

**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**  
**Thursday, April 10, 2025**  
**9:30am -11:00am**  
**In-Person & Virtual Meetings via Microsoft Teams**

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
  - Review/Approval of March 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- II. Introductions
- III. North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update
- IV. Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) Update
- V. Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup Update
- VI. Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update
- VII. Legislative Update
- VIII. Funding Opportunities
  - SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update
  - Community Courts Grant Update – Public Defender’s Office (PD)
  - Restorative Justice Division Update – District Attorney’s Office (RJD)
- IX. Upcoming Events and Notifications
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Adjournment



**DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**Minutes of the Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 10, 2025**  
**<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 Commissioner present was Commissioner John Wiley Price. 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, March 13, 2025, 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.

**Introduction**

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

- **Terry Whalin, Mental Health Advocate**

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

**Dr. Walter Taylor**, Chief Strategy Officer, NTBHA, reported that NTBHA did not have a board meeting for the month of March. NTBHA continues to work on the implementation of their electronic health record system and working through their Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) certification process. Dr. Taylor also noted that NTBHA is preparing for their Office of Inspector General (OIG) and quality management audits. Dr. Taylor reports that NTBHA continues to work with their partners on the inclement weather shelters that will be in service 24/7. NTBHA will have a grand opening for their Living Room in Ellis County and are currently renovating the Dr. Lewis E. Deere Behavioral Health Complex (Dallas Living Room). The Living Room will continue to provide “no wrong door” services to individuals releasing from jail or hospital and transitioning back into the community. Dr. Taylor reported that NTBHA is working with the Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, District Attorney and Public Defender’s Office, Parkland Jail Health, Dallas County Mental Illness Court and local private psychiatric hospitals to provide access to alternative treatment options under both inpatient and outpatient

commitments. Dr. Taylor also reported that NTBHA is working with Meadows Mental Health Institute to provide a Youth Crisis Outreach Team (YCOT). NTBHA is also working with the Dallas County Juvenile Department to address mental health and behavioral health needs and supporting family systems. NTBHA is currently working with Baylor Dallas to embed crisis care coordinators and Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) clinicians in their emergency room to provide mental health dispositions. Lastly, Dr. Taylor reported that NTBHA is working with Terrell State Hospital providing “front door diversion”, which will assist with civil and forensic transfers.

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

**Ron Stretcher**, Senior Director of Systems Management, MMHPI, discussed a new effort to engage homeless neighbors downtown. Mr. Stretcher reported this effort will use a modified community resource coordination group to come up with a plan to provide housing assistance for those affected by homelessness. Mr. Stretcher discussed possibly leveraging YCOT to engage both juvenile services and youth in foster care.

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

**Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel**, reported that the BHHWG had a presentation from the refugee resettlement services, including the International Rescue Committee, World Relief-Texas, and Catholic Charities. Dr. Daniel reported that federal rental assistance for refugees has been halted. Commissioner John Wiley Price requested specifics on the impact of lack of rental assistance for this population.

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

**Yordanos Melake**, Program Manager, Criminal Justice Department provided the update. Ms. Melake reported, for the month of February, there were 2502 magistrate orders for 16.22 screenings with 1,912 completed, 1,083 were face-to-face interviews, 113 were completed via telehealth and 718 were desk reviews (individuals with a 16.22 interview completed in the past year). Ms. Melake reported there were 172 individuals who refused screenings, 356 individuals unable to locate and the average time of completion for individuals in custody being 2.4 days and the average time of completion for individuals out of custody being 23 days. 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 being held March 11 and the next meeting currently scheduled for Tuesday June 10, 2025, at 2pm.

#### **Legislative Update**

**Janie Metzinger**, Director of External Affairs, NTBHA, provided an update and referred to the Legislative reports in the packet. Ms. Metzinger highlighted several bills regarding emergency detention and bills affecting group home facilities.

#### **Funding Opportunities Updates**

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

**Regina Fowlks**, SAMHSA Coordinator, referred to the SAMHSA report in the packet. Ms. Fowlks reported for the month of February; SAMHSA had two Nexus admissions with an average wait time of twelve days. Homeward Bound had four admissions with an average wait time of 25 days. For the current fiscal year, SAMHSA program has had a total of 14 successful

completions. Ms. Fowlks reported that the grant is in the second-year grant period and for the total grant period, SAMHSA has had 45 successful completions.

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

**Paul Blocker**, Interim Chief, Public Defender's Office, reports that PD's Office has finalized the interlocal agreement with regards to the South Dallas Drug Court and referred to the BHLT packet for the February report.

- **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 the February report.

### **Upcoming Events and Notifications**

**No upcoming events and notifications**

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Price thanked everyone for their collaboration and service. The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

## DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

	2024-2025	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL TRIAGED</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>404</b>
<b>Referral Source</b>									
Dallas PD									0
SC Div	2			2	3		3	2	12
SW Div	4		1	1					6
SE Div					1		1		2
NC Div	1			2					3
NE Div	1		1	2	2				6
NW Div			1		1	1		1	4
CEN Div				1	1	3	2	1	8
Right Care			1	3	2	1		1	8
Dallas Marshal - CDC								1	1
College Campus PD									0
Great SW Coalition	1							1	2
SE Coalition	1				1				2
MCOT/CTI/Walk In	10		14	27	41	48	31	42	213
Garland PD			2	1		1			4
Irving PD			3	1					4
DART PD	11		14	11	13	11	12	21	93
Rapid Response							15	18	33
Parkland-Baylor PD	1		1				1		3
<b>TRIAGE OUTCOME</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>98</b>	
Psych Crisis Residential				3		6	3	2	14
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt								2	2
Living Room-NTBHA*	2		5	7		2			16
CMHP Services									0
ACT Team									0
OTHER SUD Services	2		2	7	6	7	7	11	42
Shelter									0
Austin Street	2		1	1	1	1	3	4	13
Bridge	3		2	4	5	2	3	5	24
Salvation Army				1	1	4		3	9
Union Gospel Mission			1		1	3			5
Other			4		3	1		4	12
Home-Family-Friends	12		11	11	22	10	23	37	126
Boarding Home/PSH	2		2	1	2	4	7	1	19
Higher Level of Care									0
Behavioral Health	2			4	2	8	5	3	24
Physical Health	2		2	3	3	4	1	7	22
Veterans Administration				1					1
APOWW or Arrest				1					1
LEA Maintained Custody					1				1
Still in Service	4		3	2	12	12	10	12	55
Refused Services	1		5	5	6	1	3	7	28
<b>TOTAL TRIAGED</b>									<b>414</b>
ALOS 11.5 Days, 18 Same Day Discharges with 7 Refusing Services									



## 89<sup>th</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATURE HOUSE AND SENATE BUDGET COMPARISON CHART

*Note: Line Item D.2.1 has been amended this session combining Community Mental Health Services for adults, children, and crisis, which were separate line items in previous Legislative sessions. ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates figures that were amended in the originating committee before passage.*

LINE ITEMS	FY 2024	FY 2025	HB1-2026	HB 1-2027	SB 1-2026	SB 1-2027	CONF-2026	CONF-2027
<b>Article II-Goal D</b> <i>Additional Health-Related Services</i>								
D.2.1 Community MH Services	\$729,936,455	\$727,436,455	<del>\$715,368,528</del> \$720,368,528	<del>\$715,368,528</del> \$720,368,528	\$705,989,068	\$705,989,068		
<i>Adults *</i>	\$451,244,249	\$451,244,249	\$402,353,288	\$402,353,288				
<i>Children *</i>	\$110,629,159	\$110,629,159	\$140,857,228	\$140,857,228				
<i>Crisis *</i>	\$168,063,047	\$165,563,047	\$177,158,012	\$177,158,012				
D.2.2 <i>Substance Use Services</i>	\$276,979,144	\$277,091,747	\$250,036,582	\$250,036,582	\$250,036,582	\$250,036,582		
D.2.3 <i>BH Waivers</i>	\$33,264,695	\$32,812,995	<del>\$38,713,441</del> \$41,695,069	<del>\$39,158,053</del> \$42,139,682	\$38,446,664 \$39,955,776	\$38,891,277 \$40,400,389		
D.2.4 <i>Comm. MH Grants</i>	\$106,500,000	\$106,500,000	\$115,262,133	\$115,262,133	<del>\$115,262,133</del> \$117,762,133	<del>\$115,262,133</del> \$117,762,133		
D.2.5 <i>Comm. BH Administration</i>	\$54,524,689	\$54,878,168	<del>\$76,971,441</del> \$76,772,484	<del>\$71,971,311</del> \$71,772,354	\$76,971,144 \$77,855,766	\$71,971,331 \$72,789,724		
<b>Article II-Goal G</b> <i>Facilities</i>								
G.2.1 <i>MH State Hospitals</i>	\$583,996,279	\$583,996,279	\$731,965,974	\$815,231,824	<del>\$731,965,974</del> \$738,714,908	<del>\$815,231,824</del> \$841,177,426		
G.2.2 <i>MH Comm. Hospitals</i>	\$321,209,485	\$311,207,368	<del>\$350,780,918</del> \$371,615,011	<del>\$350,780,918</del> \$429,631,697	\$350,780,918 \$365,977,088	\$350,780,918 \$414,750,626		
G.4.1 <i>Facility Program Support</i>	\$14,023,745	\$14,023,745	\$14,729,109	\$14,744,010	\$14,729,109	\$14,744,010		
G.4.2 <i>Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation</i>	\$91,588,373	\$20,739,918	<del>\$117,055,820</del> \$123,055,820	<del>\$18,986,193</del> \$24,986,193	\$117,055,820	\$18,986,193		

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## House Behavioral Health Riders in Article II

Rider Number	Strategy and Purpose of Rider
28	<p>D.2.1-Community Mental Health Services</p> <p>Directs HHSC to allocate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$402,353,288 each fiscal year for Community Mental Health Services for Adults.</li> <li>• \$140,857,228 each fiscal year for Community Mental Health Service for Children.</li> <li>• \$177,158,012 each fiscal year for Mental Health Crisis Services.</li> </ul>
31	<p>Mental Health Peer Support Re-entry Program</p> <p>Out of D.2.1-Community Mental Health Services, House directs HHSC to allocate up to \$1,000,000 in GR to maintain a mental health peer support re-entry program in partnership with LBHA/LMHAs, and county sheriffs, using certified peer support specialists.</p>
32	<p>Reporting Waiting Lists for Mental Health Services</p> <p>House requires HHSC to submit a report on the current waiting list and related expenditure data for community mental health services for adults, community mental health services for children, forensic state hospital beds, and maximum-security forensic state hospital beds to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of clients waiting for all services.</li> <li>• Number of underserved clients waiting for additional services.</li> <li>• Number of individuals removed from the waiting list and</li> <li>• Funds expended to remove individuals on the waiting list each fiscal quarter.</li> <li>• Average number of calendar days spent on the waiting list.</li> </ul> <p>This information shall be provided for each LBHA/LMHA</p> <p>HHSC shall distinguish between waiting lists at LBHA/LMHAs, state facilities, entities contracted due to operational or short-term factors, entities contracted due to long-term waiting lists due to insufficient capacity.</p>
33	<p>Mental Health Care for Veterans</p> <p>Out of D.2.1- Community Mental Health Services, House directs HHSC to allocate \$3,956,000 each fiscal year to administer a mental health program for veterans.</p>
34	<p>Opioid-Related Expenditures-Directs HHSC to report actual annual expenditures for opioid-related programs.</p>



## House Behavioral Health Riders in Article II—continued

Rider Number	Strategy and Purpose of Rider
35	<p>Out of D.2.4-Community Mental Health Grant Programs, House directs HHSC to allocate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10,000,000 per fiscal year for grants for Veterans and Their Families.</li> <li>• \$45,000,000 per fiscal year for grants to Reduce Recidivism, Arrest, and Incarceration among individuals with mental illness and to reduce wait time for forensic commitment.</li> <li>• \$27,500,000 for grants for Community Mental Health.</li> <li>• \$16,500,000 per fiscal year for Healthy Community Collaboratives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$10,000,000 may be allocated for Healthy Community Collaboratives in rural areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$14,762,133 per fiscal year for grants for early intervention and treatment for children and families.</li> <li>• \$1,500,000 per fiscal year to establish or expand behavioral health centers or jail diversion centers.</li> </ul> <p>House requires HHSC to report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of grants awarded</li> <li>• Amount awarded per entity</li> <li>• Effectiveness of the grants</li> <li>• Number of individuals served by each grant program</li> <li>• Other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board.</li> </ul>
36	<p>House requires HHSC to produce a report on uses of the federal Mental Health Block Grant and Substance Use Block Grant including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities funded by one-time COVID-19 funding.</li> <li>• Detailed description of each activity.</li> <li>• Total amount of federal funds expended and total amount of unexpended balances.</li> <li>• Report due by June 1 of each fiscal year.</li> </ul>
37	<p>Out of D.2.1-Community Mental Health Services, House directs HHSC to allocate \$3,700,000 for telepsychiatry consultations for rural hospitals.</p>
38	<p>Out of G.2.2-Community Mental Health Hospitals, House directs HHSC to allocate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$47,952,240 per fiscal year for 168 beds at the John S. Dunn Center.</li> <li>• \$43,508,000 per fiscal year for 149 beds at the Harris County Psychiatric Center.</li> </ul>
39	<p>Out of D.2.1-Community Mental Health Services, House directs HHSC to allocate \$4,489,592 per fiscal year for crisis services at the <b>LMHA</b> serving Galveston County.</p>
40	<p>Out of D.2.1-Community Mental Health Services, House directs HHSC to allocate \$36,379,460 per fiscal year for Youth Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (YCOT).</p>



## Senate Behavioral Health Riders in Article II

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32	Mental Health Peer Support Re-entry Program Out of D.2.1-Community Mental Health Services, Senate directs HHSC to allocate up to \$1,000,000 in GR to maintain a mental health peer support re-entry program in partnership with <b>LBHA/LMHAs</b> , and county sheriffs, using certified peer support specialists.
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### Senate Behavioral Health Riders in Article II--continued

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40	Galveston County Crisis Stabilization Services Out of D.2.1-Community Mental Health Services, Senate directs HHSC to allocate \$4,489,592 per fiscal year for crisis services at the <b>LBHA</b> serving Galveston County.
41	Out of D.2.1-Community Mental Health Services, Senate directs HHSC to allocate \$27,000,000 per fiscal year per fiscal year for Youth Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (YCOT).





