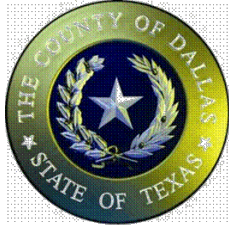


Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
Thursday, March 14, 2024
9:30am -11:00am
In-Person & Virtual Meetings via Microsoft Teams

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 - Review/Approval of February 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- II. Introductions
- III. Discussion: Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Services in Texas
- IV. North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update
- V. Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) Update
- VI. Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup Update
- VII. Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update
- VIII. Legislative Update
- IX. 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)
- X. Upcoming Events and Notifications
- XI. Public Comments
- XII. Adjournment

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

The following reports from BHLT Committees are included for your records: *The Cottages*, *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, February 8th, 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 9:31 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 January 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.

- Selene Hammon- Unity Behavioral
- Nikki Fraiser- Dallas Independent School District
- Judge David Woodruff- Successful Treatment of Addiction through Collaboration (S.T.A.C) Court
- Angela Christine- Dallas Behavioral Hospital
- Suondra Holloway- North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA)
- Derrick Bowman- North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA)

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update

Dr. Walter Taylor, NTBHA provided the update. Dr. Taylor states that NTBHA has served 25,616 adults, 8670 children and both numbers are in excess of the state target. Dr. Taylor states that NTBHA has issued and closed their request for proposals (RFP) for mental health and substance use providers with a goal to expand their provider network to meet the growing and various needs of the community. Dr. Taylor states that NTBHA's board meeting will be February 14th and they plan to have recommendations made then. Dr. Taylor states that NTBHA is also

working on their electronic health record (EHR) software, Netsmart. Dr. Taylor introduced Mr. Derrick Bowman, NTBHAS Director of Supported Employment.

Commissioner Price introduced the Joseph R. Lockridge Housing, a returning citizens program. Commissioner Price mentioned that Dallas County has invested about \$7 million in American Rescue Plan funds for an apartment complex on 52nd Street and Lancaster in collaboration with the Regional Black Contractors Association (RBCA). This program allows men returning from prison one year to transition and have multiple programs such as Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous and programs with Dallas College to assist with workforce training on site. Commissioner Price states that the program is accepting donations of furniture, bedding and kitchen utensils.

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institution (MMHPI)

Ron Stretcher, MMHPI, referred to the BHLT packet for the Deflection Center report. Mr. Stretcher states that Dr. Gonzales with MMHPI is working on an evaluation of the Deflection Center. Mr. Stretcher states that the MMHPI is working on a grant that is looking at the impact of parental incarceration.

Doug Denton, Homeward Bound, states that this January was the highest month in terms of utilization with 56 clients to the Deflection Center and 20 individuals being referred by DART. Mr. Denton states that the Deflection Center is beta testing the 24/7 intake process.

Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup (BHHWG)

Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel provided the update and states that during the inclement weather days in January, 2100 people were housed in Austin Street, Uptown and Fair Park locations. Commissioner Dr. Daniel states that there are 19 projects on various timelines and when complete, there should be 2,200 units of affordable housing in the Dallas Area. Commissioner Dr. Daniel states that there are currently 330 properties in the DFW that are considered affordable housing properties and they are 91% occupied.

Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update

Yordanos Melake, Program Manager, Criminal Justice Department provided the update. Ms. Melake reports for the month of January, there were 2,226 magistrate orders for 16.22 screenings with 1,516 completed, 201 defendants refused screenings, 594 defendants unable to be located. The Mental Health Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly, every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Ms. Melake announced that the Criminal Justice Department and Adapt have officially moved from the 4th floor to the 8th floor of the Frank Crowley Building.

Legislative Update

Janie Metzinger, directed the committee to the legislative update report in the packet. Ms. Metzinger reports that there are only “two and a half” counties in Texas that are not experiencing a mental health professional shortage, with the half being Lubbock County due to Texas Tech integrating their students to the University Hospital. Ms. Metzinger referred to the Statewide Behavioral Strategic Plan report on page two of the BHLT packet, and states that Dallas County had a ratio of between 242-353.6 providers per 1000 people

Funding Opportunities Updates

• SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update

Marcus Turner, Criminal Justice Department, provided the update. Mr. Turner reports that there was one SAMHSA admission to Nexus Recovery Center with a six day wait time, Homeward Bound had two admissions with an average wait time of 36 days. Mr. Turner reports that that there were three successful discharges and no unsuccessful discharges. Mr. Turner reports that the highest referring courts were Competency, S.T.A.C and Divert Court.

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

Lynn Richardson, Chief, Public Defender's Office referred to the report in the packet. Chief Richardson gave thanks to all of those who came to support the Public Defender's Office Mental Health presentation to Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

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

Lee Pierson, Chief, Mental Health Division, referred to the report in the BHLT packet. Mr. Pierson states that he and Ms. Vickie Rice attended the Judicial Commission of Mental Health meeting and will be working together to see what information can be brought back to BHLT. Mr. Pierson states he is now also apart of the NAMI North Texas Board.

Upcoming Events and Notifications

- **Landy Blackmore, Hickory Trail Hospital**, announced the free screening of the new documentary, Tipping the Pain Scale. The screening will be held at the Texas Theater at 231 Jefferson Blvd on Thursday February 22.
- **Joe Powell, CEO, Associations of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA)**, announced a few upcoming events that he will be speaking at including the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) Black Recovery Movement Leaders Panel on February 9 12:30-2:00pm, The African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence (AABH-COE) February 15 1:30-3:30pm and APAA's Black History Month Panel Event February 21 9:00-11:00am
- **Heather Orman, President & CEO, Nexus Recovery Center** announced that Nexus has a few open bed today, two in the Adult Women's Unit, eight beds available in the Detox Unit and eight beds available in the Pregnant and Parenting Women with Children Unit. Ms. Orman states that by the end of this calendar year, Nexus will be opening admission days to seven days a week.

