



**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**  
**Thursday, March 13, 2025**  
**9:30am -11:00am**  
**In-Person & Virtual Meetings via Microsoft Teams**

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
  - Review/Approval of February 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, February 13, 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, November 14, 2024, were included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Price offered an opportunity for the minutes to be reviewed and approved. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Introduction**

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

- Lynn Hadnott, Director, Dallas County Juvenile
- Stephanie Grogan, Impact Director, Phoenix House
- D.R. Rockwell, Dallas County Community
- Dr. Leilani Hinton, Assistant Director of Clinical Services, Dallas County Juvenile
- Kasey Smith, Executive Director, NAMI
- Regina Fowlks, SAMHSA Program Coordinator, Criminal Justice Department

**Presentation:** National Alliance on Mental Illness- North Texas Executive Committee

- Kasey Smith, Executive Director, NAMI North Texas
- Lee Pierson, Chief of Mental Health Division, District Attorney's Office

NAMI is a mental health non-profit serving Dallas, Collin and Rockwall Counties. NAMI provides non-clinical, no cost mental health education, support and awareness. NAMI provides classes, support groups, community presentations, and events. NAMI's board is made up of 10-15 members who can serve two-to-three-year terms. Regular board meetings occur six times per year. The board has strategic workgroups including; Infrastructure, Governance, Volunteer Base, Advancement and Organizational Structure and Staffing.

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

**Carol Lucky**, Chief Executive Officer, NTBHA, reported that NTBHA has taken over psychiatric services in Ellis County Jail and has been providing Sequential Intercept Model mapping workshops. Ms. Lucky discussed coordination between NTBHA and Dallas County Juvenile services, where NTBHA and Ahdar were able to provide prescription medications to adolescents in the detention center leaving on passes to be with their families for the holidays. Ms. Lucky reported that NTBHA provided 24/7 services at the shelter for a total of 8,200 encounters during inclement weather alongside APAA Peers and the Southern Area Behavioral Health Clinic. Ms. Lucky reported that for the month of January, 65 individuals were served at the Living Room. NTBHA has been given space at Terrell State Hospital (TSH) to co-locate and divert individuals dropped off at TSH who do not meet criteria for admission. Ms. Lucky reported Senate Bill 292 has been renewed and has increased from \$80 million to \$90 million dollars. Lastly, Ms. Lucky reported, NTBHA's external audits are complete and approved by the board, there were no findings.

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

**Ron Stretcher**, Senior Director of Systems Management, MMHPI, discussed the Youth Crisis Outreach Team (YCOT) and the Multi Systemic Therapy (MST) project, reports both projects are going well. Mr. Stretcher thanked NTBHA and the Rees-Jones Foundation for funding and assistance with these programs. Mr. Stretcher reports that the Deflection Center received the highest referral from the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) and Critical Time Intervention (CTI) teams during the inclement weather days.

**Doug Denton**, Executive Director, Homeward Bound, reported the Deflection Center has received about 65 referrals each month.

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

No report was provided during this meeting.

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

**Yordanos Melake**, Program Manager, Criminal Justice Department provided the update. Ms. Melake reported, for the month of January, there were 2535 magistrate orders for 16.22 screenings with 2,033 completed with an average time of completion for individuals in custody being 3 days and the average time of completion for individuals out of custody being 17 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 held December 10 and the next meeting currently scheduled for Tuesday March 11, 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 reports that the House still has made no committee assignments and there are no meetings in the Senate, Health and Human Services Committee. Ms. Metzinger noted that the Community Mental Health line item in the House and Senate Budget Comparison chart, is a combination of adult, children and crisis mental health services.

### **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 January; SAMHSA had one Nexus admission with an average wait time of six days. Homeward Bound had seven admissions with an average wait time of 24.5 days. For the current fiscal year, SAMHSA program has had a total of 10 admissions to Nexus and 15 to Homeward Bound. Ms. Fowlks reported that the grant is in the second-year grant period and for the total grant period, SAMHSA has had 71 total admissions with 43 successful completions and 13 unsuccessful completions.

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

**Paul Blocker**, Interim Chief, Public Defender's Office, reports that PD's Office continues to support the South Dallas Drug Court and Veterans Court. Mr. Blocker reports that the PD's Office has released a "Know Your Rights Campaign" to support immigrant communities. This campaign has been shared on the PD's social media pages, including the departments podcast, "The Deep Dive", this episode will be available on Friday February 14.

- **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 January report. Ms. Turnbull made a correction to the numbers for Divert Court, which currently has 123 participants.

**Lee Pierson**, Chief of Mental Health Division, District Attorney's Office stated during the Judicial Commission meeting in November, Dallas County no longer had the largest hospital waitlist in the state and was down to about 268 individuals. Mr. Pierson reported that the prosecutor who was working on the hospital waitlist has resigned, so they are looking to fill this position quickly. Mr. Pierson reported the DA's Office received a grant for two case managers in the mental health division and four peer support specialists with Metrocare.

### **Upcoming Events and Notifications**

**Commissioner John Wiley Price** announced that Captain Anthony Rounds with the Sheriff's Office is retiring after 36 years of services.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Price thanked everyone for their service. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

# DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

2024-2025	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL TRIAGED</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>316</b>
<b>Referral Source</b>							
Dallas PD							
SC Div	2		2	3		3	10
SW Div	4	1	1				6
SE Div				1		1	2
NC Div	1		2				3
NE Div	1	2	2	2			7
NW Div		2		1			3
CEN Div			1	1	4	2	8
Right Care			3	2	1		6
Dallas Marshal - CDC							0
College Campus PD							0
Great SW Coalition	1						1
SE Coalition	1						1
MCOT or Walk In	10	4	8	17	25	27	91
Garland PD		2	1		1		4
Irving PD		3	1				4
DART PD	11	13	11	13	11	12	71
Parkland-Baylor PD	1	1				1	3
Rapid Response		4	17	22	20	15	78
Crisis stepdown		4	4	1	3	2	14
Other				2		2	4
<b>TRIAGE OUTCOME</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	
Psych Crisis Residential					6	3	9
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt					1		1
Living Room-NTBHA*	2		1				3
CMHP Services							0
ACT Team							0
OTHER SUD Services	2	2		6	6	7	23
Shelter							0
Austin Street	2	1		1	1	3	8
Bridge	3	2	3	5	2	3	18
Salvation Army			2	1	4		7
Union Gospel Mission		1		1	3		5
Other		4		3			7
Home-Family-Friends	12	17	27	22	19	23	120
Boarding Home/PSH	2	1	1	2	4	7	17
Higher Level of Care							0
Behavioral Health	2		4	2	2	5	15
Physical Health	2	1	2	3	4	1	13
Veterans Administration							0
LEA Maintained Custody		2		1			3
Still in Service	4	4	13	12	12	10	55
Refused Services	1	1		6	1	3	12



## 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Behavioral Health Bills Filed in February 2025

### HOUSE BILLS

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.

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 the 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 Commissioners Courts in 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.

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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 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.

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.

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.



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

[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.

[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.

## **SENATE BILLS**

[SB 151](#)-Menéndez-Amends Texas Government Code 531, Subchapter B to establish a matching grant program for rural hospitals licensed under Texas Health and Safety Code 241 or private mental hospitals or mental health facilities licensed under Texas Health and Safety Code 577.

[SB 188](#)- Menéndez-Amends Texas Government Code 547 regarding behavioral health crisis services, operation of crisis centers, and mobile crisis outreach teams.

- Defines “Crisis Center”, Mobile Crisis Outreach Team” and “Youth Crisis Outreach Team”.
- Establishes a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline fee.
- Requires an annual report.

[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 1131](#)-Middleton-Establishes an advisory committee to study suicide prevention and peer support programs in fire departments in Texas.

[SB 1136](#)-Miles-Authorizes inspection of group homes by county fire marshals.

[SB 1137](#)-Miles-Creates a criminal offense related to group home consultant referrals.



[SB 1164](#)-Zaffirini-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) to add 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.

[SB 1580](#)-Blanco-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code to require that the governing body of a Local Mental Health Authority 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-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. Companion: [HB 3503](#)-Darby.

[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 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.



