



**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2025**  
**9:30am -11:00am**  
**In-Person & Virtual Meetings via Microsoft Teams**

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
  - Review/Approval of November 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- II. Introductions
- III. **Presentation:** NAMI North Texas Executive Committee
  - Kasey Smith, Executive Director, NAMI North Texas
  - Lee Pierson, Chief of Mental Health Division, District Attorney's Office
- 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



**DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**Minutes of the Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 14, 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, October 10, 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.

- Candy Bullard, Program Manager, Deflection Center Manager
- Jasmine Combs, Business Development Manager, Life Enhancement Services
- Veronica Celeya, Senior Secretary, District 4 Commissioner Elba Garcia's Office
- Becky Tinney, Director of Special Projects, Recovery Research Council
- Mike Griffiths, Interim Director, Dallas County Juvenile Department

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

**Carol Lucky**, CEO, NTBHA, provided the update. Ms. Lucky reported NTBHA had their monthly board meeting yesterday. Ms. Lucky reported NTBHA is continuing with their implementation of their medical record system and anticipate being fully operational in January or February. The construction grant is moving forward but the contract has not been received. Ms. Lucky stated, NTBHA was awarded 2.5 million dollars at a 100 percent match for renovation and will go out for RFP for this project. Metrocare received 5.3 million dollars at 100 percent match for a new facility for permanent supported housing which will build about 30-40 units. Ms. Lucky reported that there will be a mental health rural grant for diversion services in Kaufman. Ms. Lucky also stated

supported employment is an area NTBHA plans to focus on and looking at funding to improve. Ms. Lucky reported ACT services has decreased in fidelity due to COVID, and staffing has been an issue causing service hours to fall below the required 10-hour a month average. Ms. Lucky also reported NTBHA has received a grant for a stipend for eight interns that would pay students (Bachelors and Masters level) up to \$10,000 a year. Lastly, NTBHA has received approval to recognize Martin Luther King Day and Cesar Chavez Day as time off holidays for staff.

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

**Ron Stretcher**, Senior Director of Systems Management, MMHPI, provided an update on the Housing Forward Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACT) and Intensive Case Management (ICM) training with Southern Area and Child and Family Guidance, stating training went well and program referrals have started coming in. Mr. Stretcher reported that he will be following up with committee members on collaboration for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services for children.

**Doug Denton**, Executive Director, Homeward Bound, provided an update on the Deflection Center report. Mr. Denton reported there were 38 admissions for the month of October with DART Police Department as the highest referral source. Mr. Denton reports that the average length of stay at the Deflection Center was 6.3 days. For those that left the same day, five refused services and were given a bus pass, three connected to a shelter, five connected to family or friends and one was connected to the Living Room.

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

**Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel** reported that more families have been diverted or housed from January to September 2023 than the entire year of 2022. Family Gateway is involved in youth homelessness and funds have been awarded to youth homelessness programing which aims to be operational by the end of this year. Dr. Daniel reported that there is a downward trend in fewer new units being available in the coming year. Dr. Daniel reports there are 111,695 units under construction and additional 111,896 units in pre-construction

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

**Yordanos Melake**, Program Manager, Criminal Justice Department provided the update. Ms. Melake reported, for the month of October, there were 3,012 magistrate orders for 16.22 screenings with 2,133 completed, 171 defendants refused screenings and 592 defendants unable to be located. The Mental Health Advisory Committee will continue to meet every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, with the last meeting scheduled on October 8 and the next meeting currently scheduled for December 10, however, this meeting is likely to be cancelled due to the holidays and rescheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2025, Ms. Melake advised committee members to look out for an upcoming email.

### **Legislative Update**

**Janie Metzinger**, Director of External Affairs, NTBHA, provided the report and referred to the Legislative reports in the packet. Ms. Metzinger highlighted the hearing on homelessness, looking at various models in major cities around the states and a hearing on consumable THC in beverages. Ms. Metzinger stated on Tuesday law makers filed a record breaking 1,511 bills for next year's legislative session and once the bills begin moving, Ms. Metzinger states she will provide the committee with a bar chart.

## **Funding Opportunities Updates**

- **SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update**

Commissioner John Wiley Price, referred to the SAMHSA report in the packet.

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

**Paul Blocker**, Interim Chief, Public Defender's Office, reported that the Interlocal agreement with the City of Dallas Drug Court and the Public Defender's Office has been finalized and currently waiting on a response from the City of Dallas on their SAMHSA Grant for their Veteran's Court. Lastly, Mr. Blocker announced that the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health (JCMH) will hold the 2024 Judicial Summit on Mental Health Conference on November 21 – 22, 2024 and Mrs. Vickie Rice of the PDs Office along with Judge Rocky Jones will be presenting.

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

**Julie Turnbull**, Chief of Restorative Justice Division, District Attorney's Office, referred to the BHLT packet for October's report. Mrs. Turnbull reported that there is a new Forensic Support Team pilot program in Dallas County. Mrs. Turnbull stated Dallas County was chosen because of the efforts the misdemeanor competency treatment team and their work in decreasing the misdemeanor competency hospital waitlist to only nine individuals. four of which are waiting on acceptance to outpatient.

## **Upcoming Events and Notifications**

**Mike Griffiths**, Interim Director, Juvenile Department, stated that the Juvenile Department is working with NTBHA and the Meadows Foundation in expanding Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) services for youth and possibly an early intervention diversion team. Lastly, Mr. Griffiths reported that the American Psychological Association (APA) has accredited their practicum student program which will bring a more diverse clinical staff.

**Dr. John Burruss**, CEO, Metrocare Services, announced that Metrocare has purchased a building in Southeast Dallas and will operationalize December 2 and the following day activate a satellite clinic at the Parkland Southeast Dallas Health Center on Elam Rd.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Price thanked everyone for their service. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dallas Texas 75202  
December 4, 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:** Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Jessica Mendoza, Dallas County; Tzeggabhran Kidane, Dallas County; Tom Ervin, Dallas County; Kimberley Rawls, DCCJ; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Kelvin Brown, Homepoint; Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp; Kerri Stitt, Youth 180; Traswell Livingston, (ASD) AIDS Services of Dallas; Lisa Marshall, Fighting Homelessness; Students from Jesuit High School

*Dr. Daniel opened the meeting by having the members at the table to introduce themselves and their organization. The students from Jesuit High School also introduced themselves and spoke about their future educational plans.*

**The meeting started by talking about how the county government, nonprofit agencies, and businesses collaborate together to help mitigate the homelessness situation in Dallas County.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner and the committee approved the minutes from the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**GOVERNANCE**

Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County

Commissioner Daniel reported that a meeting was held on November 18<sup>th</sup> and Tzeggabhran Kidane stated that the eviction diversion data has been postponed at this time due to the ARPA funding ending. They are in the process of working with budget to determine if the program can continue through alternative funding.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported that the first day for bills to be filed, over 1100 bills were filed and she found six bills were related to homelessness. Rep. Walle presented some housing bills. One was to develop a statewide data sharing network to provide real time data on homelessness and another focused on Texas tenant readiness and landlord incentive pilot program. Sen. Eckhardt also presented another version of the bill to the Senate, which presents good feedback because they garner bi-partisan attention and interest. Janie also mentioned she has some concerns about HB 1042 that was presented by Rep. Bhojan. The bill would provide issuance of driver's license and birth records to those experiencing homelessness. Her concern is that the current bill leaves open space for potential identity theft and trafficking because proper identifying documentation is not obtained. The intent of the bill is to make it easier for the homeless to obtain their identification.

There were also a couple more bills that were presented regarding housing and the Commissioner stated that Dallas County will be watching to see if there is anything that the county can do during these legislative sessions. Lisa Marshall stated that her team is currently working on bills for the legislature including bills dealing with criminal justice reforms and youth homelessness.

There was a question as to whether there are housing legislative advocacy groups out there. Lisa Marshall stated that groups such as Texas Housers and Texas Homelessness Network do exist. She reported that Texas Housers is currently the largest organization, and they have bi-weekly meetings that focus on their legislative agenda. Currently, they are discussing tenant rights and equitable tax incentives and insurance for developers. Kerri Stitt reported that Texas Network of Youth Services also does a lot of legislative work as well.

Traswell Livingston reported that Rep. Jones reported that there are two current bills that are targeting HIV. One effort is trying to get HIV testing as a part of general screenings, and the other is to target the decriminalization of HIV from being a

felony case.

Tom Ervin mentioned that Commissioner Sommerman was in Austin at the time of the meeting doing a roundtable on homelessness and possible funding avenues due to the ending of ARPA funding. Kimberly Rawls questioned if there were any bills addressing re-entry programs and Janie answered she believes there are some bills that have been filed regarding those programs and once she researches them more deeply, she will report back. Commissioner implored the group to keep their ears open and if they are going to Austin, to listen to those legislators and report back to the group those conversations and changes so that all can be informed.

## **RESOURCES**

### NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty reported that they have incurred some obstacles with the TBRA program and processing their applications. TDHCA's contract expired, and NTBHA has to wait until they review and reopen the contract to continue processing those applications and submitting new ones. The contract expired with 15 applications in process that are currently seeking to assist 12 households. They have been on hold for two weeks waiting for the release of the contract and once it is done, they will continue with the processing of applications.

### Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls reported that the FUSE data is in the meeting packet, and she is currently working on October and November's data and that will be available for the group very soon. DC Criminal Justice Executive Team and the DC Criminal Justice Housing Team have met and spoken with Commissioner Sommerman and the City of Dallas Office of Homeless Solution team and provided them information on the criminal justice housing department, re-entry housing, and the support services they provide for the county.

Kimberly stated that she is diligently researching grant funding for the FUSE program and once announcements have been made, she will apply for those grants. The Dallas County St. Jude beds are currently at capacity, and they don't foresee any future vacancies. She is currently working with the contracting specialist to complete the procurement process so the RFP can be posted for HSHCJC grant and it could take up to 12 months to post. She also reported that she has been invited by the BJA to present during their Second Chance Act Conference in Philadelphia in late December. Lastly, she reported that the Connector is running well on our end.

### Homeless Jail Dashboard: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls stated that the report is in the meeting packet and the numbers have been steady and consistent. If there are any questions, she is available to answer those. Commissioner Daniel mentioned that there was a decrease in the suspected mental health book-ins, but the overall trend is increasing. Kimberly reported that the loss of the FUSE program funding and the rapid rehousing funding may have an impact on the jail system. Traswell Livingston reported that rapid rehousing funding has been awarded to organizations, but it hasn't started yet. Jim Mattingly reported that some of the funding that has decreased has affected organizations from having Housing Navigators and this has decreased the opportunities to help to get people rehoused.

## **PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES**

### Youth Homelessness: Kerri Stitt, Youth 180

Kerri Stitt reported that she didn't have much information on youth homelessness at this time, but she did report that youth medication assisted treatment will come online in the next two months for adolescents who are on Medicaid or without insurance. They are currently expanding their recovery support services at this time.

### Mattingly Report: Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp

Jim Mattingly stated that this will be his last meeting with the Housing Workgroup. He thanked Commissioner Daniel for the opportunity to be included and thanked her for bringing the organizations to the table to address the issues surrounding housing and homelessness and helping them from working alone in silos. He stated that there started to be significant changes around four years ago with the reorganization of Housing Forward and the community continuum of

care. Now that the county has the federal funding, and organizations are working together, those efforts that began need to be recognized and celebrated. He stated since January 2021, 13,822 people and families have been placed in housing through the organizations working together with Housing Forward and other entities. The Point in-Time count has seen three years of decrease. In the last year, there has been a 19% decrease in homelessness, a 24% decrease in unsheltered homelessness, a 22% decrease in youth homelessness, and a 14.9% decrease in family homelessness. This year to date, over 242 people living in encampments have been housed. He stated we haven't solved the problem, but we are making progress, and he echoed Commissioner Daniel's sentiment that we are not done yet.

***Commissioner Daniel thanked Jimm Mattingly for his service, she thanked everyone for participating and wished them Happy Holidays .***

***Next Meeting: January***

**HOUSE BILLS**

HB 171-Guillen-The Anell Borrego Act-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code regarding the certificate of medical examination for chemical dependency and the duration of court-ordered treatment.

- Section 3 amends Section 462.064 (c) Adds a physician's opinion stating that the person's likelihood to harm self, others, or to continue to suffer abnormal mental, emotional, or physical distress and to deteriorate in ability to function independently if not treated, and to make rational and informed choice regarding treatment is as a result of the proposed patient's chemical dependency.
- Sections 4, 5, and 7 amend Sections 462.069 (a), 462.075(f), and 462.081 (a) and (b), respectively, to designate Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to approve treatment facilities for court commitments.
- Section 6 amends 462.080(b) to allow the facility administrator to discharge the patient before the expiration of the period in the court order if the treating physician determines the patient no longer meets criteria for court-ordered treatment.
- Proposed effective date: September 1, 2025.

HB 185-Thompson-Amends Texas Education Code, Title 3, Subtitle H to create the Mental Health and Brian Research Institute of Texas.

HB 234-Johnson-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 7B to add Subchapter D to create an Extreme Risk Protective Order.

- Requires an individual to relinquish firearms and license to carry if the court finds that there is reasonable cause to believe that the respondent poses an immediate and present danger of causing bodily injury or death to any person as a result of the respondent's serious mental illness and access to firearms.
- Allows the court to order outpatient mental health services if recommended by the **Local Mental Health Authority (LBHA/LMHA)** or a disinterested expert who is qualified to diagnose and is experienced in diagnosing mental illness.

HB 253-Talarico-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.125 to remove penalties for use, possession, delivery or manufacture of testing equipment to identify substances in Penalty Group 1-B of the Texas Controlled Substances Act (fentanyl and its derivatives).

**Yellow highlighting** indicates legislation that directly relates to Local Behavioral Health Authorities or Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.

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[HB 339](#)-Vasult-Amends Texas Local Government Code 229 to allow cities and municipalities to regulate “structured sober living homes” defined as providing:

- Alcohol-free or drug-free housing to individuals who are:
  - Recovering from alcohol or drug addiction and
  - Receiving outpatient behavioral health substance abuse or addiction treatment
  - Independent living and life skills development
  - Structured activities for recovery in a supervised setting.
- Structured sober living home does not include living in the home of a family member who requires participation in outpatient behavioral health services as a condition of residence.
- Cities and municipalities required to comply with state and federal fair housing laws and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Allows the governing body of a municipality may exempt a structured sober living home from standards in HB 339 if the home is subject to adequate oversight by another governmental entity or contractor.

[HB 381](#)-Guillen-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code Title 2, Subtitle B, adds Chapter 49 to establish a Veteran’s Pilot Program to provide personalized treatment protocols for veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Requires a report by October 1, 2030.

[HB 462](#)-Guillen-Creates a mental health allotment under the Foundation School Program. Section 3 Amends Texas Education Code Chapter 48, Subchapter C to add Section 48.117.

- Establish a \$100,000 or greater annual allotment to school districts to support mental health services.
- Designates an additional allotment for:
  - Small and mid-sized school districts eligible for the allotment in Texas Education Code 48.101 or
  - School districts at which more than 50 percent of enrolled students are educationally disadvantaged.
- Funds must be used to develop a school mental health system that implements programs, practices and procedures under Texas Education Code Subchapter G-Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Youth Suicide, Section 38.351-Mental Health Promotion and Intervention, Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention , and Suicide Prevention.
- Funds must provide a tiered array of supports and services in the educational setting, including support services provided by chaplains.
- Funds must be used to contribute to:
  - Positive school climate.
  - Managing emotions.
  - Positive relationships.
  - Responsible decision-making.
  - Learning and well-being of students at-risk for mental health or substance use conditions.
  - Family engagement.
  - Community engagement.
  - Reduced exclusionary discipline.
  - Staff wellness.
- Funds may be used for costs associated with:
  - Salary of school personnel, including chaplains responsible for planning, coordination, delivery or monitoring the program(s).
  - Training school personnel on supporting student mental health.
  - Contract-based collaborative efforts with one or more community programs.
  - Restorative justice programs.