Adjournment

Commissioner Price thanked everyone for their service. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 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
TOTAL TRIAGED	24	41	25	32	56	39	10	0	0	0	0	0	227
Referral Source													
Dallas PD													0
SC Div	1	2	2	3	3	2	1						14
SW Div	2	3			1	4							10
SE Div	2	1	1	1	2	1							8
NC Div	1	2	1			1							5
NE Div	1	1	1		1	1							5
NW Div		1		1									2
CEN Div	1	4		2	5	2	1						15
Right Care	1					1							2
Dallas Marshal - CDC													0
College Campus PD	1												1
Great SW Coalition				2	1								3
SE Coalition	2	3		1	3	1	2						12
NTBHA MCOT/CTI	5	11	9	10	19	7							61
Garland PD				2	1								3
Irving PD	2	3											5
DART PD	3	8	11	9	20	17	6						74
Parkland-Baylor PD	2	2		1		2							7
TRIAGE OUTCOME	24	41	25	32	56	38	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psych Crisis Residential	1			1									2
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt													0
Living Room-NTBHA*		9			2	2	2						15
CMHP Services					1								1
ACT Team	3	0		2	1								6
OTHER SUD Services	2	3			1	3							9
Shelter													
Austin Street			2		2								4
Bridge	1	1		1	1	5							9
Salvation Army		1	1		1								3
Union Gospel Mission		1											1
Other		1			1								2
Home-Family-Friends	3	4	6	8	15	8	1						45
Boarding Home/PSH	2	2	3	2	3	4	1						17
Higher Level of Care													
Behavioral Health	1	2	1	2	4	1							11
Physical Health	1	4	2	5	6	5							23
Veterans Administration	2												2
APOWW or Arrest					1								1
LEA Maintained Custody	3			1	2	1							7
Still in Service		3	5	4	10	1							23
Refused Services	5	10	5	6	5	8	6						45

**Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas 75202
February 28, 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; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Charlene Randolph, DCCJ; Quincy Hogan, Metrocare; Tzeggabran Kidane, Dallas County; Kelvin Brown, Housing Crisis Center; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Traswell Livingston III, AIDS Services of Dallas; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Krystal Lotspeich, CitySquare; Kimberly Onofre, Mesquite Sharing Life; James Henderson, Dallas County VA Services; Lavette Domenick, Dallas County VA Services; Lisa Marshall, Fighting Homelessness; Adam Proctor, Jesuit High School; Drew Botts, Jesuit High School; Suede Messenger, Jesuit High School; Keegan McGarity, Jesuit High School

Dr. Daniel opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves, including an introduction from four Jesuit High School students who were brought in to listen to the conversation about homelessness and housing.

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 the Partnership met this month, and they are continuing to review policies and projects that are in process. She also explained to the newcomers that the Partnership is a collaboration between the City of Dallas and Dallas County that have conversations about homelessness and housing within the area.

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee: Erin Moore, Dallas County

The Homeless Advisory committee met and discussed the ongoing eviction prevention program and the sustainability of the program once ARPA and CARES funding is exhausted. Almost 40,000 eviction cases were filed with 10,724 interventions provided by navigators. 2,264 diversions are either in process or completed. A total of \$15.2 million dollars has been obligated for that effort.

The committee is also exploring best practices, resources, and other needs for youth ages 18-24 transitioning out of foster care into housing.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported that the federal government has some movement on bills concerning housing. Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett sponsored HB 7412 that helps to make it easier to acquire housing in rural areas. SB32 is the Choice for Affordable Housing Act which seeks to make the TBRA (Tenant Based Rental Assistance) more accessible in more areas and higher opportunity areas. Within these areas, they are seeking to encourage landlords to participate in the TBRA programs. SB1612 is another bill that seeks to increase funding for the VA to pay for domiciliary care of homeless veterans. There was a discussions about the Fair Market Rate formula being updated because it is a 50-year-old formula that may not be servicing the needs of population who utilize HUD vouchers. Members were encouraged to talk to local Congressional representatives about these issues.

PRESENTATION

Dallas County Veteran Services Presentation

Director James Henderson and Lead Services Veteran Officer Lavette Domenick presented on the Dallas County Veteran Services Office. Dallas County is the third largest veteran populated county in Texas and the Dallas County Veteran Services Office assists over 109,000 veterans. Due to Dallas County's population being over 200,000 residents, the county is mandated by the state to have an office and an officer appointed by the Commissioner's Court for veteran services. They are not Veteran Administration employees but are advocates for veterans within the county who need veteran services.

They provide service to veterans and their families to understand what benefits they have earned and are entitled to. Benefits such as healthcare, education, monetary benefits, and end of life/ burial benefits are available to veterans who have served and have been discharged or released with conditions other than dishonorable.

Janie Metzinger mentioned that one of the obstacles that people face in trying to obtain these services is that the process is not seamless. Most people are not able to obtain these services in one place and are required to wait or go through numerous channels to obtain services. Lavette Domenick stated that everything is a process and can take quite a bit of time to get services, but the key is to start the process. There was also a question about veterans who suffer with mental health issues. Dallas County Veteran Services can look at the service of that veteran and determine if they are eligible for benefits and provide the necessary assistance, making them eligible for benefits.

The Department of Veteran Affairs has a responsibility to identify the homeless veterans and provide sustainability for the resources to that veteran. Veteran Services helps veterans to obtain monetary benefits to provide sustainability for housing needs. Kelvin Brown stated that many of the issues with processes in housing and homelessness are systemic and logical thought and effort are not really being addressed. He also believes that service providers are more reactionary than proactive in their approach and that trying to address the homelessness and housing issues may need a change of perspective to address it fully.

Lisa Marshall brought up the fact that little funding is available for those who are currently housed and are on the brink of eviction and becoming homeless, but funding is available for those who are in cycles of homelessness. Most of the service members agreed that tackling the issues from a reactionary state does not address the systemic cycle that causes homelessness and that utilizing tools such as rapid rehousing gives a short-term solution to a bigger problem.

RESOURCES

Shelter Discussions: Daniel Roby, Austin Street Shelter

Daniel Roby was unavailable for the meeting and will provide a report for the next meeting.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty reported that he is experiencing some issues in some of the rural areas with the TBRA program. He expressed that in some of the rural areas, the market rental rate is too expensive and non-negotiable to work with the program. He also stated that there is a difference in the standard rate amount that TBRA is allotted than that of Dallas Housing Authority. HUD sets the standard and NTBHA's allotment cannot change due to that fact. Lisa Marshall cited that only five (5%) percent of the landlords in the Metroplex accept the housing vouchers.