## 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Behavioral Health Bills

State Budget, Companion Bills, House Bills, Senate Bills

### STATE BUDGET BILLS

HB 1-Bonnen-General Appropriations Act.-Referred to Appropriations Committee.

SB 1-Huffman-General Appropriations Act

**Current Status:** Passed Senate on March 25, House Committee Substitute passed House Appropriations March 31 and passed the House April 2.

HB 500-Bonnen-Supplemental Appropriations—Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

**Current Status:** Passed House April 2.

Section	Amount	Purpose
2.02	\$150,000,000	G.4.2-Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation New capacity for mental health services and inpatient facilities. To complete construction at El Paso State Hospital-50 forensic bed expansion.
2.03	\$10,000,000	Brazoria County Mental Health Inpatient Facility Grant.
2.04	\$10,000,000	Tarrant County Mental Health Inpatient Facility Grant.
2.05		414.0 Full Time Equivalent Employees to staff newly renovated state hospitals.
2.06	\$2,154,376,606	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. \$33,600,000-Uvalde Behavioral Health Campus</li><li>2. \$21,400,000-Grants Management System</li><li>3. \$101,890,000-Dallas State Hospital-200 bed adult unit with at least 75% of the beds to be used for forensic purposes.</li><li>4. State Hospitals electronic health record system upgrade<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o \$38,772,184-Information Technology Projects</li><li>o \$100,870-Central Program Support</li><li>o \$48,206 from federal funds</li></ul></li><li>5. \$50,000,000-Deferred Maintenance Needs</li><li>6. \$14,000,000-Emergency Facility Repairs</li><li>7. \$121,000,000-Lubbock Campus=50 bed maximum security.</li><li>8. \$15,000,000-San Antonio State Hospital-40-bed maximum security.</li><li>9. \$159,000,000-Amarillo State Hospital-75-bed facility, (50 max security).</li><li>10. \$120,000,000-Rio Grande Valley-50-bed state hospital, max security</li><li>11. \$573,000,000-Terrell State Hospital-275 beds<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o 50 maximum security beds</li><li>o 50 adolescent beds</li><li>o 150 forensic beds</li><li>o 25 civil beds</li></ul></li></ol>

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

**Current Status:** The stage the bill has reached at the time of writing. No Current Status listed means the bill has been filed and referred to a committee, but no further action has been taken to-date.

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HB 500-continued

2.06 Cont.		<p>12. \$452,000,000-North Texas State Hospital-Wichita Falls-225 beds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 25 maximum security beds</li> <li>○ 159 forensic beds</li> <li>○ 25 adolescent beds</li> <li>○ 16 civil beds</li> </ul> <p>13. \$50,000,000-El Paso State Hospital-50 beds (50% forensic)</p> <p>14. \$45,000,000-Sunrise Canyon in Lubbock-30 beds (50% forensic)</p> <p>15. \$100,000,000-Community Mental Health Grant programs-one-time grants for county-based collaboratives</p> <p>16. \$175,000,000 Mental Health Inpatient Facility Grant Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$85,000,000 for Rio Grande Valley region.-100 beds.</li> <li>○ \$50,000,000 for Montgomery County-100 beds.</li> <li>○ \$50,000,000 for Victoria County-60 beds.</li> </ul> <p>17. \$4,712,356-To implement Psychiatric Residential Youth Treatment Facility Voluntary Quality Standards</p> <p>18. \$64,000,000-Beaumont Baptist Hospital-72 beds(36 forensic, 36 civil).</p> <p>19. \$15,852,990-Children's Hospitals Construction Grant-matching requirements based on county population.</p>
2.07	\$7,380,403	Civil Commitment Office shortfall
2.08	\$12,900,000	Harris County Psychiatric Hospital-renovations



## COMPANION BILLS

[HB 114](#)-Cortez-Amends Texas Government Code 434, Subchapter A to move the current Grant Program for Mental Health Services for Veterans and Their Families from HHSC to the Texas Veterans Commission.

**Current Status:** Pending after hearing in House Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs

Companions: [HB 4446](#)-Cortez and [SB 2926](#)-Zaffirini

[HB 234](#)-A. 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.

Companion: SB 2305-N. Johnson

[HB 305](#)-Hays -Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 46b.084(d-1) to require that any pretrial hearing in a case involving a criminal defendant who has been restored to competency must be held by the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the court has determined that competency has been restored.

**Current Status:** Committee Substitute was favorably reported from House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. Sent to Calendars April 1. Companion: [SB 2096](#)-Cook

[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. Companion: SB 2851-Menéndez

[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.

Companion [SB 400](#)-Passed Senate on March 24, sent to House on March 25.

[HB 1103](#)-Cole-Amends Texas Education Code 51 to require Texas colleges and universities to train resident advisors in on-campus dormitories on opioid overdose and to equip them with opioid antagonist medications. Companion: [SB 556](#)-Johnson

[HB 1455](#)-J. Jones-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 2B, Subchapter B to add a required report by peace officers regarding an arrested person that the officer has cause to believe may have a mental illness or an intellectual disability, and evaluation of the officer's actions regarding jail diversion.

Companion: [SB 2264](#)-Cook

[HB 1536](#)-Craddick- Establishes a Rural Community-Based Care Pilot Program to implement a model of child welfare services to increase community engagement and improve outcomes for children and families. Companion to SB 513-Sparks.

- Lead entity must be a local nonprofit or a local government.
- Directs Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to gather information from local stakeholders regarding local needs to help in preparing requests for bids and proposals.
- Program model must include:
  - Early intervention services
  - Family preservation services
  - Case management
  - Foster care and kinship care
  - Adoption and post-adoption services
  - Transition for youth aging out of foster care
- Lead entity must develop and coordinate with a diverse network of providers including faith-based organizations and **LBHAs/LMHAs**.
- Pilot Program should address:
  - Innovative approaches to improve outcomes
  - Quality assurance
  - Inequities in child welfare system
  - Financial management
- Requires lead agency to develop a collaborative governance structure.
- DFPS shall work with lead agency to develop a capitated funding model and budget.
- DSHS shall explore and leverage various state and federal funding sources.
- Pilot must implement a workforce development plan.
- DFPS must contract for an independent evaluation of the pilot program.
- Requires a formal conflict resolution process, a change order process, and an annual report.

**Current Status:** Committee Substitute was favorably reported from House Human Services March 25.

Companion: [SB 513](#)-Sparks has passed the Senate and was sent to the House March 27.

[HB 1593](#)-Campos-Establishes an advisory committee to study the need for suicide prevention and peer support in fire departments in Texas. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of fire fighters, fire chiefs, licensed mental health professionals, a representative of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, and the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

**Current Status:** Pending in House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee March 25.

Companion [SB 1131](#)-Middleton

[HB 1620](#)-Leach-Non-substantive additions and / revisions **LBHA LMHA** statutes.

**Current Status:** Reported favorably from House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence April 3.

Companion: SB 2375-N. Johnson

[HB 1656](#)-Howard-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.0001 to allow paramedics to detain a person with mental illness for a preliminary exam at a mental health facility.

#### Section 1-Definitions

- Medical Director-A licensed physician who supervises the provision of emergency medical services by a public or private entity that provides these services and employs one or more paramedics.
- Paramedic-A person licensed under Texas Health and Safety Code 773.

Section 2-Amends H&S Code 573 Adds a section on detention by a paramedic for preliminary examination.

- Allows a paramedic to detain a person for a preliminary examination at a mental health facility if:
  - The paramedic is specifically authorized by the Medical Director of the entity that employs or contracts with the paramedic.



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- The paramedic has reason to believe and does believe that the person has a mental illness and.
  - Believes that because of the mental illness the person is at substantial risk of serious harm to the person or others unless immediately restrained.
    - May be demonstrated by the person's behavior, evidence of severe emotional distress and deterioration in mental condition to the extent that the person cannot remain at liberty.
    - Paramedic's belief may be formed by the report of a credible person, the conduct of the person or the circumstances in which the person is detained.
  - Believes there is not time to obtain a warrant or for a peace officer to take the person into custody.
  - Paramedic shall immediately transport the person to:
    - The nearest appropriate inpatient mental health facility or
    - A mental health facility deemed suitable by the **LBHA/LMHA** if an appropriate inpatient mental health facility is not available.
    - The paramedic who detains a person at a mental health facility shall immediately inform the person orally, and in non-technical language, the reason for the detention.
  - Paramedic must immediately file a notification of detention with the mental health facility.
    - A sample notification of emergency detention is found in Section 573.007 of the HB 1656.
  - A staff member of the facility must inform the person of patient's rights within 24 hours of detention.
- Section 3-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573 to require the facility to accept and detain a person detained and transported by a paramedic for whom a notification of detention has been filed.

Companion: [SB 2706](#)-Hagenbuch

[HB 1712](#)-Collier-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 191, Subchapter A, regarding to issuance of a certified birth record, driver's license or identification certificate to a person who is homeless.

Companion: to [HB 505](#)-Bucy and [HB 1042](#)-Bojani.

Current Status: Companion HB 505-Bucy was left pending in House Intergovernmental Affairs March 25.

[HB 1716](#)-Darby-Amends Texas Human Resources Code 32 to change wording regarding choice of Medicaid provider from "~~master~~" social worker to "clinical" social worker.

Current Status: Pending in House Human Services after hearing March 25. Companion [SB 469](#)-Sparks

[HB 1741](#)-Johnson-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 46C.264.(a) regarding court-ordered outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision that may be provided to an acquitted person.

- Applies only when treatment and supervision is sought to be provided in a county other than the county of the committing court.
- Allows either party to file a motion to transfer the case.
- Requires that the **LBHA/LMHA** of the proposed county has been notified and agrees to provide the treatment and supervision.
- Requires that the person has received services from the proposed **LBHA/LMHA** in the past five years.
- Requires that the person has a support system in the proposed county.
- After transfer, the person's discharge planning shall be completed by the accepting court, the accepting **LBHA/LMHA**, and the state hospital serving the accepting county.

Current Status: Favorably reported by House Public Health March 31.

Companion: [SB 2758](#)-Cook

[HB 2096](#)-Martinez-Amends Texas Transportation Code 502.061 relating to notification of a peace officer through an indication associated with vehicle registration that a person has a health condition or disability that may impede effective communication.

- Allows the DMV to request a written statement from a licensed physician, psychologist, mental health professional, speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist, audiologist, school psychologist, or other health care provider.
- Requires the applicant to indicate whether the health condition or disability is an impairment of:
  - Speech or language
  - Hearing
  - Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Prohibits the DMV from providing DPS with information that shows the type of health condition or disability that the person has. Companion: [SB 680](#)-Hughes

[HB 2157](#)-Allen-Amends Texas Occupations Code 501.260 to allow the licensing pf a psychologist as a licensed specialist in school psychology. Companion: [SB 531](#)-Sparks

[HB 2173](#)-Shaheen-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 161 to require social media platforms to display a warning concerning the association between a minor’s social media use and significant mental health issues.

[HB 2234](#)-Dutton-Changes the age of criminal responsibility

Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 614.019(b) regarding a child with a mental illness who is receiving continuity of care services during parole from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and who no longer is eligible to receive service from an **LBHA/LMHA** based on the local service area plan.

- Changes the age eligibility ends from 17 years to 18 years of age.
- Allows the child to continue to receive continuity of care services from the parole office until the completion of parole.

**Current Status:** Pending in House Criminal Jurisprudence Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice March 26.

Companion: [SB 1306](#)-Cook

[HB 2157](#)-Allen-Amends Texas Occupations Code 501.260 to allow the licensing pf a psychologist as a licensed specialist in school psychology. Companion: [SB 531](#)-Sparks

[HB 2617](#)-Anchia-Procedures for expunction of arrest records and files of persons who complete certain court programs or pretrial intervention programs.

[Section 1](#)-Amends the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 55A.203.

- Requires (by changing ~~may~~ to shall) the trial court that is a district court or in which the trial court is located to enter an expunction order for the person entitled to one under 55A.053(a) (2) (A) within 30 days after the court dismisses the case because of successful completion or receives information regarding a dismissal.
- The person for whom the expunction is required shall provide the state’s attorney all information required to prepare petition for expunction.
- Strikes the provision for the consent of the attorney representing the state.

[Section 2](#)-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 55A.204 regarding duties of the attorney representing the state regarding an expunction order based on actual innocence.

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Section 3-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 55A.205 to specify content of an expunction order based on actual innocence.

Section 4-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 55A.206 to specify required retention of certain documents collected under expunction order based on actual innocence.

Section 5-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 55A.353 regarding disposition of expunged records.

Section 6-Adds requirements for retention of records for development and operation of pretrial intervention programs.

Section 7-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 102.006(b-1) to waive fees upon successful completion of a pretrial intervention program.

Section 8-Amends Texas Government Code 124.001 regarding expunctions in veterans' courts.

