMIT	FORCED MEDS HEARING IN COURT	MODIFICATION HEARINGS	OUTPATIENT COMMIT	INPATIENT COMMIT
L. Roberts	117	5	12	36	0	5	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	19	0	0	0
C. Cox	126	0	0	0	0	0	106	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4	1	0	11
K. Nelson	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	10	0	0	0
R. Black	150	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	21	0	0	8	0	3	3	0	0	0

DAN ECKSTEIN													MHPR BOND STATS												
	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 HEARING S (# of clients)	Total # of Cases	Total # of Felonies Cases	# of Felonies Approved	# of Felonies Denied	Total # of Misd. Cases	# of Misd's Approved	# of Misd's Denied													
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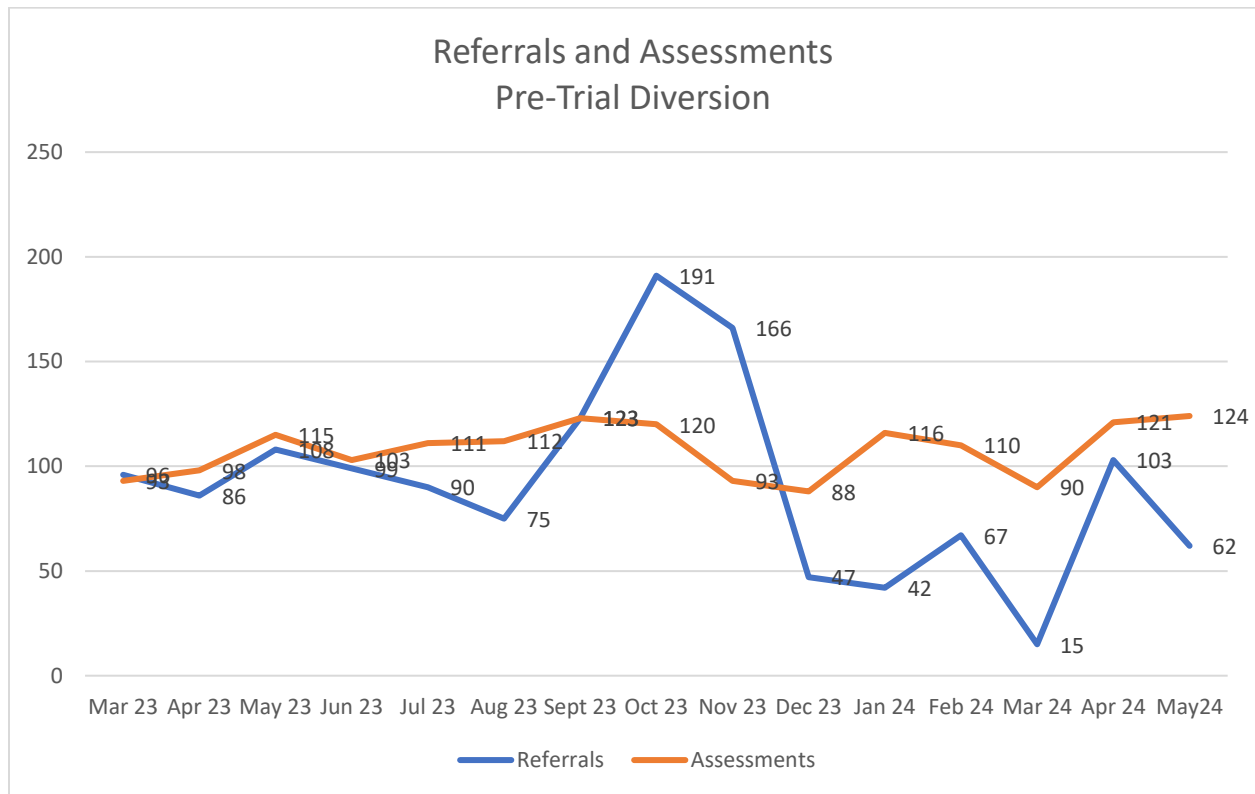