## HB 462-Guillen--continued

- Funds may not be used to supplant other funds for the same purpose.
- Annual report by school district to the Texas Commissioner of Education regarding outcomes and expenditures required by June 1 of each year.
- Texas Commissioner of Education is required to publish an annual report of funds used in previous school year regarding programs, personnel and resources implemented, employed, or purchased by school districts using these funds and other purposes for which funds are used.

HB 473-Gervin-Hawkins-Notice of Rights to patient receiving certain mental health, chemical dependency or rehabilitation treatment or services.

Section 1- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 321.002-Patient's Bill of Rights.

- Applies to inpatient facilities at which voluntary or involuntary mental health, chemical dependency, or comprehensive medical rehabilitation services are provided.
- Includes childcare facilities, hospitals, mental health facilities, treatment facilities and childcare facilities at which treatment is provided to minors for emotional, mental health, or chemical dependency problems.
- Requires written copies to be provided in the patient's primary language.
- Oral and written communication must be provided on two separate days.
  - If English is the patient's primary language, information must be provided at the time of admission or acceptance into treatment and not later than the third day after admission/acceptance.
  - If English is not the patient's primary language, information must be provided not later than 24 hours after admission/acceptance and not later than the third day after admission/acceptance.
- The facility must ensure that parents, managing conservator or guardian of a minor accepted for treatment in a child-care facility each sign a copy of the Patient's Bill of Rights and a statement that the parent, managing conservator or guardian understands the document.
- The facility must prominently display the Patient's Bill of Rights and include the name and contact information of the person with whom to file a complaint.
- The posted Patient's Bill of Rights must be posted in English and a second language appropriate to the demographic composition of the community served by the facility.

Section 2-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code Title 7-Mental Health and Intellectual Disability. Subtitle C-Texas Mental Health Code. Chapter 576-Rights of Patients. Subchapter A-General Rights. Section 576.009-Notification of Rights.

- Requires that patients receiving involuntary mental health services shall be informed:
  - Through a poster and
  - Orally, in simple, non-technical terms and in writing or
  - Through a means reasonably calculated to be communicated with a person who is hearing or visually impaired.

HB 475-Johnson-Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for Multi-Systemic Therapy Services (MST). Amends Texas Human Resources Code 32.024 to direct HHSC to provide reimbursement for MST for and establish a separate provider type for MST providers for enrollment and reimbursement purposes.

HB 488-Johnson-Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for Functional Family Therapy.

Amends Texas Human Resources Code 32, Subchapter B to add 32.04261 to direct HHSC to provide reimbursement for Functional Family Therapy for youth at risk of involvement in the child welfare or criminal justice systems.

HB 497-Patterson-Requires parental consent for behavioral or mental health treatment by a school district.

Amends Texas Education Code 26.009(a) to require school districts to obtain parental consent before providing behavioral or mental health services or treatment to a child.

HB 505-Bucy-Re: Issuance of birth record, driver's license or personal identification to a homeless person.

Section 1-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 191, Subchapter A.

- Defines "homeless individual" as someone who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime address or whose nighttime address is a congregate shelter, welfare hotel, transitional housing for people with mental illness, a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, a public or private place not designed to be regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Definition does not include persons imprisoned or detained in a correctional facility unless the person also meets the above description at the time of arrest.
- Directs the State Registrar, Local Registrar, or County Clerk to issue a certified copy of a homeless individual's birth record to the person, upon request, without a fee.
- Directs the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to adopt processes to:
  - Verify status as a homeless individual, including:
    - A letter from the director of a transitional housing program operated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
    - A letter from the director of an emergency shelter for people who are homeless.
    - A transitional living program.
    - A law enforcement agency.
    - A political subdivision that appoints or employs peace officers.
- DSHS may not require a physical address to satisfy any above requirement.

Section 2-Amends Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 521-Driver's Licenses and Certificates, Subchapter I-Issuance of Driver's License, to add Issuance of License or Certificate to a Homeless Individual.

- Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), by rule, shall:
  - Adopt a process to verify the person's status as a homeless individual using letters of verification from the sources listed above in Section 1.
  - Prescribe necessary documentation for issuance of a driver's license or personal identification.
  - Exempt the homeless individual from payment of fees for driver's license or personal identification.
  - Personal identification certificate issued to a child or youth who is homeless must comply with these provisions.

Section 3-Transfer of funds to cover the cost of identification for children and youth who are homeless.

- Directs the DPS to request that the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts transfer amounts sufficient to cover the costs of implementing the program related to Texas Transportation Code 521.168-Payment of Fees for Certain Foster and Homeless Children and Youth, to the Texas Workforce Commission which administers the program.
- Sets criteria for the amounts to be transferred.

Section 4-Applications for identification are governed by the statute in effect on the date of the application.

[HB 510](#)-Ray Lopez-Issuance of a certified birth record to a homeless individual.

Very similar to Section 1 of HB 505-Bucy, above, but relates only to birth records, not driver's licenses or personal identification certificates. Puts rulemaking in the hands of the HHSC Commissioner.

[HB 511](#)-Bernal-Amends Texas Tax Code Chapter 11, Subchapter B to provide an ad valorem tax exemption on the total appraised value of the residence homestead of an unpaid caregiver of an individual who is eligible but on the waiting list for long-term services and supports under the Medicaid program. Qualified caregivers are defined as a parent, grandparent or other legal guardian of the qualified individual.

[HB 528](#)-Goodwin-Amends Texas Education Code 37.0832 to require public schools to notify parents or guardians if their child has been an alleged victim of bullying and to provide with suicide prevention materials and information on limiting access to lethal means such as firearms or medications. Requires ISDs and open-enrollment charter schools to adopt policies and procedures for providing notice and maintaining records of notification.

[HB 586](#)-Bucy-Amends Texas Insurance Code 1452 to add Subchapter F-Expedited Credentialing Process for Certain Behavior Analysts.

- Applies only to a behavior analyst who joins an established professional practice with a contract under a managed care plan.
- Applicant must be licensed in Texas and in good standing the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.
- Must submit all required documentation to the managed care plan to begin expedited process.
- During the application processing period, the behavior analyst shall be treated, for MCO payment purposes only, as a participating provider.
- If the applicant fails to meet credentialing requirements, either the individual applicant or the employing professional practice must reimburse the MCO for the difference between the participating provider rate for in-network providers and out-of-network providers for services rendered by the applicant during the application process.
- Medicaid beneficiaries are to be held harmless for any un-reimbursed service fees.

[HB 789](#)-Swanson-Amends Texas Education Code 26.009 to require parental consent for psychological or psychiatric examination, testing, or treatment of a student conducted by school district personnel.

[HB 836](#)-Lalani-Amends Texas Government Code 540, Subchapter F to establish a minimum base wage for personal attendants under Medicaid and other programs administered by HHSC at not less than the greater of \$15 per hour or the federal minimum wage.

HB 893-Moody-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 7B to create an extreme risk protective order. Section 1-Allows a member of the respondent's family or household, parent, guardian, conservator, a prosecuting attorney or a peace officer to request to file for an extreme risk protective order.

- Request must contain:
  - Detailed allegations based on personal knowledge of the reporter of any dangerous behavior or conduct that is a result of a serious mental illness, including that related to firearms.
  - Relevant mental health information and records.
  - Information about the quantity, type and location of firearms the applicant believes may be in the respondent's control.
  - Other relevant information
  - A statement that the applicant believes that, as a result of mental illness and access to firearms, the respondent poses an immediate and present danger of causing bodily injury, serious bodily injury or death to another person, including the applicant.
  - The application must be signed under oath that the statements in the application are true and correct.
- The court may order that specific medical records be stricken from the public record and that confidential records be maintained for the use of the court only.
- In a temporary *ex parte* order, the court may
  - Prohibit the respondent from purchasing, owning, possessing or controlling a firearm.
  - Order the respondent to relinquish any firearms owned or in the constructive possession or control of the respondent.
- Requires an examination by the **Local Mental Health Authority (LBHA/LMHA)** or another disinterested expert qualified and experienced in diagnosing mental illness.
- A hearing must be held within 14 days of the temporary *ex parte* order to determine whether to issue a protective order based on
  - The assessment by the **LBHA/LMHA**.
  - Relevant medical or mental health information about the respondent.
  - Any history of threats or acts of violence by the respondent.
  - Any history of use, threatening to use or attempting to use physical force against another person.
  - Any recent violations of a court order.
  - Any arrest or conviction for violation of an emergency protective order, stalking, violence including family violence, cruelty to animals, assistance animals, or non-livestock animals.
  - Evidence related to of a controlled substance or alcohol, including evidence of any treatment for and recovery from abusing a controlled substance or alcohol.
  - Evidence of recent acquisition of firearms, ammunition, or other deadly weapons.
- If the court finds that that there is clear and convincing evidence that the respondent poses an immediate and present danger of causing injury, serious bodily injury or death of any person, the court shall issue a protective order for the period of one year.
- If the court does not make the above finding, the temporary *ex parte* order shall be rescinded and the respondent's license to carry a handgun shall be returned.
- Within 30 days, the clerk of the issuing court shall notify the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Section 2-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to provide for the holding and disposition of firearms relinquished under Extreme Risk Protective Orders.

Section 3-amends Texas Government Code 411 to direct the Texas Department of Public Safety to establish a procedure to provide information on subjects of Extreme Risk Protective Orders to the FBI.

HB 893-Moody-continued

Section 4-Amends Texas Government Code 411.172.(a) to add persons currently under an extreme risk protective orders as ineligible for a license to carry a handgun in Texas.

Section 5-Amends Texas Government Code 411.187 (a) and (c) to suspend a license to carry a handgun of anyone subject to an active extreme risk protective order.

Section 6-Amends Texas Penal Code 37 to add making a false report regarding a request for an extreme risk protective order a Class B misdemeanor.

Section 7-Amends Texas Penal Code 46.06(a) to add the offense of knowingly selling, renting, leasing loaning or giving a firearm to a person currently the subject of an extreme risk protective order.

HB 967-Toth-Authorizes a study on the prevalence of the use of psychoactive or psychotropic medication by persons who have died of suicide, including,

- For persons who died of suicide who were taking psychoactive or psychotropic medications:
  - The period of time the person was taking the medication.
  - The medication the person was taking.
  - Evidence of withdrawal symptoms, and the period of time the person experienced withdrawal.
- For persons who died of suicide who were not taking psychoactive or psychotropic medications:
  - Evidence that the person had recently discontinued use of psychoactive or psychotropic medications.
  - Evidence of withdrawal symptoms.
- Study is to use autopsy, toxicology, and police reports between 2016 and 2022 in counties with a population of 450,000 or more. (Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Travis, Collin, Denton, Fort Bend, Hidalgo, El Paso, Montgomery, and Williamson Counties).
- Report due by October 1, 2025.

HB 1027-Shaheen-Amends Texas Occupations Code 562.110 9(e) and adds (e-1) to allow tele-pharmacy services in remote dispensing sites.

- Directs the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to adopt rules.
- TDLR may not adopt any rule, policy, or other directive imposing any mileage restriction relating to the location of a tele-pharmacy system or remote dispensing site.

HB 1042-Bhojani-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 191, Subchapter A to add Birth Record Issued to Homeless Individual.

Section 1-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 191, Subchapter A to add Birth Record Issued to Homeless Individual

- Defines “Homeless individual” as someone who:
  - Lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence or
  - Has a primary nighttime residence that is:
    - A supervised publicly- or privately- operated shelter, including welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing for people with mental illness.
    - A temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized
    - A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- Does not include persons in prison or detained in a correctional facility unless the person meets the above conditions at the time of arrest.

- Requires the State Registrar, a Local Registrar or a County Clerk to issue, without fee, a certified copy of the individual’s birth record upon the request of the homeless individual.
- Directs the Texas Department of State Health Services to adopt a process to verify the person’s status as a homeless individual and prescribe documentation necessary for the issuance of a certified copy of a birth record.
- Part of the verification process shall allow a letter certifying that the person is a homeless individual written by the director of:
  - An emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by HUD.
  - A shelter for homeless individuals.
  - A transitional living program
  - A law enforcement agency of a political subdivision of Texas that appoints or appoints peace officers described in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Title 1, Chapter 2A.001.
  - Homeless individual shall not be required to provide a physical address of residence.

Section 2-Amends Texas Transportation Code 521, Subchapter I to add Issuance of License or Certificate to Homeless Individual.

- Directs the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to adopt the above definition of “Homeless Individual” from Section 1.
- Directs DPS to prescribe necessary documentation for the issuance of a driver’s license or personal identification certificate.
- Directs DPS to allow the homeless individual to submit the letter confirming homelessness described in Section 1.
- Homeless individual shall not be required to provide a physical address of residence.

Section 3-Amends Texas Transportation Code 521.4265 (b) and (c).

- Directs the Texas Comptroller to transfer funds to the Texas Workforce Commission to cover the cost of implementing the program.
- Amounts equal to the exempted fees shall be paid to the Texas Mobility Fund.

Section 4-Changes apply only to applications submitted on or after the effective date of the law.

Section 5-Act takes effect on September 1, 2025.

HB 1103-Cole- Amends Texas Education Code 51 to provide opioid antagonists at campus residence halls.

HB 1119-Gómez-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 533.0515 to require HHSC to produce a report on the regional allocation of mental health beds including.

- An explanation of the bed day allocation methodology.
- Outcomes of implementation of the methodology by region.
- Comparison of actual outcomes with expected outcomes.
- Factors influencing the applicability of the bed day allocation methodology.
- Regional planning purposes:
  - The actual value of a bed day for the previous two years.
  - Availability of regional resources.
  - Funding amounts and methodologies for identified resources.
  - Target number and actual number of patients served.
  - Outcomes of the use of state-funded beds.
  - Outcomes of utilization review and peer review process.

[HB 1129](#)-Janie Lopez-Amends Texas Government Code 2306.5621(a) to add mental health professionals as eligible for the Texas Heroes home loan program.

[HB 1173](#)-Raymond-Amends Texas Government Code 22306.2585(a) to allow the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to administer a homeless housing and services program for each municipality with population of 250,000 or more. (Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Irving, Laredo, Lubbock, Plano, San Antonio).

[HB 1239](#)-Guillen-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.021(b) to extend the length of time that a person accepted for preliminary examination may be detained in protective custody from 48 hours to 120 hours (from two days to five days).

[HJR 24](#)-Senfronia Thompson-Proposes a constitutional amendment to establish a Mental Health and Brain Research Institute of Texas and the Mental Health and Brain Institute Research Fund.

[HJR 72](#)-Noble-Proposes a constitutional amendment allowing a property tax exemption for a home that is the primary residence of an adult who has an intellectual disability and is related to the property owner.

## TEXAS SENATE BILLS

SB 151-Menéndez-Amends Texas Government Code 531, Subchapter B directs HHSC to create a matching grant program for technological enhancements for general hospitals or specialty hospitals in rural areas, private mental hospitals or community centers.

Purpose of grant program is to:

- Improve the quality and access to mental health services.
- Align with interoperability and technology standards in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act.
- Other criteria established by HHSC.
- Funds from non-state sources must be equal to 25% of the grant amount.

Funds may only be used for:

- Purchase of a record-keeping platform that uses a certified electronic health record.
- Expand interoperability in a network with other health care providers.
- Expand patients' access to their own digital health records and mental health services.
- Improve data technology infrastructure related to patient information consent management.
- Improve mental health care through use and interconnectivity of mobile devices.

Requires a report by December 1 of even numbered years.

SB 153-Menéndez-Amends Texas Education Code 61 to establish a Social Work Recruitment and Retention Program, defined as a Social Work Intern Practicum Stipend (SWIPS) program.

- Bachelor's degree student: Would pay \$15 per hour for each supervised field hour, not to exceed \$6,000.
- Master's degree student: Would pay \$ \$20 per hour for each supervised field hour, not to exceed \$9,000.
- Gives priority to students at schools serving a high percentage of students qualifying for need-based aid, having a high number of students who complete practicums in mental health shortage areas, are designated as a historically black college or university, or is a Hispanic-serving institution.

Requires a report by September 1 of each even-numbered year.

SB 176-Menéndez-Amends Texas Education Code 38, Subchapter A to allow a school district to contract with a LBHA/LMHA or a provider of community-based mental health services to provide mental health services on a campus of the district. Allows the school district to enroll as a Medicaid provider to receive reimbursement for the services rendered to students eligible for Medicaid.