Eric McCarty mentioned the COVID 19 Supplemental Grant is still available for clients who have been identified with a behavioral health or substance abuse condition that may need assistance with deposits, furniture, etc. He also stated that NTBHA has now started a program that connects people with supportive employment if they have qualifying SSI benefits or no income.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls provided a report that was included in the meeting packet for review.

Homeless Jail Dashboard: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls provided a report that is included in the meeting packet for review.

Housing Authority Report: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS

Thomas Lewis was unavailable for the meeting but provided a report for review within the meeting packet.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Housing Forward updates: David Gruber, Housing Forward

David Gruber was unavailable for the meeting and an updated report will be provided at the next meeting.

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

Kimberly Rawls provided a report on behalf of Laura Edmonds in the meeting packet for review.

Dallas Connector: Daniel Roby, Austin Street

Daniel Roby was unavailable for the meeting and a report will be provided at the next meeting.

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

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

Youth Housing: Josh Cogan, Youth 180

Josh Cogan provided a youth homeless update report on the federal level that is available in the meeting packet for review.

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 was unavailable for the meeting and an updated report will be presented at the next meeting.

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

Next Meeting: March 27, 2024



U.S. House of Representatives

[HR 467](#)-Griffith-Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act. HALT Fentanyl Act.
Amends Controlled Substances Act:

- Section 202(c) to classify fentanyl-related substances on Schedule I.
- Section 303 to add an alternative registration process for Schedule I research.
- Section 401(b)(1) to include fentanyl offense penalties.
- Directs the Attorney General to issue rules within six months of enactment.
- The HALT Fentanyl Act becomes effective on the date of enactment.

Current Status: Passed House 5-25-23. Sent to Senate, referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Companion: [S 1141](#)-Cassidy (R-LA). Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee 3-30-23.

[HR 472](#)-Joyce-Fighting PTSD Act.

- Enumerates findings of Congress related to mental health needs of public safety officers, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and 911 dispatchers.
- Defines “Public Safety Officers” and “Public Safety Telecommunicators”.
- Includes Tribal public safety officers.
- Requires the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services at the US Department of Justice to submit a report to Congress on:
 - Programs to make state-of-the-art treatments or preventive care available to public safety officers and public safety telecommunicators for job-related PTSD or acute stress disorder.
 - Access to evidence-based trauma-informed care, peer support, counseling services, family supports.
 - Draft grant conditions to ensure confidentiality and efficiency.
 - Estimates of annual appropriations needed for the proposed program.
 - Consultation with relevant stakeholders.

Current Status: [HR 472](#)-Joyce-Referred to House Judiciary Committee 1-24-23.

Companion: [S 645](#)-Grassley-Passed Senate 3-2-23. Sent to House 3-7-23.

[HR 498](#)-Oberholte-The 9-8-8 Cybersecurity Responsibility Act. Would amend Public Health Service Act, Title V to secure the 9-8-8 suicide prevention lifeline from cybersecurity attacks.

Current Status: Passed House with amendments 3-5-24. Sent to Senate HELP 3-6-24.

Companion: [S 1493](#)-Sinema. Referred to Senate HELP 5-9-23.

[HR 1639](#)-Lee-(D-NV) VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act. Would implement the curriculum of the Zero suicide Institute of the Education Development Center to improve safety and suicide care for veterans and reduce the rates of suicide among veterans.

Current Status: Referred to House Veterans Affairs Committee

Companion: [S 853](#)-Rosen-Referred to Senate Veterans Affairs, hearing 7-12-23.

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[HR 2577](#)-Thompson-DHS Suicide Prevention and Resiliency for Law Enforcement Act.

Establishes the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Program within the US Department of Homeland Security for DHS agents. Current Status: Placed on House Union Calendar 10-20-23.

Companion: [S 1137](#)-Peters-Senate Committee Substitute favorably reported from Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs 5-17-23.

[HR 3581](#)-Kiggans-Caregiver Outreach and Program Enhancement-COPE Act-Grants to improve mental health support to family caregivers of veterans. Passed House 12-4-23, sent to Senate Veterans Affairs Committee 12-5-23. Companion [S 216](#)-Moran Reported favorably without amendment 2-16-23.

[HR 4531](#)-Guthrie-SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act.

Title I-Public Health

- *Section 101*-Amends Public Health Service Act to delete reference to “surveillance” of infections associated with illicit drug use and other risk factors and inserts the word “monitoring” instead. Extends the statute to 2028.
- *Section 102*-Amends Public Health Service Act to add evidence-based prevention grants that address the fentanyl crisis. Increases funding to \$505,579,000 per fiscal years 2024-2028.
- *Section 103*-Amends Public Health Service Act to raise funding for residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women to \$38,931,000 per fiscal years 2024-2028.
- *Section 104*-Amends Public Health Service Act to increase funding for first responder training to \$56,000,000 per fiscal years 2024-2028.
- *Section 105*-Amends Public Health Service Act to increase funding for the Building Communities of Recovery Program to \$16,000,000 per fiscal years 2024-2028.
- *Section 106*-Amends Public Health Services Act to increase funding for the National Peer-Run Training and Technical Assistance Center for Addiction Recovery Support to \$2,000,000 per fiscal years 2024-2028.
- *Section 107*-Amends Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers through 2028.
 - Requires documentation for evidence of capacity to carry out required activities through a letter of intent or other relevant documentation from partner agencies whose primary purpose is the delivery of mental health or substance use disorder treatment services with which the applicant coordinates the full continuum of treatment services that the applicant is unable to deliver onsite.
 - Allows Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers to carry out activities through referral or contractual agreements with third parties.
 - Directs the US Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to issue guidance on best practices.
- *Section 108*-Amends Public Health Services Act to increase funding for grants to address the challenges of persons who experience violence-related stress to \$93,887,000 per fiscal years 2024-2028.
- *Section 109*-Amends Public Health Services Act to extend Mental and Behavioral Health Education and Training Grants through 2028.
- *Section 110*-Amends Public Health Service Act to increase funding to \$40,000,000 per fiscal year 2024-2028.
- *Section 111*-Amends the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to extend the pilot program for public health laboratories to detect fentanyl and other synthetic opioids through 2028.