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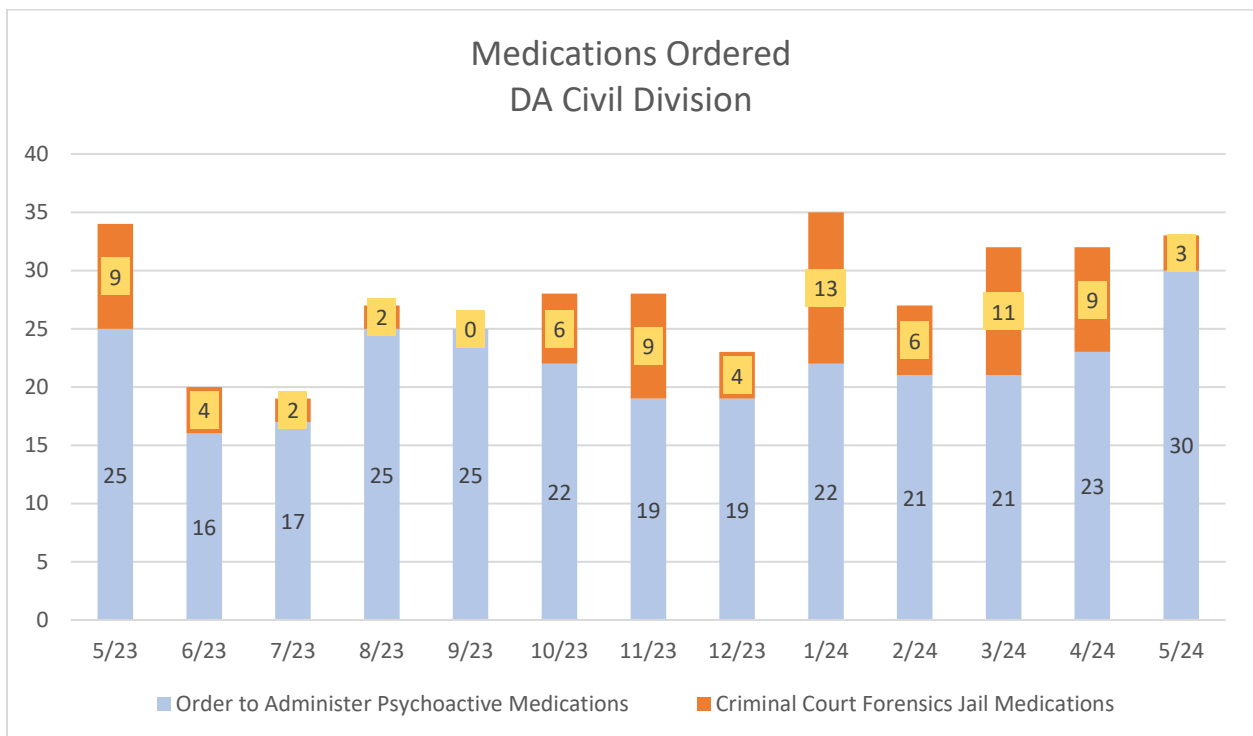
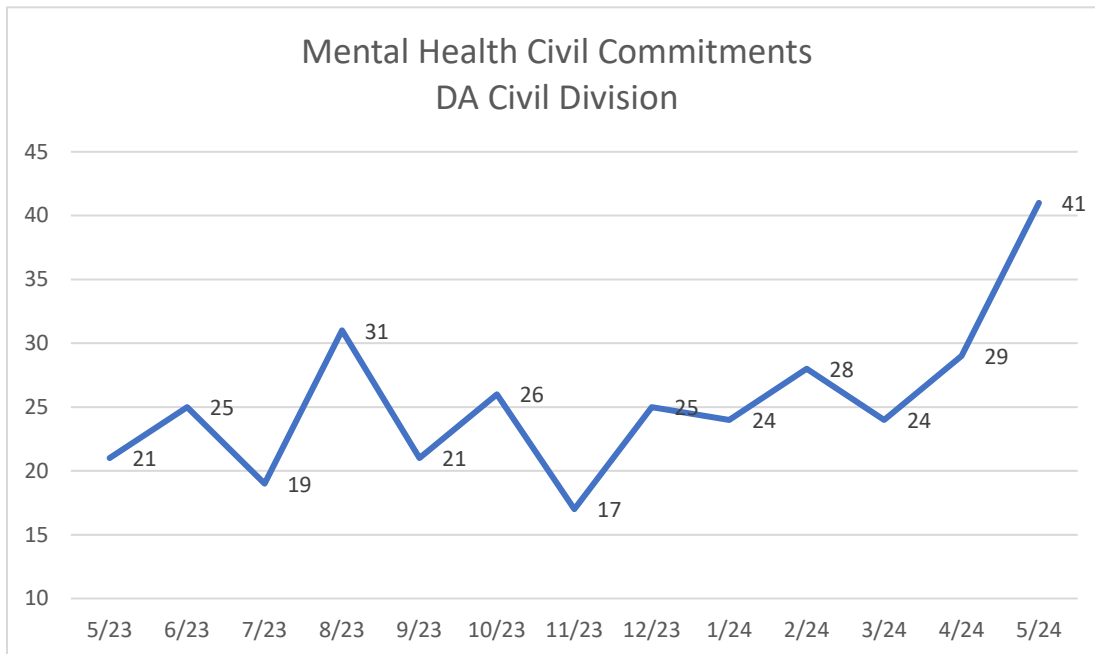
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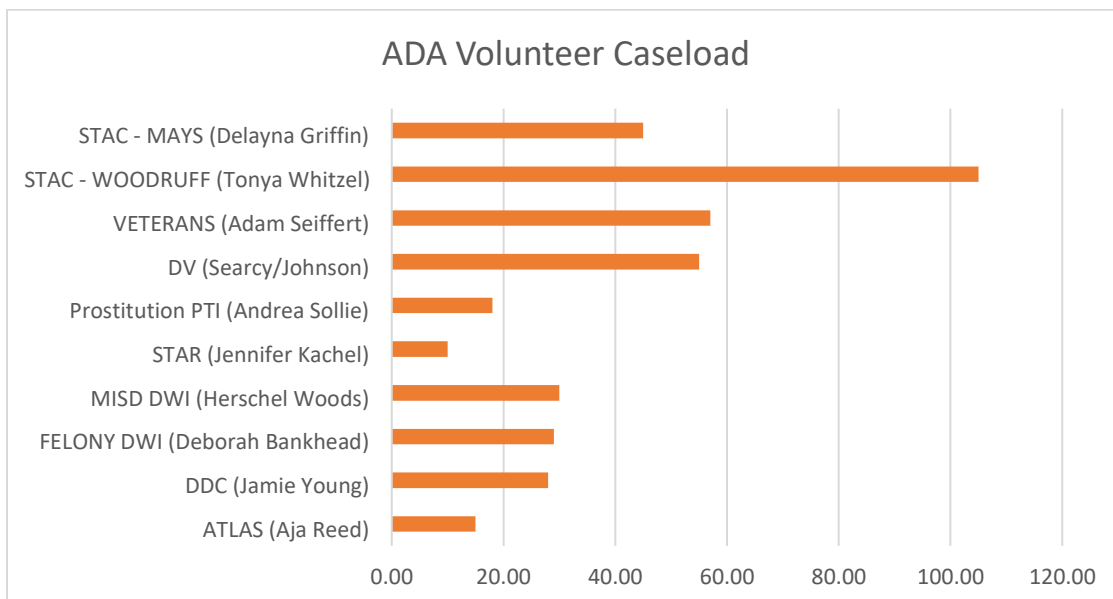