Section 9-Amends Texas Government Code 125.001, regarding expunctions in mental health courts.

Section 10.-This act applies, regardless of when the arrest occurred, to a person who successfully completes a veterans court, a mental health court or a pretrial diversion program before, on, or after the effective date of the act, which, if passed, takes effect September 1.

Companion Bill: [SB 537](#)-N. Johnson

[HB 2711](#)-Vo-Authorizes a study of the feasibility of implementing an acute psychiatric bed registry.

Companion: [2069](#)-Zaffirini

[HB 3917](#)-Rose-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code to require Texas Health Steps to cover up to four screenings for maternal depression before the child's first birthday. Authorizes HHSC to seek a federal waiver to implement. Companion: [SB 2483](#)-Alvarado.

[HB 4783](#)-VanDeaver-Directs HHSC to prepare a biennial report on opioid antagonist programs for opioid overdose reversal and prevention to include a needs assessment, statewide saturation goal, data sources and methodology to estimate current supply insufficiencies, communication plan, a description of all state and federal money appropriated for the program, distribution strategies, and recommendations for improvement. Report is due by October 1 of even-numbered years. Companion: [SB 2378](#)-Hancock.

[HB 4856](#)-Alders-Regarding governance of LBHAs/LMHAs, board composition, required financial reports.

Section 1-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 533 to require LBHA/LMHAs to submit a monthly expense report in electronic format, detailing every expenditure as reasonably practical by the LBHA/LMHA to each member of the governing body, including *ex officio* non voting members.

Section 2-Amends the heading of Texas Health and Safety Code 533.0351 to: "Required Composition and Governance of **Local Mental Health Authority** Governing Body.

Section 3- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 533.0351

- Requires each **LMHA/LBHA** to have a governing body.
- Requires at least one member of the governing board must be a member of the public, have experience owning or operating a private business, and not have served in elected office.
- Requires the **LBHA/LMHA** to allow a sheriff selected to serve on the board as an ex officio non-voting member to be a voting member at the sheriff's request pursuant to the sheriff agreeing to comply with all standards and rules applicable to voting board members.
- Employees of a **LBHA/LMHA** may not serve as board members.

HB 4856-Alders—continued

Section 4-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 533, to add a section prohibiting diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in **LBHA/LMHAs**. Companion: [SB 2446](#)-Sparks

[HB 5121](#)-Harris-Davila-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code Title 7, Subtitle C, adds Chapter 580 regarding inpatient competency restoration services.

- Applies to facilities that contract with HHSC to provide competency restoration services for a person to stand trial.
- Directs HHSC to require contracted facilities to enter into a memorandum of understanding powers and duties of regarding competency restoration with:
  - The county and municipality in which the facility is located.
  - **The LBHA/LMHA**.
- Requires each facility to report annually to HHSC regarding:
  - Total number of individuals who received inpatient competency restoration services.
  - Total number of individuals who were restored.
  - Average number of days an individual received services.
  - Number of individuals restored in less than 60 days.
  - Number of individuals not restored and for whom a treatment extension is sought.
  - Number of individuals not restored who were transferred to an inpatient mental health facility or residential care facility.
  - For individuals not restored, the average length of time between the time the determination was made that the person was not restored and the date of transfer to a mental health or residential care facility.
  - Separate data by whether individuals were charged with a misdemeanor or felony and other factor deemed relevant by HHSC.
  - Annual report due to Legislator by September 1, first report due September 1, 2027.
    - Performance evaluation of each facility.
    - Aggregated demographic data on persons receiving competency restoration services at applicable facility.
    - Criminal offenses charged.
    - Countries of origin.
    - Diagnoses, if applicable.
    - Overall cost of competency restoration services at the facility.
      - At a state hospital.
      - Other competency restoration programs managed by the commission.

**Current Status:** Companion: [SB 528](#)-Schwertner-Pending in Senate Health and Human Services April 2.

[HB 5251](#)-Leo Wilson-Amends Texas Education Code 25.087 (b) to allow a temporary excused absence from school to attend an appointment with a mental health professional.

**Current Status:** Companion: [SB 207](#)-Paxton and Johnson passed Senate April 1, sent to the House April 2.

[HB 5463](#)-Moody-Regarding Emergency Detention Orders for persons evidencing mental illness and court-ordered inpatient and extended mental health services.

[Section 1](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.001(b). Adds to the criteria to severe emotional distress and deterioration of the person's mental condition..."including the person's inability to recognize symptoms or appreciate the risks and benefits of treatment,"... to the extent that the person cannot remain at liberty.

[Section 2](#)-Changes heading of Texas Health and Safety Code 573.002 to "Peace Officer's Notification of Emergency Detention".

[Section 3](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.002.

- Adds the word "emergency" before the word "detention".
- Strikes the requirement for the officer to give a specific description of the risk of harm.
- Specifies a list of information that the emergency detention documentation must contain.
- Allows the peace officer or emergency medical services personnel to leave the facility after transporting
  - When the person and the person is taken into custody by appropriate facility staff and
  - The notification of emergency detention is given to the facility.

[Section 4](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.003(b) regarding emergency detention of a ward.

[Section 5](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.012 add language regarding the person's inability to recognize symptoms or appreciate the risks and benefits of treatment.

[Section 6](#)- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.022(a) to include language of Section 5 here as well.

[Section 7](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.001(b) regarding county in which the emergency detention order must be filed.

[Section 8](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Codes 574.011 (a) and (d) to add lack of capacity language to the certificate of medical examination.

[Section 9](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.002(b) to add lack of insight language.

[Section 10](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Codes 574.034(a) regarding the judge's options for court-ordered temporary inpatient mental health services.

[Section 11](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Codes 574.034(a) regarding the judge's options for court-ordered extended inpatient mental health services

[Section 12](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Codes 574.064(a-1) to add lack of insight language to physician's evaluation within 24 hours of detention.

[Section 13](#)-If passed, this legislation only applies to emergency detentions that begin on or after the effective date of the act, September 1, 2025.

Companion: [SB 1164](#)-Zaffirini

[HB 5465](#)-Moody-Amends multiple sections of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and Texas Health and Safety Code regarding competency restoration.

[Section 1](#)-Amends 16.23. Requires local law enforcement agencies to:

- Make a good faith effort to divert persons in a mental health or substance use crisis to an appropriate treatment facility if it is reasonable under the circumstances.
- Adopt a local plan that is submitted to the county or municipal governing body and Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE).

[Section 2](#)-Amends Chapter 45A, Subchapter C to add a section on Dismissal Based on Defendant's Lack of Capacity.

HB 5465-Moody-continued

Section 3-Amends Article 46B.025(b) to require the appointed expert to state in the report whether the defendant is likely to be restored to competency in the initial restoration period, and any possible extension of restoration efforts.

Section 4-Amends Article 46B.055-Procedure After Findings of Incompetency, to add procedures based on whether the defendant is or is not likely to be restored to competency.

Section 5-Amends 46B.071(a) regarding a defendant found incompetent to stand trial but likely to be restored.

Section 6-Amends heading of 46B.0711 Release on Bail: Certain Offenses Not Involving Bodily Injury

Section 7-Amends 46B.0711 (b) regarding Class A and Class B misdemeanors.

Section 8-Amends heading of 46B.072 to Release on Bail: Felonies; Certain Offenses Involving Bodily Injury

Section 9-Amends 46B.072 (a-1) regarding release on bail of a defendant found incompetent to stand trial if the court determines that the defendant is not a danger to others and can be safely treated on an outpatient basis.

Section 10-Amends 46B.073 regarding inpatient- or jail-based competency in Class A misdemeanor cases. SB 2213-continued

Section 11-Amends 46B.077(a) regarding extension of competency restoration.

Section 12-Amends 46B.079(b) and (b-1) regarding notification of the of whether the defendant is or is not likely to attain competency in the period authorized in statute including extensions.

Section 13-Amends 46B.084(a-1) regarding the defendant's return to court, determination of competence, setting a trial date if appropriate.

Section 14-Amends 46B to add .0855-Raising Issue of Incompetency when Criminal Proceedings Are Not Timely Resumed.

Section 15-Amends 46B.086 (a), (d) and (f) to substitute "a primary care provider to provide mental health services" and strikes the words "licensed psychiatrist".

Section 16-Amends 46B.091 (d), (g), (i), (j), and (j-1) regarding a jail-based competency restoration program provider, medication management, the defendant's treatment plan, appointment of experts, extensions of time in competency restoration, inpatient competency restoration, dismissal of charges.

Section 17-Amends 46B.101 regarding applicability of the chapter to the defendant.

Section 18-Amends 46B.103 (c) regarding commitment to a residential care facility.

Section 19-Amends 46B.104 regarding civil commitment in cases involving violence.

Section 20-Amends 46B.1055 (b) (c) (d), (g), and (i), regarding requests to modify the court's order.

Section 21-Amends the heading of 46B.107 to Release of Defendant After Civil Commitment: Mental Illness.

Section 22-Amends 46B.107 regarding a defendant committed to an outpatient treatment program.

Section 23-Amends 46B, Subchapter E to add Release of Defendant after Civil Commitment: Intellectual Disability.

Section 24-Amends 46B.109(b) to require a report from the facility or outpatient treatment provider to include the reasons the facility or provider believes competency has been restored, list the medications and dosages prescribed, which shall be given to the defense and the prosecution. Either party may object to the report's findings.

Section 25-Amends 46B, Subchapter E to add Proceedings to Determine Restoration of Competency.



HB 5465-Moody-continued

Section 26-Amends 46B.114 regarding prompt transportation to court of a defendant who has been committed to a facility. Allows the facility to transport the person to the custody of the county sheriff and bill the county for mileage and *per diem* expenses of the transporting personnel if the county that committed the person does not transport the person within 15 days of when the court received the notification that the defendant has been restored.

Section 27-Amends 46B.151 regarding finding that the defendant is a person with a mental illness or an intellectual disability.

Section 28-Amends Texas Government Code 121. Adds a section on Jurisdiction and Authority of Judge or Magistrate in a Non-Regional Specialty Court Program.

Section 29-Amends Texas Government Code 125.001 to add definitions of a mental health court program.

Section 30-Amends Texas Government Code 125.002 regarding the authority of County Commissioners Courts to establish a mental health court program,

Section 31-Amends Texas Government Code 125.003 to add defendants in a pending criminal case to choose a mental health court program or to proceed with a criminal trial.

Section 32-Amends Texas Government Code 125.005(a) to direct County Commissioners Courts with populations of 200,000 or more to establish a mental health court program under the supervision and direction of a court with criminal jurisdiction.

Section 33-Amends Texas Health and Safety code 574.101 to add a definition of ‘primary care provider’ to include a licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physicians assistant.

Section 34-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.104 to eliminate the word “~~Physician’s~~” and replacing it with the term Primary Care Provider’s to change the title of the section to “Primary Care Provider’s Application for Order to Authorize Psychoactive Medication: Date of Hearing.

Section 35-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.104 (a) 104 to eliminate the word “~~Physician~~” and replacing it with the term “Primary Care Provider” in the statute.

Section 36-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.106(a) and (a-1) regarding authorization of psychoactive medication.

- Eliminates the requirement that the defendant had been court-ordered to inpatient mental health services in the past six months.
- Strikes the term “~~mental disorder or mental defect~~” and adds “mental illness”.

Section 37-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.1065 to strike the term “~~mental disorder or mental defect~~” and adds “mental illness”.

Section 38-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.107 to require the county in which the criminal charges are pending or adjudicated to pay the costs of the hearing to evaluate the court-ordered administration of psychoactive medication to a person under the jurisdiction of a criminal court. Strikes Health and Safety Code 574.107 (b-1) and (b-2).

Section 39- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.110 regarding expiration of court-ordered inpatient mental health services or jail-based competency restoration.

Section 40-Repeals Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 46B.071(b), 46B.073 (c), (d), (e), and (f).

Repeals Texas Health and Safety code 574.035 (d), and 574.0355(b).

Section 41-Requires each local law enforcement agency to submit an initial report required in Section 1 of this Act. Companion: [SB 2213](#)-Zaffirini.



## HOUSE BILLS

HB 18-VanDeaver-Establishes programs and services for health care in rural counties.

Sections 2-11-Establish programs and grants to assist rural hospitals

- Requires HHSC to develop and implement a strategic plan to ensure that rural Texans have access to hospital services.
- Establishes a State Office of Rural Hospital Finance and transfers some functions of HHSC to it.
- Establishes a Texas Rural Hospital Officers Academy.
- Establishes grant programs for rural hospitals, hospital districts and hospital authorities:
  - Financial Stabilization Grant Program
  - Innovation Grant Program
  - Rural Hospital Program Grant
- Establishes Pediatric Tele-Connectivity Resource Program for Rural Texas

Section 12-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 113 to add a subchapter on Rural Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program.

- Requires parental consent for services to a minor child
- Uses the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium to establish or expand access to telemedicine and telehealth to identify, assess, and provide behavioral health services to pediatric patients seeking care at rural hospitals.
- Sets requirements for reimbursement for services.
- Requires a report by December 1 of even-numbered years regarding participating rural hospitals and the cost to maintain the program.

**Current Status:** Left pending after hearing on March 24.

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.

**Current Status:** Favorably reported from Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence, sent to Calendars March 25.

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

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).

[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.

**Current Status:** Pending in Defense and Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee.

[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.
- Funds may not be used to supplant other funds for the same purpose.

#### HB 462-Guillen-continued

- 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 a 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 communicate 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.

**Current Status:** Hearing in House Public Education Committee April 8.

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.