## Department of Criminal Justice

### FY2025 SAMHSA Grant Project

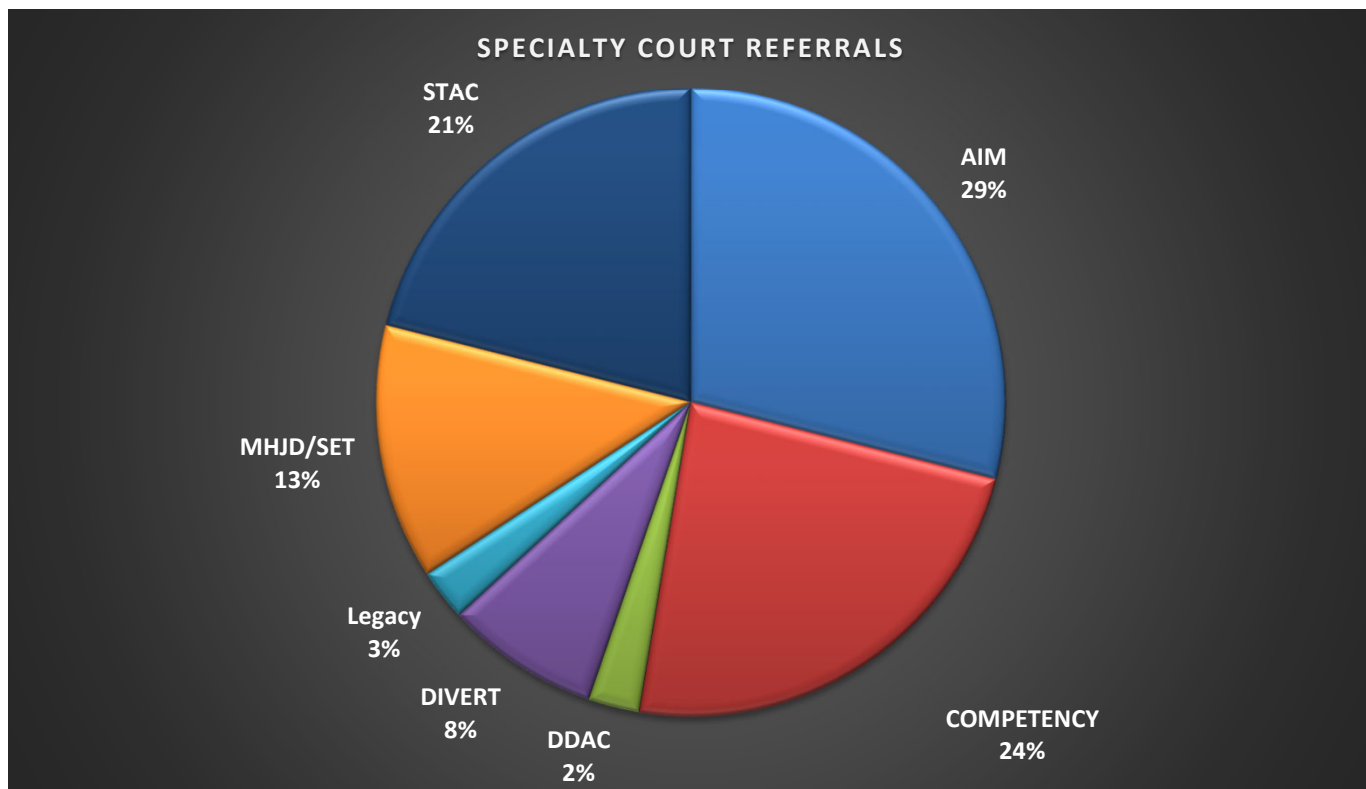
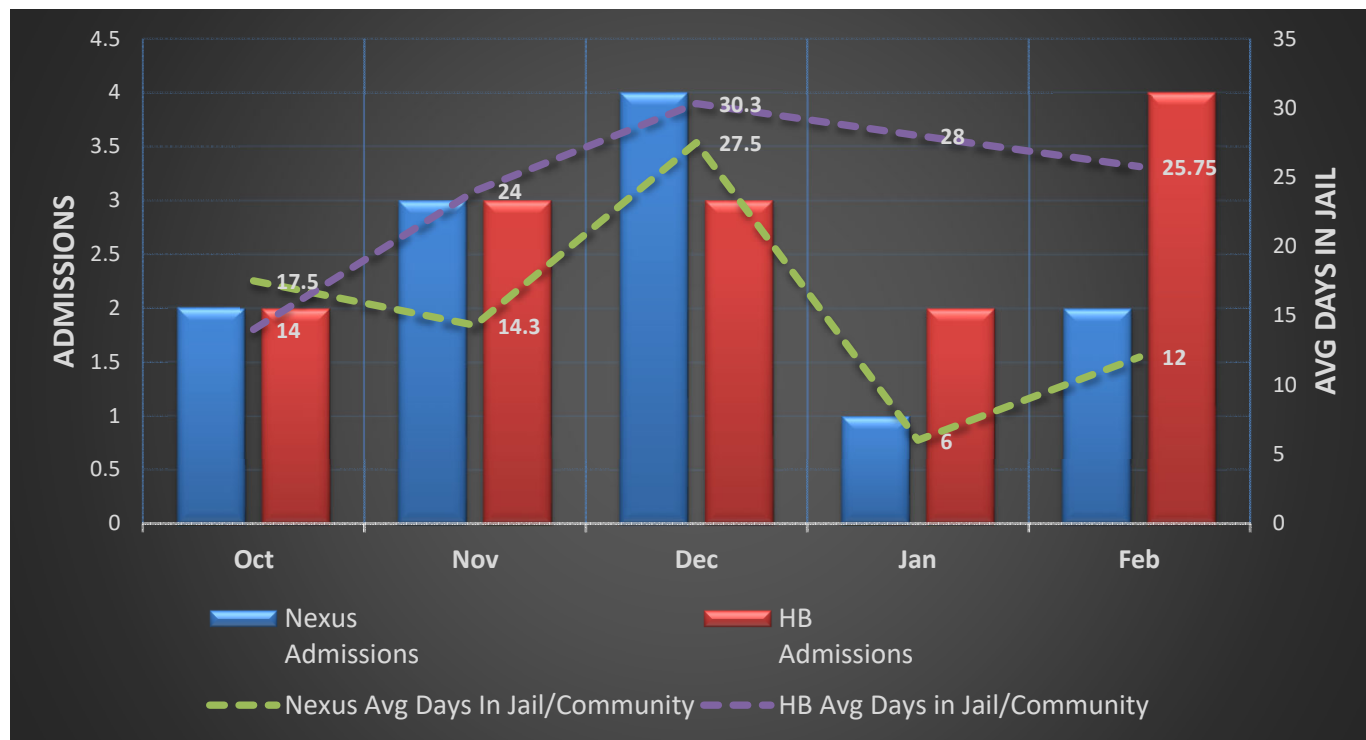
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2025 Total	FY2024 Total	GRANT PERIOD GRAND TOTAL			
<b>Nexus</b> New Admissions	2	3	4	1	2								12	27	39			
<b>Nexus</b> Average Days in Jail/Community from Referral to Admission	17.5	14.3	27.5	6	12								15.46	13.06	14.26			
<b>Homeward Bound</b> New Admissions	2	3	3	2	4								14	18	32			
<b>Homeward Bound</b> Average Days in Jail/Community from Referral to Admission	14	24	30.3	28	25.75								24.41	23.44	23.925			
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																		
<b>Successful</b>	0	1	5	6	2								14	31	45			
<b>Unsuccessful</b>	1	2	0	1	2								6	9	15			
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2025																		
Number of Referrals by Specialty Court	AIM					11		DWI							STAR			
	ATLAS							IIP							Veterans			
	Competency					9		Legacy Family					1		4-C			
	DDAC					1		MHJD/SET					5					
	DIVERT					3		STAC					8					