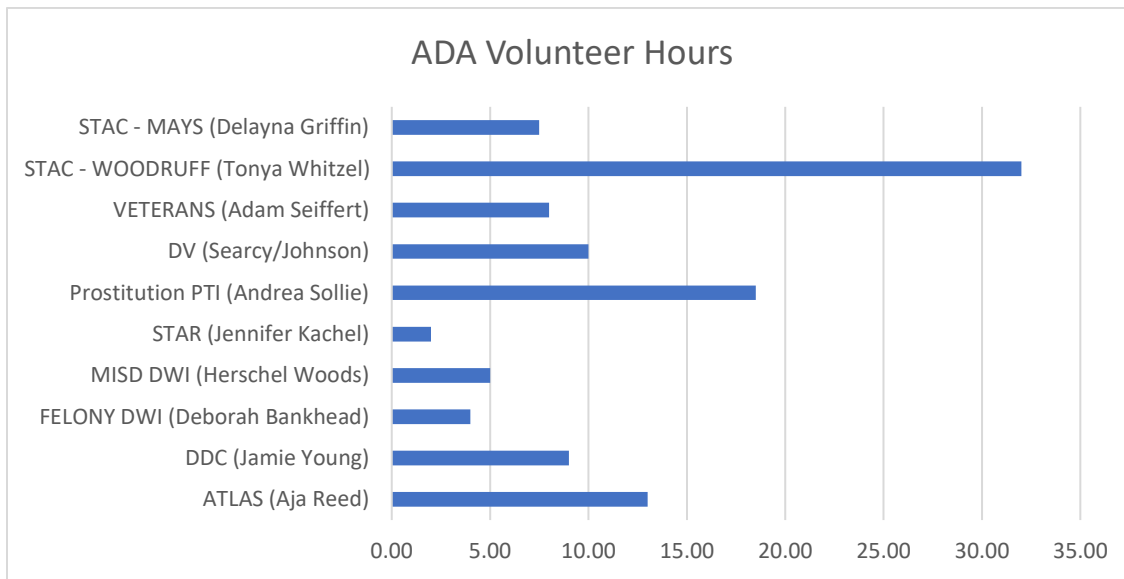
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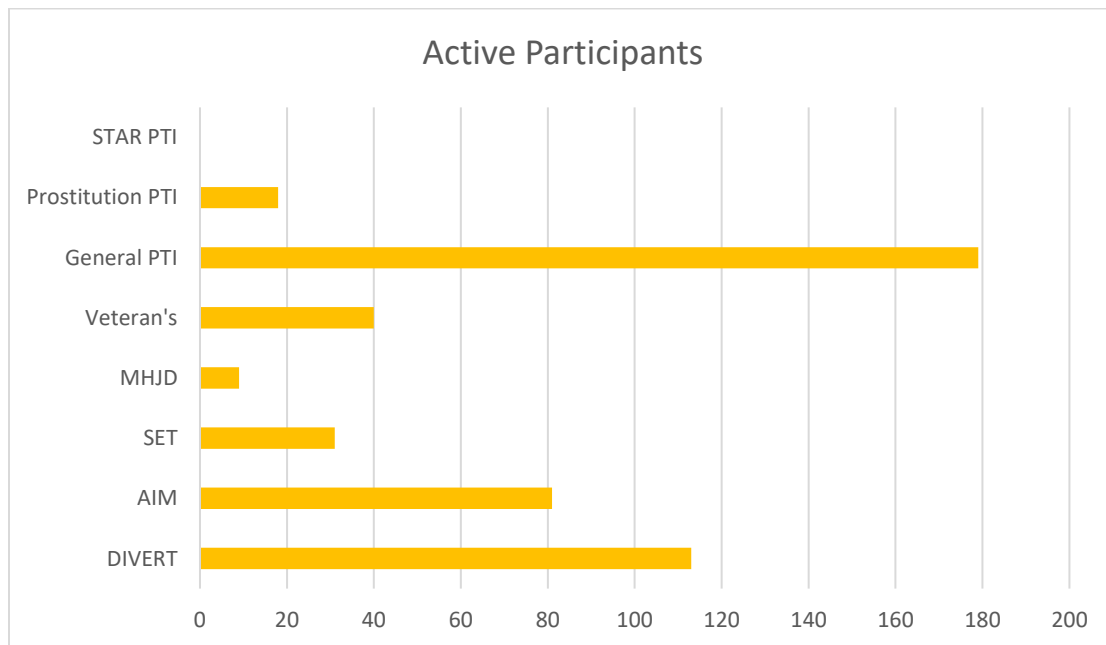
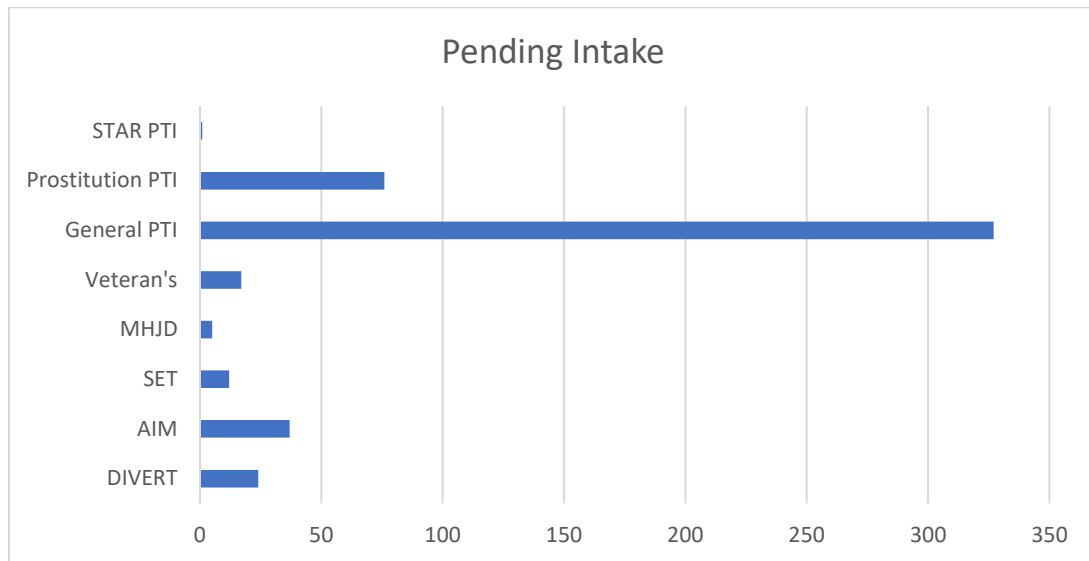