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HR 4531-Guthrie-continued

- *Section 112*-Amends the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to increase funding for monitoring and reporting of child, youth, and adult trauma to \$9,000,000 per fiscal year 2024-2028.
- *Section 113*-Amends the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to add additional reports.
- *Section 114*-Amends the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act regarding grants to support individuals in substance use disorder treatment and recovery to live independently and participate in the workforce.
 - Priority shall be based on the following rates in a State for the previous five years:
 - The average rate of drug overdose deaths in the State above the national average.
 - The unemployment rate in a State above the national average.
 - The labor participation rate in a State below the national average.
 - Allows grant fund to be used to provide participants with transportation to or from work, vocational education, job training, treatment or recovery services.
 - Increases funding to \$12,000,000 per fiscal years 2024-2028.
- *Section 115*-Amends the 21st Century Cures Act to allow fentanyl or xylazine test strips in grant programs for State and Tribal response to opioid use disorders.
- *Section 116*-Requires HHS to include any opioid overdose reversal agent authorized for use by the FDA in regulations, guidance or other documents for grants addressing opioid misuse and use disorders.
- *Section 117*-Amends the 21st Century Cures Act to allow grant recipients to use grant funds for other concurrent substance use disorders in addition to opioid or stimulant use or misuse disorders including alcohol or poly-drug use.
- *Section 118*-Requires the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress on the use of remote monitoring of individuals who are prescribed opioids.

Title II-Controlled Substances

- *Section 201*-Amends the Controlled Substances Act regarding delivery of Schedule III, IV, or V by a pharmacy to an administering practitioner.
- *Section 202*-Regarding products containing a combination of Buprenorphine and Naloxone.
 - Directs HHS to review relevant data pertaining the scheduling of products containing a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone that have been approved by the FDA.
 - Directs the Attorney General to initiate rulemaking and to revise schedules if appropriate.
- *Section 203*-Combatting Illicit Xylazine
 - Defines “Xylazine”.
 - Places Xylazine on Schedule III under the Controlled Substances Act,
 - Requires the Attorney General, through the DEA, in coordination with the FDA to submit a report to Congress on the prevalence and illicit use of Xylazine within one year, which shall be updated after four years.
- *Section 204*-Technical Corrections

Title III-Medicaid

- *Section 301*-Amends Section 1905 of the Social Security Act to extend the requirement for State Medicaid Plans to provide coverage for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) by striking the original ending date of September 30, 2025. Adds a conforming amendment to the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.

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- *Section 302*-Amends the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to expand required reports on T-MSIS Substance Use Disorder Data to include mental health condition data.
 - Changes name from Substance Use Disorder Data Book to Behavioral Health Data Book.\
 - Changes SUD language to behavioral health language in statute.
- *Section 303*-Amends the Social Security Act Section 1902 to include in monitoring the prescribing of antipsychotic medications, individuals who are:
 - Over 18 years of age.
 - Receiving home and community-based services.
 - Residing in institutional care settings, including nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Current Status: Passed House 12-12-23. Sent to Senate 12-13-23. Companion: [S 1991](#)-McConnell-to Senate HELP Committee6-14-23

[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: Referred to House E&C-Health 7-21-23.

Companion: [S 265](#)-Durbin. Passed Senate 12-13-23. Sent to House 12-15-23.

[HR 6364](#)-Balderson (R-OH-12) Medicare Telehealth Privacy Act of 2023. Favorably Reported 12-6-23. Maintains Medicare telehealth flexibilities for providers.

[HR 7153](#)-Wild (D-PA) 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. Hearing in E&C Subcommittee on Health 2-14-24. 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

US Senate Bills

[S 265](#)-Durbin-Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs (SIREN) Act Reauthorization.

Extends Rural Emergency Medical Service Training and Equipment Assistance Program.

Current Status: Passed Senate 12-13-23. Sent to House 12-15-23.

Companion: [HR 4646](#)-Joyce-SIREN Reauthorization Act-Referred to House E&C-Health.

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Companion: [HR 472](#)-Joyce-Referred to House Judiciary Committee 1-24-23.

[S 1137](#)-Peters-DHS Suicide Prevention and Resiliency for Law Enforcement Act.

Would establish the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Program within the US Department of Homeland Security for DHS agents.

Current Status: Placed on Senate Calendar 10-3-23.

Companion: [HR 2577](#)-Thompson-Reported from Homeland Security Committee with amendment and placed on House Union Calendar 10-2-23.

[S 1141](#)-Cassidy (R-LA)- Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act. HALT Fentanyl Act.

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- The HALT Fentanyl Act becomes effective on the date of enactment.

Current Status: Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee 3-30-23.

Companion: [HR 467](#)-Griffith. Passed House 5-25-23. Sent to Senate, referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

[S 1493](#)-Sinema. 9-8-8 Cybersecurity Responsibility Act. Amends Public Health Service Act, Title V to secure the 9-8-8 suicide prevention lifeline from cybersecurity attacks.

Current Status: Referred to Senate HELP 5-9-23.

Companions: [HR 498](#)-Oberholte-Reported favorably with amendment by E&C and placed on House Union Calendar 5-11-23. [S 3393](#)-Sanders-Reported favorably from Senate HELP, placed on Senate Legislative Calendar 2-1-24.

[S 3393](#)-Sanders-SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act.. Reported favorably from Senate HELP, placed on Senate Legislative Calendar 2-1-24.





118th United States Congress
Progress on Behavioral Health Bills to Hearing and Beyond
 Status as of March 8, 2024

Bill #	Sponsor	Subject	Committee	Hearing	Calendar	H/S Vote	To Other Chamber	Opposite Committee	Hearing	Calendar	H/S Vote	Conf. Comm.?	To Gov
HR 467	Griffith	HALT Fentanyl Act	E&C			5-25-23	→S	S Judiciary					
S 1141	Cassidy		Judiciary										
HR 472	Joyce	Fighting PTSD Act	Judiciary										
S 645	Grassley					3-2-23	→H						
HR 498	Obernolte	9-8-8	E&C	5-11-23 + am		3-6-24	→S	HELP					
S 1493	Sinema	Cybersecurity	HELP										
HR 1639	Lee	VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project	Veterans' Affairs	7-18-23									
S 853	Rosen		Veterans' Affairs	7-12-23									
HR 2577	Thompson	9-8-8 Cybersecurity Responsibility Act	Homeland Security		10-20-23								
S 1137	Peters		Homeland Security	5-17-23 +									
HR 3176	Biggs	Veterans' Health Care Freedom Act	Veterans' Affairs										
S 1545	Blackburn		Veterans' Affairs	7-12-23									
HR 3581	Kiggans	COPE Act	Veterans' Affairs	7-16-23 CS+		12-4-23	→S	Veterans Affairs					
S 216	Moran	RESPECT Act	Veterans' Affairs	2-16-23 + w/o am									
HR 4531	Guthrie	SUPPORT For Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act	E&C	7-19-23 + w/am 49-0		12-12-23	→S	HELP					
S 1991	McConnell		HELP										
HR 4646	Joyce	SIREN Act Reauthorization	E&C										
S 265	Durbin		HELP	7-26-23 CS +		12-13-23	→H						
HR 6364	Balderson	Medicare Telehealth	E&C	+ 12-6-23									
HR 7153	Wild	Dr. Lorna Breen Act	E&C	2-14-24									

Key:

E&C Health = House Energy and Commerce-Subcommittee on Health.