SB 185-Menéndez-Amends Texas Education Code 28.002 to require the Texas Board of Education to require high school students to complete a health course that includes instruction on depression, anxiety, eating disorders, schizophrenia and other mental health disorders. Also, must include information about coping skills and seeking mental health services.

SB 188-Menéndez-Amends Texas Government Code 547, adds Subchapter K related to behavioral health crisis services, operation of Crisis Centers and Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams and Youth Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams. Establishes a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Trust Fund, authorizes a fee.

### Definitions

- Defines Crisis Center-A 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Center participating in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network to respond to statewide or regional communications.

- Defines Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT)-A team of qualified mental health professionals who provide crisis services including
  - Facilitating emergency care services.
  - Urgent care services.
  - Crisis follow-up and relapse prevention
- Defines Youth Crisis Outreach Team (YCOT)-A mobile crisis outreach team designed primarily to serve children or adolescents.

Establishes Crisis Center Standards,

- Contract with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
- Meet best practices and requirements of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
- Provide and report applicable data.
- Equipped to deploy a Mobile Crisis Outreach or Youth Mobile Crisis Outreach Team.
- Meet requirements for serving at-risk and specialized populations as identified by SAMHSA.
- Linguistically and culturally competent care.
- Policies for transferring a crisis center caller to an appropriate mental health provider.
- Follow-up services to callers as appropriate.

Directs HHSC to adopt rules to:

- Allow information sharing and communication across crisis- and emergency-response systems.
- Real-time crisis-care coordination.
  - Ensure that callers are provided ongoing care through active collaboration and coordination of services among:
    - Crisis Centers.
    - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers.
    - Community Mental Health Centers.
    - CCBHCs.
    - Community Behavioral Health Centers.
    - Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams.
    - Youth Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams.
    - Hospital Emergency Departments.
    - Inpatient Psychiatric Settings.

Establishes a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Trust Fund.

- Held by the Texas Comptroller of Accounts outside the State Treasury.
- Administered by HHSC.
- Trust Fund consists of:
  - Revenue derived from a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline fee.
  - Legislative appropriations.
  - Federal funds allocated for 988.
  - Gifts, grants and donations for the trust fund.
  - Interest and dividends.
  - Money from any source deposited to the trust fund.
- Trust fund may only be used for:
  - Implementation, maintenance, or improvement of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
  - Crisis outreach and other services that a community mental health center provides in response to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

- Crisis and stabilization services for uninsured individuals.
- Personnel costs for Crisis Centers MCOTs and YCOTs.
- Data, reporting, evaluations and other related quality improvement activities.
- Trust Fund administration, oversight and evaluation.
- Requires an annual report to the Legislature.

#### 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Fee

- Allows HHSC, with the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications to impose a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Service fee to supplement federal, state, or local funding.
- Service fees would be placed on each:
  - Local exchange access line (not including pay phones).
  - Wireless telecommunications connection.
  - Voice over Internet protocol service connection.
  - Prepaid wireless telecommunications services.
- HHSC shall set the fee in an amount sufficient to cover costs to create, operate and maintain the suicide prevention services according to national guidelines for crisis services.
  - HHSC shall periodically adjust the fee to as necessary to provide for continuous operation, volume increases and maintenance.
- Revenue may not be used for expenses that are reimbursable through Medicare, Medicaid, another insurer or governmental program, no if the individual's insurance information cannot be obtained or billed.
- Requires an annual report:
  - To Texas Legislature and Federal Communications Commission regarding revenue generated by the fee.
  - To the Legislature and to SAMHSA on each crisis center related to usage and services provided.

SB 193-Menéndez-Amends Texas Government Code 547 to enact a model suicide prevention policy, prevention, intervention and postvention strategies to be incorporated in state agency crisis or disaster plan.

- Directs HHSC to develop and publish a model suicide prevention policy on its website for use by state and community agencies that serve populations at higher risk of suicide, including veterans, people with disabilities and people living in rural areas.
- Directs HHSC and the Disaster Behavioral Health Consortium to review state agency crisis and disaster plans for opportunities to improve suicide prevention.
- Directs DSHS to provide information regarding suicides in Texas to HHSC's Statewide Suicide Prevention Coordinator in the office of Mental Health Coordination.
- Directs DSHS to establish and operate the Texas Violent Death Reporting System and participate in the National Violent Death Reporting System.

SB 207-Paxton and Johnson-Amends Texas Education Code 25.087 (b) to allow a temporary excused absence from school to attend an appointment with a mental health professional.

SB 216-West-Amends Texas Occupations Code 1701.235 to require opioid overdose training for peace officers.

## GLOSSARY

CCBHC-Certified Community Behavioral Health Center

DPS-Texas Department of Public Safety

DSHS-Texas Department of State Health Services

HHSC-Texas Health and Human Services

HUD-U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

LBHA/LMHA-Local Behavioral Health Authority/Local Mental Health Authority

MCOT-Mobile Crisis Outreach Team

OUD-Opioid Use Disorder

PTSD-Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

SAMHSA-U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

SUD-Substance Use Disorder

SWIPS-Social Work Intern Practicum Stipend

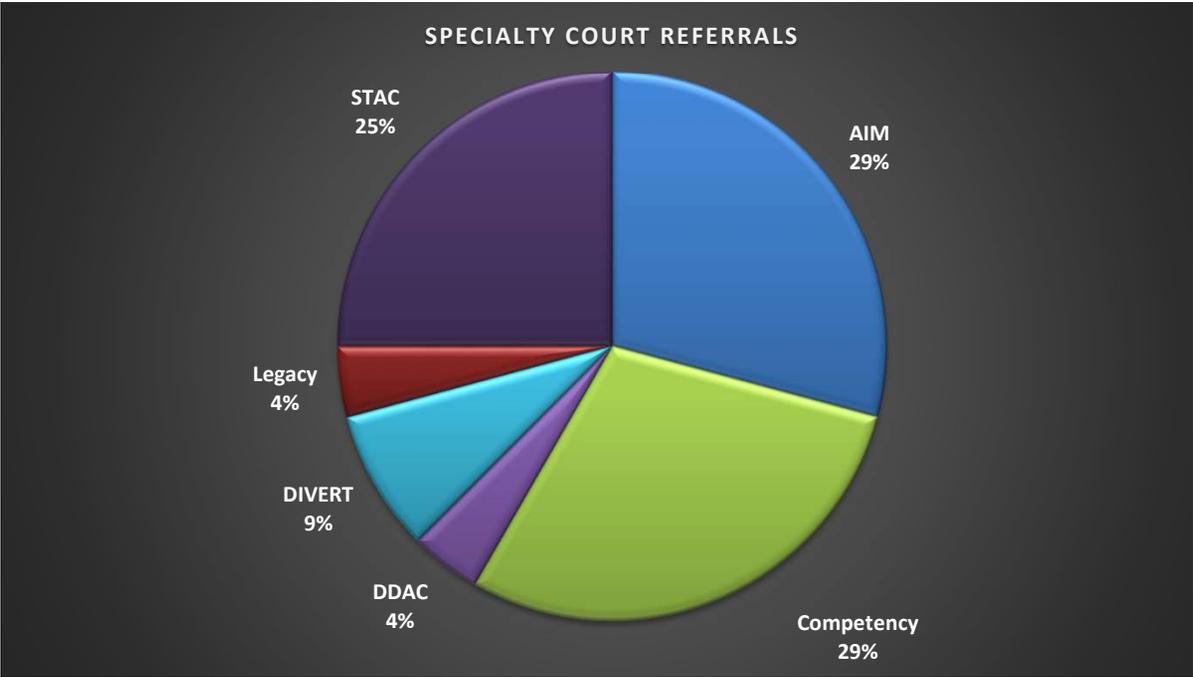
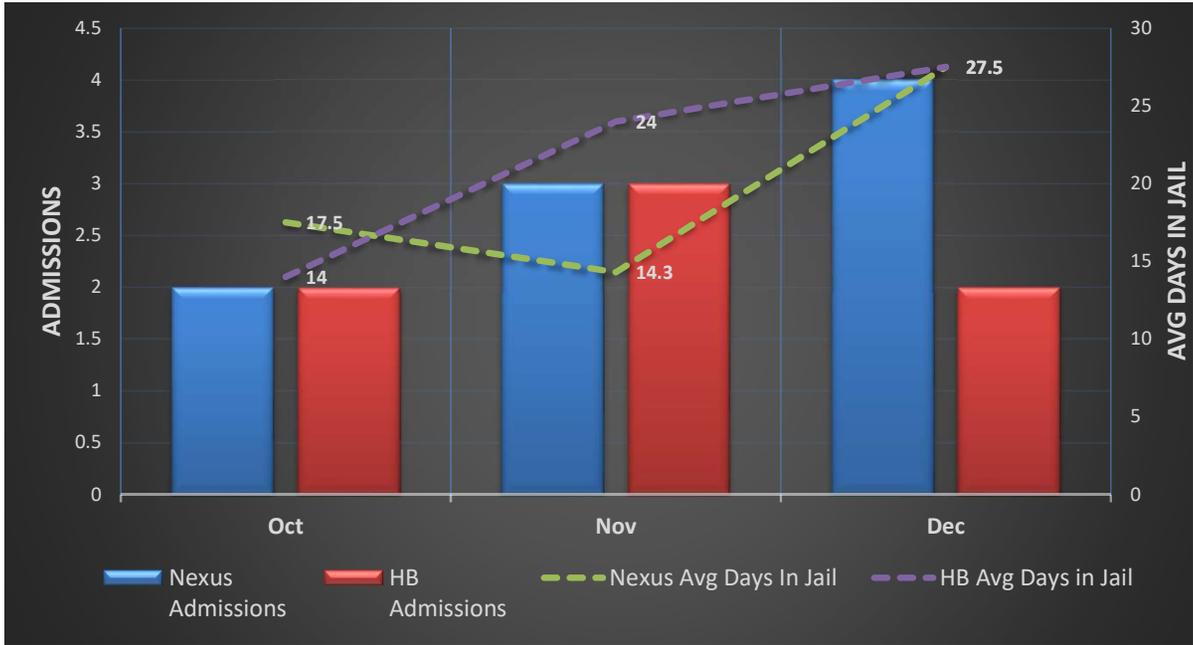
TDLR-Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

YCOT-Youth Crisis Outreach Team

## Department of Criminal Justice FY2024 SAMHSA Grant Project

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	FY2024Total
<b>Nexus</b> New Admissions	2	3	4														9
<b>Nexus</b> Average Days in Jail/Community from Referral to Admission	17.5	14.3	27.5														19.77
<b>Homeward Bound</b> New Admissions	2	3	2														7
<b>Homeward Bound</b> Average Days in Jail/Community from Referral to Admission	14	24	27.5														21.83
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																	
<b>Successful</b>	0	2	2														4
<b>Unsuccessful</b>	1	1	0														2
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2024																	
<b>Number of Referrals by Specialty Court</b>	AIM		7		DWI				STAR								
	ATLAS				IIP				Veterans								
	Competency		7		Legacy Family		1		4-C								
	DDAC		1		MHJD/SET												
	DIVERT		2		STAC		6										

\*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 1  
 \*Nexus Pending Admission: 0  
 \*Canceled Referrals: 7



KRIST CALDWELL FY2025 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**		
December	33	0	8	41	0	0	0	3	0	3	38	27	3	17		

HARRY INGRAM FY2025 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
December	64	0	64	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	4	60	27	0	0	27

HARRY INGRAM FY2025 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
December	58	8	66	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	57	27	1	0	26

December FY2025 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
Lenox	141	12	153	0	9	0	0	0	4	0	8	12	33
Strather	294	31	325	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	15	19
Caldwell	88	29	117	0	1	0	0	0	7	2	13	19	42

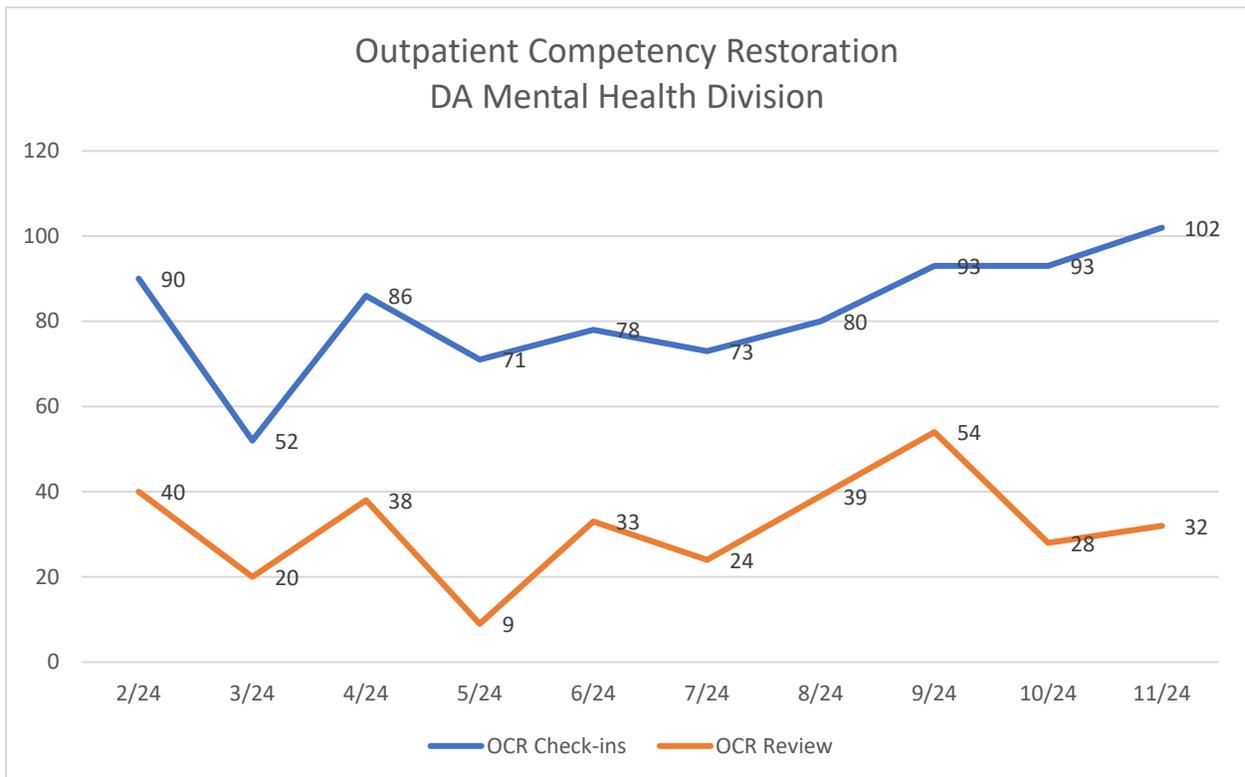
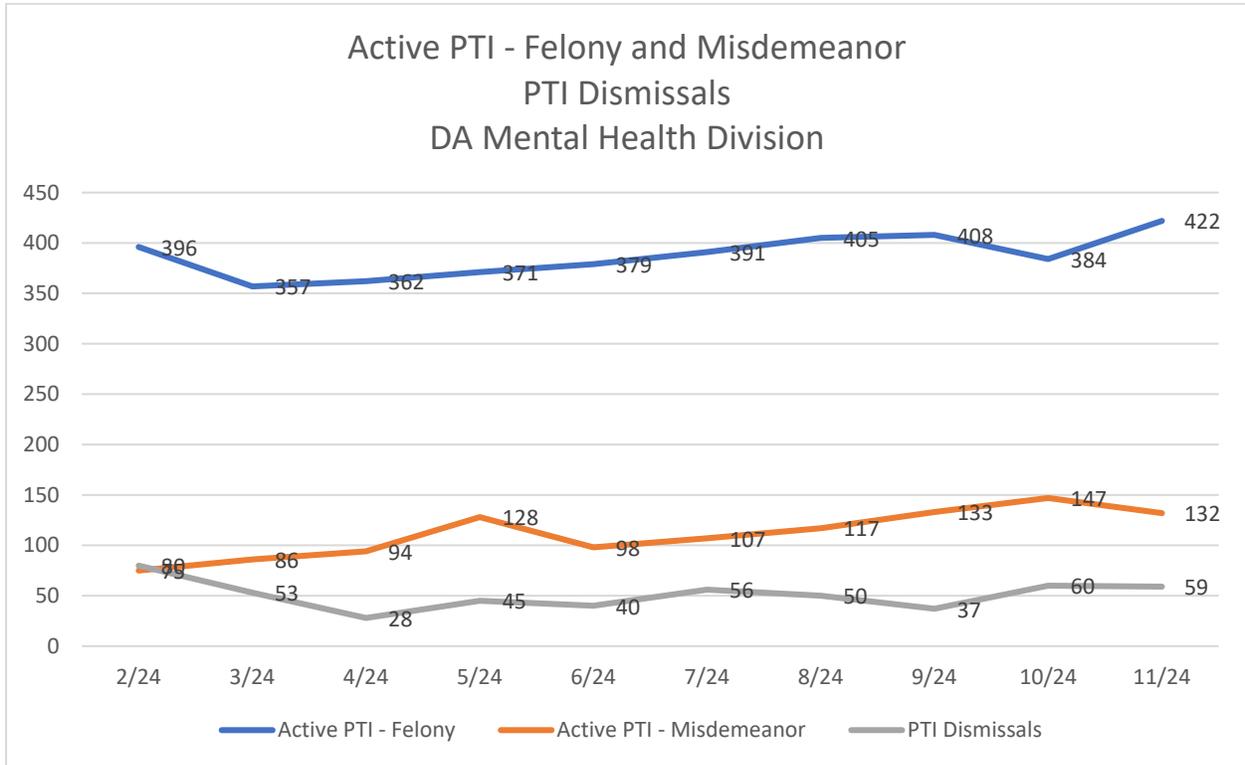
December FY2025 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS																
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATION S	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
Harden	160	11	0	0	0	3	2	8	1	13	0	0	0	0	2	21
Scott	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Foster	53	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RANDALL SCOTT FY2025 MISDEMEANOR COMPETENCY STATISTICS																
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATION S	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
December	112	62	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	12