\*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 3

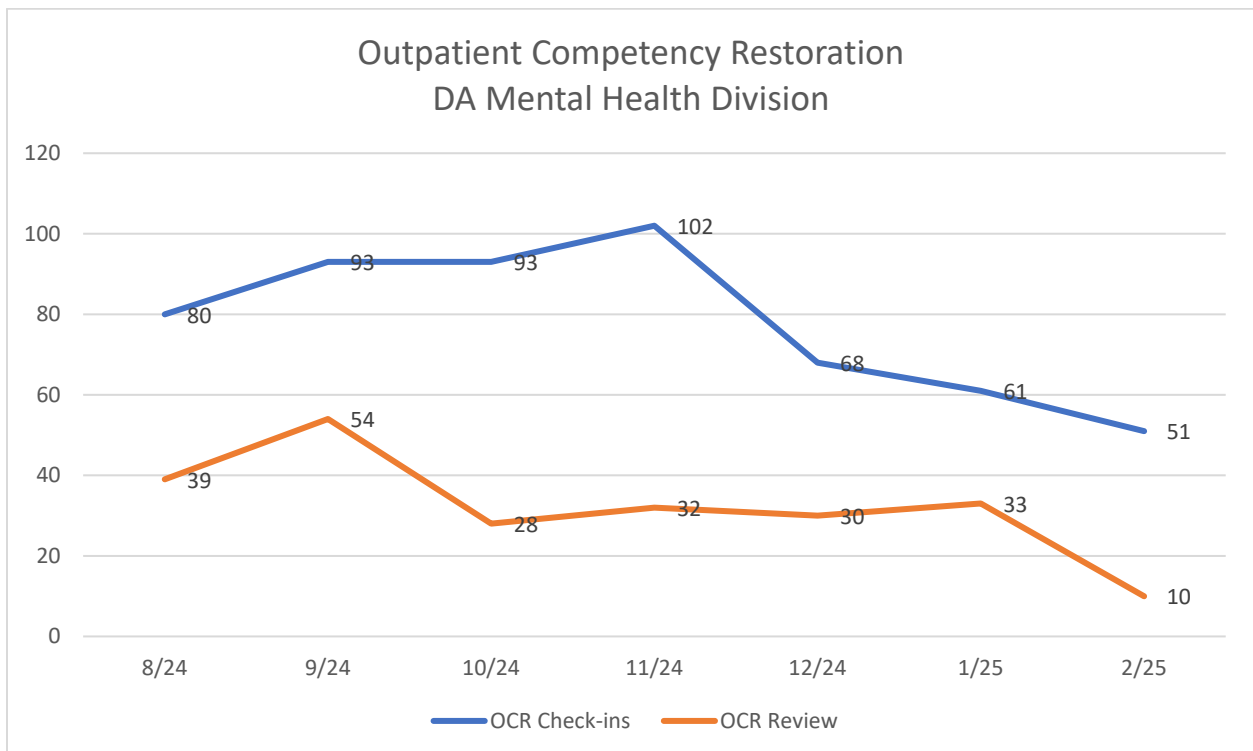
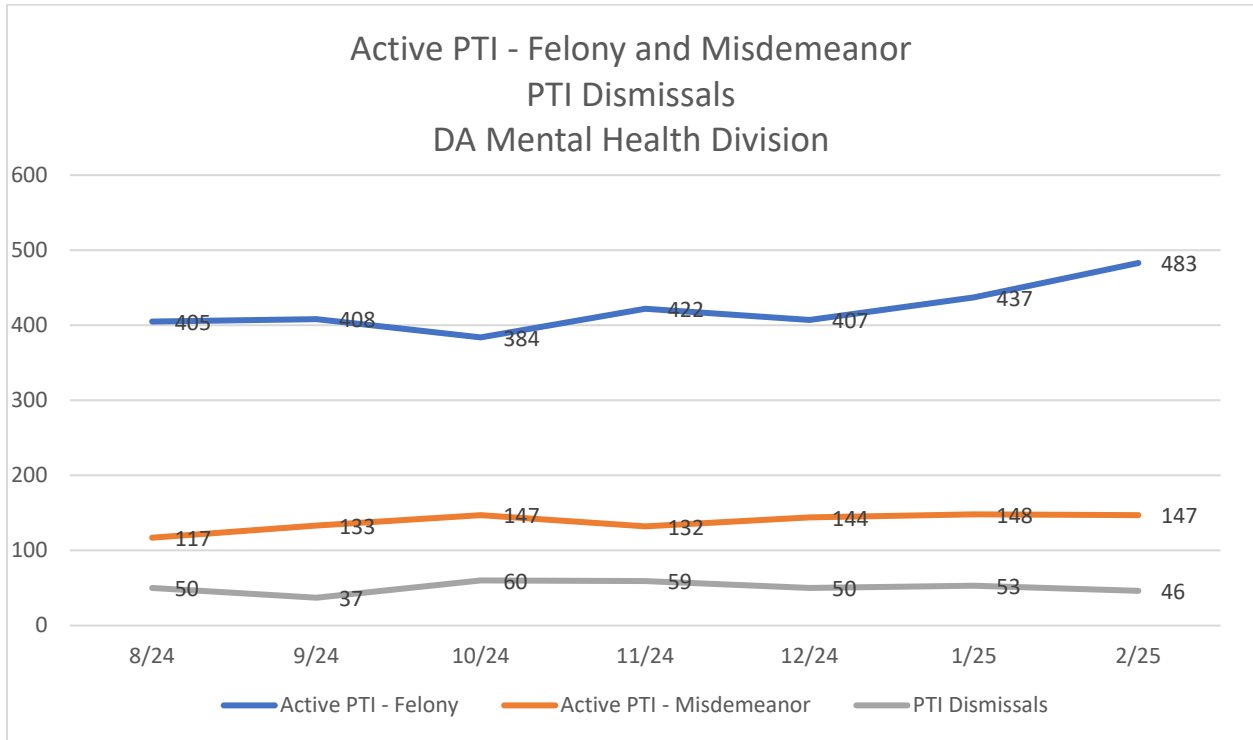
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\*Canceled Referrals: 7

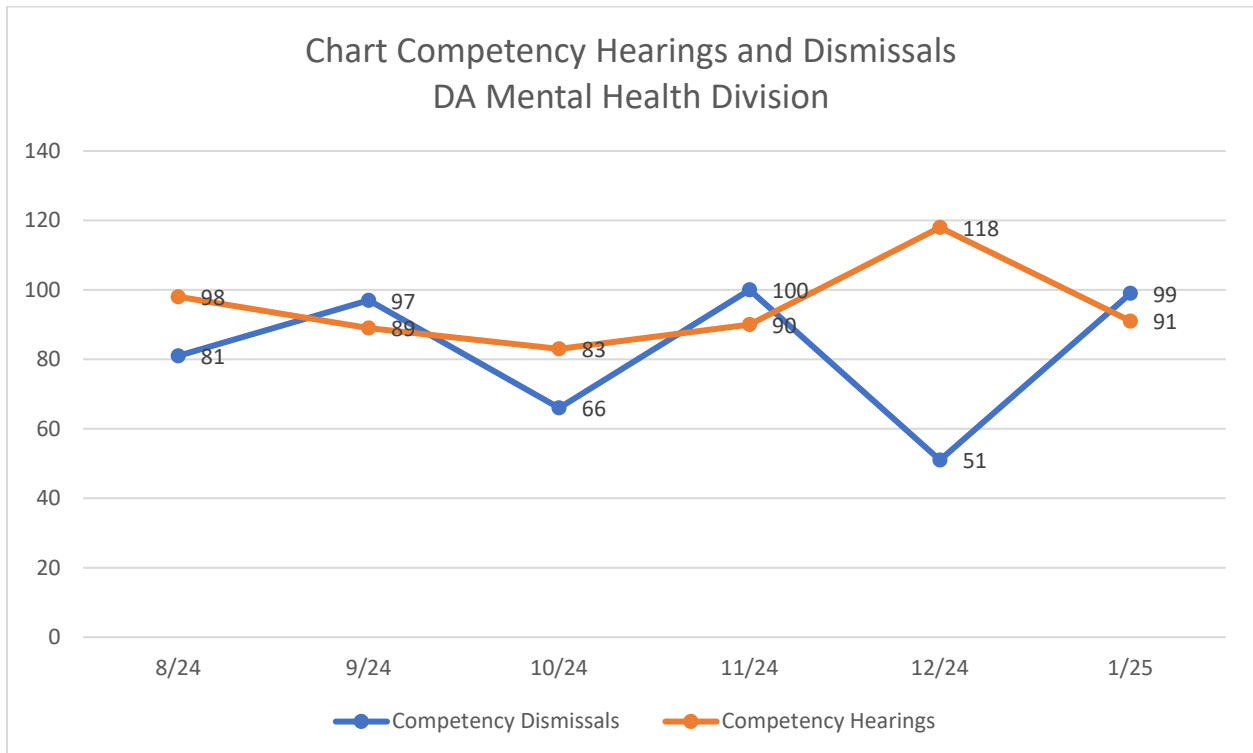
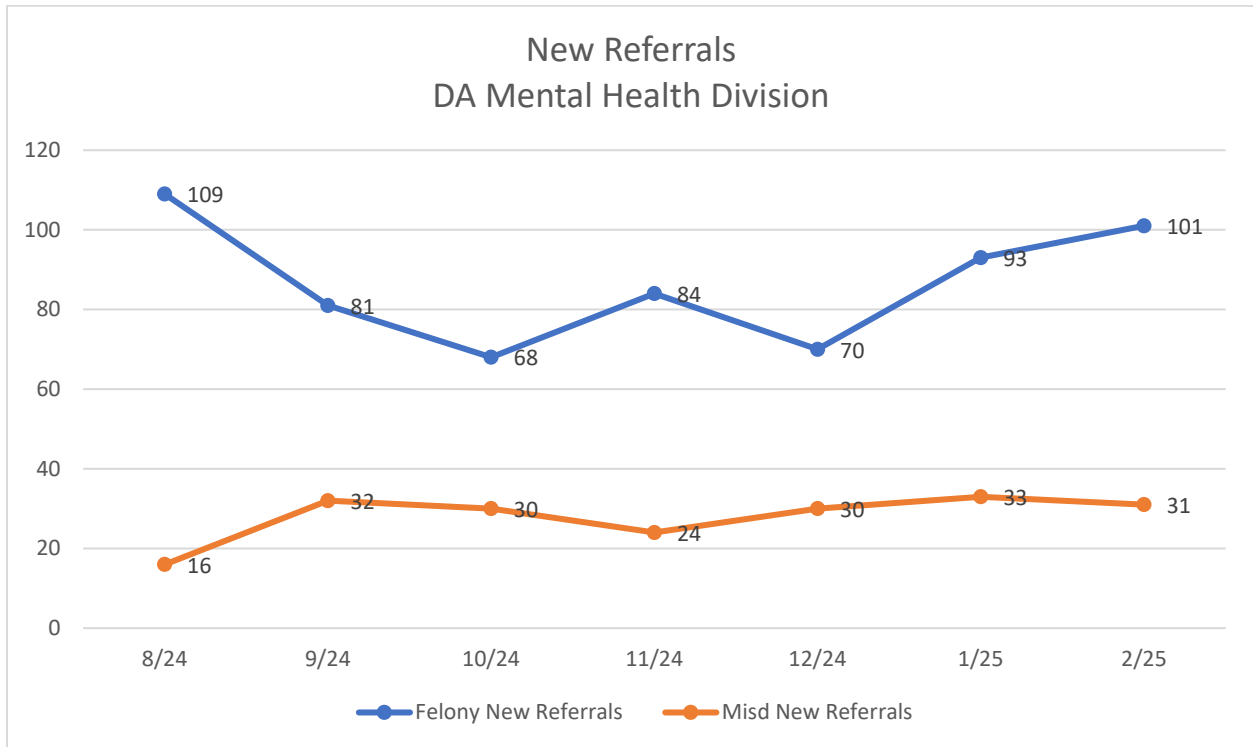
\*Clients Currently in Treatment 6