HELP=Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

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Department of Criminal Justice FY2024 SAMHSA Grant Project

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	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2028 Total	FY2027 Total	FY2026 Total	FY2025 Total	FY2024 Total
Nexus New Admissions	0	2	2	1	1												6
Nexus Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission		7.5	10	6	12												8.875
Homeward Bound New Admissions	0	3	2	2	2												9
Homeward Bound Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission		18	36	36	21												27.75
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																	
Successful	0	0	1	3	4												8
Unsuccessful	0	0	1	0	0												1
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2024																	
Number of Referrals by Specialty Courts			AIM	1				DWI					STAR				
			ATLAS	2				IIP					Veterans				
			Competency	9				Legacy Family	2				4-C				
			DDC					MHJD/SET	1								
			DIVERT	4				STAC	7								

*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 1

*Nexus Pending Admission: 0

HARRY INGRAM														FY2024 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								
February	34	4	38	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	36	15	5	0	10								

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 DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF GRADUATES	BOND***											
February	50	0	7	57	0	0	0	3	0	3	54	14	2	14											

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	PROBATION MODIFICATIONS	DISMISSALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER PARTICIPANTS	BOND								
February	48	11	59	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	4	21	38	28	1	0	27								

February		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	283	37	320	0	1	0	0	0	15	0	0	18	34				
L. Strather	373	30	403	0	0	11	0	0	6	3	0	0	20				

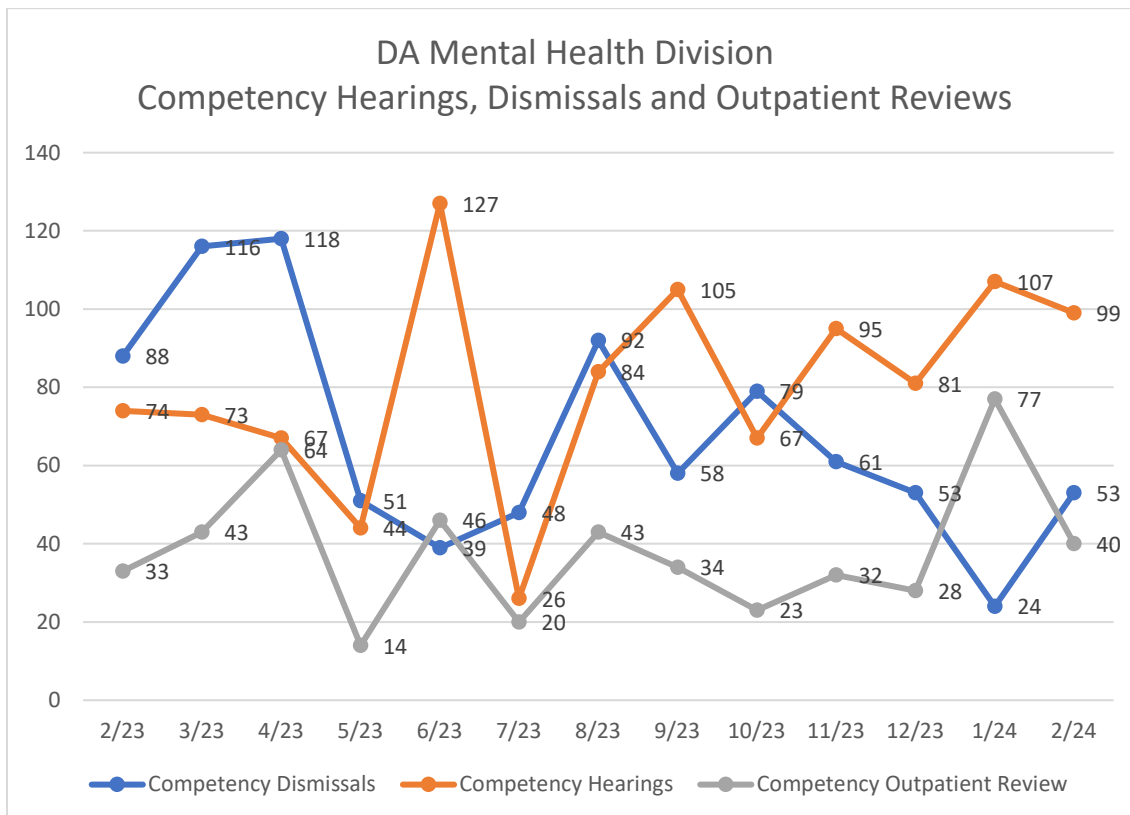
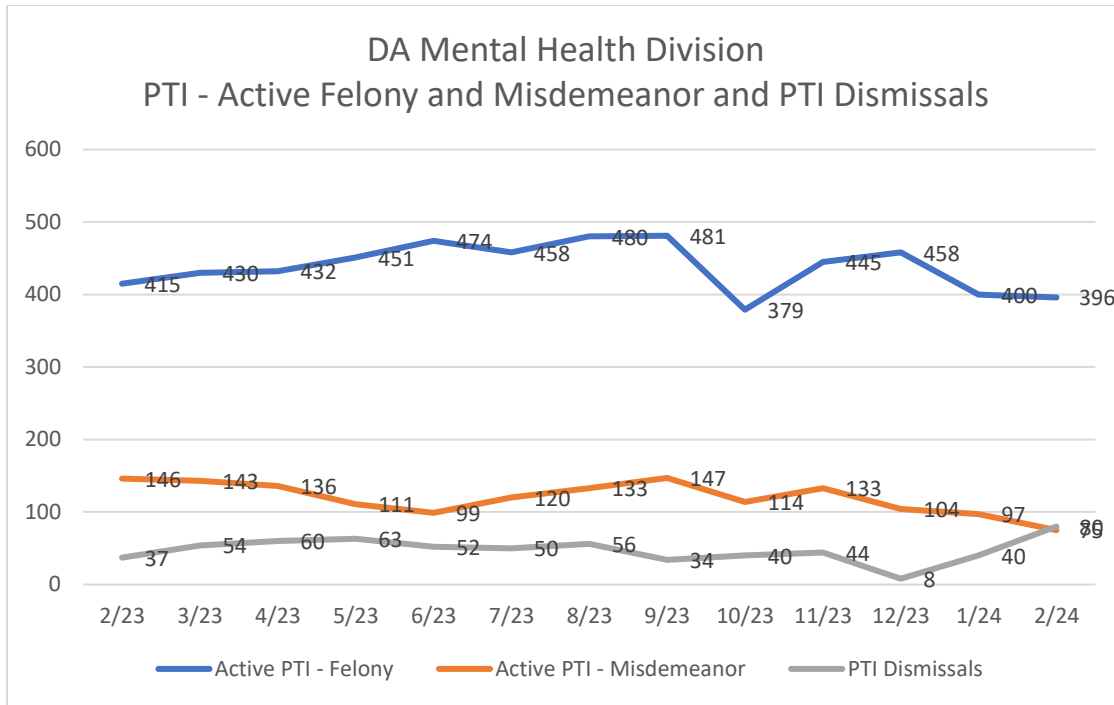
February		FY2024 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS															
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATIONS	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR	
M. Harden	229	8	0	0	0	5	6	4	2	10	1	1	0	0	0	13	
R. Scott	27	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	