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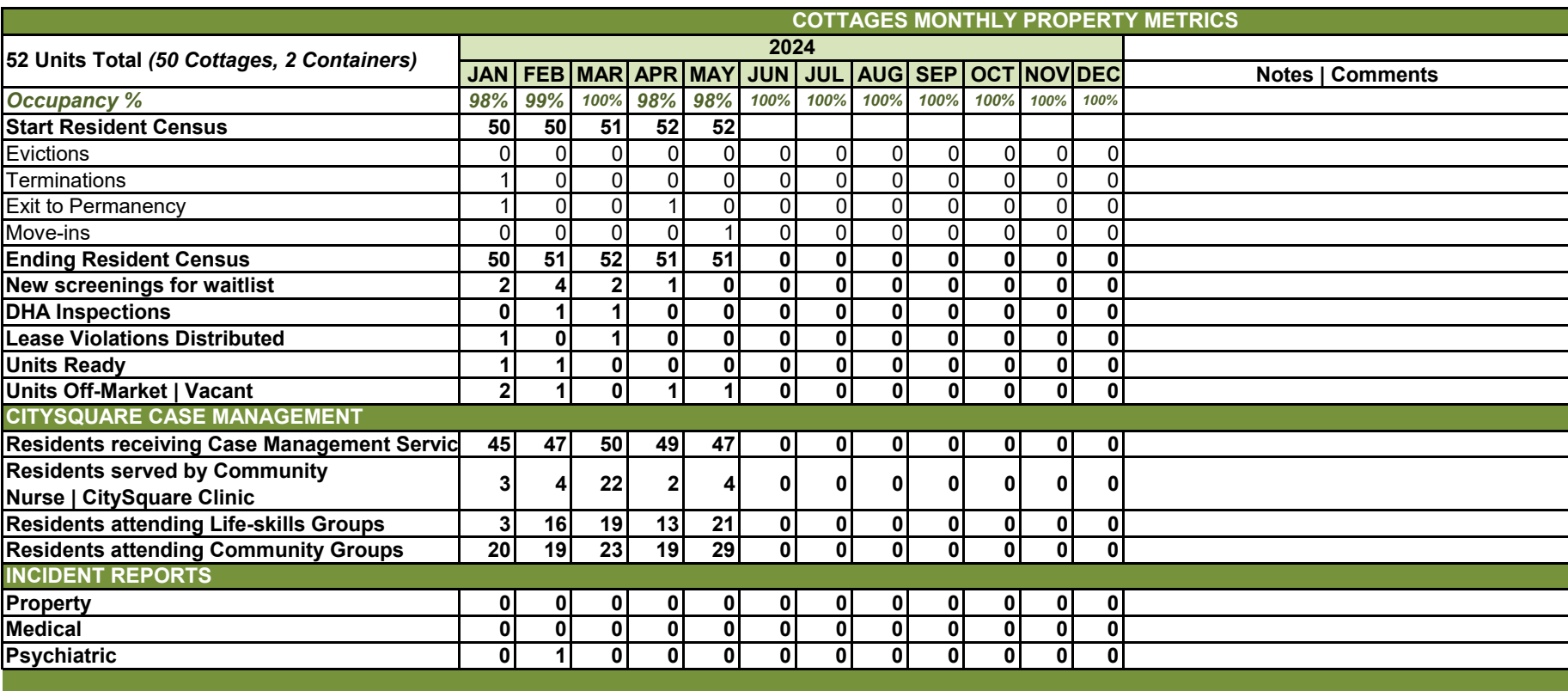
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## Specialty Court and Programs Monthly Statistics





RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT / MONTHLY OCCUPANCY REPORT

Name of project: Cottages at Hickory Crossing      Address: 1621 S. Malcolm X Blvd., Dallas, TX 75226      Report Month: May-24      Date: 6/5/2024

Instructions: Complete columns 1 through 7 for each unit. Complete columns 8 through 17 for each occupied unit.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Apt. No.	Tenant's last name (or enter "Vacant")	No. of bedrooms in unit	Utility information Which are used by unit? 1 = E heating 2 = G heating 3 = E cook 4 = G cook 5 = E water htr 6 = G water htr	What utility bills does tenant pay separate from (in addition to) the monthly rent?  Gas Y = Yes N = No	Water Y = Yes N = No	Elect Y = Yes N = No	Monthly contract (asking) rent for this unit	How much monthly rent is actually paid by current tenant?	Tenant's household gross annual income	Race or ethnicity of tenant W = white B = Black H = Hispanic I = Indian A = Asian O = Other	No. of persons in unit	Ages of children 18 yrs. or younger	Female head of household Y = Yes N = No	If household receives Section 8 assistance, complete these columns			Move in Date
														Type of Sec 8 assistance:	Amount of monthly Section 8 assistance		
														1 = Rapid Rehousing 2 = Tenant base voucher 3 = Project based voucher	Amount of rent paid by Sec 8	Amount of utilities paid by Sec 8	
1	Lomodong	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	300	12,024.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,262	0	02/15/2017
2	Whitaker	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	50	-	W	1	0	Y	3	1,512	0	3/7/2023
3	George	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,512	0	03/26/2021
4	Watts	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,512	0	2/10/2023
5	Allen	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	50	-	B	1	0	Y	3	1,512	0	2/10/2023
6	Galloway	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,512	0	03/27/2019
7	Williams	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	264	10,968.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,298	0	05/06/2020
8	Spencer	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	501	26,728.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,061	0	7/31/2023
9	Diaz	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	50	-	H	1	0	N	3	1,512	0	3/10/2023
10	Wingate	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	237	10,968.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,325	0	4/4/2023
11	Vacant	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	0	-	-	0	0	NA	3	1,562	0	
12	Artis	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	279	11,184.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,283	0	12/19/2023
13	Forister	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	248	4,617.60	W	1	0	Y	3	1,314	0	10/01/2019
14	Mathis	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	248	10,296.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,314	0	12/21/2022
15	Brazile	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	264	10,968.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,298	0	04/14/2021
16	Hogan	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	237	9,871.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,325	0	07/07/2021
17	Walker	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	278	11,172.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,284	0	3/9/2023
18	Smith, S	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	83	3,046.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,479	0	11/28/2023
19	Little	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	75	3,000.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,487	0	02/06/2020
20	Mcgee	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,512	0	08/22/2018
21	Rochelle	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	264	10,968.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,298	0	01/18/2022
22	Salinas	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	264	10,968.00	W	1	0	N	3	1,298	0	08/09/2021
23	MCCoy	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	50		W	1	0	Y	3	1,512	0	3/3/2024
24	Bibb	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	424	16,800.00	W	1	0	Y	3	1,138	0	01/19/2022
25	Johns	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	263	11,074.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,299	0	11/5/2022
26	Fleming	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	50	-	W	1	0	N	3	1,512	0	11/28/2023
27	Hill	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	249	11,268.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,313	0	06/06/2022
28	Jernigan	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	554	22,562.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,008	0	05/22/2018
29	Marks	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,512	0	04/12/2019
30	Craig	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	264	10,968.00	W	1	0	N	3	1,298	0	09/21/2017