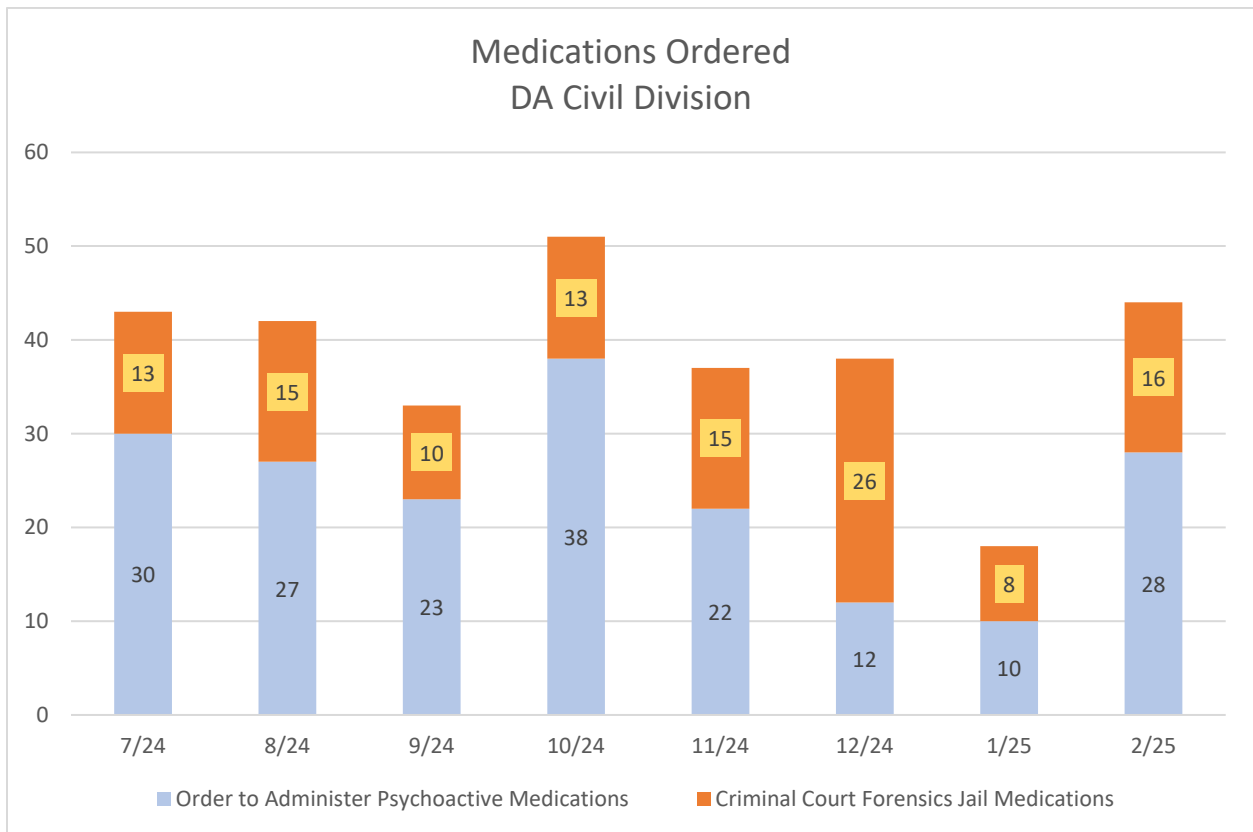
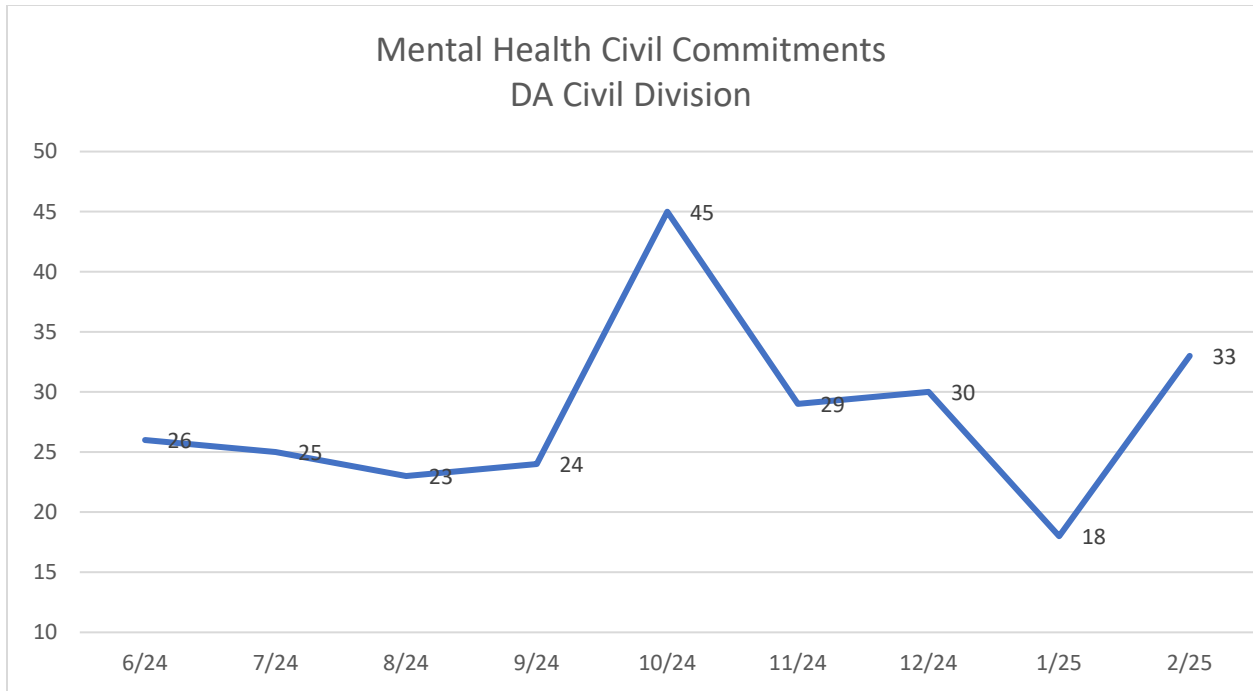
## Mental Health