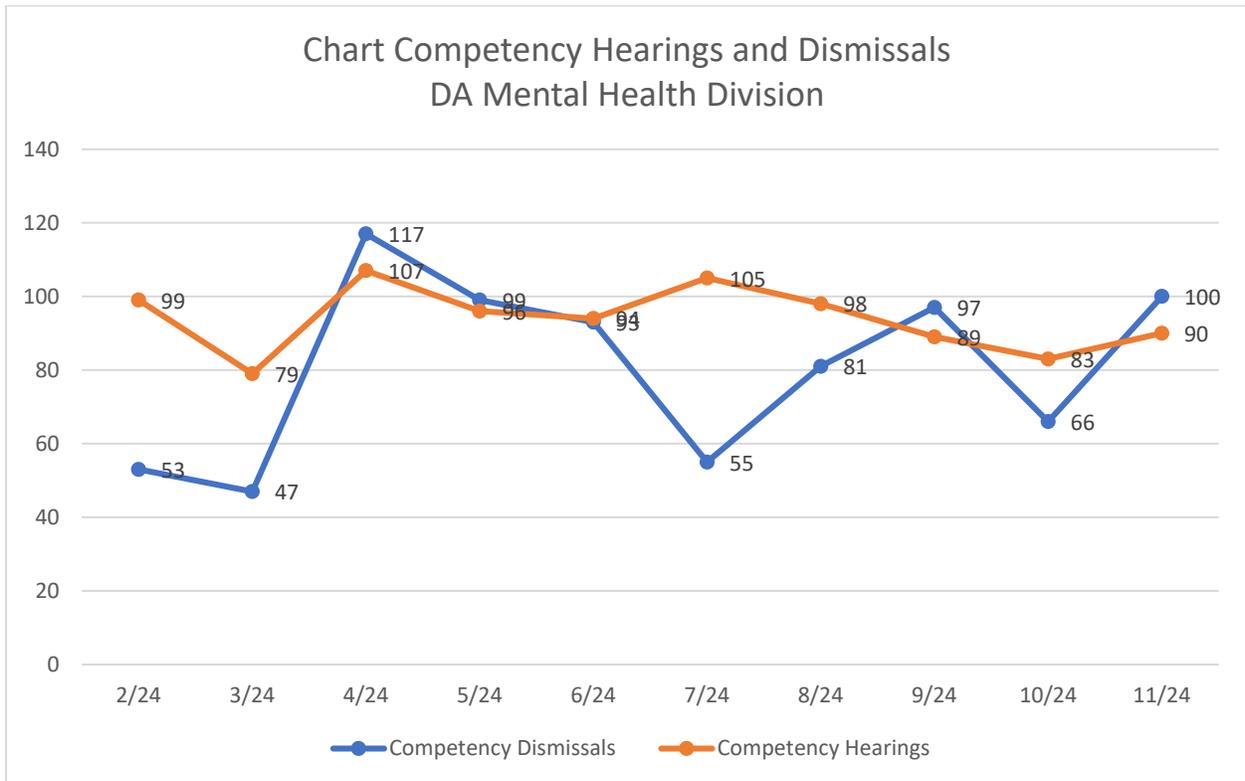
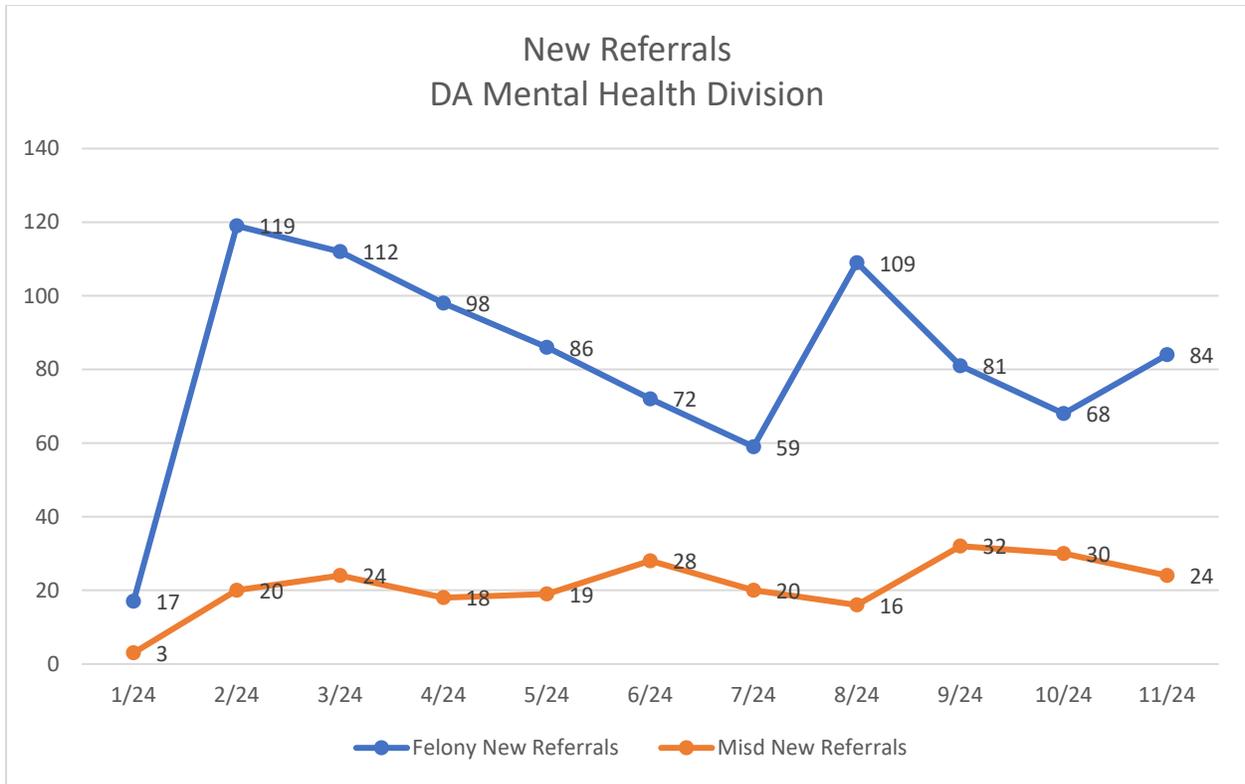
December MI Court																										
MONTH	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENTS AT PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE	NEW CLIENTS AT PARKLAND	NEW CLIENTS AT CLEMENTS (formerly ZALE LIPSHY)	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 RICHARDS ON	NEW CLIENTS AT WELLBRIDGE	NEW CLIENTS AT THR ARLINGTON	MRM/MILLWOOD/H AVEN	PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS HELD	NO CONTEST COMMIT	CONTESTED COMMIT	FORCED MEDS HEARING IN COURT	MODIFICATION HEARINGS	OUT-PATIENT COMMIT	IN-PATIENT COMMIT	
L. Roberts	65	4	8	35	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	10	12	0	0	0	0
C. Cox	100	0	0	0	0	0	81	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	13	9	0	0	16	
K. Nelson	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	
R. Black	153	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	29	0	0	0	7	0	12	11	0	0	0	

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
December	2377	304	29	35	64	104	67	35	32	37	14	23