**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2024**  
**Supplemental Packet**

**Includes:**

- Legislative Report
  - 88th Texas Legislature- Interim Charges: Texas House Interim Charges Related to Behavioral Health
  - 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature- Interim Hearings: Texas Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs
  - 118<sup>th</sup> US Congress: Bills Related to Behavioral Health That Have Progressed



# 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Interim Charges

## Texas House Interim Charges Related to Behavioral Health

### Texas House Appropriations Committee

Monitor and oversee the implementation of appropriations bills and other relevant legislation passed by the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature, including the following:

- Implementation and impact of appropriations under Article II for reimbursement rates.
- Monitor the federal revenue trends and resources available to efficiently administer timely payments to those awarded grants from the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Attorney General.

### Texas House Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee

Monitor HB 671 relating to a veterans suicide prevention campaign.

### Texas House Human Services Committee

Support for Texans with Intellectual Disabilities

- Evaluate access to Home and Community-based Services (HCS) waivers, including:
  - The interest list,
  - Effects of inflation on the cost of services,
  - Availability of services and service providers.
- Consider the long-term stability of long-term services and supports in the waiver programs.
- Consider alternative delivery models.

### Texas House Committee on Public Health

Monitor SB 26 relating to Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) and Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services, and programs.

### Responses to Mental Health Emergencies

Review and evaluate best practices of procedures for the emergency detention of a person with mental illness.

### Texas House Youth and Safety

Behavioral Health Services for At-Risk Youth

- Evaluate programs and services currently available to children and families that are either involved with, or at high risk for becoming involved with the foster care and juvenile justice systems.
- Study the current barriers for accessing community-based behavioral health services for children with intense behavioral health needs, with an emphasis on ensuring that parents do not have to give up custody of children to gain access to services.