## Restorative Justice Division – Mental Health

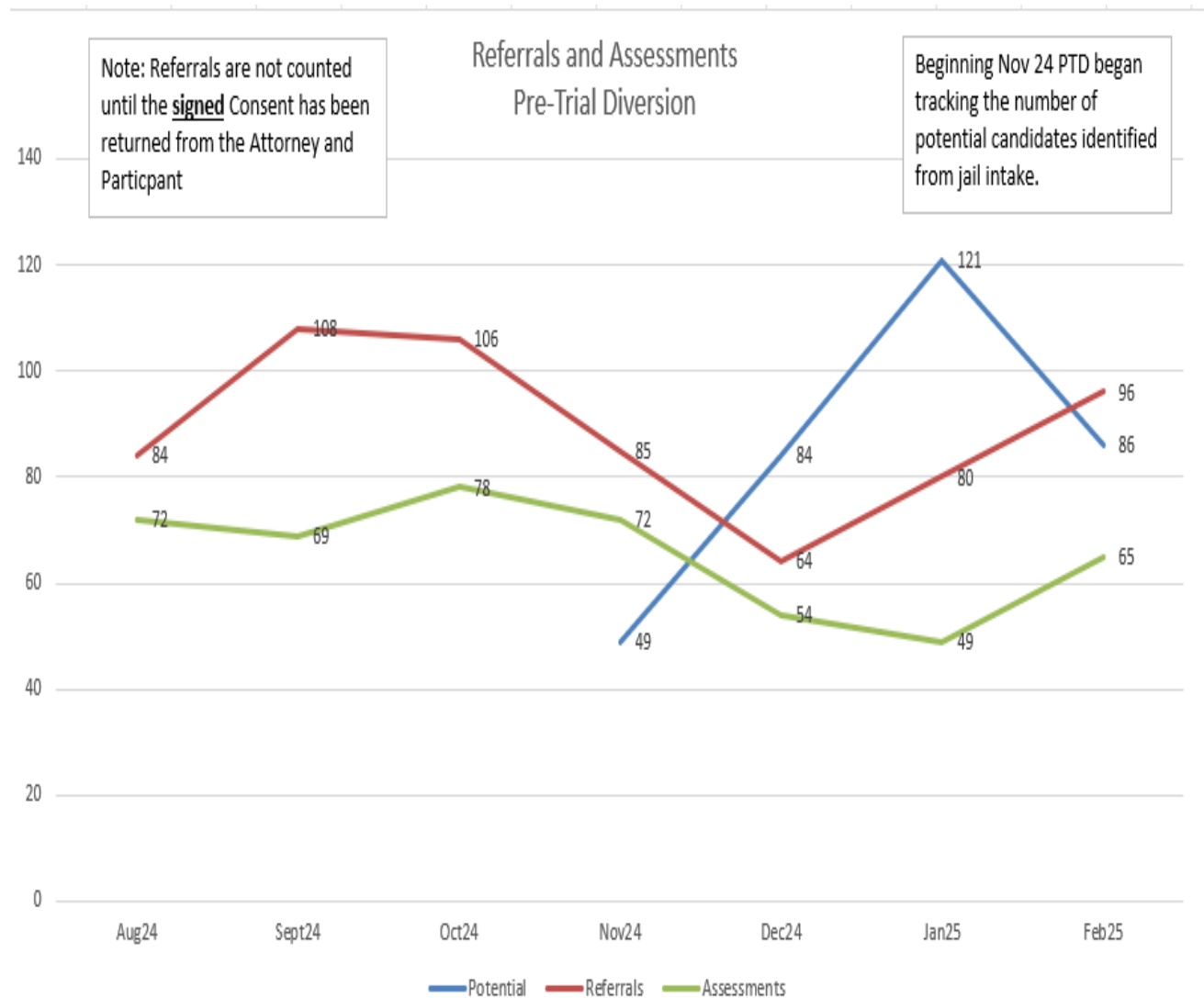


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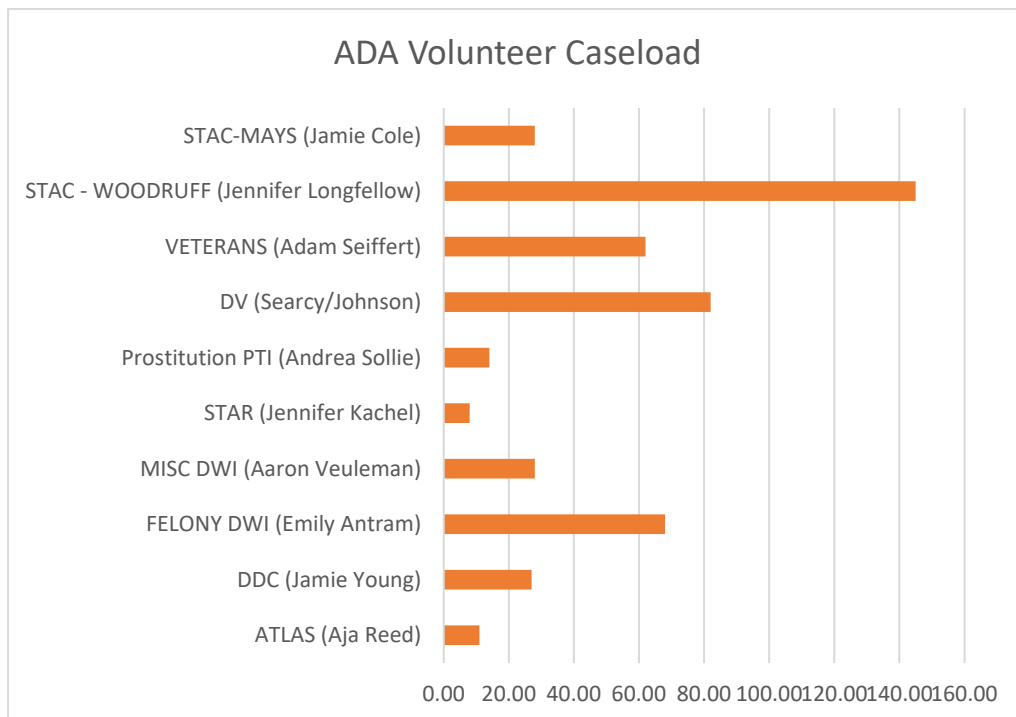
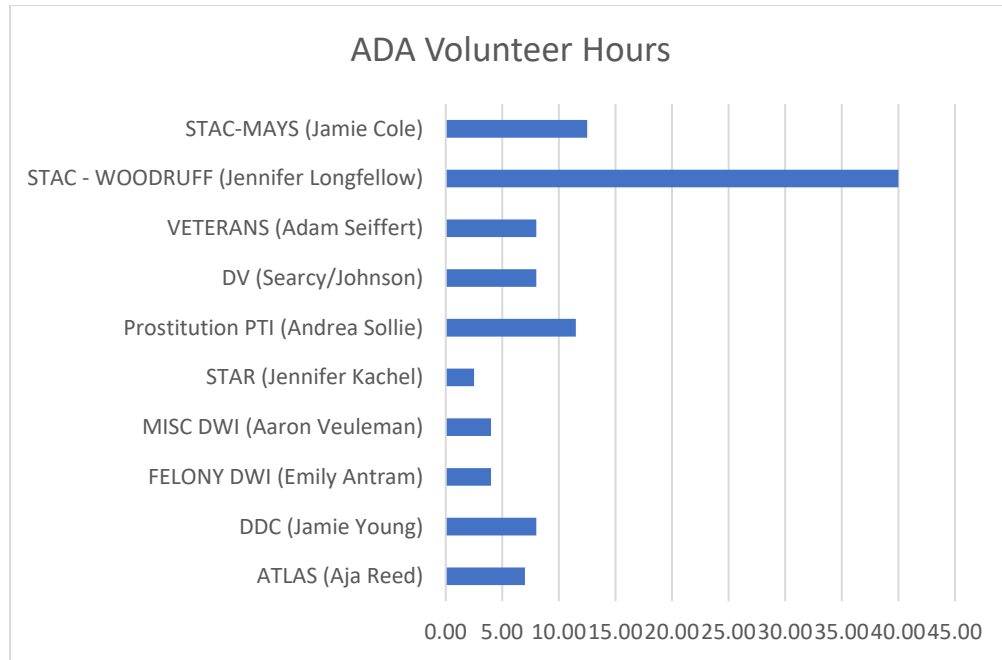