## HB 505-Bucy-continued

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

**Current Status:** Pending in House Intergovernmental Affairs after hearing March 25.

## 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.

**Current Status:** Favorably reported from House Public Health Committee March 31.

**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.**

**Current Status:** Scheduled for hearing on March 31.

**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 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 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.

#### HB 967-Toth-continued

- 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.

**Current Status:** Left pending in House Public Health Subcommittee on Disease Prevention and Women and Children's Health on March 27.

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.



#### HB 1042-Bhojani-continued

- 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.

**Current Status:** Similar HB 505-Bucy was left pending in House Intergovernmental Affairs March 25

#### HB 1119-Gámez-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.

**Current Status:** Pending after hearing in House Public Health Committee’s Subcommittee on Disease Prevention and Women’s and Children’s Health on April 3.

#### 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).

**Current Status:** House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee hearing March 26.



HB 1496-Zwiener-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.125 to decriminalize fentanyl testing equipment.

HB 1538-Lalani-Amends authority of a peace officer in mental health emergency detentions.

Section 1-Amends Title 7 of Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 573, Subchapter A to “Apprehension, Transportation, or Detention Without a Judge’s or Magistrate’s Order.

Section 2-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.01, Subchapter A to add a provision that a peace officer may take a person into custody who has been admitted to “facility”.

Section 3-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573. Adds “Temporary Detention in Certain Facilities”.

- Defines “Facility” as:
  - An inpatient mental health facility other than a community center.
  - A facility operated under contract with a community center.
  - An entity HHSC designates to provide mental health services.
  - **An LBHA/LMHA.**
  - A facility operated by a local mental health authority (unless the facility is licensed under Chapter 577 as a private mental health facility).
  - A hospital or emergency department of a hospital licensed under Chapter 241.
  - A freestanding emergency medical care facility licensed under Chapter 254.
- Allows the facility’s governing body to adopt and implement a written policy that authorizes a physician at the facility to temporarily detain a person who:
  - Voluntarily requests treatment or
  - Lacks capacity to consent to treatment if
    - The person expresses a desire to leave or
    - Attempts to leave before the examination or treatment is completed and
      - The physician has reason to believe and does believe that the person has a mental illness
      - And because of the mental illness there a substantial risk of serious to the person or others unless the person is immediately restrained and
      - Believes there is insufficient time to file an application for emergency detention or order of protective custody.
  - The physician may not be authorized to detain a person who has been transported to the facility for emergency detention.
  - The policy must require that:
    - The person must be notified that the physician intends to detain.
    - Physician’s decision to detain must be documented in the person’s chart must include the same elements that are required of a peace officer in Texas Health and Safety Code 573.002:
      - The physician has reason to believe and does believe that the person evidences a mental illness and
      - Evidences a substantial risk of serious to the person or others.
      - Specific description of the risk of imminent harm including recent behavior, overt acts, attempts, or threats witnessed by or reliably reported to the physician.
      - Name and relationship of the witness to the person in crisis.
      - Facility where the person is detained.

#### HB 1538-Lalani-continued

- The person's detention must be less than 4 hours after the person expressed a desire or attempted to leave unless the facility or physician arranges for a peace officer to place the person in emergency detention, or a judge or magistrate issues an Order of Protective Custody.
- Detention under this statute is not considered involuntary psychiatric hospitalization for the purposes of eligibility to obtain a license to carry a handgun.
- Gives civil liability to facilities, facility staff, and physicians acting in good faith and without malice.

[HB 1583](#)-Hull-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.02 regarding a peace officer's notification of emergency detention.

- Adds the word "emergency" before the word "detention" throughout 573.002.
- Deletes the requirement that the officer include a specific description of the risk of harm in 573.002, Section 2 (b) (3).
- Amends 573.002, Section 2 (d) to read "The peace officer shall provide the notification of emergency detention in substantially ~~on~~ the following form. Please click on the link to the text of HB1583 above. The entire form is in Section 2 (d).
- Requires the officer to retain a copy of the form.

**Current Status:** Favorably reported by Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs on April 2.

[HB 1594](#)-Plesa-Amends Texas Insurance Code 1355.001 to require health benefits plans to cover early treatment for first episode psychosis.

[HB 1644](#)-Oliverson-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.125 to decriminalize use of fentanyl testing equipment.

**Current Status:** Committee Substitute favorably reported by House Public Health after hearing March 24.

[HB 1747](#)-Campos-Amends Texas Government Code 403, Subchapter V.

Would establish a Mental Health, Substance Use, and Public Health Initiative Council, a Mental Health, Substance Use, and Public Health Initiative Trust Fund and a grant program.

- The Mental Health, Substance Use, and Public Health Initiative Council:
  - Would be established to ensure that money in the trust fund is allocated fairly and spent to coordinate mental health, substance use and public health services in Texas.
  - Would have a 14-member board consisting of:
    - Current or retired health care operations professionals experienced in mental health, substance use and public health. (Appointed by Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the Texas House.
    - Three members appointed by the HHSC Commissioner from academia or the medical profession having significant experience in mental health, substance use and public health.
    - Seven members appointed by the HHSC Commissioner from:
      - A rural hospital.
      - A local health authority.
      - An **LBHA/LMHA**.
      - A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).
      - A person with lived experience of a mental health condition or a substance use condition.
      - Health philanthropy nonprofit or foundation (two members).

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- The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts or the Comptroller's designee, who would serve as the nonvoting presiding officer.
- Council would be administratively attached and staffed by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).
- Grants awarded by the Council would have to be by unanimous decision.
- Mental Health, Substance Use, and Public Health Initiative Trust Fund.
  - Trust fund would not be part of state's general funds.
  - Would be administered by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company.
  - Trust fund would consist of legislative appropriations and interest.
- Mental Health, Substance Use, and Public Health Grant Program.
  - Grants would be aimed at improving coordination between mental health, substance use and public health services for people with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
  - Grantees must use evidence-based preventative or therapeutic measures, research new technology, data collection, education programs or capital improvements.
  - Proposals should support and coordinate personnel, capitol improvements, data interoperability, long-term sustainability of mental health care, substance use treatment and public health providers.

**HB 1819**-Ray Lopez-Amends Texas Government Codes 547.0304 and 0305 related to community mental health grant programs assisting veterans and their families.

- Changes the matching funds requirements for single-county applicants to:
  - 25 percent of the grant amount if the county has a population of less than 100,000.
  - 50 percent of the grant amount if the county has a population of over 100,000.
  - Eliminates the 100 percent match for counties with populations over 250,000.
- Changes the matching funds requirements for multiple-county applicants to:
  - 25 percent of the grant amount if the largest county in the group has a population of less than 100,000.
  - 50 percent of the grant amount if the largest county in the group has a population of more than 100,000.
  - Eliminates the 100 percent match if the largest county has a population over 250,000.

**Current Status:** Pending after hearing in House Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs on March 31.

**HB 1826**-Bowers-Amends Texas Government Code 501-Corrections-Inmate Welfare-Subchapter B-General Medical and Mental Health Care Provisions to require county jails and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide depression screenings to each inmate who is pregnant or has given birth in the preceding year.

- Once each trimester during pregnancy.
- Once during the six weeks after giving birth.
- At six months and twelve months after giving birth.

[HB 1831](#)-Johnson-Amends Texas Government Code 123.002 regarding eligibility to participate in a drug court program. Changes the exclusion from drug courts juveniles accused of carrying, possessing or using a firearm or other dangerous weapon, the use of force against another person, or the death or serious bodily injury of another person. Amendment would allow juveniles with the above charges to participate in drug courts if the prosecution agrees.

**Current Status:** Reported favorably without amendments from House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee's Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice on April 1.

[HB 1850](#)-Vo-Amends Texas Government Code 403.509 to direct the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to allocate a portion of money in the Opioid Abatement Fund to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide programming and treatment to prisoners with a history of opioid addiction.

[HB 1920](#)-Meza-Amends Texas Human Resources Code 32, Subchapter B to expand Medicaid for individuals diagnosed with bipolar disorder, dysthymia, schizophrenia or severe chronic depression.

[HB 1938](#)-Campos-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code regarding emergency detention. Section 1 573.021(b) to extend the length of time a person could held in custody from 48 hours to 72 hours.

**Current Status:** Pending in House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence March 26.

[HB 1965](#)-J. Garcia-Directs Texas Veterans Commission to study mental health services provided by the Military Veteran Peer Network, focusing especially on rural communities. Report due December 1, 2026.

**Current Status:** Pending after hearing in House Homeland Security, Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs on March 31.

[HB 2035](#)-Oliverson-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 462.022 to require a chemical dependency treatment facility that refuses to admit a minor for treatment and rehabilitation shall inform the parent, managing conservator or guardian of the right to seek treatment at another facility.

[HB 2036](#)-Oliverson-Amends Texas Government Code 540.0703 (a) to add behavioral health services to the Medicaid Managed Care Program and authorizes HHSC to seek any necessary federal waivers.

- Intensive Outpatient Services for SUD, depression, eating disorders, other mental health conditions not requiring detoxification or 24-hour supervision. At minimum:
  - Individual, family and group counseling.
  - Motivational enhancement training.
  - Relapse prevention, drug refusal and coping skills training.
- Partial Hospitalization, defined as distinct and organized intensive ambulatory treatment services for a period not to exceed 24 hours, provided at a location other than the patient's home or a residential care setting, including services in 42 CFR.
  - Individual and group therapy.
  - Occupational therapy.
  - Services by social workers, psychiatric nurses or other specially trained staff.
  - Therapeutic drugs and biologicals.
  - Non-recreational or diversionary therapies.
  - Family counseling aimed at treatment of the individual's condition.
  - Patient training and education clearly and closely related to the person's care and treatment.
  - Diagnostic services.

HB 2089-Martinez-Amends Transportation Code 502, Subchapter B.

- Directs the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to amend the form for application for registration of a motor vehicle to provide a space for an applicant to voluntarily indicate that the vehicle may transport a person with a disability.
- Defines “Person with a disability” as a person with a physical, intellectual, behavioral or cognitive impairment, autism, or a health condition or impairment that may impede effective communication with a peace officer.
- Directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide the vehicle registration information to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) but prohibits the DMV from providing information concerning the type of health condition or disability that the person has.
- Directs DPS to establish a system in the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS) to alert a peace officer making a traffic stop that the operator of the stopped vehicle may be transporting a person with a disability.
- Restricts access to the information to certain contractors.
- DMV may not issue license plates indicating disability without the person’s consent.
- Information relating to the person with the disability is confidential and may not be disclosed by DMV or DPS.

HB 2103-Ashby-Amends Texas Government Code 614.015 to add jailers to required mental health leave policies.

**Current Status:** Favorably reported from House Corrections Committee after hearing March 26.

HB 2126-Bryant-Amends Texas Health and Safety Codes 481.002(17) and 481.125 to remove drug testing equipment from the list of drug paraphernalia in statute.

HB 2129- Moody- Amends Texas Education Code 38, Subchapter A regarding school-based mental health services and Medicaid reimbursement for those services. Allows a school district to contract with a **LMHA/LBHA** to provide mental or behavioral health services on campus.

HB 2173-Shaheen-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 161 to require social media platforms to display a warning concerning the association between a minor’s social media use and significant mental health issues.

HB 2276-Howard-Amends Texas Government Code 548.0001(b) to add applied behavioral analysis, behavior supports, and associated evaluation services through telehealth to beneficiaries of Medicaid, CHIP and other programs administered by HHSC.

HB 2405-Reynolds-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.001(d) relating to emergency detention of a person with mental illness at a mental health facility and certain best practices for courts with jurisdiction over emergency mental health matters.

Section 1-Amends Section 573.001(d) to require a peace officer to immediately transport the person to the nearest appropriate inpatient mental health facility within 100 miles of the person’s apprehension or the nearest hospital emergency department if the person needs emergency medical care. Deletes wording regarding a mental health facility deemed suitable by the **LBHA/LMHA**.

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Section 2-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573. Directs the Texas Office of Court Administration to provide each court that has jurisdiction to hear emergency mental health matters with best practices to ensure that a judge or magistrate is available 24/7 to respond to applications for emergency detention.

Section 3-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.021 (a), (b), and (d) to specify a mental health facility, and that the person may only be detained for 48 hours, with exceptions for weekends and holidays.

Section 4-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.022 (c) to allow a peace officer in Fort Bend County to transport a person without a court order if the person is subject to an unexpired detention order. Exempts the treating physician or hospital administrator who recommends the transfer is immune from civil liability if the recommendation is based on a reasonable and prudent medical decision to ensure the person's care.

HB 2514-Moody-Amends Texas Government Code 123.002 regarding eligibility for drug court programs established by a county or municipality, including:

- Drug courts for adults charged with certain alcohol or drug offenses.
- Drug courts for juveniles detained, taken into custody or adjudicated for delinquent conduct, habitual felony conduct, or conduct indicating a need for supervision that involved alcohol, a controlled substance or its analogue, or marihuana.
- Re-entry drug courts.
- Family dependency drug treatment courts.
- Programs for persons who might benefit the program.
- Eliminates the restriction that the offense did not involve carrying, possessing or using a firearm or other dangerous weapon, use or force.
- Adds the requirement that the attorney representing the state must consent to the person's participation.
- A person is not eligible to participate in a drug court program for an offense involving the death or serious bodily injury of another person.
- Directs counties with populations greater than 200,000 to establish a drug court program.

HB 2528-Bucy-Amends Texas Insurance Code 1369 to require insurance companies to cover medication assisted treatment for opioid or substance use disorders.

HB 2567-Goodwin-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.002(17) and 481.125 (a) and (b).