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## **Texas Senate Interim Charges Related to Behavioral Health**

### **Texas Senate Finance Committee**

#### **Mental Health Services and Inpatient Facilities:**

- Monitor the implementation of Senate Bill 30, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, with regard to appropriations made for expanding mental health services and inpatient facilities across the state.
- Report on the progress of inpatient facility construction projects.
- Assess and report on the effectiveness of spending on mental health services.

### **Texas Senate Health and Human Services Committee**

#### **Children's Mental Health:**

- Review care and services currently available to the growing population of Texas children with high acuity mental and behavioral health needs.
- Make recommendations to improve access to care and services for these children that will support family preservation and prevent them from entering the child welfare system.

#### **Access to Health Care:**

- Evaluate current access to primary and mental health care.
- Examine whether regulatory and licensing flexibilities could improve access to care, particularly in medically underserved areas of Texas.
- Make recommendations, if any, to improve access to care while maintaining patient safety.

#### **Health Insurance:**

- Examine the Texas health insurance market and alternatives to employer-based insurance.
- Identify barriers Texans face when navigating a complex health insurance market.
- Make recommendations that help individuals obtain health care coverage.

#### **Monitoring:**

- Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services passed by the 88th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction.
  - Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of Senate Bill 26, relating to Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) and Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services, and programs.

### **Texas Senate Veterans Affairs Committee**

#### **Veteran Mental Health:**

- Review current programs that provide direct and indirect mental health services to veterans in Texas.
- Identify barriers to accessing mental health resources for rural veterans.
- Make recommendations to improve access to mental health support for all veterans.

#### **Support Service Database for Texas Veterans**

- Review and report on the progress toward the creation of a single database to facilitate the seamless provision of veteran benefits by state agencies.
- Make recommendations to improve coordination among state, federal, and local agencies and others that provide benefits to veterans.







**88<sup>TH</sup> Texas Legislature—Interim Hearings**  
**Texas Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs**  
**Interim Hearing on Veterans’ Mental Health**  
May 15, 2024

**Link to Hearing:** [https://tlcsenate.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=54&clip\\_id=18503](https://tlcsenate.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=54&clip_id=18503)

**Interim Charge: Veteran Mental Health**

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- Make recommendations to improve access to mental health support for all veterans.

**Invited Testimony**

Texas Veterans Commission

Blake Harris, Ph.D., Director, Veterans Mental Health Department, Texas Veterans Commission.

- Current Services:
  - Connection with community resources, training, certification, technical assistance.
  - Suicide prevention, safety planning, crisis intervention, and postvention.
  - Services for PTSD, moral injury, military sexual trauma, homelessness.
  - Focus on women veterans, rural veterans, justice-involved veterans, and gatekeepers.
  - TVC uses a broad definition of veteran (“Did you serve in the military?”).
  - Outreach efforts: Texans Ask campaign, Buddy Check Day, Veteran Caregiver Guide.
- Barriers—Shortages of personnel and services
  - Suicide rates are increasing. Need more suicide prevention, crisis intervention, postvention.
  - Mental Health First Aid for Veterans, especially in criminal justice and homeless services.
  - Community-based support services, military/veteran cultural competence.
  - Peer-based services.
  - Many rural areas still have dial-up internet, which can be a barrier for telehealth.
  - Mental health professional workforce shortages.

Melissa Harcrow-Women Veterans Coordinator-West Texas, Texas Veterans Commission

- Biennial Women Veterans Report due November 1, 2024.
- One in three women enrolled in VA have experienced military Sexual Trauma (MST)
- MST contributes to PTSD, suicidality.
- Women veteran suicide rate is 2.5 times the rate of civilian female counterparts.
- Women veterans are twice as likely to attempt suicide as male veterans.
- In El Paso County,
  - VA has behavioral health clinic and women veterans support groups,
  - TVC has PTSD services, navigation services, peer services, and support groups for MST.
  - Need for a stand-alone, women-only MST services center, inpatient, outpatient and community support services, wraparound services, child care.
  - Only dedicated women veteran’s program in the US.
- Texas has the largest number of veterans and the largest number of women veterans.
- Private providers often do not have military/veteran cultural competence, or trauma competence.

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## Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/presentation-senate-committee-veterans-affairs.pdf>

Tim Keesling-Director, Office of Veterans Affairs-HHSC

### Office of Veteran Service Coordination

- Internal Coordination—within HHSC
  - Focus on veterans and members of the armed services across HHSC.
  - Align policy and practice.
  - Increase awareness and access to services.
- External Coordination-with non-HHSC partners
  - State agencies.
  - U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA), Defense (DoD), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Administration for Community Living.
- Increase in reporting of mental health concerns indicates increase awareness, willingness to seek help.
- TVC is working with CCBHCs to develop continuity of care agreements between VA facilities and CCBHCs.