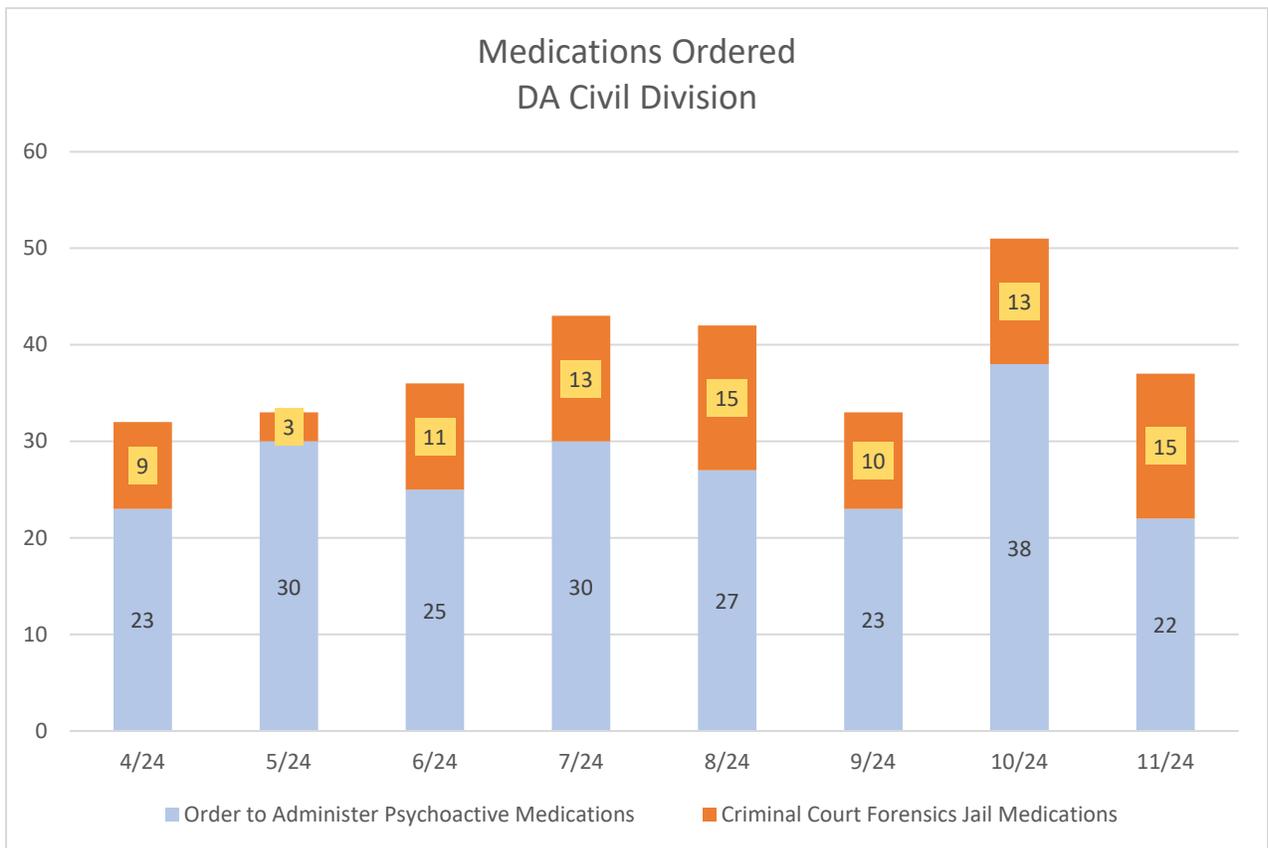
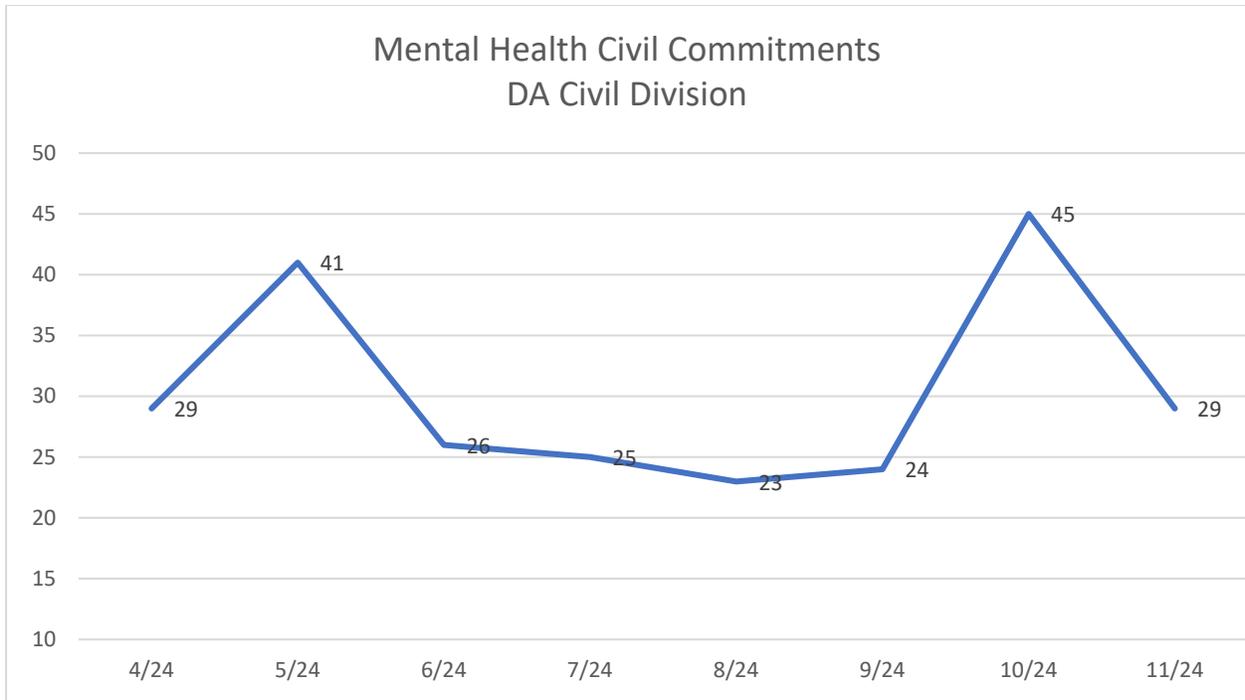
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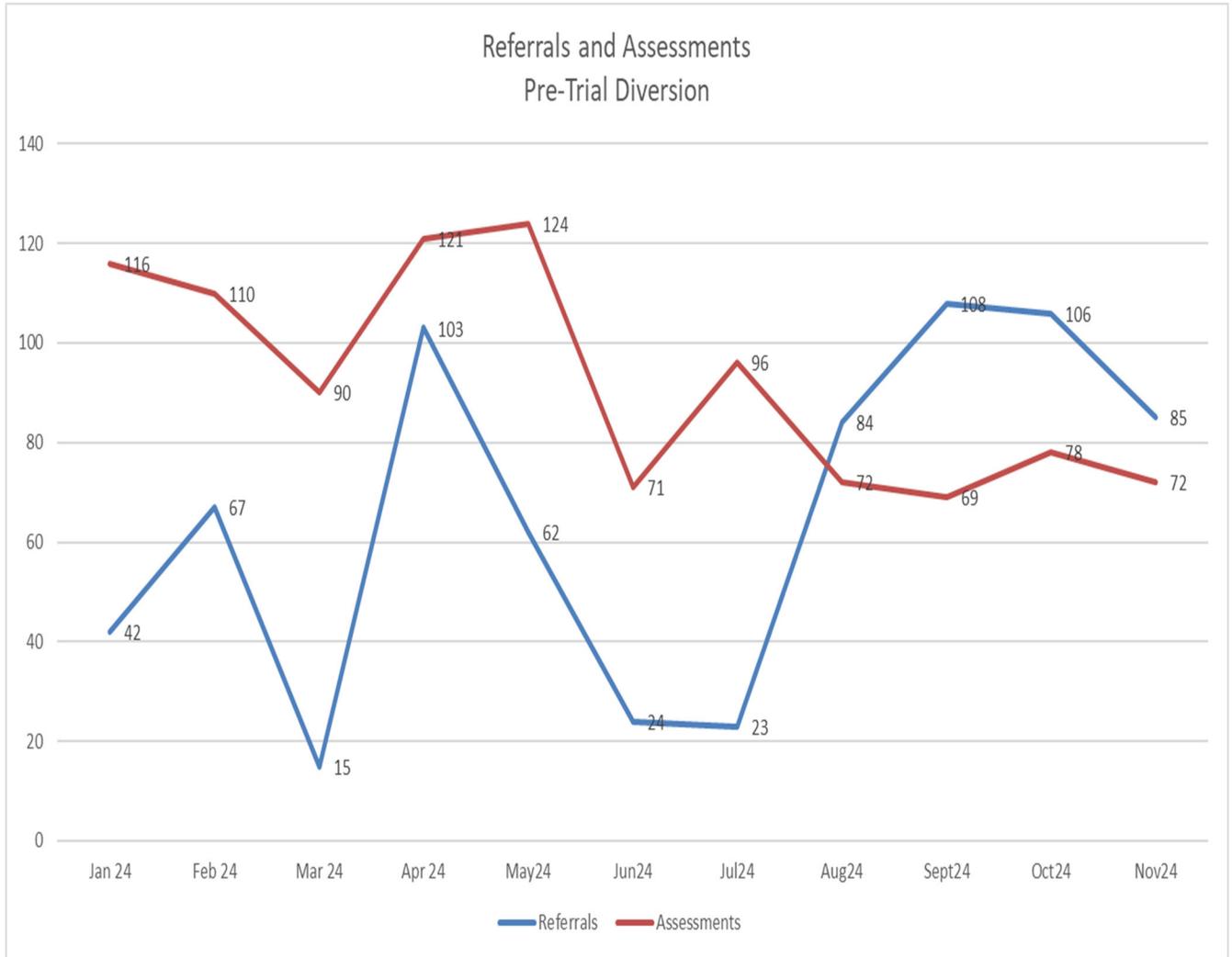
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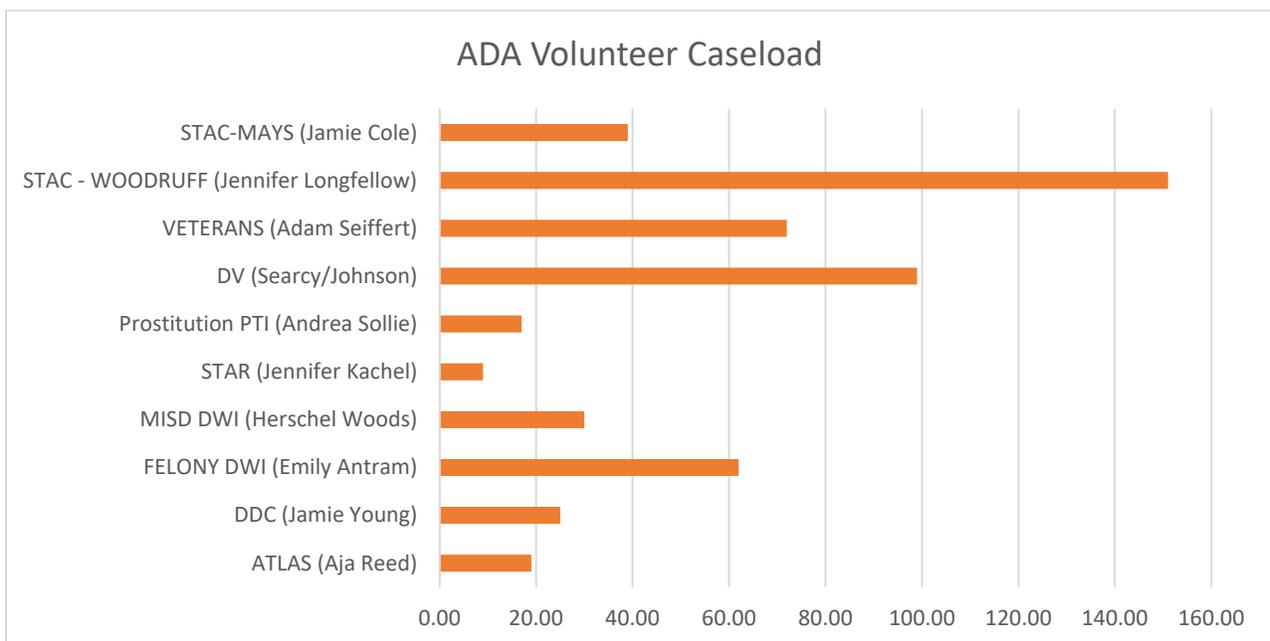
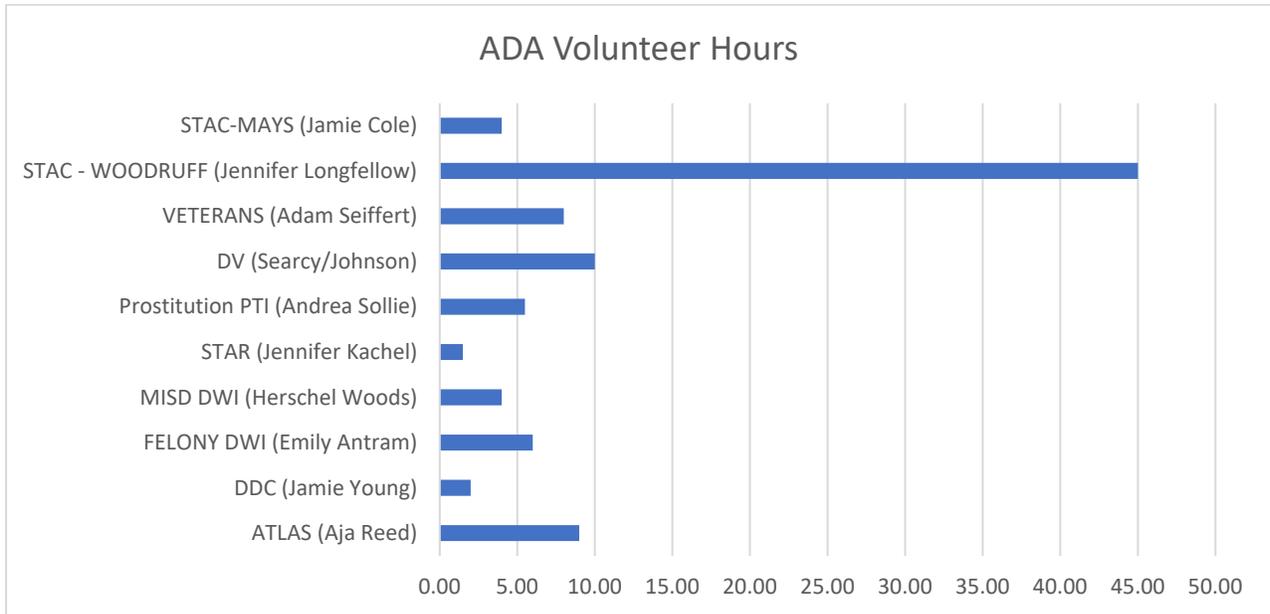
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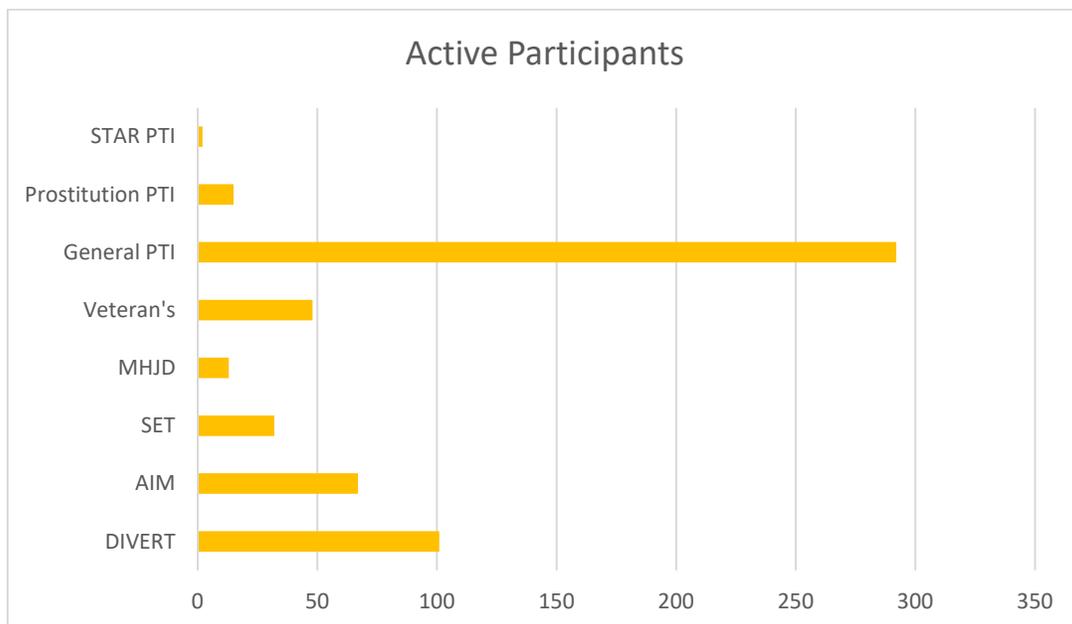
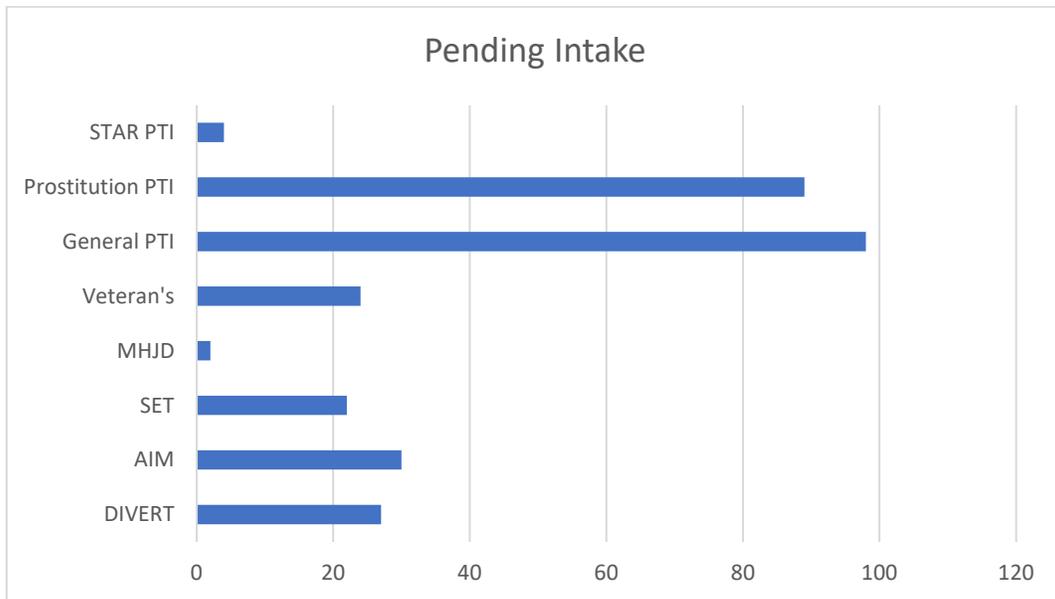
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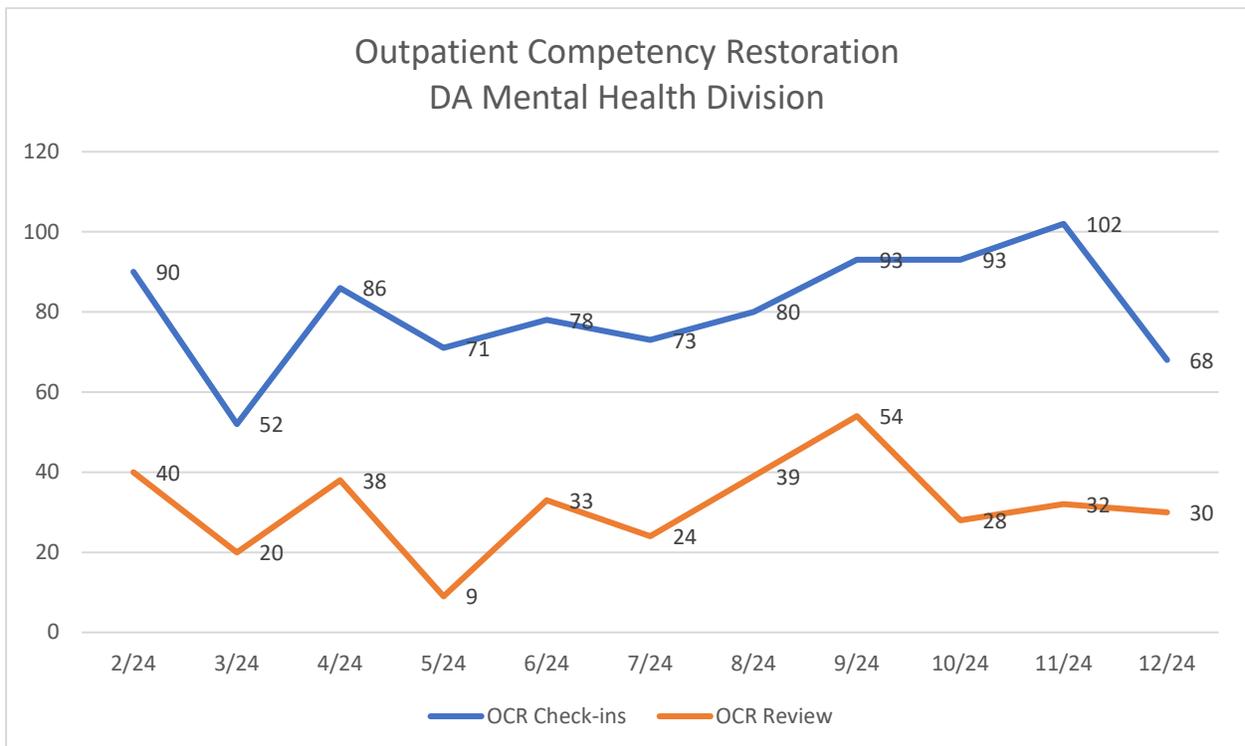
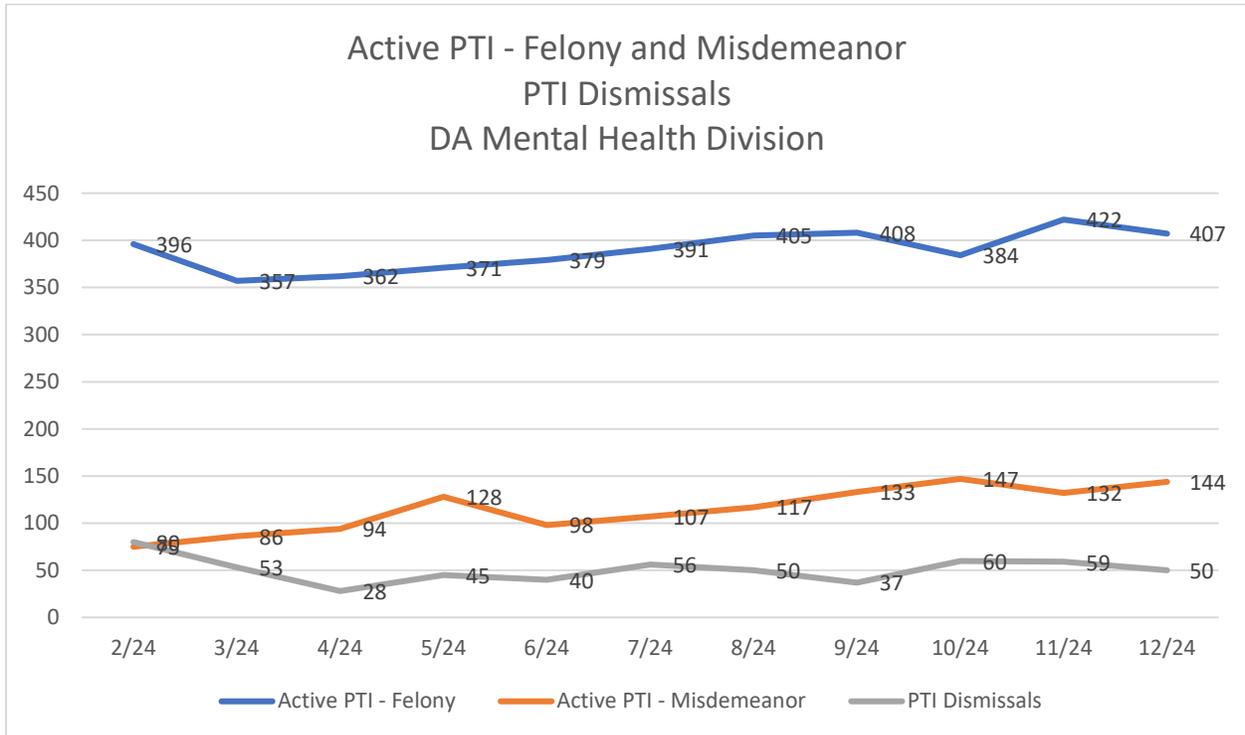