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	
February	88	44	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	17	0	10	0	0	0	11	

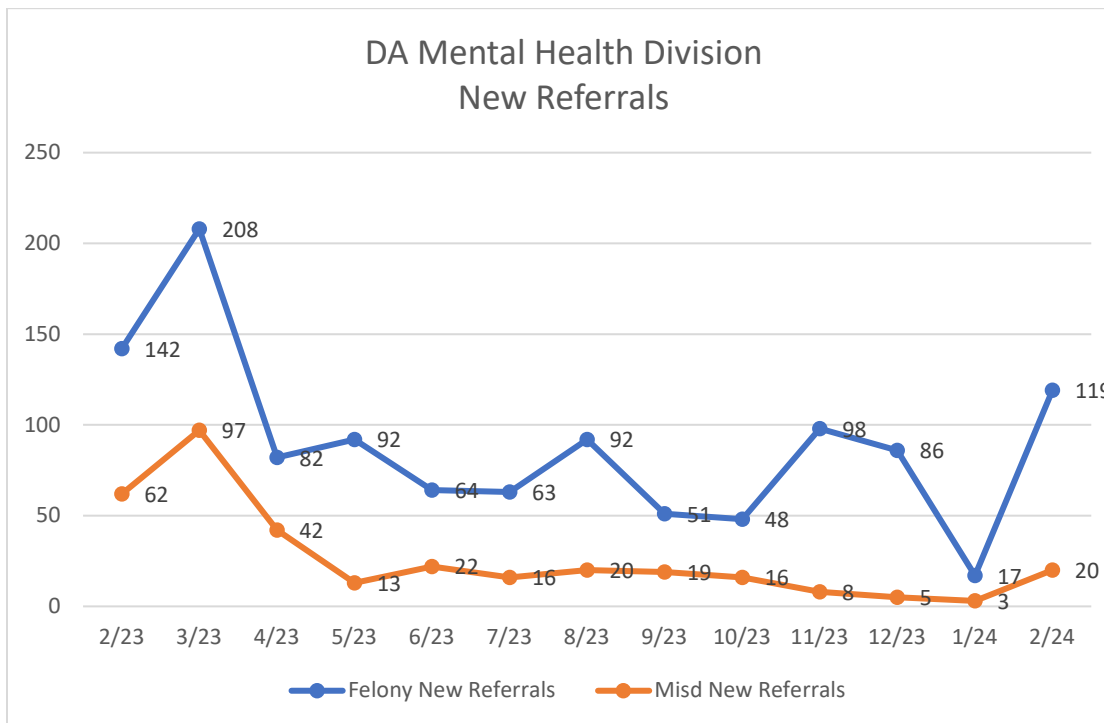
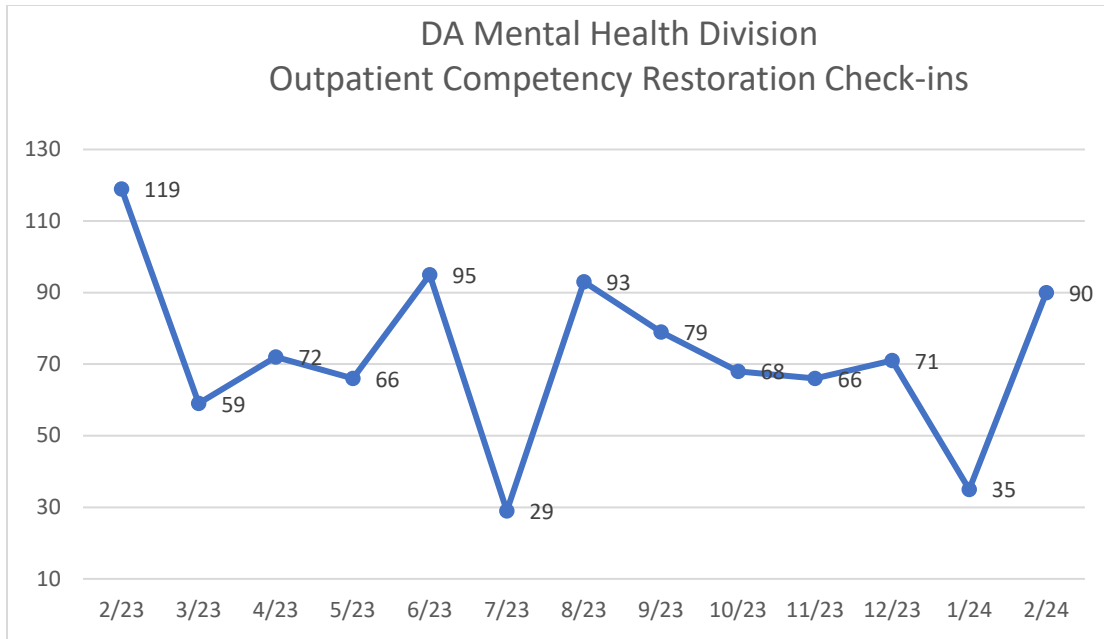
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MONTH	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENTS AT PERMIETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE	NEW CLIENTS AT PARKLAND	NEW CLIENTS AT CLEMENTS (formerly ZALE 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 THRINGTON	MRM/ MLLW/ 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	137	6	7	40	0	3	0	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	17	14	0	0	0
C. Cox	135	0	0	0	0	0	118	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	15	11	0	0	15
K. Nelson	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	13	13	0	0	0
R. Black	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	29	29	0	0	6	0	1	1	0	0	1