Removes testing equipment used to identify strength, effectiveness or purity of a controlled substance from the list of prohibited drug paraphernalia.

HB 2622-Metcalf-Regarding the transport of female patients to a mental health or residential care facility.

- Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 46.04 to require that female patients being transported to a mental health facility or residential care facility must be accompanied by a female attendant unless a male attendant is wearing an actively recording body-worn camera or the vehicle is equipped with an actively recording audio or video recording device.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 574.045(d) requires that a female patient must be accompanied by a female attendant unless the female patient is accompanied by her father, husband, adult brother or son. Male attendant must be wearing an actively recording body-worn camera or the vehicle is equipped with an actively recording audio or video recording device.

**Current Status:** Pending in House Public Health Committee after hearing March 31.



[HB 2633](#)-Rodriguez Ramos-Amends Texas Education Code 38.0101 to require school districts to employ or contract with at least one non-physician mental health professional for every 600 students at each campus. Defines a non-physician mental health professional as a psychologist, registered nurse with a master's or doctorate in psychiatric nursing, a licensed clinical social worker, a professional counselor or a marriage and family therapist licensed to practice in Texas).

[HB 2777](#)-Rose-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to add Chapter 46D to abolish the death penalty for a capital offense committed by a person with severe mental illness.

Current Status: Hearing scheduled in House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee on April 8.

[HB 2880](#)-Thompson-Amends Texas Education Code 33, Subchapter Z.

- Establishes a school designation of an Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education (AWARE) for schools that meet certain requirements and directs the Texas Education Agency to award this designation to them.
- The AWARE designation requires schools to maintain community partnerships, including contracting with the **LBHA/LMHA** and the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.

[HB 3325](#)-Allen-Amends Texas Education Code 12.104(b) regarding a public school student's return from alternative school back to regular school. Current law requires a personalized transition plan that may include recommendations for assistance in obtaining mental health services provided by the ISD, the **LBHA/LMHA**, or another entity.

[HB 3503](#)-Darby-Amends the Texas Occupations Code to enact a Social Work Licensure Compact with other states to facilitate the interstate practice of social work and to improve public access to competent social work services.

[HB 3551](#)-Cunningham-Amends Texas Education Code 37.008 (a-1)-alternative school back to regular school. Requirements related to providing information regarding **LBHA/LMHAs** remains unchanged.

[HB 3585](#)-Richardson-Amends Texas Health and Human Services Code 250.001(3) regarding employment policies and criminal history information obtained by mental health facilities including **LBHA/LMHAs**.

Requires a written statement of policy for:

- Drug testing employees and applicants for employment who will have direct contact with those served by the facility
- Criminal history record information checks.

Requires that a copy of the policy be given to each person applying for services, the parent, guardian, or legally authorized representative of a child or incapacitated person, or anyone who requests the information.

[HB 4014](#)-Bucy-Authorizes the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to study the use of psychedelic therapies in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and other co-occurring conditions. Report required by December 1, 2026.

[HB 4261](#)-Ward Johnson-Amends Texas Occupations Code 505 to direct the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council to establish alternative methods to determine competency for baccalaureate or master social worker license applicants who have failed the licensure examination two or more times.



[HB 4420](#)-Rose-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 311.0335(a) to require hospitals that provide mental health or chemical dependency services to submit information on the availability of inpatient psychiatric beds by age to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

[HB 4421](#)-Rose-Amends Texas Government Code 547 to require the following state agencies to identify resources, funding, training, and technical assistance to support and sustain peer recovery organizations .

- Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- Texas Department of Health and Human Services
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- Texas Juvenile Justice Department
- Texas Veterans Commission

[HB 4522](#)-Vo-Amends Texas Government Code 403.503(b) to add to the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council, one member with lived experience in substance use recovery. This member should be appointed by HHSC's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee.

[HB 4844](#)-Gamez-Establishes a Border County Mental Health Task Force It does not pertain to **LBHA/LMHAs** not located on the international border between Texas and Mexico.

[HB 4861](#)-Goodwin-Amends Texas Government Code 614, Subchapter A-1 to prohibit law enforcement agencies from terminating the employment of a peace officer solely because the officer sought or received mental health care.

[HB 4863](#)-Goodwin-Regarding required mental health awareness training for first responders.

- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code, Title 9, Subtitle B to add a chapter on Mental Health Awareness Training for First Responders.
- Directs HHSC to develop or adopt a curriculum for the training.
- Amends Texas Occupations Code 1701.253 to require officers to complete the mental health awareness training curriculum developed or adopted by HHSC.

[HB 5030](#)-A. Johnson-Amends various state codes re: Medicaid coverage of behavioral health services.

- Amends Texas Government Code to provide Medicaid coverage additional behavioral health services
  - Section 1-Crisis services, intensive outpatient services and partial hospitalization services.
  - Section 15-Multi-Systemic Therapy.
  - Section 17-Functional Family Therapy.
  - Section 18-Counseling.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 577A.001 (c), to expand the subject of this section to "Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities" by deleting the word "~~Youth~~", and requires such facilities to be licensed, inspected, and meet federal criteria.
- [Section 19](#) exempts **LBHA/LMHAs** from Texas Human Resources Code 42.041(b) which regulates certain facilities, homes and agencies that provide child care services.

[HB 5257](#)-Ward Johnson-Amends Texas Education Code 22.904 (a), (b), (c), to require that school district volunteers who regularly interact with students to complete an evidence-based mental health training program. Volunteers are exempt if they have previously completed such training offered by an **LMHA/LBHA**.

[HB 5528](#)-Louderback-Texas Law Enforcement Crisis Prevention Task Force Amends Texas Health and Safety Code, Title 9, Subtitle B to establish a Texas Law Enforcement Crisis Prevention Task Force appointed by the Governor, which shall include representatives from **LMHA/LBHAs**, city, county and state law enforcement, fire departments and mental health and crisis prevention advocacy groups.

[HB 5342](#)-Langraf-Amends Texas Government Code 547 to establish a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Trust Fund.

[HB 5488](#)-Plesa-Amends Texas Human Resources Code 32, Subchapter B to add Medicaid reimbursement for coordinated specialty care for first episode psychosis.

[HB 5521](#)-Vasut Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 773 to add a section directing HHSC to adopt rules regarding maintenance, administration, and disposal of an opioid antagonist at live music venues, amusement parks, and sports venues.

[HB 5592](#)-Bowers-Amends Texas Occupations Code 1701.253 to require opioid overdose training for peace officers

[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.

**Current Status:** Favorably reported without amendment from House Ways and Means on April 3.

## 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.

Companion: SB 1621-Lujan

[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.

#### SB 181- Menéndez-continued

- 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-Please see Companion Bill- [HB 5251](#)-Leo Wilson, above.

[SB 216](#)-West-Amends Texas Occupations Code 1701.235 to require opioid overdose training for peace officers.

[SB 528](#)-Schwertner-Please see Companion Bill: [HB 5121](#)-Harris-Davila, above.

[SB 531](#)-Sparks-Please see Companion Bill [HB 2157](#)-Allen, above.

[SB 540](#)-Johnson-Please see Companion: [HB 253](#)-Talarico, above. [SB 362](#)-Eckhardt is also a Companion.

[SB 556](#)-Johnson-Please see Companion Bill [HB 1103](#)-Cole, above.

[SB 632](#)-Eckhardt-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 26.04(k) to impose consequences on appointed counsel who fail to meet and confer with a defendant in a timely manner after the defendant has been found competent to stand trial. Allows judge to disapprove payment to counsel until appointed counsel meets and confers with the defendant in compliance with Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 46B,084 (a)(1).

[SB 646](#)-West-Amends the Texas Education Code 61.601.

- Adds licensed master social workers, licensed professional counselors associates, licensed marriage and family therapist associates, and certified school counselors with a master's degree to the list of mental health professionals eligible for educational loan repayment assistance.
- To be eligible for loan repayment assistance, a mental health professional must provide services at a state hospital, an **LBHA/LMHA** or a public school.

[SB 672](#)-Hughes-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 311, Subchapter B to require hospitals to submit a summary of emergency department diversion plans to HHSC.

[SB 679](#)-Hughes-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.102 to add Etodesnitazene, N-pyrrolidino etonitazene, and Protonitazene to the Texas Controlled Substances Act under Penalty Group 1.

[SB 719](#)-Eckhardt-Directs the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to conduct a study on the availability of inpatient mental health care facility beds in Texas. Study must include:

- Current number of beds available for specific purposes and the current number of patients admitted for:
  - Competency restoration
  - Civil commitment
  - Voluntary admissions
  - Patients found not guilty by reason of insanity
  - Patients 18 years of age or younger
  - Patients 18 years of age or older
  - Patients requiring long term care
  - Patients diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD)
- The projected number of crisis inpatient psychiatric beds needed over the next several years.
- The projected number of long-term inpatient psychiatric beds needed over the next several years.
- Current and anticipated needed resources.
- Current and anticipated workforce needs.
- HHSC may collaborate with medical schools in Texas on this study.

[SB 837](#)-Kolkhorst-Amends Texas Family Code related to family preservation services.

Section 7 requires a family preservation plan to include the specific services that will be provided to the family, including services provided by an **LBHA/LMHA**.

[SB 897](#)-Blanco- Please see Companion Bill [HB 1819](#)-Ray Lopez, above.

[SB 1131](#)-Middleton- Please see Companion Bill [HB 1593](#)-Campos, above

[SB 1136](#)-Miles-Amends Texas Local Government Code 352.0165 regarding inspection of group homes by county fire marshals.

[SB 1164](#)-Zaffirini-Please see Companion Bill [HB 5463](#)-Moody, above.

[SB 1306](#)-Cook-Please see Companion Bill [HB 2234](#)-Dutton, above.

[SB 1342](#)-N. Johnson-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 577.002(b) regarding regulation of psychiatric residential treatment facilities.

[SB 1580](#)-Blanco-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code to require that the governing body of a **LBHA/LMHA** must include a veteran selected by a majority of the governing body members.

[SB 1681](#)-Menéndez-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 260.0105 to require counties and municipalities that regulate boarding homes to make an annual report to HHSC regarding

- Local standards or ordinances.
- Policies and procedures for reasonable accommodations requests
- Annual number of reasonable accommodation requests received, approved, rejected, and the reason for the rejection.
- Complaints.
- Number and reasons for boarding home closures.
- Local government activities to support boarding homes in compliance
- Updates to local standards.

[SB 1726](#)-Johnson-Please see Companion Bill [HB 3503](#)-Darby, above.

[SB 1753](#)-Blanco-Amends Texas Government Code 540.0272 to allow Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to offer certain mental health, substance use, or nutrition assistance services in lieu of other state Medicaid plan services.

[SB 1775](#)-Miles-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 614 to prohibit **LBHA/LMHAs** from refusing to provide services to a person who has been processed by a local jail on that basis alone. Directs the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to require local jails to notify the **LBHA/LMHA** to ensure continuity of care.



[SB 1777](#)-Miles-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 767 to prohibit health care providers, their employees or contractors from accepting any form of payment for referring a potential resident to a group home, including a group home operating under the home and community-based services waiver program.

[SB 1986](#)-Hall-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.074(a) to require a warning label for opioid prescription labels advising the patient of the risk of respiratory depression, overdose, and addiction.

[SB 2069](#)-Zaffirini-Please see Companion Bill [HB 2711](#)-Vo, above.

[SB 2096](#)-Cook-Please see Companion Bill [HB 305](#)-Hays, above.

[SB 2213](#)-Zaffirini-Please see Companion Bill [HB 5465](#)-Moody, above.

[SB 2264](#)-Cook-Please see Companion Bill [HB 1455](#)-J. Jones, above.

[SB 2375](#)-Johnson-Please see Companion Bill [HB 1620](#)-Leach, above.

[SB 2378](#)-Hancock- Please see Companion Bill [HB 4783](#)-VanDeaver, above.

[SB 2397](#)-Perry-Amends Texas Government Code, Title 4, Subtitle I to establish a Task force on Disability Policy to develop a 10-year plan on disability policy and to provide strategic recommendations for state policies to emphasize innovation, efficiency and dignity for individuals with disabilities.in Texas. The task force would include at least one non-voting member appointed by the Governor who is a representative of a **LMHA/LBHA**.

[SB 2446](#)-Sparks-Please see Companion Bill [HB 4856](#)-Alders, above.

[SB 2483](#)-Alvarado-Please see Companion Bill [HB 3917](#)-Rose, above.

[SB 2487](#)-Parker-Regarding emergency detention at facilities providing crisis and mental health services. [Section 1](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573, Subchapter C to add a section titled “Initial Examination” to require immediate examination of the person if:

- An application for detention has been filed or
- The person is transported by a peace officer or emergency medical services personnel.
- Allows the facility to detain the person if the person has rejected voluntary mental health services and meets emergency detention criteria.

[Section 2](#)-Requires an examination by a physician as soon as possible within 24 hours.

[Section 3](#)-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 573.023 to require the person to be released unless the person meets emergency detention criteria. Upon release, the facility must provide information on available outpatient or community-based mental health services.

[Section 4](#)-Amends Texas Health and Human Services Code Title 7, Subtitle C.

- Adds a new chapter titled “Crisis Service Centers” authorizing a county with a population of over 1.2 million to establish a 24/7 crisis service center employing licensed mental health professionals and offering crisis intervention and stabilization; short-term residential care; medical detoxification; care coordination; specialized services for individuals experiencing homelessness, coordination with emergency shelters, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing.
- Allows HHSC to solicit gifts, grants and donations to support counties in this endeavor.