George McEntyre-Director, Office of Mental Health Coordination-HHSC

### Veterans Mental Health Services Department

- Texas Veterans + Family Alliance Grant Program
  - Authorized by in 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature SB 55 (Nelson) Texas Government Code 531.0992.
  - Matching grant program
  - For mental health services and services coordination for veterans and their families.
  - Services include: Evidence-based therapies and treatment, peer support services, counselling, SUD services, suicide prevention, case management, system navigation, referrals.
  - Program has awarded over \$86 million in state funding to 75 projects serving over 70,000 Texas veterans and their families.
- Mental Health Program for Veterans
  - Authorized by 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in HB 19 (S. King and Burkett).
  - Jointly administered by Texas Veterans Commission and HHSC, offers:
    - Peer-to-Peer counseling and access to licensed mental health professionals,
    - Suicide prevention training for peers, providers, community and faith-based groups.
    - Jail diversion services.
    - Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Veterans.
  - Two Primary Components
    - Peer Service Coordinators have annually served approximately:  
40,000 members of the US armed services and  
8,000 veteran family members
    - Rural Veterans Counselors-Licensed Mental Health Professionals in rural areas have annually served approximately 354 members of the US armed services, veterans and family members with 866 clinical services.
- TVC has reached out to Brooks Army Medical Center Mental Health Department to begin a program for TVC to develop a continuum of care program for discharging members of the Army, to address the high-risk window of time one-to two-years after discharge.



**118<sup>th</sup> US Congress**  
**Bills Related to Behavioral Health That Have Progressed**  
**Status as of June 7, 2024**

**House Bills**

**HR 4646**-Joyce-SIREN Reauthorization Act-Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs (SIREN) Act. Extends Rural Emergency Medical Service Training and Equipment Assistance Program.

**Current Status:** Favorably reported by House E&C Committee 5-31-24.

**Companion:** **S 265**-Durbin. Passed Senate 12-13-23. Sent to House 12-15-23.

**HR 7153**-Wild-Reauthorization of the Dr. Lorna Breen Provider Protection Act.

Education and awareness initiatives to encourage use of mental health and substance use disorder services by health care professionals. Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee 1-30-24.

Testimony of Mr. J. Corey Feist, Brother-in-law of Dr. Lorna Breen, Co-founder of Dr. Lorna Breen

Heroes Foundation. [https://d1dth6e84htgma.cloudfront.net/Corey\\_Feist\\_Witness\\_Testimony\\_02\\_14\\_2024\\_cceea223ad.pdf](https://d1dth6e84htgma.cloudfront.net/Corey_Feist_Witness_Testimony_02_14_2024_cceea223ad.pdf)

**Current Status:** Reported favorably by E&C Committee 5-21-24.

**Companion Bill:** **S 3679**-Kaine-Favorably reported from Senate HELP Committee 5-23-24.

**HR 7213**-Smith-Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support Act of 2024 or Autism CARES Act of 2024.

- Extends Developmental Disabilities Surveillance and Research Program to 2029.
- Increases appropriations:
  - From \$23,100,000 per fiscal year to \$28,100,000 per FY 2025-2029 for Developmental Disabilities Surveillance and Research Program.
  - From \$50,599,000 per fiscal year to \$56,344,000 per FY 2025-2029 for Autism education, early detection, and intervention.
  - From \$296,000,000 per fiscal year to \$341,000,000 per FY 2025-2029.

**Current Status:** House E&C Subcommittee on Health-Markup on 5-16-24.

**Note:** Posted version seems to be an early draft.

**HB 7623**-Carter and Blunt-Rochester-Telehealth Modernization Act of 2024

Makes Medicare telehealth flexibilities permanent.

**Current Status:** House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health-Markup on 5-16-24.

**HR 7858**-James, Davis and Schweikert-Telehealth Enhancement for Mental Health Act of 2024.

Directs HHS to establish requirements to include a code or modifier on claims for mental health services furnished through telehealth by auxiliary personnel and billed incident to a physician or practitioner's professional services.

**Current Status:** Hearing in House E&C Subcommittee on Health on April 10, 2024. Markup on 5-16-24.

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## Senate Bills

S 644-Markey-Modernizing Opioid Treatment Access Act.

Would expand take-home prescribing of methadone through pharmacies.

Current Status: Committee Substitute reported from Senate HELP Committee 2-1-24.