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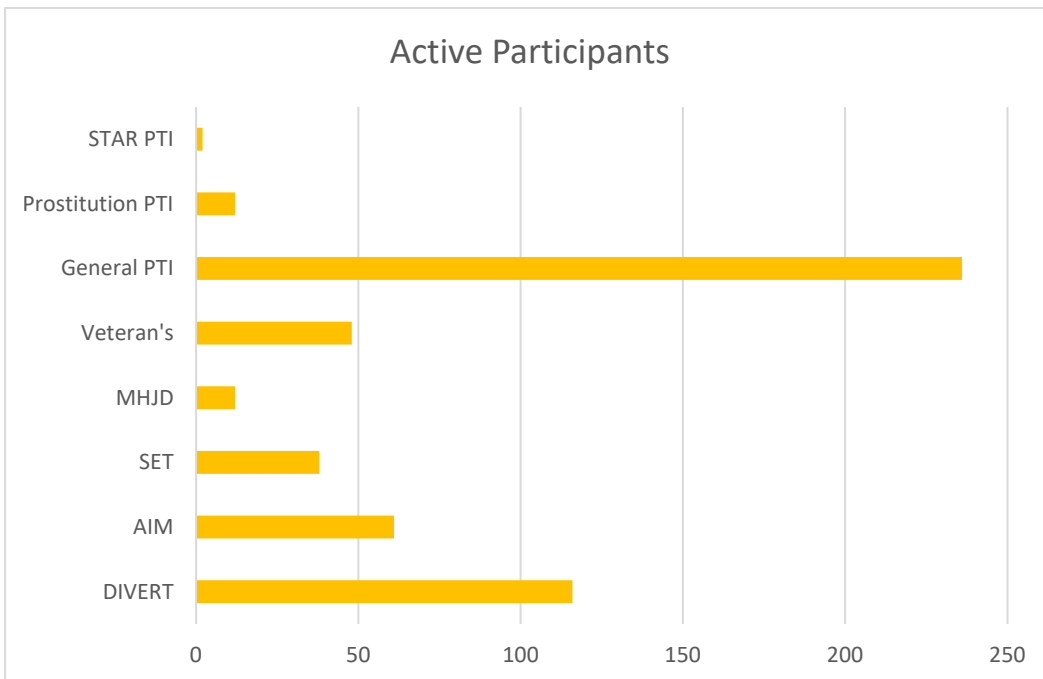
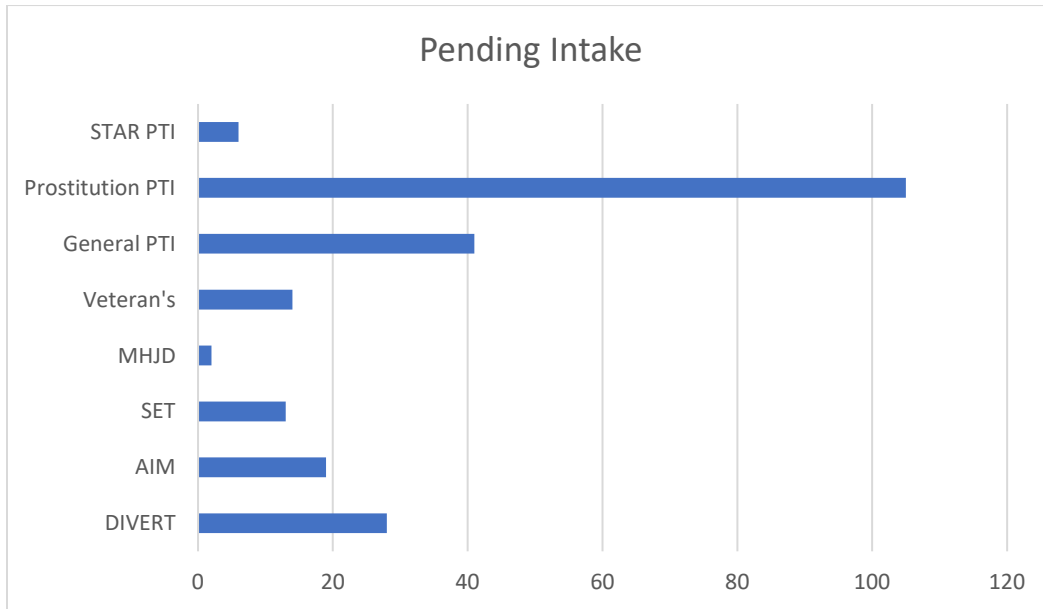


# RJD SPECIALTY COURT/PROGRAMS ADA VOLUNTEER HOURS-FEBRUARY 2025



# SPECIALTY COURT AND PROGRAMS

## MONTHLY STATISTICS-FEBRUARY 2025

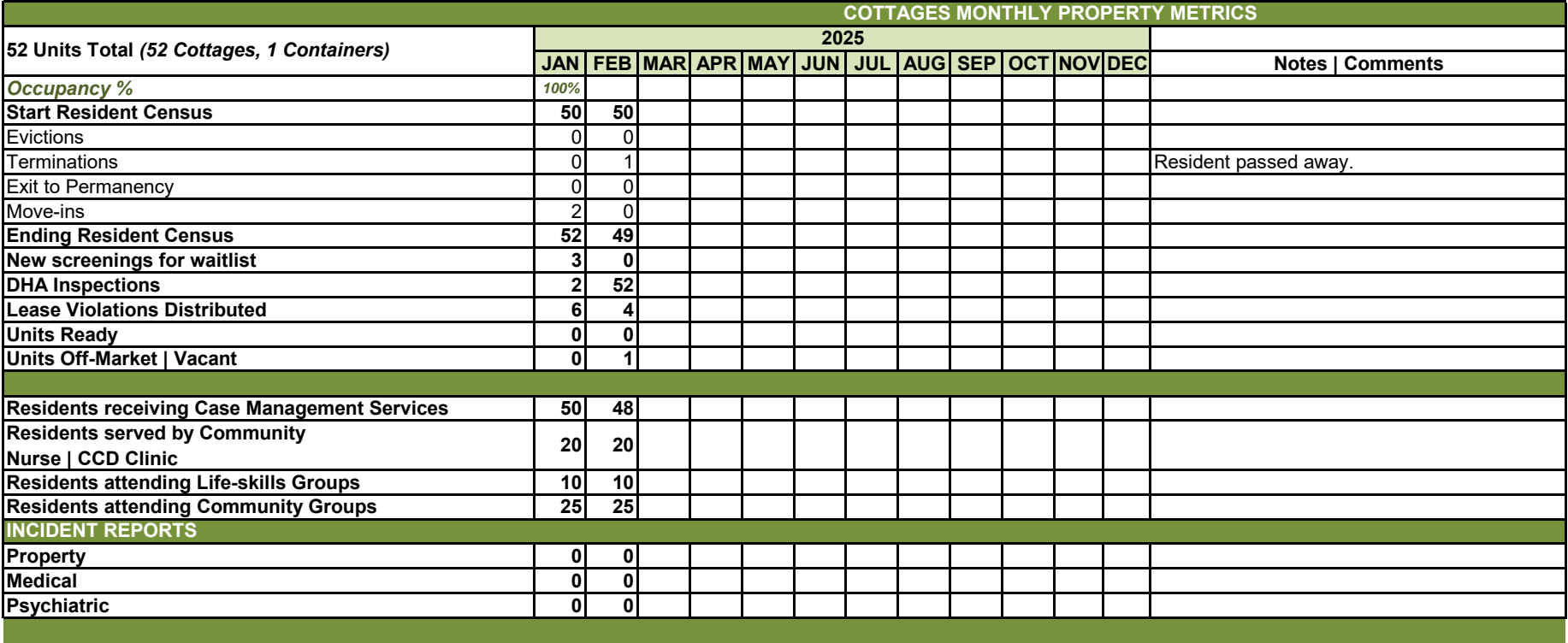


RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT / MONTHLY OCCUPANCY REPORT