SB 2487-Parker-continued

- Requires quarterly reports to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs regarding individual outcomes, reductions in county-wide homelessness and other effects.
- Requires an HHSC Crisis Service Center Advisory Board appointed by the Governor to include representatives from mental health professionals, homelessness service providers, law enforcement, county officials, continuum of care programs and HHSC.

[SB 2555](#)-West-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code Title 2, Subtitle E to add a chapter to direct the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to jointly develop first responder peer support network for fire fighters and law enforcement officers.

[SB 2706](#)-Hagenbuch-Please see Companion Bill [HB 1656](#)-Howard, above.



## Department of Criminal Justice

### FY2025 SAMHSA Grant Project

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2025 Total	FY2024 Total	GRANT PERIOD GRAND TOTAL	
<b>Nexus</b> New Admissions	2	3	4	1	2	3							15	27	42	
<b>Nexus</b> Average Days in Jail/Community from Referral to Admission	17.5	14.3	27.5	6	12	13.66							15.16	13.06	14.11	
<b>Homeward Bound</b> New Admissions	2	3	3	2	4	3							17	18	35	
<b>Homeward Bound</b> Average Days in Jail/Community from Referral to Admission	14	24	30.3	28	25.75	28.33							25.06	23.44	24.25	
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																
<b>Successful</b>	0	1	5	6	2	3							17	31	48	
<b>Unsuccessful</b>	1	2	0	1	2	0							6	9	15	
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2025																
Number of Referrals by Specialty Court	AIM		13				MISD DWI		1				STAR			
	ATLAS		1				IIP						Veterans			
	Competency		9				Legacy Family		1				4-C			
	DDAC		1				MHJD/SET		6							
	DIVERT		4				STAC		9							

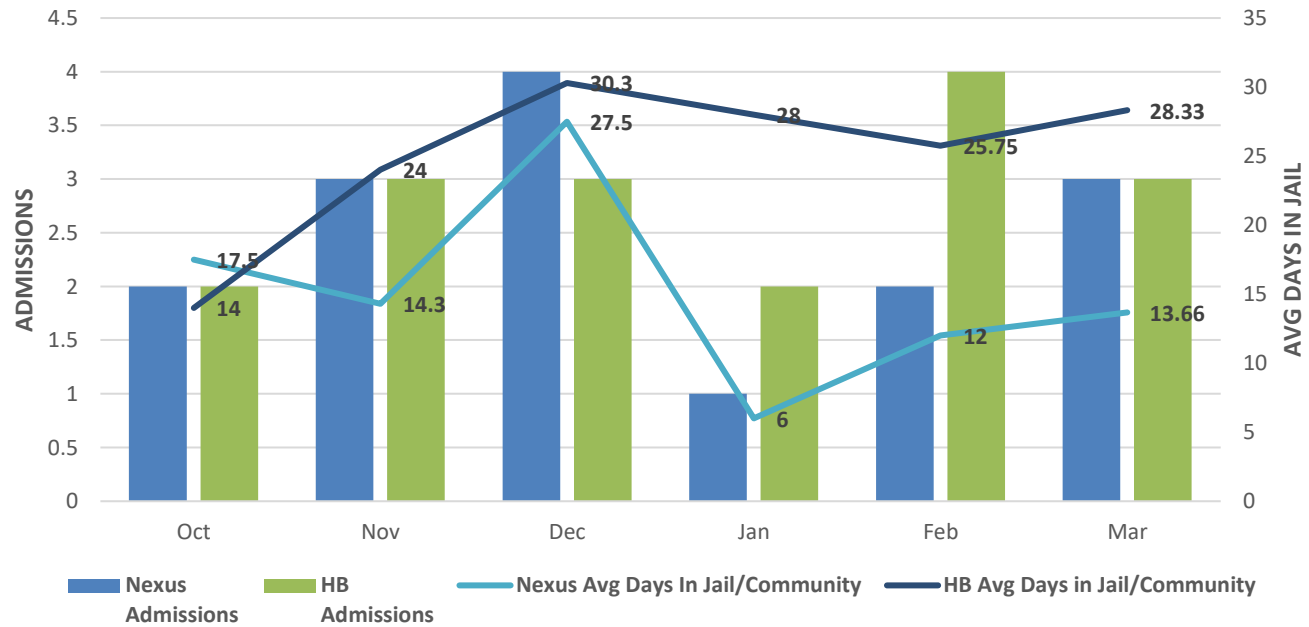
\*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 1

\*Nexus Pending Admission: 1

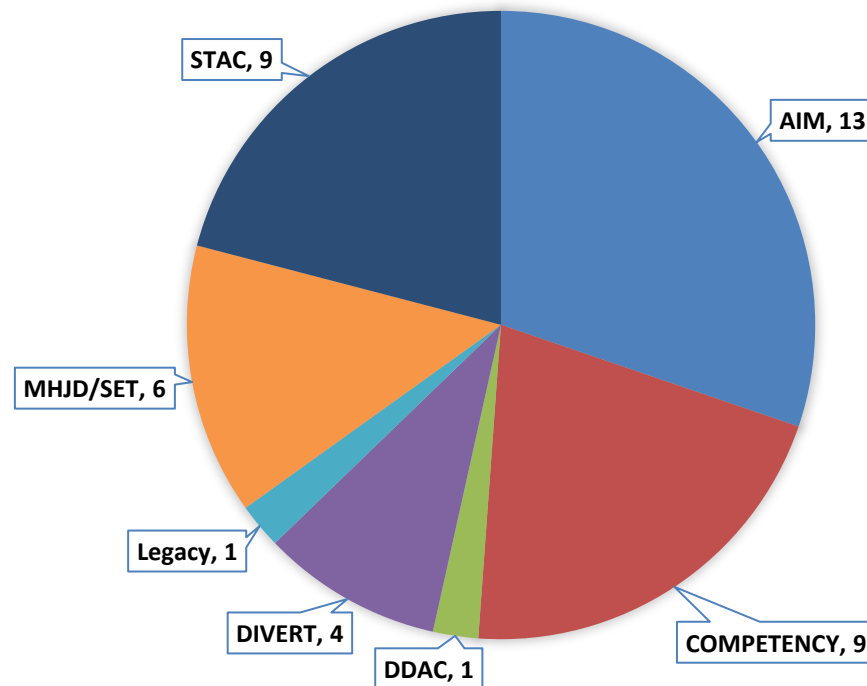
\*Canceled Referrals: 10

\*Clients Currently in Treatment 10

## SAMHSA INPATIENT TREATMENT REFERRALS



## SPECIALTY COURT REFERRALS



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** *
March	39	0	7	46	0	0	0	0	2	2	44	28	0	15

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 PARTICIPANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER ATLAS PARTICIPANTS	BOND
March	24	2	26	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	24	25	0	0	25

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
March	68	17	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	83	41	7	0	34

March		FY2025 MHPD STATS											
	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TRIALS	PLEAS	COND DISM.	REVK	REVC	DISMISSAL S	INCOMP ETENT	REFER RALS	OTHER COUNS EL APPT.	TOTAL CLOSED
Lenox	110	14	124	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	10
Strather	290	14	304	0	2	0	0	0	8	0	7	10	27
Caldwell	104	28	132	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	7

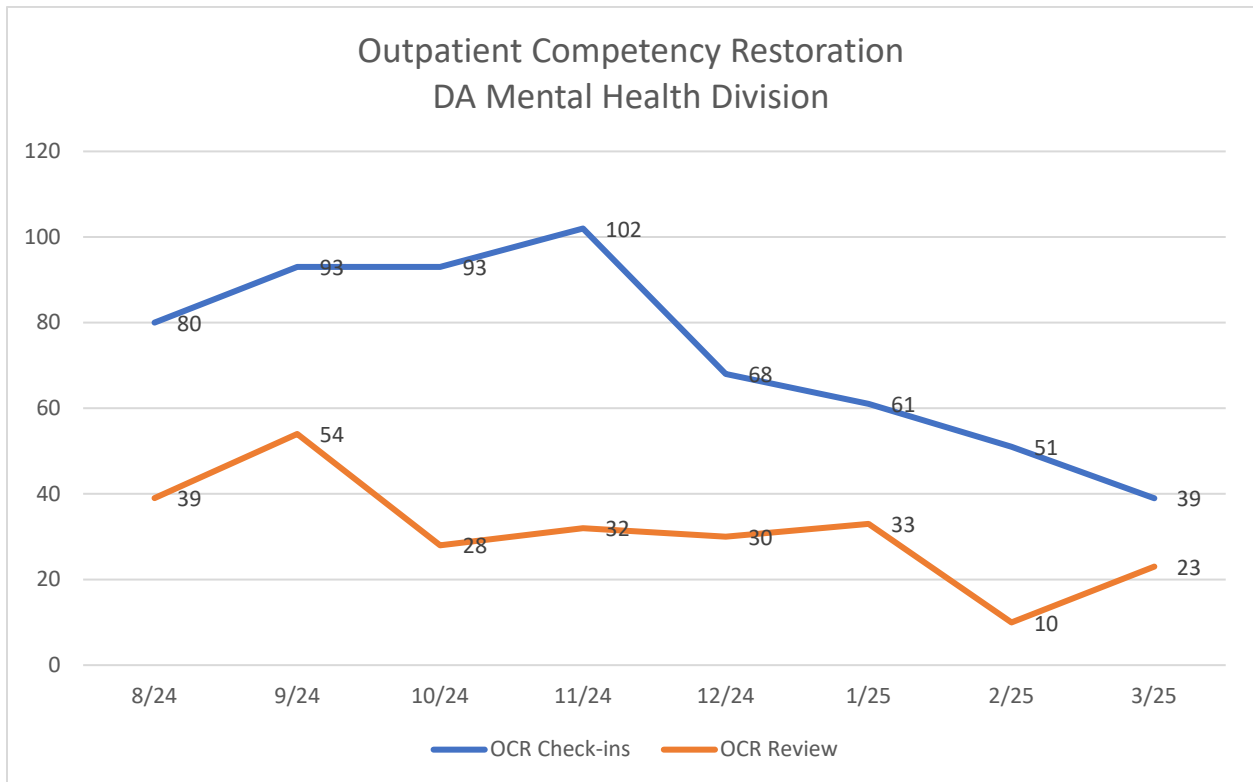
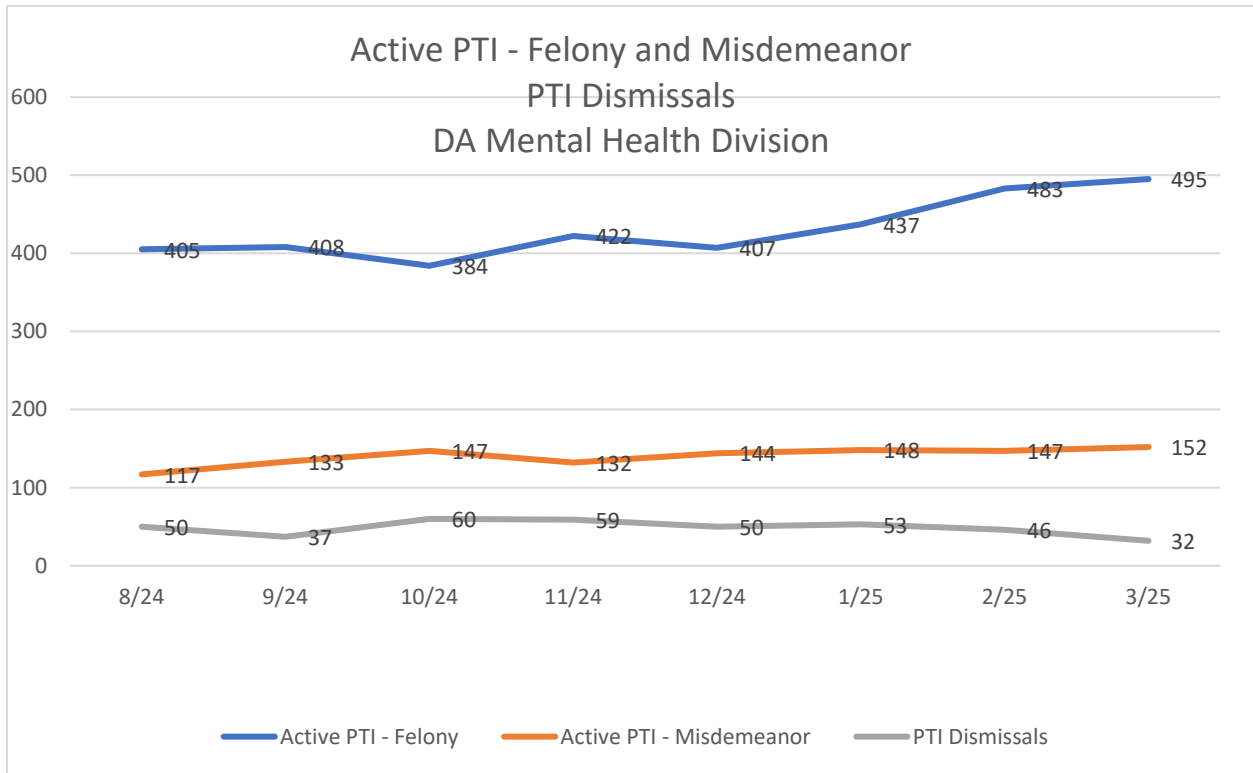
March FY2025 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS																
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVOCATION S	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
Harden	126	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Scott	32	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Foster	52	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	1	0

RANDALL SCOTT FY2025 MISDEMEANOR COMPETENCY STATISTICS																
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVOCATION S	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
March	105	63	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	10