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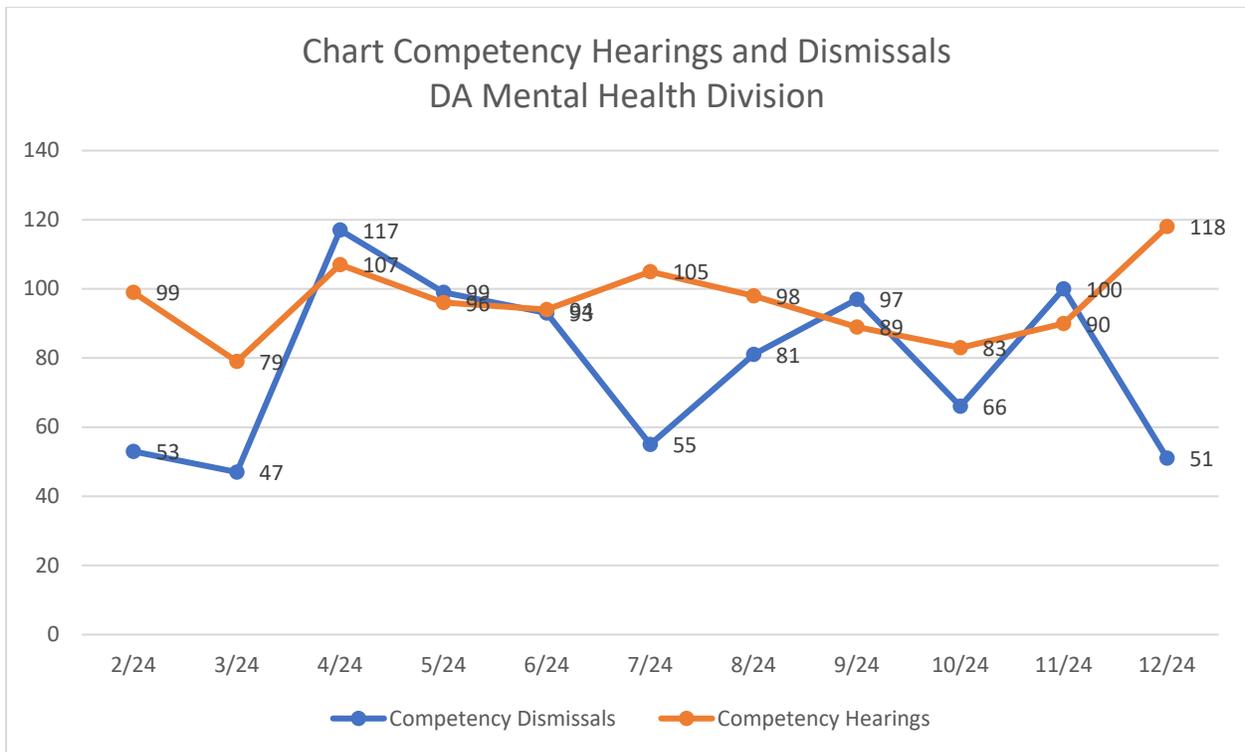
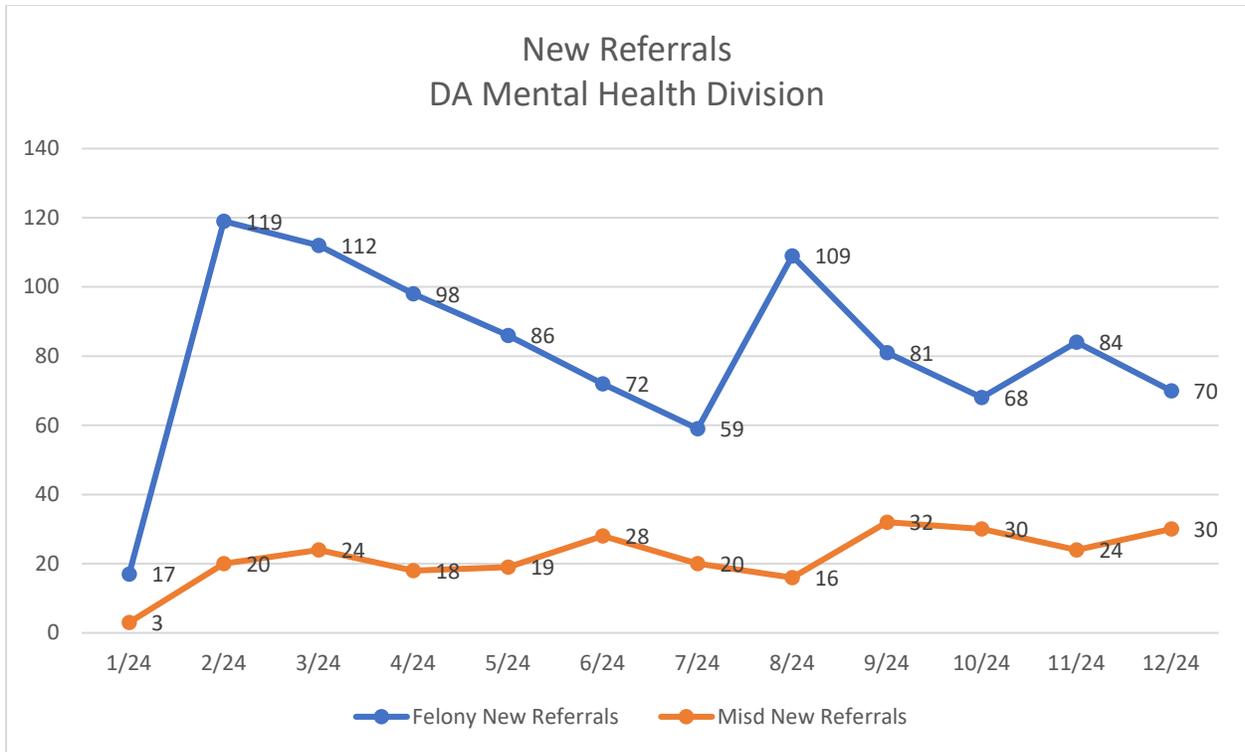
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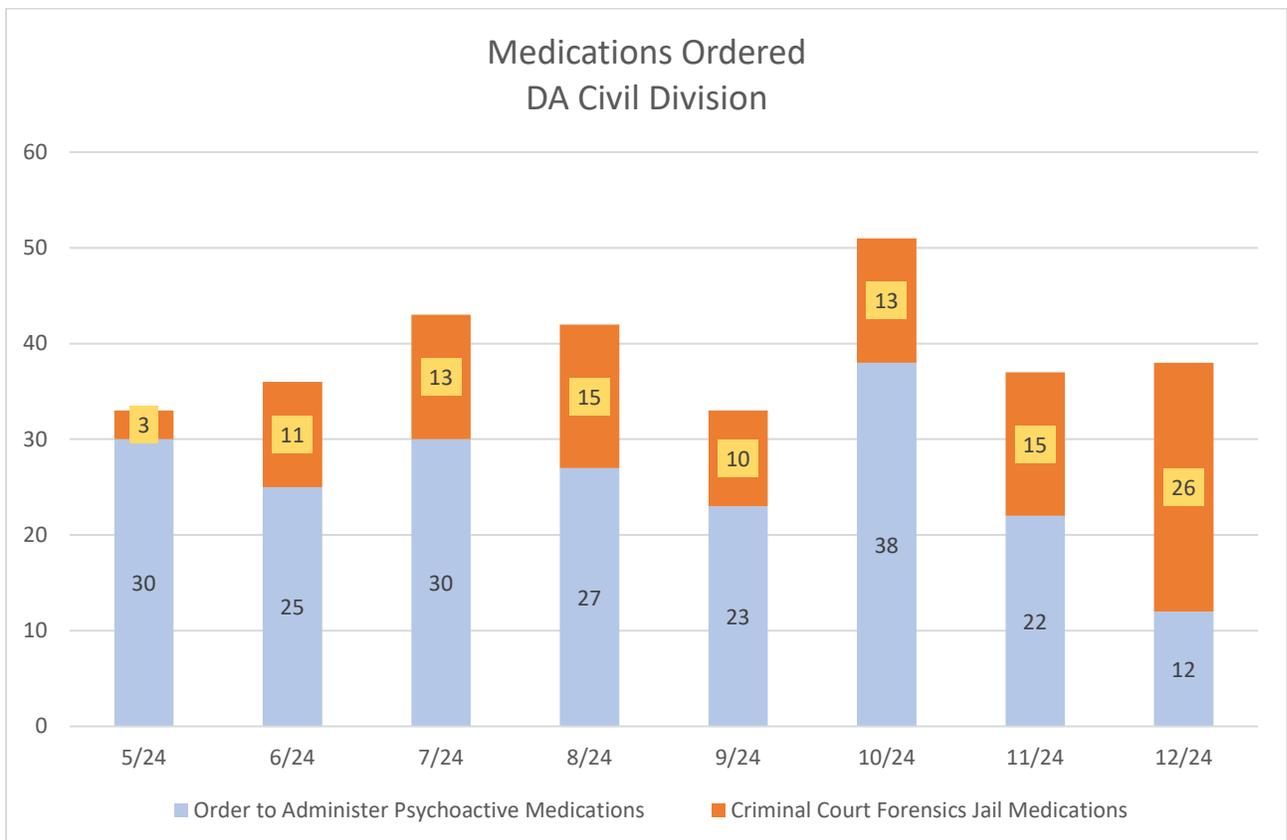
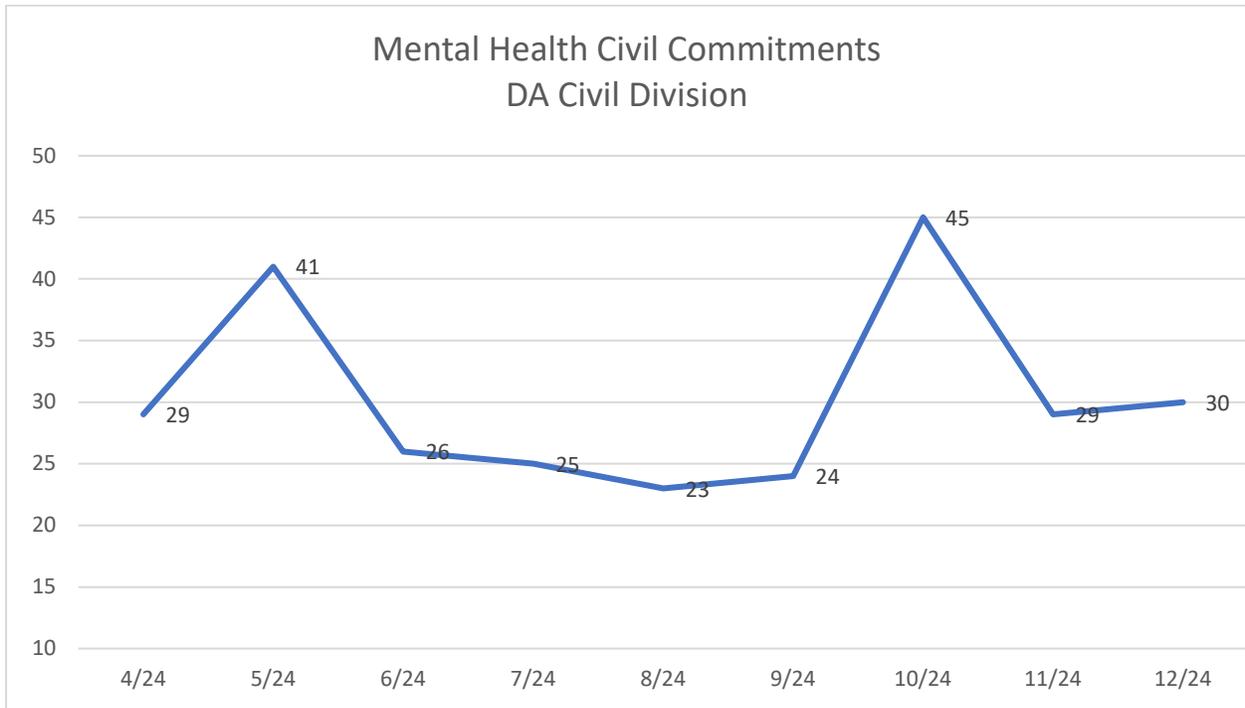
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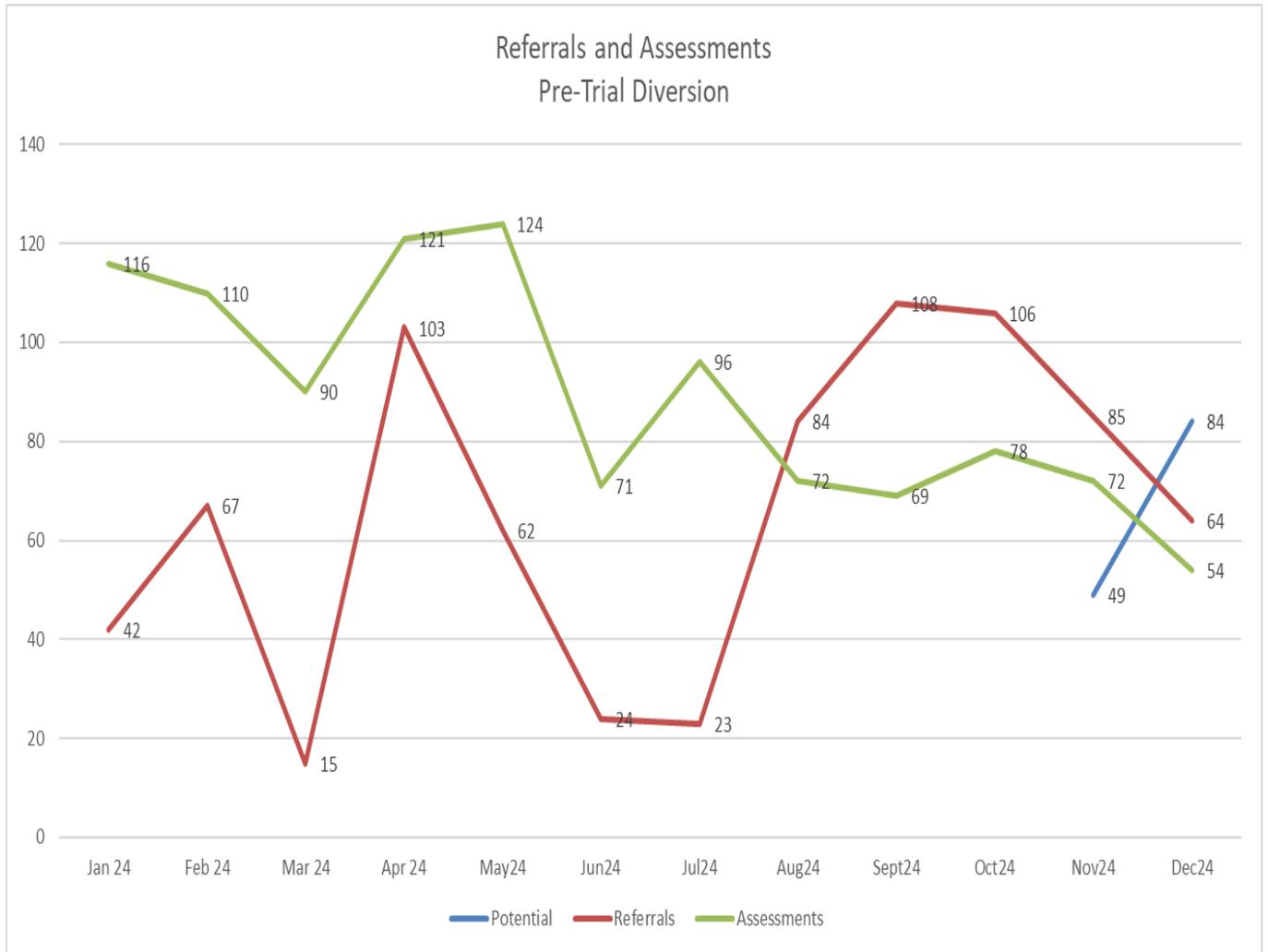
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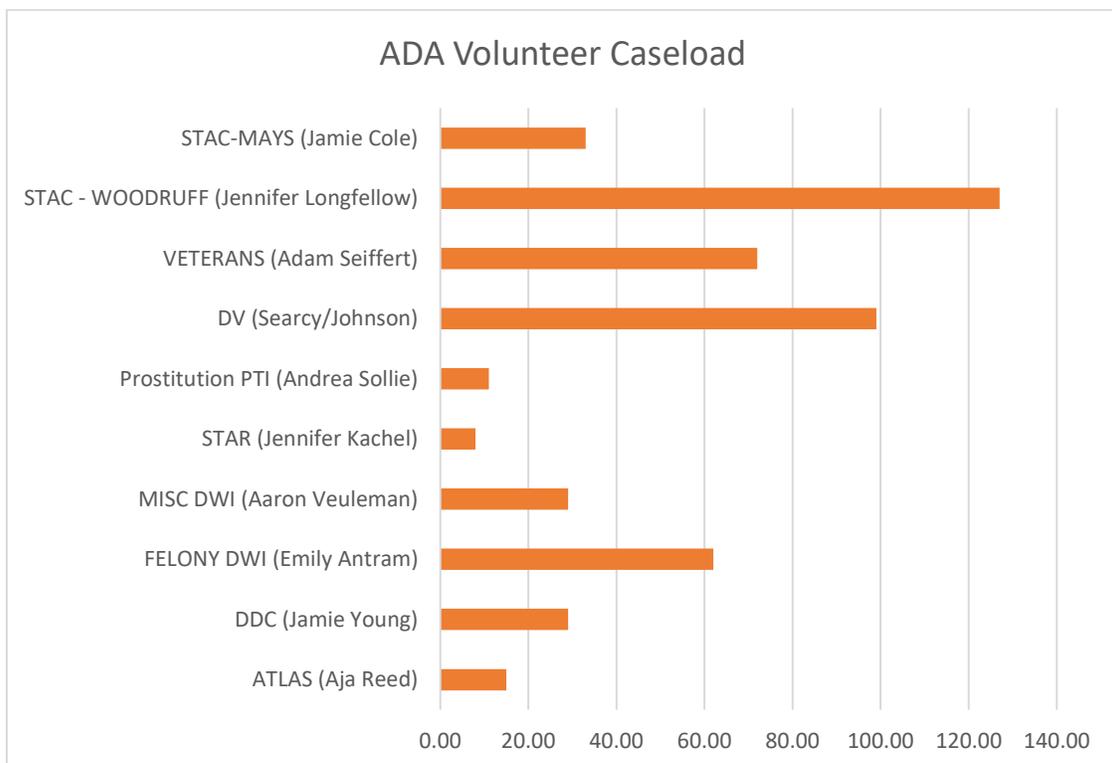
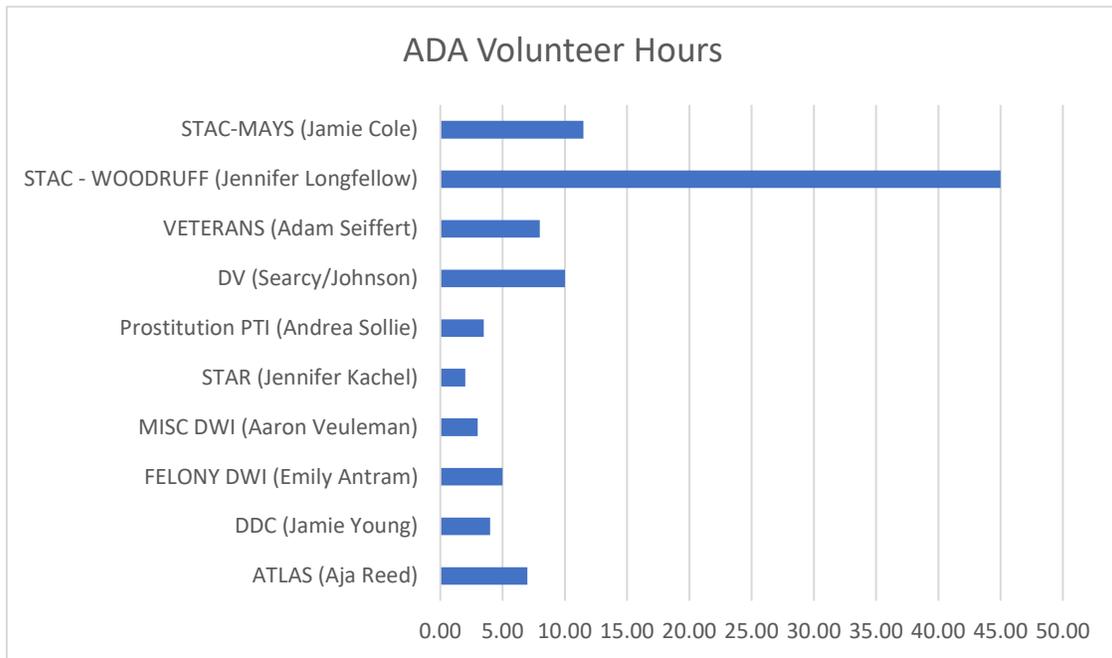
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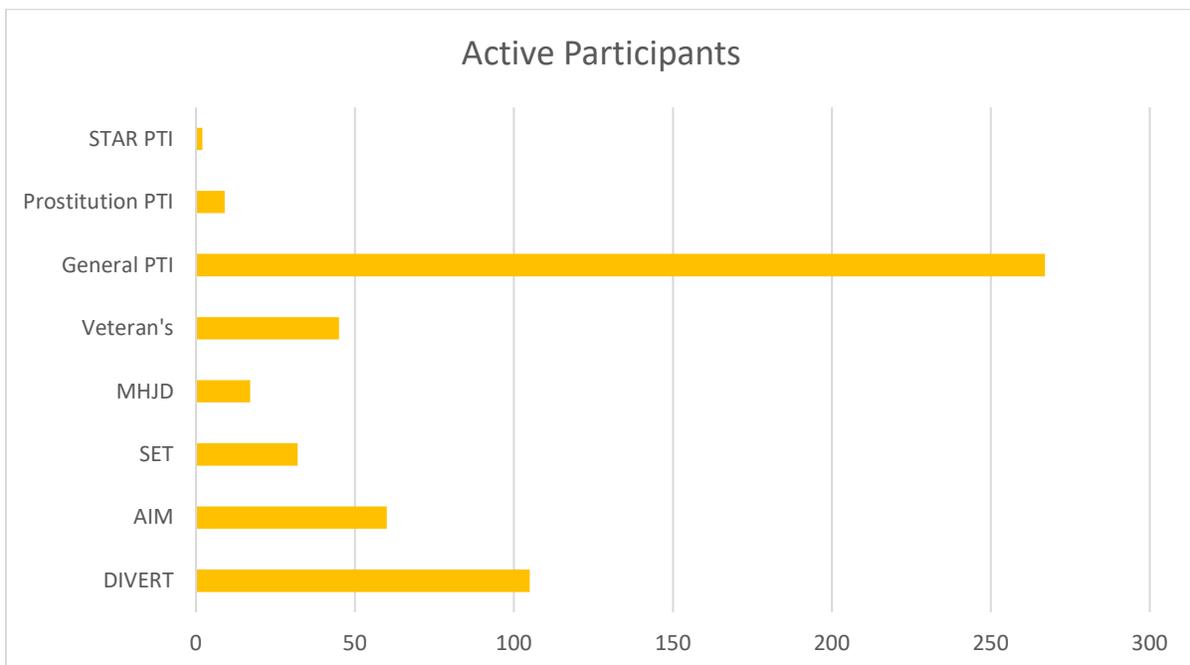
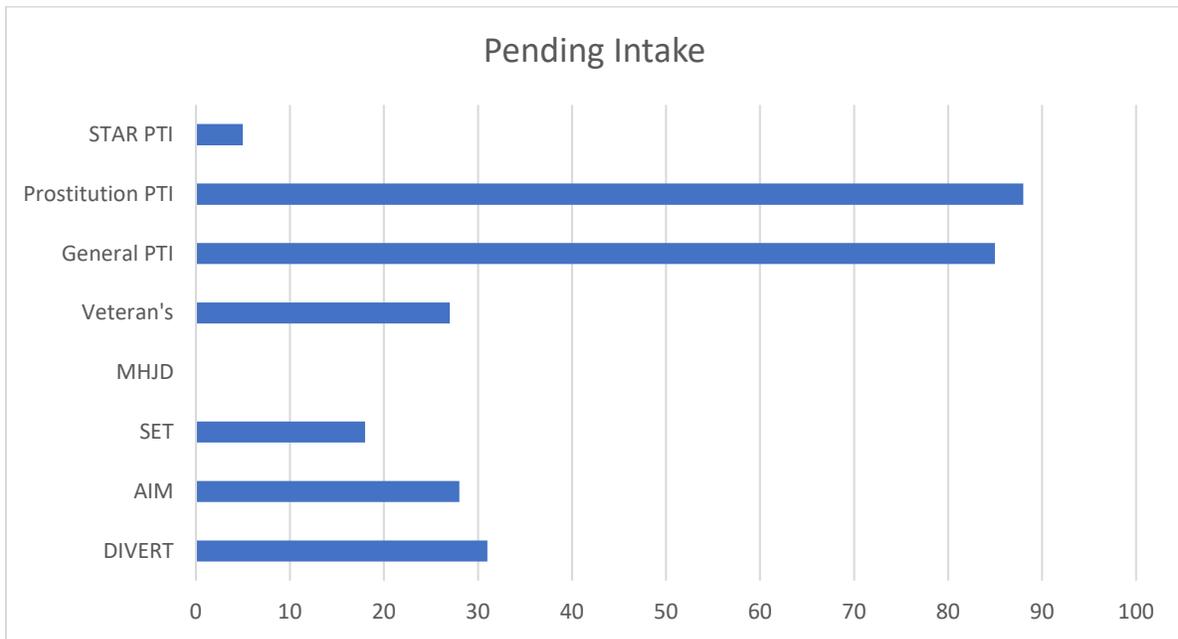