Name of project: Cottages at Hickory Crossing Address: 1621 S. Malcolm X Blvd., Dallas, TX 75226 Report Month: Feb-25 3/7/2025

Instructions: Complete columns 1 through 7 for each unit. Complete columns 8 through 17 for each occupied unit.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Apt. No.	Tenant's last name (or enter "Vacant")	No. of bedrooms in unit	Utility information Which are used by unit? 1 = E heating 2 = G heating 3 = E cook 4 = G cook 5 = E water htr 6 = G water htr	What utility bills does tenant pay separate from (in addition to) the monthly rent?  Gas Y = Yes N = No	Water Y = Yes N = No	Elect Y = Yes N = No	Monthly contract (asking) rent for this unit	How much monthly rent is actually paid by current tenant?	Tenant's household gross annual income	Race or ethnicity of tenant W = white B = Black H = Hispanic I = Indian A = Asian O = Other	No. of persons in unit	Ages of children 18 yrs. or younger	Female head of household Y = Yes N = No	If household receives Section 8 assistance, complete these columns			Move in Date	
														Type of Sec 8 assistance:	Amount of monthly Section 8 assistance			
														1 = Rapid Rehousing 2 = Tenant base voucher 3 = Project based voucher	Amount of rent paid by Sec 8	Amount of utilities paid by Sec 8		
1	Lomodong	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	300	12,024.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,330	0	02/15/2017	
2	Whitaker	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	W	1	0	Y	3	1,580	0	3/7/2023	
3	George	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	03/26/2021	
4	Watts	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	2/10/2023	
5	Hightower	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	Y	3	1,580	0	1/31/2025	
6	Galloway	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	03/27/2019	
7	Williams	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	239	11,481.60	B	1	0	N	3	1,391	0	1/7/2025	
8	Spencer	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	509	26,728.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,061	0	7/31/2023	
9	Diaz	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	H	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	3/10/2023	
10	Wingate	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	254	10,968.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,308	0	4/4/2023	
11	Pena	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	251	868.00	B	1	0	NA	3	1,311	0	7/19/2024	
12	Artis	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	279	11,184.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,283	0	12/19/2023	
13	Forister	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	279	4,617.60	W	1	0	Y	3	1,351	0	10/01/2019	
14	Mathis	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	256	10,296.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,306	0	12/21/2022	
15	Brazile	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,357	0	04/14/2021	
16	Hogan	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	245	9,871.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,385	0	07/07/2021	
17	Walker	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	278	11,172.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,352	0	3/9/2023	
18	Smith, S	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	83	3,046.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,479	0	11/28/2023	
19	Little	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	75	3,000.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,555	0	02/06/2020	
20	Mcgee	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	08/22/2018	
21	Rochelle	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,357	0	01/18/2022	
22	Salinas	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	2773	10,968.00	W	1	0	N	3	(1,143)	0	08/09/2021	
23	MCCoy	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50		W	1	0	Y	3	1,580	0	3/3/2024	
24	Bibb	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	424	16,800.00	W	1	0	Y	3	1,206	0	01/19/2022	
25	Johns	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	274	11,074.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,356	0	11/5/2022	
26	Fleming	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	W	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	11/28/2023	
27	Hill	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	281	11,268.00	B	1	0	N	3	1,349	0	06/06/2022	
28	Jernigan	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	554	22,562.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,076	0	05/22/2018	
29	Marks	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N	3	1,580	0	04/12/2019	
30	Craig	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	264	10,968.00	W	1	0	N	3	1,366	0	09/21/2017	
31	Northern	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	Y	3	1,289	0	12/08/2021	







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

**Includes:**

- Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Work Group
  - February 26, 2025 Minutes
- Public Defender's Office
  - February 2025-MH Stats



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

**February 26, 2025 Minutes**

**Mission Statement:** The Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Work Group (DCBHWG), with diverse representation, will formulate recommendations on the creation of housing and housing related support services designed to safely divert members of special populations in crisis away from frequent utilization of expensive and sometimes unnecessary inpatient stays, emergency department visits and incarceration.

Success will be measured in placement of consumers in housing and the decreased utilization of higher levels of care (hospitals and emergency care visits) and reduced incarceration in the Dallas County Jail. The DCBHWG is committed to a data driven decision-making process with a focus on data supported outcomes.

**ATTENDEES:** Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Tzeggabhran Kidane, Dallas County; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare; Kendall Brown, Family Gateway; Tasha Derby, DCHA; Cathy Jackson, DCHA; Traswell Livingston III, ASD; Kelvin Brown, Homepoint; Larry Gordon, Downtown Dallas, Inc.; Rachel Robert-Picketts, Catholic Charities; Andrea Batarse, Dallas Habitat; Lorenzo Pablo, World Relief Texas; Garrett Peterson, International Rescue Committee

***Dr. Daniel opened the meeting by having the members at the table to introduce themselves.***

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner and the committee approved the minutes from the December 4th meeting.

**GOVERNANCE**

Homeless Advisory Committee: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County

The Homeless Advisory Committee meeting was held on February 17<sup>th</sup> and the eviction data report is in the packet. Commissioner reported that there are more evictions being filed, but Ikenna Mogbo noted that the eviction cases are still less than they would be before Covid, with some courts are open to the advocacy of the tenant now. He states that even though the eviction data does not look good, it is still better than it was five years ago. Commissioner Daniel noted that the number of cases filed has steadily increased and is trending up noting that rental assistance is also a contributing factor, and people are getting the assistance because a lot more money is available now. Traswell Livingston stated that in the near future, it may be of some significance to look at root causes and issues of eviction and homelessness and if resources will be available for those causes and diversion.

Federal and State Legislative Update:

There was discussion of the federal administration changes and how it is affecting the current state of affairs and how lives are being impacted by the decisions being made. Commissioner then shifted the meeting to hear from the guests who represented refugee services.

**Presentation**

Refugee Services: Garret Pearson, International Rescue Committee, Lorenzo Pablo, World Relief Texas and Rachel Robert Pickett, Catholic Charities

**Who are the organizations and what are the issues?**

Garrett Pearson reported that they are here to provide warnings for the months ahead. Collectively, they have resettled different populations including allied refugees from Afghanistan, Burma, Syria and other countries. They also assist about 1,000 protected status clients from Venezuela, Cuba, and Haiti. The organizations provide federal support for the first three months, and they provide employment services. They also offer 12 months of rental assistance that is not being paid out right now possibly creating housing instability for these clients. Currently, that aid has been taken away by the federal government with the Administration defying the federal judgement. This leaves anywhere from 600 to 1,000 people in Dallas County affected by this change.

Lorenzo Pablo stated that the people who were coming into the United States were expecting these assimilation processes in order to get them self-sufficient as soon as possible. When the funding was cut, these processes were immediately halted, the organizations were affected immediately, and no other funding is available to help them. Commissioner Daniel

asked what happens to the clients when the funding is cut. Lorenzo answered that some were diverted to other programs, some would be put into other programs after their 90 day assimilation process, and they called up the community to help out. Rachel Robert-Pickett acknowledged that there is still a huge gap and Catholic Charities is in the process of trying to piece something together for about 5,000 clients but this process is not sustainable. Lorenzo Pablo stated that his organization is assisting around 4,000 DFW clients on average, which has been the standard for the last four years. Current landlords are being paid as of now but, may not be in the near future. Garrett Pearson stated that their organization has almost emptied out their reserves to pay rent, but he has about 130 families that are attempting to pay their March rent. Rachel Robert-Pickett stated that they have about 50 families they are working with. She stated that they do look at each family situation to determine severity of need to assess who gets the assistance first. Rachel also states they are working to get the people working, but there is a process to do that, and it takes time.