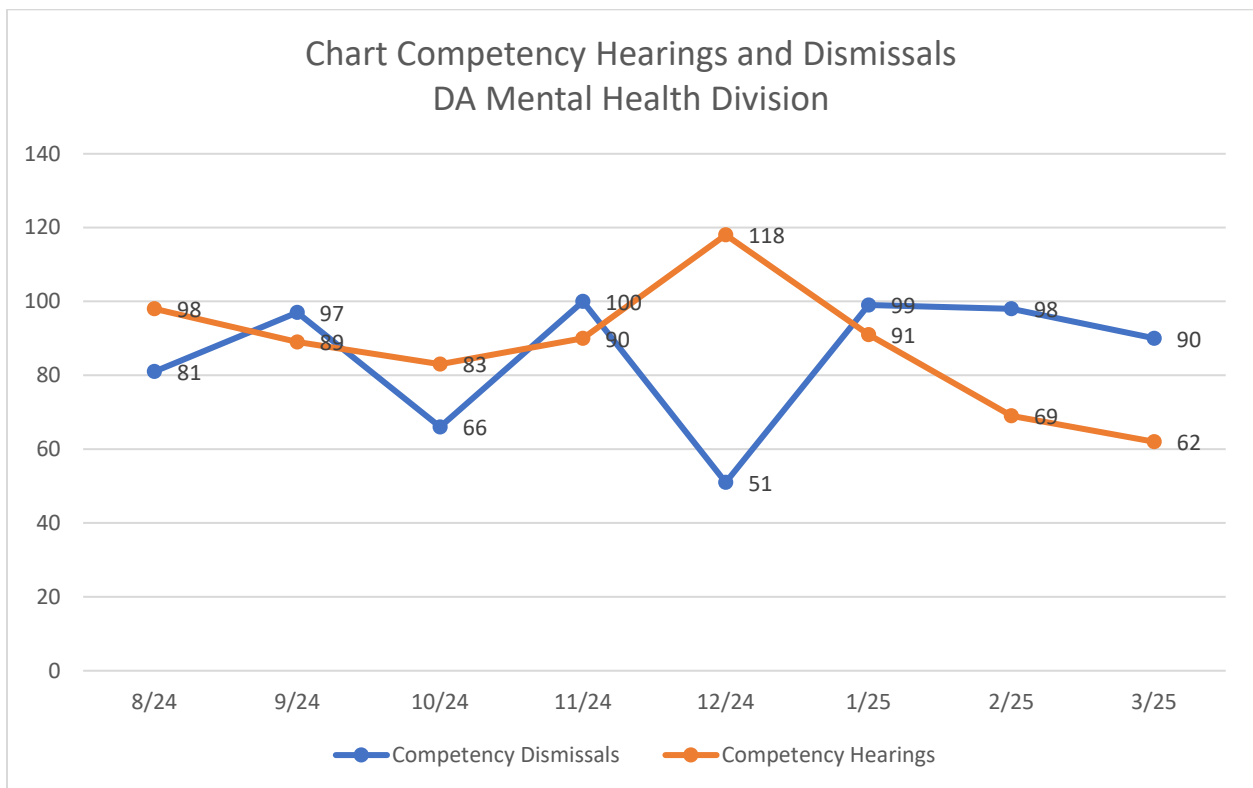
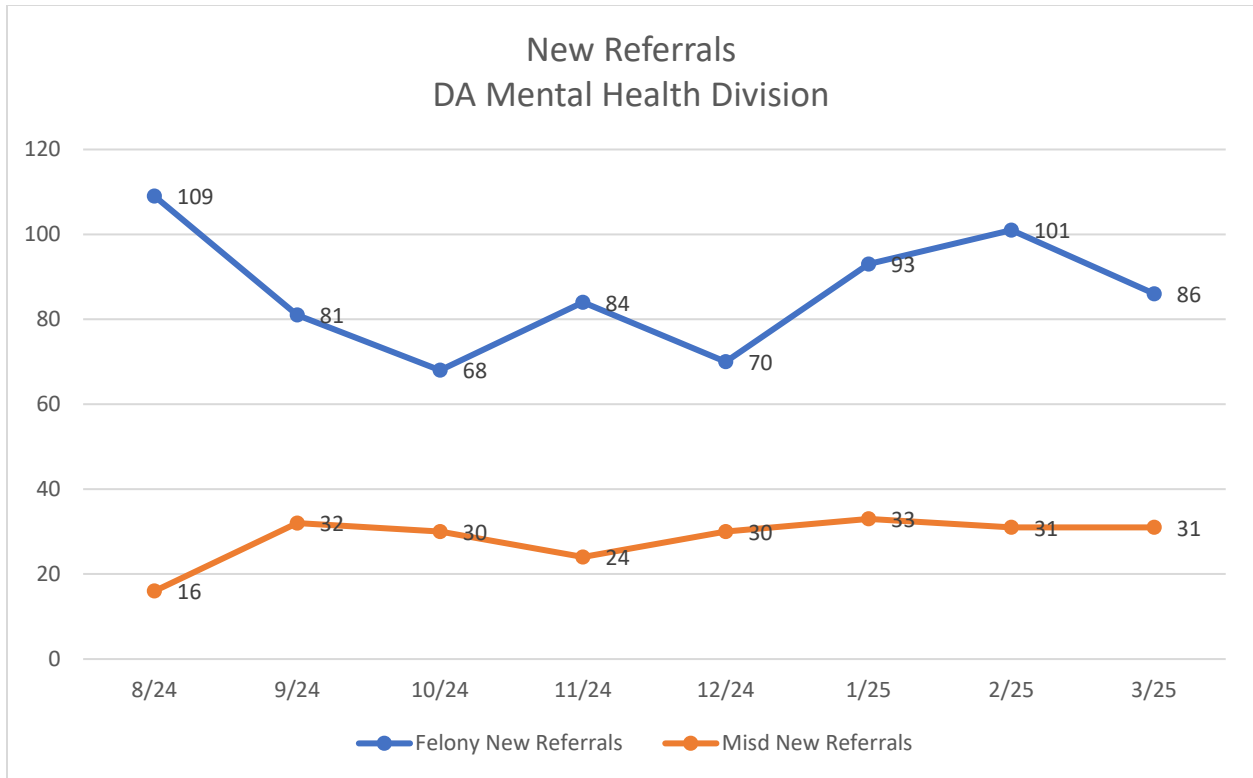
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MONTH	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENTS AT PERMIETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE	NEW CLIENTS AT PARKLAND	NEW CLIENTS AT CLEMENTS (formerly ZALE 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 THRAPLINGTON	MRM/MILLWOOD/HAVEN	PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS HELD	NO CONTEST COMMIT	CONTEST COMMIT	FORCED MEDS HEARING IN COURT	MODIFICATION HEARINGS	OUTPATIENT COMMIT	INPATIENT COMMIT	
L. Roberts	108	6	9	25	1	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	12	0	0	0
C. Cox	119	0	0	0	0	0	102	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	8	0	0	17
K. Nelson	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	5	0	0	0	
R. Black	118	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	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 HEARINGS (# of clients)	Total # of Cases	Total # of Felony Cases	# of Felonies Approved	# of Felonies Denied	Total # of Misd. Cases	# of Misd's Approved	# of Misd's Denied
March	2631	334	39	24	63	94	62	34	28	32	20	12

# Mental Health

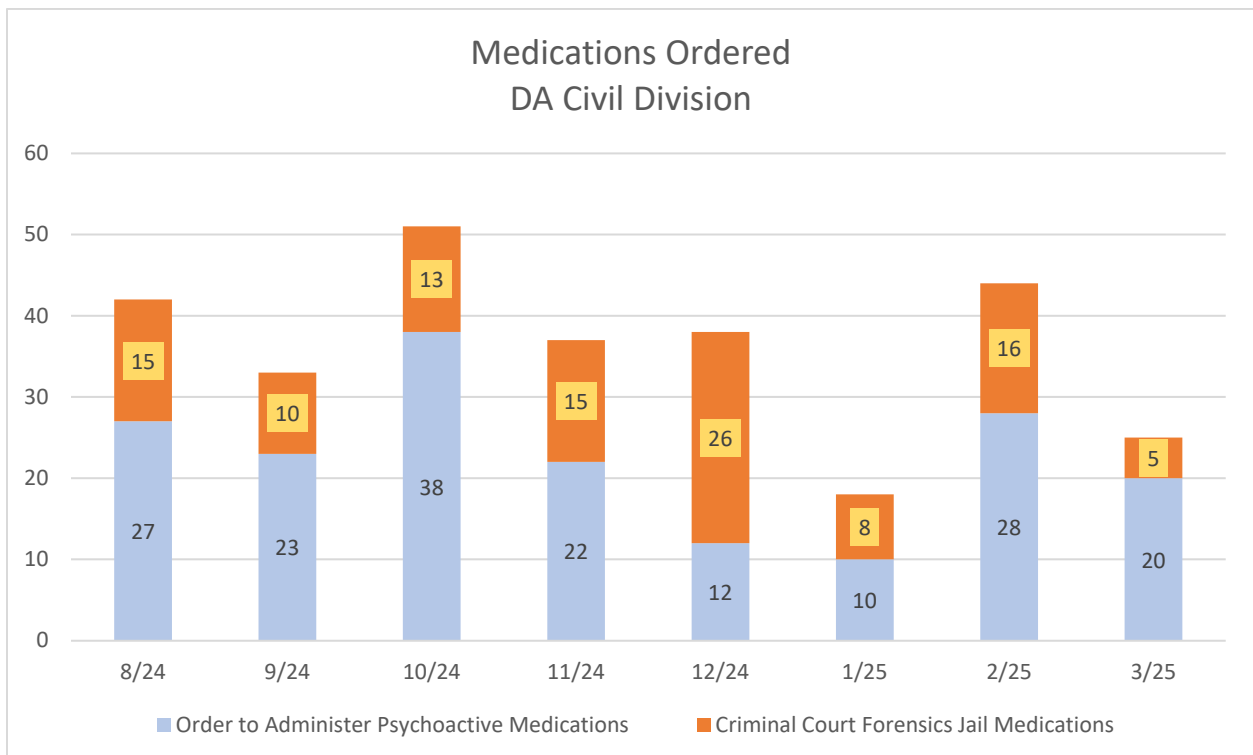
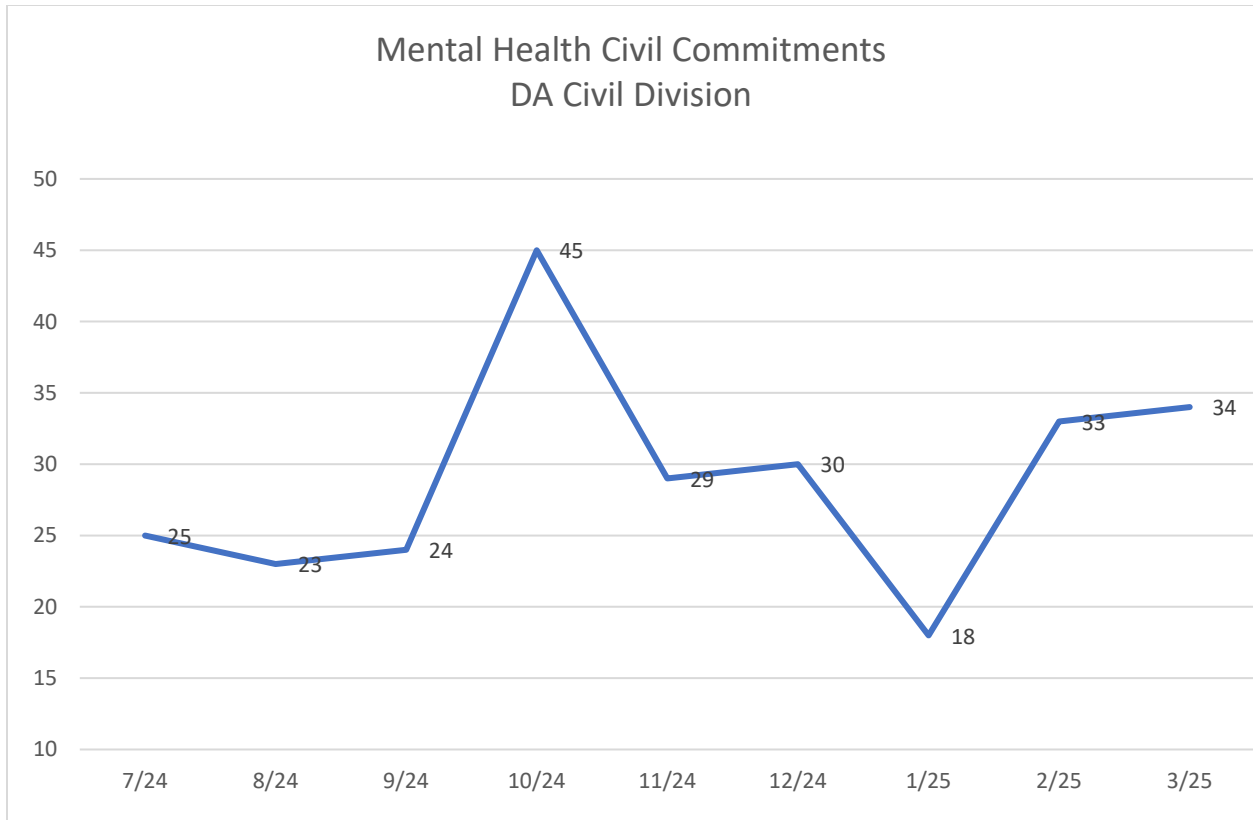