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# SPECIALTY COURT AND PROGRAMS

## MONTHLY STATISTICS-DECEMBER 2024





RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT / MONTHLY OCCUPANCY REPORT

Name of project: Cottages at Hickory Crossing Address: 1621 S. Malcolm X Blvd., Dallas, TX 75226 Report Month: I Dec-24 1/3/2025

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	1,630	300	12,024.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,330	0	02/15/2017	
2	Whitaker		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	W	1	0	Y	3	1,580	0	3/7/2023	
3	George		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	03/26/2021	
4	Watts		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	2/10/2023	
5	VACANT		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630		-	B	1	0	Y	3	#VALUE!	0	2/10/2023	
6	Galloway		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	03/27/2019	
7	VACANT		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630		-	B	1	0	N	3	#VALUE!	0	9/5/2024	
8	Spencer		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	509	26,728.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,061	0	7/31/2023	
9	Diaz		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	H	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	3/10/2023	
10	Wingate		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	254	10,968.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,308	0	4/4/2023	
11	Pena		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	251	868.00	B	1	0	NA	3	1,311	0	7/19/2024	
12	Artis		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	279	11,184.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,283	0	12/19/2023	
13	Forister		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	279	4,617.60	W	1	0	Y	3	1,351	0	10/01/2019	
14	Mathis		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	256	10,296.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,306	0	12/21/2022	
15	Brazile		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,357	0	04/14/2021	
16	Hogan		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	245	9,871.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,385	0	07/07/2021	
17	Walker		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	278	11,172.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,352	0	3/9/2023	
18	Smith, S		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	83	3,046.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,479	0	11/28/2023	
19	Little		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	75	3,000.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,555	0	02/06/2020	
20	Mcgee		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	08/22/2018	
21	Rochelle		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,357	0	01/18/2022	
22	Salinas		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	W	1	0	N	3	1,357	0	08/09/2021	
23	MCCoy		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50		W	1	0	Y	3	1,580	0	3/3/2024	
24	Bibb		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	424	16,800.00	W	1	0	Y	3	1,206	0	01/19/2022	
25	Johns		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	274	11,074.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,356	0	11/5/2022	
26	Fleming		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	W	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	11/28/2023	
27	Hill		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	281	11,268.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,349	0	06/06/2022	
28	Jernigan		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	554	22,562.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,076	0	05/22/2018	
29	Marks		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	04/12/2019	
30	Craig		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	264	10,968.00	W	1	0	N	3	1,366	0	09/21/2017	
31	Northern		1,1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,289	0	12/08/2021	





# DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

## Minutes of the Behavioral Health Steering Committee (BHSC) Meeting Thursday, April 18, 2024 Via Microsoft Teams

### Call to order and Introductions

Judge Kristin Wade called the meeting to order at 8:32 am. 41 staff and agency representatives/providers attended, with names recorded via Microsoft Teams and email.

### Minutes review and approval

***The minutes from the January 18, 2024, meeting (packet pgs. 1-4) was reviewed with a motion and seconded by Vickie Rice and Harry Ingram respectively, for acceptance with no discussion or corrections. The motion was unanimously passed, accepting the minutes as read without objection.***

**SAMHSA Update Marcus Turner Jr. (pg. 5):** Marcus Turner provided the update and stated that the report is from October 2023 to March 2024. He reported that they had 19 participants admitted into treatment. He reported that none of the participants went through Nexus Recovery Center, and the average wait time was 13.1 days. Ten (10) participants went to Homeward Bound, and the average wait time was 26.6 days. For the SAMSHA grant, they had nine (9) participants successfully discharged from treatment, two (2) unsuccessfully discharge, and have a total of 28 referrals for the project. He shared that they are on track to meeting the SAMHSA goals. He stated that they had two (2) pending Homeward Bound and one pending Nexus admissions, which all have been accepted. Last, he shared that they have a lot of pending referrals for the SAMHSA grant and if anyone has any questions to please contact him at: [marcus.turnerjr@dallascounty.org](mailto:marcus.turnerjr@dallascounty.org). Judge Kristin Wade asked how many individuals the SAMHSA grant will serve. Marcus Turner Jr. answered stating that both him and Shenna Oriabure budgeted for the grant to service 35 individuals and are expected to meet that goal.