#### **How are the organizations in this current situation?**

Each of the organizations represented stated that most of the funding they received was government funding and they relied heavily on those funds because they were readily available, and sustainable. Rachel stated that their program utilizes \$2 million dollars a month to fund their program. She also stated that once the executive order was given, all reimbursement funds were stopped. Although that letter was later rescinded, their funds were still not released. Mr. Lorenzo stated that two things happened, 1. the stop work order was not rescinded, which allows the organizations to fund clients for the first 90 days, and 2, the lift on the admissions for the refugee programs was not rescinded either. They are also not getting back payments from the fiscal year's budget that were given in October. Resettlement agencies are also not receiving funding from the state either. State funding for World Relief Texas stopped in October 2024, and the state is not able to get any funds from the federal government. Ikenna Mogbo remarked that if you delay the nonprofit agencies long enough, they will eventually go away. He also remarked that this is just the beginning and if the federal government does the same to housing and homelessness services, then those organizations will be gone. Kelvin Brown stated that this impacts their services as well and will cause a spiral of homelessness within the city and county that homeless and housing organizations are not ready for.

#### **What type of assistance are the organizations seeking?**

Rachel stated that many of the landlords and apartment complexes are now starting to want payment as they have been patient and flexible but are now looking for payment from these tenants. Rachel stated they are being proactive and asking for a moratorium on evictions for refugee clients. She states they are seeing other places in Texas asking for the same action. She reported that this will impact about 16,000 people in the area, as there are two other organizations that are doing the same work but were not represented at the meeting. Kimberly Rawls asked if the landlords gave them a specific date that they need payment to which Rachel answered they were proactive beforehand and they reached out to them giving them a timeframe for extensions. She said that they may be able to fund some of the most vulnerable clients, but not all. Commissioner commented that if the federal government had not rescinded the letter, Dallas County would need to investigate Dallas County's projects to get a gauge of how these orders affect our current projects in process.

#### **What happens if assistance is not available?**

There was conversation surrounding what happens if the funding is not available and the refugees are now homeless with some suggesting that deportation may eventually happen. The refugee organizations stated that the clients coming into their programs are not undocumented and they are on the path to become citizens which is how they gained their federal funding. Garrett Pearson added context to the conversation by saying every other state that works for the same protected status clients has had their funding reinstated. Texas is the only state that has either had their funding blocked or not received their funding. Most of the other border states have had their funding reinstated. Garrett stated that this is due to the resettlement organizations having a coordinated effort working with their state and local governments and the state of Texas does not work with the resettlement agencies here. He stated this is why they have come to the city and county for assistance. They would like the cities and counties to advocate on behalf of the organizations to make the case that the issue is bigger than one industry and it impacts the whole. Lorenzo Pablo stated that Texas has opted out of the state refugee program and the state funds are funneled through a designated third party nonprofit organization. Texas is the largest state to take in international refugees. Texas is not the only state to have opted out it, but Texas is the only state not receiving funding. Traswell Livingston asked how much funding the organizations need. Total funding between the organizations totaled \$75 million between the three organizations.

#### **Are there other possible solutions?**

Traswell Livingston also asked if there was a corporate partner that is hiring a lot of the refugees for the labor force. She stated that they mostly occupy spaces in the service, hotel, the DFW airport, and more recently construction industries. Traswell stated that these issues impact the ecosystem of a person and if everyone understands that, it may open up some

other avenues that may not have been previously thought of or talked about. Kelvin Brown pointed out that if the refugees are out on the street, that is 16,000 people that are homeless. The homeless system is not set up for that. Ikenna Mogbo asked what it is that the organizations are wanting to which, Rachel stated they are asking for an eviction moratorium for at least two months to hold off evictions and she also stated that she is asking for advocacy for their organization. She stated that this is a community issue, and it impacts many other facets of life. Commissioner stated that this does impact most other facets of community including the impact on the county jail. Kimberly Rawls stated that this situation impacts the jail population and also it may increase the numbers of those with suspected mental health flags, the overall book-ins and the homeless book-ins. Kimberly also stated that many of the grants they apply are for reentry housing. Many programs have been removed as well, so they are losing funding also. Rachel also asked about rapid rehousing vouchers and in speaking with community partners, they mentioned that those vouchers may also be an option to assist in this issue.

There was discussion about sending some of the refugees to other states, but it was pointed out that many people don't have the means, knowledge or familial connection to move to another place. The resettlement agencies are in a predicament that they planned for, but they were not ready for the reimbursements that are not being paid. So far, their staff and workforce has had to be furloughed and let go due to these issues. They said that food insecurity is not an issue, and their clients do have food. Andrea Batarse asked if they received the last of their refugees coming in and each organization answered yes. They are currently not taking any more refugees. Rachel Robert-Pickett stated that in order to get individual philanthropy and assistance, they have to exhaust all local and state government resources to receive their resources. Commissioner stated that she would like to put together a proposal of what can be done by each organization and see what can be done.

Traswell Livingston announced that his organization was approved for an affordable housing project in the redevelopment of the Braniff hotel. They are redeveloping it as permanent support housing and will RFP the service provision as they are just the operators of the property. They will have 48 units at the property. They are also looking at the nursing facility on Meadow and 75 to possibly turn it into permanent supportive housing as well.

***Commissioner Daniel encouraged everyone to continue to pay attention and stay fighting to save the world.***

***Next Meeting: To be determined***

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** *
February	34	0	8	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	24	0	14

HARRY INGRAM				FY2025 ATLAS STATISTICS										203rd			
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	REV	GRADUATES	PROBATIO N MODIFICA TIONS	DISMISS ALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSI TIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURREN T ATLAS PARTICIP ANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPA NTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER ATLAS PARTICIPA NTS	BOND
February	28	1	29	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	5	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	PROBATIO N MODIFICA TIONS	DISMISS ALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSI TIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURREN T PARTICIP ANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPA NTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER PARTICIPA NTS	Bond		
February	69	15	84	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	9	16	68	31	3	0	28		

February FY2025 MHPD STATS													
	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TRIALS	PLEAS	COND DISM.	REVK	REVC	DISMISSALS	INCOMP ETENT	REFERRALS	OTHER COUNSEL APPT.	TOTAL CLOSED
Lenox	112	20	132	0	3	0	0	0	9	0	0	10	22
Strather	295	14	309	0	5	1	1	0	10	0	0	2	19
Caldwell	79	40	119	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	10	15

February	FY2025 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS															
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEA S	REVO- CATION S	DISMISSALS	PROBATI ON	COMP. HRG.	EXTEN SIONS	CIVIL COMMI T.	MHMR REFER RAL	CONSUL TS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
Harden	143	3	0	0	0	3	4	12	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	8
Scott	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Foster	46	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	6

FY2025 MISDEMEANOR COMPETENCY STATISTICS																
RANDALL SCOTT																
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEA S	REVO- CATION S	DISMISSALS	PROBATI ON	COMP. HRG.	EXTEN SIONS	CIVIL COMMIT T	MHMR REFER RAL	CONSUL TS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
February	142	37	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	11

February MI Court																									
MONTH	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENT S AT PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE	NEW CLIENTS AT PARKLAND	NEW CLIENTS AT CLEMENTS (formerly ZALE LIPSHY)	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS PRESBYTERIAN	NEW CLIENT S AT DALLAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	NEW CLIENTS AT HICKORY TRAILS	NEW CLIENT S AT VA	NEW CLIENTS AT GREEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT GARLAND BEHAVIORAL	NEW CLIENTS AT METHODIST RICHARDSON	NEW CLIENTS AT WELLBRIDGE	NEW CLIENTS AT THREARLINGTON	MRM/MILLWOOD/HAVEN	PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS HELD	NO CONTEST COMMIT	CONTESTED COMMIT	FORCED MEDS HEARING IN COURT	MODIFICATION HEARINGS	OUTPATIENT COMMIT	INPATIENT COMMIT
L. Roberts	93	4	13	16	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	8	0	0	0
C. Cox	102	0	0	0	0	0	88	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	9	7	0	0	0
K. Nelson	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	5	0	0	0
R. Black	121	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	30	0	0	0	4	0	19	18	0	0	0

DAN ECKSTEIN					MHPR BOND STATS							
	INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS)	MHPR BOND APPOINTMENTS FROM DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS MINUS THOSE SCREENED- OUT)	MHPR BOND HEARING- BOND GRANTED (# of clients)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND DENIED (# of clients)	TOTAL HEARING S (# of clients)	Total # of Cases	Total # of Felony Cases	# of Felonies S Approved	# of Felonies S Denied	Total # of Misd. Cases	# of Misd's Approved	# of Misd's Denied
MONTH												
February	2469	299	30	30	60	103	76	40	36	27	11	16