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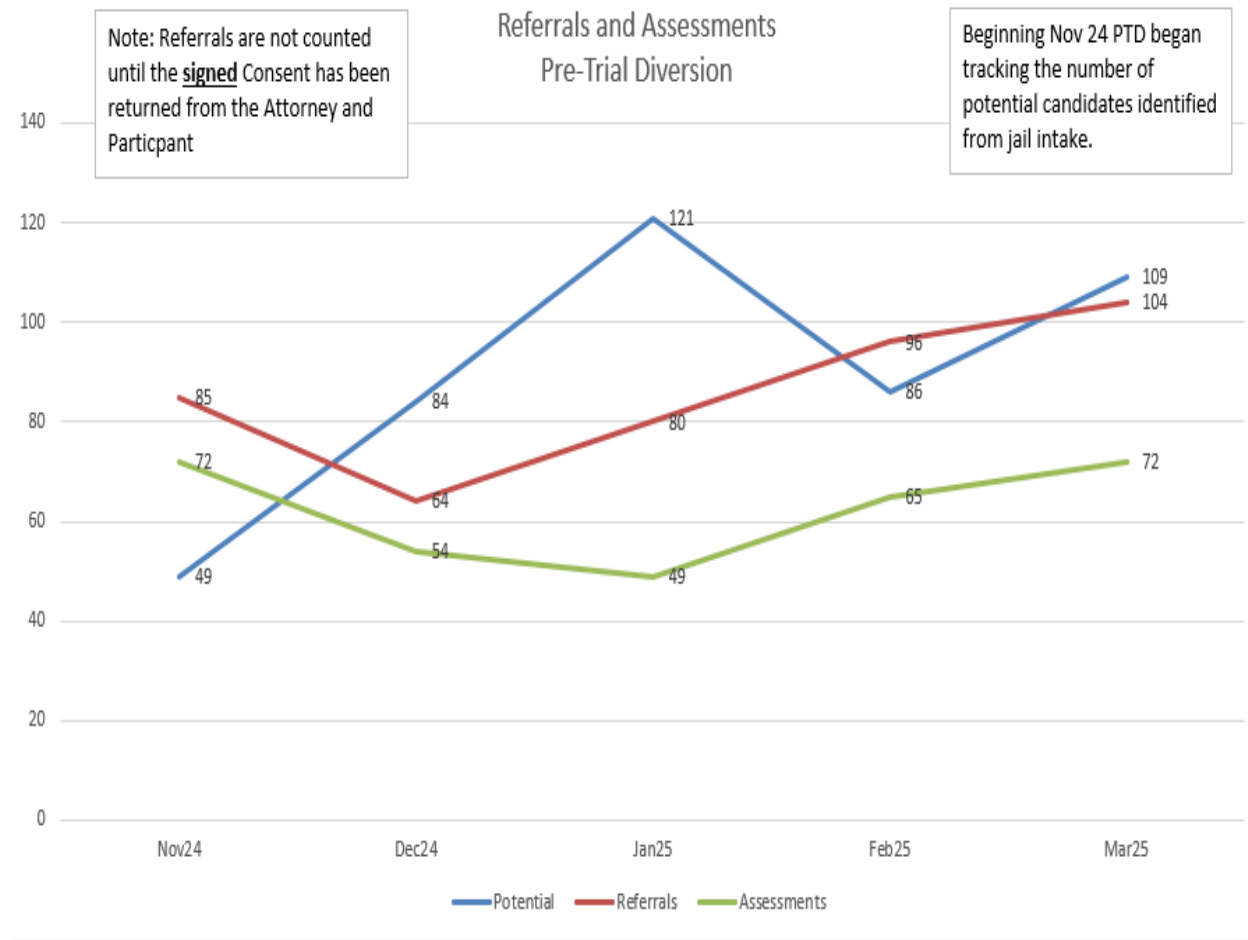




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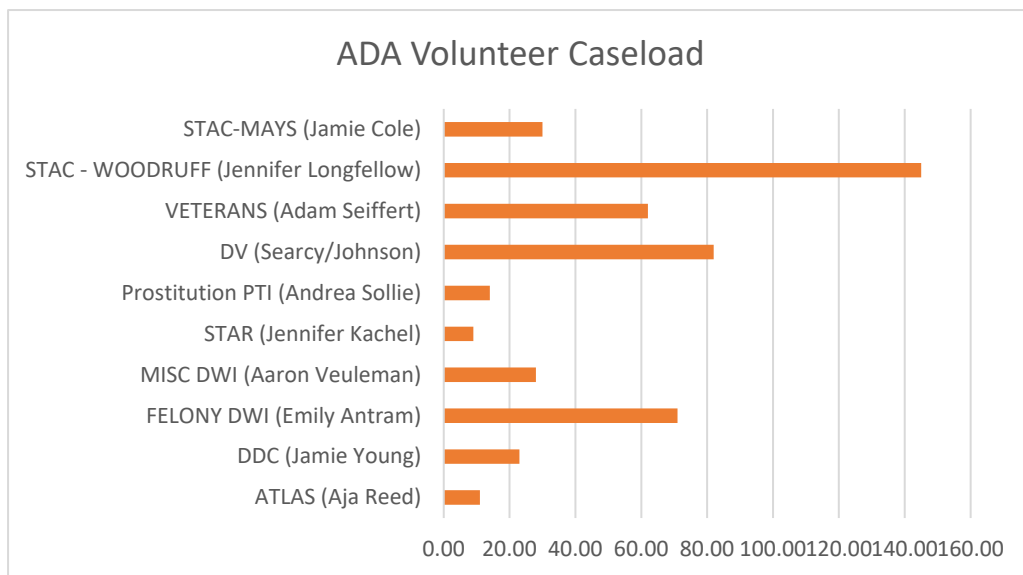
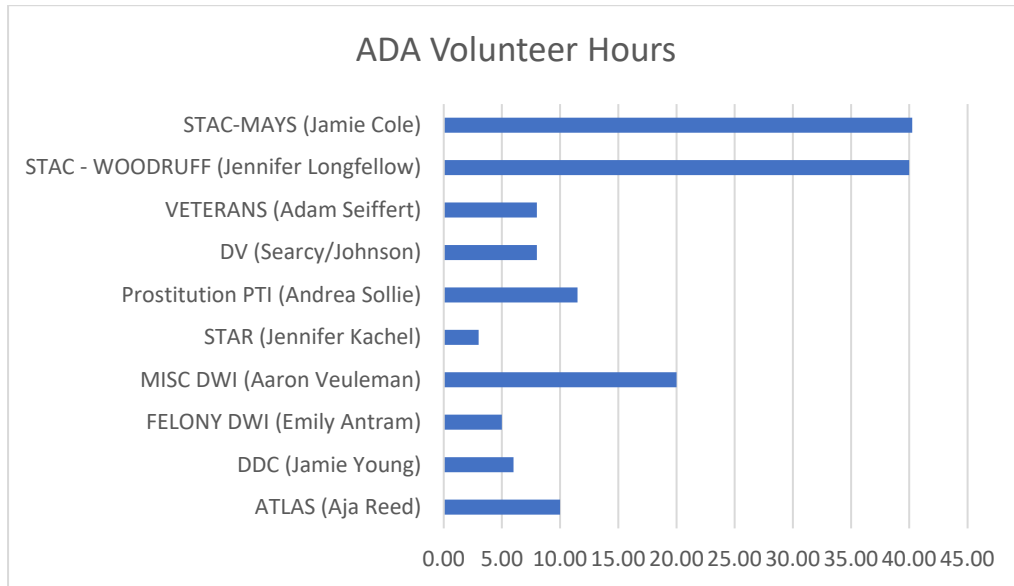


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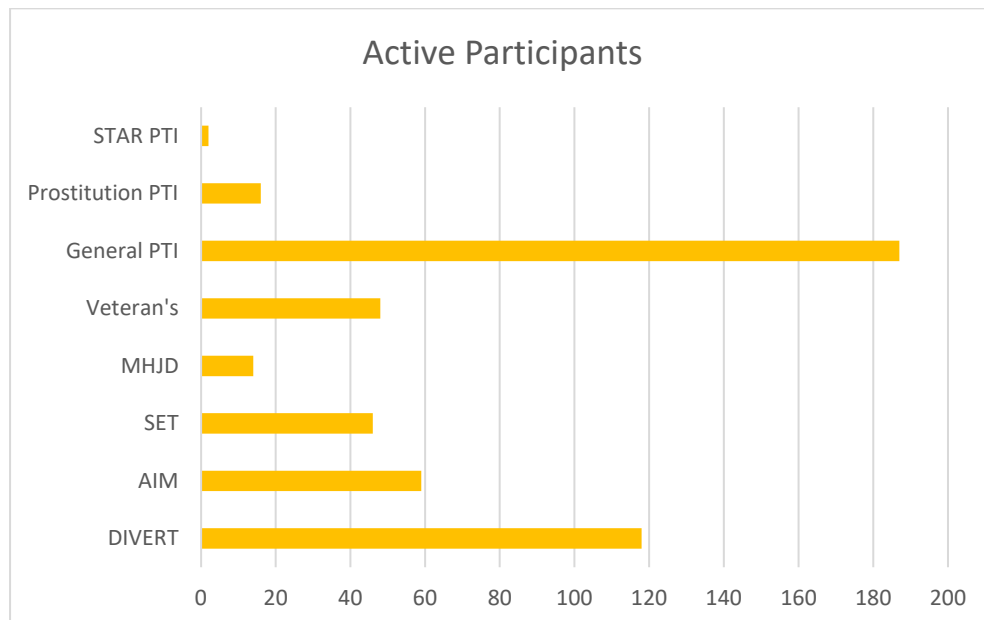
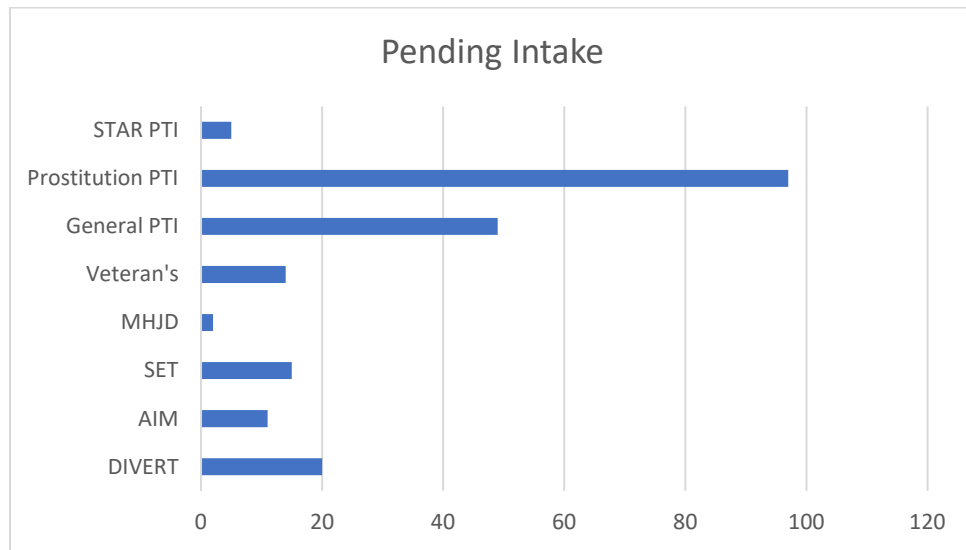


# RJD SPECIALTY COURT/PROGRAMS

## ADA VOLUNTEER HOURS-MARCH 2025



# SPECIALTY COURT AND PROGRAMS MONTHLY STATISTICS-MARCH 2025



# FUSE DATA FY 2023-2024

12 MONTH

Category Item	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb			
<b>Total Clients Screened for FUSE</b>	120	171	107	134	164	209	195	84	94	127			
<b>Referral Source</b>													
Jail FUSE Navigator Screening	0	3	0	0	42	29	20	22	8	1			
Pretrial Referral	15	13	23	26	12	12	17	15	12	12			
Defense Attorney Referral	11	21	14	33	22	27	6	6	3	7			
Shelter/Parkland Hospital Street FUSE Navigator Referral	7	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
NTBHA Living Room Referral	4	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	10			
Dallas Deflection Center	40	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Probation/CSCD	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Other Referral Source (Adapt, Community Partners, etc.)	40	115	63	73	88	141	149	41	71	97			
<b>Interview Outcomes</b>													
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate	5	1	2	1	7	3	3	5	2	2			
Client reported not being Unsheltered	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	1			
Unavailable to Interview	25	0	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	0			
Pending Interview	0	0	0	8	16	27	20	0	0	0			
Other Outcome Categories (*See Below)	72	145	74	107	125	158	158	67	73	103			
<b>Total Released from Jail to FUSE</b>	15	22	19	17	13	21	14	12	17	22			
<b>Shelter Connection Rate</b>													
Austin Street Center	3	4	3	8	4	12	5	6	3	5			
The Bridge	5	5	2	6	7	6	7	4	4	4			
Salvation Army	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	5	2			
Other Local Shelter, Boarding Homes, & Shelter Ref's	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1			
No Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Left Before Entering Program/Did Not Connect	4	10	11	11	10	10	7	6	5	10			
<b>Housed</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
<b>Housing Priority List, Info sent to Housing Forward, or Reunited w/Family</b>	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			

**\* Other Categories:** Released to Another Program or Agency, Boarding Home Placement, Referral Banned from Shelter, Client didn't qualify for FUSE, Immigration Hold, Released (i.e. Posted Bond), Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach, FUSE bond denied, Waiting on info, Sex Offender, Not in AIS, Waiting on Bond to Post, and Pending attorney response & etc.



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**Thursday, April 10, 2024**  
**Supplemental Packet**

**Includes:**

- The Cottages at Hickory Crossing
  - Monthly Property Metrics