**\*530 Sub Committee Shenna Oriabure (pgs. 6-19):** Judge Kristin Wade stated that Shenna Oriabure has been hired for another position, but she will provide the 530 Sub Committee report. Shenna Oriabure reported that the last three (3) months of meeting minutes are included in the meeting packet. She reported that the committee has four (4) voting items for either approval or rejection:

- 1) The Dual Diagnosis Center (DDC) Court requested \$800.00 for drug testing. Legacy Court requested \$900.00 for drug testing to approve the Texas Association of Specialty Court Courts (TASC) budget of \$35,775.00, which was \$675.00 per attendee.
- 2) Approval of the "530 Day Event" budget, which is a team building appreciation and training event. The budget is \$6,000.00

***Judge Kristin Wade asked for a motion of approval for the 530 Sub-Committee's previously mentioned set of voting items presented by Shenna Oriabure.***

***A motion was made and seconded by Laura Edmonds and Jason Mills respectively, for acceptance with no discussion or corrections.***

- 3) Judge Kristin Wade asked Shenna Oriabure to provide a brief overview of the Texas Association of Specialty Court Courts (TASC) and the large allocated budgeted amount. Shenna Oriabure answered stating that the TASC's annual conference was held at the Omni Fort Worth, TX in March 2024. She stated that they were able to send about 48 people with 530 Committee funding at \$675.00 per person, which was the maximum. She stated that many people did not claim parking or mileage, so the total budget was \$35,775.00 but she anticipates that number to be lower possibly around \$30,000.00.

***Judge Kristin Wade asked for a motion of approval for the 530 Sub-Committee's previously mentioned set of voting items presented by Shenna Oriabure to approve the Texas Association of Specialty Court Courts (TASC) annual conference budget of \$35,775.00.***

***A motion was made and seconded by Vickie Rice and Laura Edmonds respectively, for acceptance with no discussion or corrections.***

- 4) Judge Kristin Wade asked Shenna Oriabure to provide a brief overview of the "530 Day Event". Shenna Oriabure stated that the "530 Day Event" is the specialty court teams celebration to honor the work that they do that's impactful to people's lives. The individual's that use marijuana have a "420 Day Event" and they have a "530 Day Event". She shared that the event is scheduled for May 30, 2024, at a local venue. She stated that those who are apart of a specialty court team are welcomed to attend and there will be food and interactive event trivia training. She stated that they are diligently working on the event and secured additional funding to help boost the event. Last, she stated that they are asking for \$6,000.00 to cover 75 attendees but anticipate possibly spending less. Judge Kristin Wade shared with the committee that there will be a training component as well for the event and that it technically comes from their training space. She stated that she believes Serena McNair will be contacting everyone soon for RSVP's (please replies). Judge Kristin Wade stated that it will be an amazing event, and she is excited to attend and appreciates all the work that goes into planning the event. She shared that the 530 Sub-Committee has assigned various planning duties to many subcommittees and asked Shenna Oriabure what time the event will begin. Shenna Oriabure answered, stating that the event is scheduled from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Judge Kristin Wade stated that she believes that all the department leaders such as Probation, the DA's and PD's office have contributed toward the event and employees will be allowed to take the day off to attend the event. Last, Judge Kristin Wade asked if anyone had questions about the "530 Day Event" or discussion to approve the requested event budget of \$6,000.00.

***Judge Kristin Wade asked for a motion of approval for the "530 Day Event's" budget of \$6,000.00 presented by Shenna Oriabure.***

***A motion was made and seconded by Julie Turnbull and Vickie Rice respectively, for acceptance with no discussion or corrections.***

Judge Kristin Wade asked if anyone would like to provide a jail report.

**FUSE and Homeless Reports Kimberly Rawls (pgs.25-29):** Kimberly Rawls reported that she's working to reconstruct the FUSE report so it reflects the new program model changes, so no data was provided in the meeting packet. She reported that they did a soft launch of the new program model on April 1, 2024. She reported that the new program eligibility requirements are anyone who's 18 years or older, self-reports homelessness or unshelteredness, has two (2) bookins within the past four (4) years and previously it was anyone with two (2) bookins within the past two years, and who are not sex offenders, are now eligible to participate in FUSE. She stated that if anyone has individuals who meet that criteria and would like to

participate, please send all requests to: [cjdhousing@dallascounty.org](mailto:cjdhousing@dallascounty.org) email address and ensure to include in the email subject line: "Possible FUSE Candidate" and in the body of the email please include the person's full name: first, middle last (if applicable), date of birth (DOB) & age, last four of their Social Security number and then their booking number (if applicable). She reported that they are working on an informational flyer regarding the new eligibility requirements and are also planning to conduct a presentation either at the end of this month or the beginning of next month. She will keep everyone informed with the presentation date and time via email. Judge Kristin Wade stated that individuals do not have to participate in Specialty Courts to be eligible for FUSE. Kimberly Rawls shared that individuals are not required to participate in Specialty Courts. Judge Kristin Wade asked do misdemeanors or felony offenses matter. Kimberly Rawls answered stating, correct, their offenses do not matter as long as they are not registered Sex Offenders. Judge Kristin Wade suggested presenting for the County Court Judges meeting, so they are aware of this resource and a good place to receive referrals. Judge Kristin Wade asked Vickie Rice if she agrees with the present during the County Court Judge's meeting. Vickie Rice answered, stating that she agrees with having a FUSE presentation during the County Court Judge's meeting. Kimberly Rawls thanked Judge Kristin Wade for the invitation and stated that she would inform the FUSE partners. Judge Kristin Wade stated to reach out to Carla Gilkey, the County Criminal Court Manager, to schedule the presentation during the County Court Judge's meeting.

Judge Kristin Wade stated to please refer to the data in the meeting packet for both the Jail and Provider reports and updates regarding in-person and videoconference services.

## **Jail Reports**

- Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR) *Laura Edmonds* (pgs. 20-21)
- Hospital Movement *Janine Capetillo or Jeremy Lewis* (pgs. 22-23)
- Outpatient Competency *Janine Capetillo or Jeremy Lewis* (pg. 24)

Judge Kristin Wade asked Vickie Rice to provide the Public Defenders (PDs) Report. She reported that Chief Lynn Richardson has moved into a new position with Dallas County and asked if Vickie Rice can share her new position duties.

**Public Defenders Report Chief Lynn Richardson or Vickie Rice (pgs.30-32):** Vickie Rice stated that their new Interim Chief is Mr. Paul Blocker. She stated that Paul Blocker has been the first assistant for over 16 years and is now the Public Defender's Interim Chief. She reported that Paul Blocker will be attending this meeting sometimes, but she will be taking over as Vice Chair of the BHSC. Judge Kristin Wade asked Vickie Rice to share former Chief Lynn Richardson's new position/title. Vickie Rice answered stating that former Chief Lynn Richardson's new title is the Dallas County Assistant County Administrator and will be working with County Administrator, Darryl Martin as one of his County Deputies. She shared that Assistant County Administrator, Lynn Richardson will replace former Dallas County Assistant Administrator, Gordon Hikel. Vickie Rice also shared that they are excited for Assistant County Administrator, Lynn Richardson and, she will still be connected to criminal justice because she will oversee all Frank Crowley Court operations, so they will have the opportunity to see her regularly. She shared that she was with the Public Defender's office for over 29 years, and she will truly be missed, but they are in great hands with Interim Chief, Paul Blocker. Judge Kristin Wade asked the Interim Chief, Paul Blocker, if he has any remarks that he would like to share with the committee. Interim Chief, Paul Blocker, answered stating that as Vickie Rice shared, he will be occasionally attending the BHSC meetings and that it was nice seeing everyone. He stated that if anything is needed from the Public Defender's Office their doors are open, the phones will be answered, and they look forward to continuing their partnership with the BHSC. Judge Kristin Wade asked Vickie Rice if she had any other information to report. Vickie Rice reported that they shared during last month's BHSC committee meeting that

they were awarded the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) grant to expand their mental health unit. She reported that they have begun that process and have unfilled those spaces for attorneys. She announced that Jason Foster, who is their S.T.A.C court Public Defender will now become their new Competency Public Defender. She stated that Chris Caldwell is assigned to Judge Brandon Birmingham Court, which many may be familiar with his duties when he was in A.I.M court. She also stated that Chris Caldwell will be the new mental health Public Defender for Domestic Violence Court. Last, she reported that they are seeking Case Managers but believe they will be making some offers next week and look forward to announcing at the next BHSC meeting the newest additions to their engagement team. Interim Chief Paul Blocker, stated that if anyone knows of any qualified applicants interested in applying for the Case Manager position openings, please contact the Public Defenders office.

Judge Kristin Wade asked Julie Turnbull to provide the District Attorney's (DAs) Report.

**District Attorney's Report Julie Turnbull or Lee Pierson (pgs.33-47):** Julie Turnbull stated that she had to leave the meeting, and that Lee Pierson will provide the report and information about National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Lee Pierson reported that he shared this information during last month's BHLT meeting, but he was appointed to the NAMI board last November 2023. He shared that his duties include assisting with what was formerly known as the Collin County Mental Health Symposium, which will now be named the North Texas Mental Health Symposium consisting of Collin, Denton, and Dallas counties. He shared that both Vickie Rice and Kendall McKimney are assisting in the Symposium, and they are all diligently working to build Dallas County's presence. He stated that they will be asking individuals who attend both the BHSC and BHLT meetings if they would be interested in providing a proposal to make a presentation. He shared that the Symposium would include three (3) tracks: Juvenile, Law Enforcement Judicial, and Service Provider. He also shared that the Symposium is scheduled for November 14, 2024, at the Plano Community Center. Last, he reported that they are in the early stages of planning and more information will be provided later.

Judge Kristin Wade asked The Bridge to provide their update.

**The Bridge Kelly Kane (No data provided):** Kelly Kane reported that their data is included in the supplemental meeting packet. She reported that she only has one update to share regarding the rising number of homeless or unsheltered cases. She stated that they see close to 700 people daily for their day services and they are sheltering 350 people per night. She also reported that they have 300 emergency shelter beds, but they also shelter 50 to 70 people in their overflow areas. Last, she stated that there is a lack of night shelters in the community, which is contributing to the influx of cases that they are seeing.

**Metrocare Jason Mills or Jennifer Torres (pgs.48-50):** Jason Mills reported that their numbers for DDTRC have remained stable around 40 participants per month. He reported that they have seen a slight increase in their female census, which is great. He stated that they submitted for a SAMHSA grant this year similar to the one they applied for last year. He stated they are looking for extra funding for additional enhanced temporary housing rental assistance. He reported that they are also looking to have a fully funded Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) to provide family and substance services for people graduating from Wilmer's DDTRC program and going to DDCA Court. He shared that they are excited and hopeful of possibly receiving the SAMHSA grant award to provide more services and get extra housing funds. Judge Kristin Wade shared what she learned during the previous BHLT meeting when Metrocare's Veterans Clinic called the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic representatives presented. She shared that the main take-away she learned from that presentation was that if there are any Veterans that are participating in Specialty Courts that have been dishonorably discharged or did not serve long in the military to receive regular VA benefits may still receive treatment at the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic, which is another resource that can be used.

Judge Kristin Wade asked IPS to provide their update.

**IPS Reports Enrique Morris or Jessica Simmons (No data provided):** Jessica Simmons reported that their data is included in the supplemental meeting packet. She stated that everything has been stable. She shared that people that needed to be elevated in care this last quarter were lower than normal. She also reported that most people are either remaining at their current level or advancing in treatment, which is a positive. Last, she reminded everyone that they still offer the same day next day appointment availability for all their emerging appointments, which all their specialty court participants qualify.

Judge Kristin Wade asked Homeward Bound to provide their update.

**Homeward Bound Doug Denton (Verbal report):** No report was provided.

Judge Kristin Wade asked Nexus to provide their update.

**Nexus Stacy Burns (Verbal report):** Sharon Jock reported that they were able to admit six (6) individuals who were released from jail today, 4.18.2024, which two (2) were SAMHSA participants. She stated that their census has been full, which they saw a decrease during the holidays and are back on track.

Judge Kristin Wade asked the DIVERT Court to provide their update.

**DIVERT Trina Crosby (pg.51):** No report was provided.

Judge Kristin Wade asked the Specialty Courts to provide their update.

**CSCD Nathaniel Clark Jr. (pgs.52-55):** Nathaniel Clark Jr. reported that their numbers are in the meeting packet. He shared that Specialty Court Personnel had the opportunity to attend the TASC annual conference held in Fort Worth, TX. He stated that the conference was informative, a great experience, and they look forward to implementing some of the things that they learned into their daily work. He also stated that it was a great opportunity for their new staff that attended the conference. Last, he reported that they look forward to continuing to bring individuals in the program and to see how they can assist them.

## **Announcements**

- Judge Kristin Wade stated that the legislative report is in the meeting packet and asked Janie Metzinger to provide an update.
- Janie Metzinger reported that the interim charges are the “homework” for the legislature. She reported that in between sessions they look at various matters such as things that did not get passed, issues that emerged during the previous session, or issues that need attention and did not get completed during the previous session and use this time as “homework” to complete any proposals that need more work. She reported that usually when there are not four (4) special sessions after the regular session, interim charges would come out between October and November. She stated that it is odd that there were so many special sessions last fall. She reported that they had primaries and now are having the primary runoffs, which the Senate did not have interim charges published until a couple of weeks ago. She stated that the Lieutenant Governor has now issued the interim charges for the Senate, which are in your meeting packet. She reported that the priorities for the criminal justice side include stopping child predators, bail reform, and a monitoring charge to watch the implications and the unintended consequences or business of what was previously passed. She reported that they will be looking to monitor all the previous session’s items and there is a charge that it is kind of related to Juvenile Justice that is in the Health and Human Services Committee. Janie Metzinger asked Kimberly Rawls to verify if she provided her behavioral health items to include in the meeting packet. Kimberly Rawls answered, stating yes, and that they are on pages 56-57 in the meeting packet. Janie Metzinger reported that the earliest session is scheduled for June 2024, and that is probably due to them having state primary runoffs. She reported for the House side, that the Speaker of

the House is in a runoff for his legislative seat and he must be elected for that position first, before being elected to the Speaker of the House. She said because of that, there are currently no interim charges for the House and does not anticipate them until after the runoffs. She stated that the US Congress has been looking at some things related to fentanyl, which she is researching. She reported that the US Congress is working on the reauthorization of the Support Act, and she believes it was HR 6 back in 2018, and so they are working to reauthorize it and the House version will be different from the Senate version. She reported that she is studying both the House and Senate versions line-by-line to find the difference between each bill. She also reported that most of the bills are reauthorizing grant funding and so far, for the House bill she has not found any reductions. She also stated that she has seen some flat funding, but most of it is increased funding and sometimes it's double funding for some of those items that were in the original Support Act. Last, she stated that she will keep the committee posted with the information that she obtains. Judge Kristin Wade thanked Janie Metzinger for her work keeping the committee updated regarding the legislative bills.

- Judge Kristin Wade announced that this will be Shenna Oriabure's last meeting as the SAMHSA Grant Manager and 530 Committee Coordinator. She thanked Shenna Oriabure for all her hard work and dedication in her current position and with Specialty Courts over the years and wished her good luck in her future endeavors. Kimberly Rawls also thanked Shenna Oriabure for her hard work and wished her good luck in her future endeavors. Shenna Oriabure thanked everyone for their words of encouragement and looks forward to working with everyone in a different capacity.
- Judge Kristin Wade announced that the next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 18, 2024, @ 8:30 am**. She reported if anyone has questions before the next scheduled meeting, to please contact: Judge Kristin Wade ([kristin.wade@dallascounty.org](mailto:kristin.wade@dallascounty.org)) or Kimberly Rawls ([kimberly.rawls@dallascounty.org](mailto:kimberly.rawls@dallascounty.org)).

## **Adjourn**

***Judge Kristin Wade adjourned the meeting at 9:09 am.***



**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team  
Thursday, January 9, 2025  
Supplemental Packet**

**Includes:**

- Dallas County Deflection Center Monthly Report