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 HEARING S (# 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
	2404	287	56	24	80	132	92	65	27	40	25	15

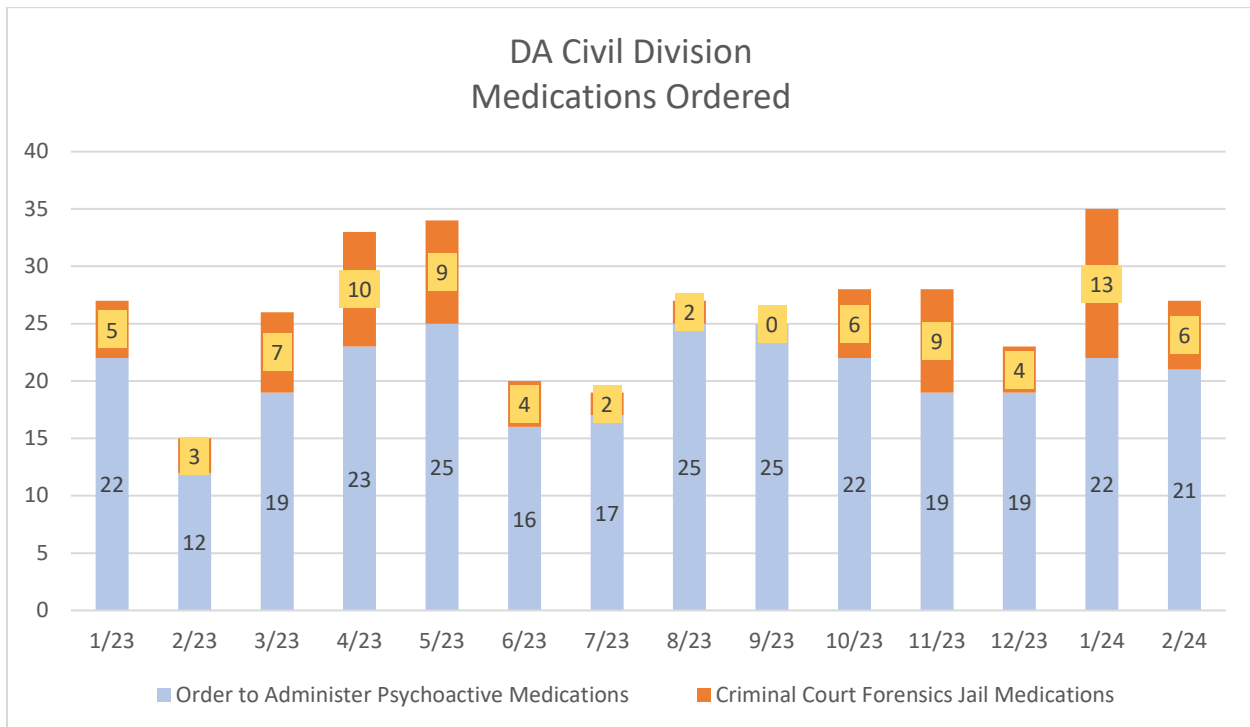
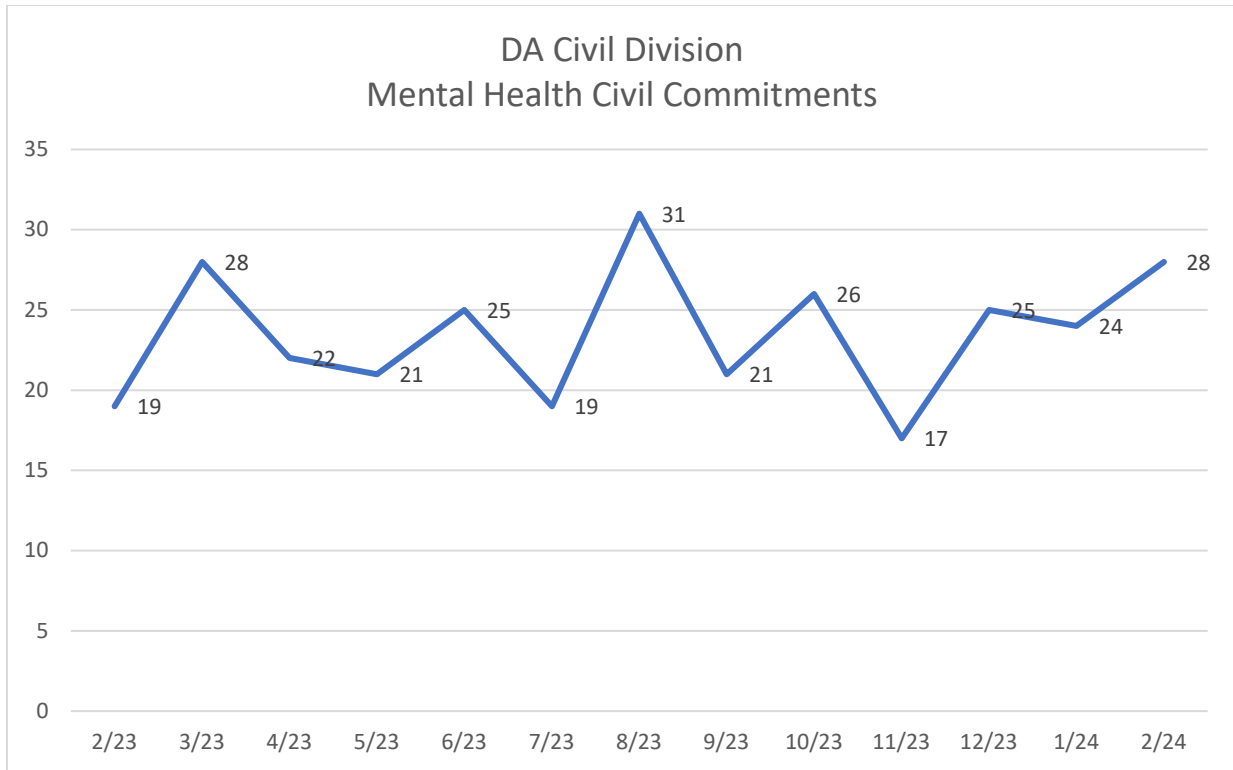
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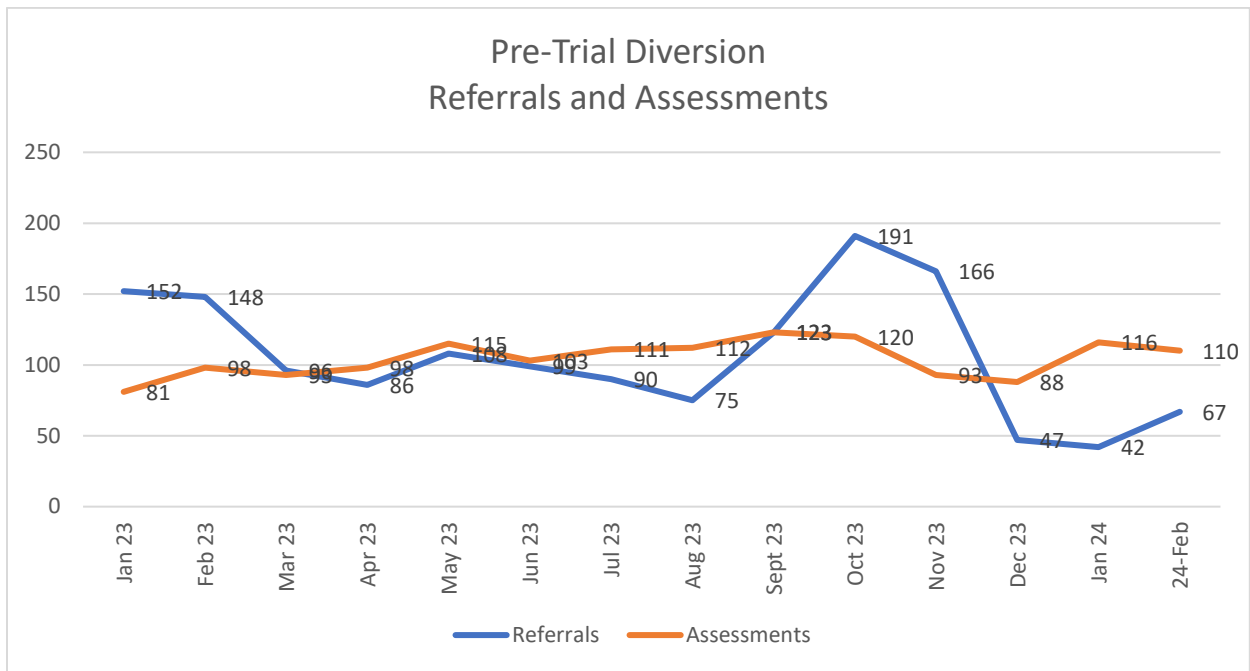
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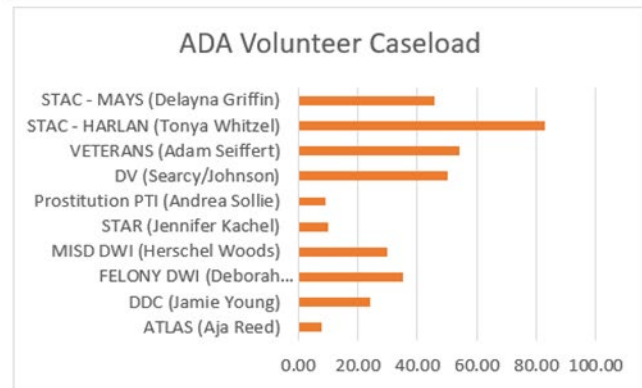
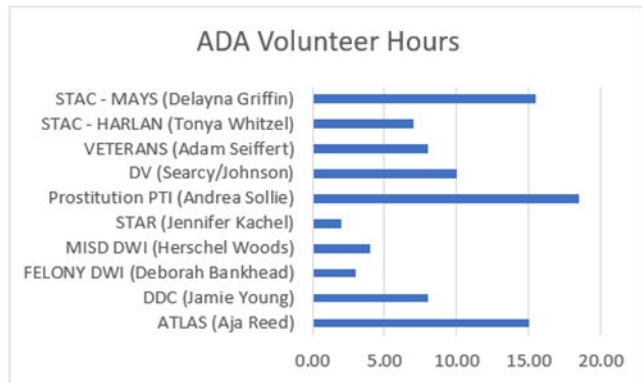
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RJD SPECIALTY COURT/PROGRAMS
ADA VOLUNTEER HOURS- February
2024

Specialty Court/Program	Hours	Caseload
ATLAS (Aja Reed)	15.00	8.00
DDC (Jamie Young)	8.00	24.00
FELONY DWI (Deborah Bankhead)	3.00	35.00
MISD DWI (Herschel Woods)	4.00	30.00
STAR (Jennifer Kachel)	2.00	10.00
Prostitution PTI (Andrea Sollie)	18.50	9.00
DV (Searcy/Johnson)	10.00	50.00
VETERANS (Adam Seiffert)	8.00	54.00
STAC - HARLAN (Tonya Whitzel)	7.00	83.00
STAC - MAYS (Delayna Griffin)	15.50	46.00



Specialty Court & Programs
Monthly Statistics - February 2024

Specialty Court/Program	Pending Intak	Graduate	Failed	Activ
DIVERT	42	9	1	117
AIM	61	6	1	66
SET	15	4	3	27
MHJD	9	2	0	13
Veteran's	14	2	0	54
General PTI	205	27	30	243
Prostitution PTI	79	1	0	9
STAR PTI	1	0	0	0

