



Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
Thursday, May 8, 2025
9:30am -11:00am
In-Person & Virtual Meetings via Microsoft Teams

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 - Review/Approval of April 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes
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 - SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update
 - Community Courts Grant Update – Public Defender’s Office (PD)
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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 9:30 AM. Commissioner Price welcomed everyone and announced that the meeting was being recorded and those who continued in attendance were consenting to being recorded as a part of the open records.

The 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.

- **Sylvia Orozco-Joseph- North Texas Behavioral Health Authority**
- **Wes Keyes- CEO, Brother Bills Helping Hands**
- **Dr. Robert Lackey- Deputy Director of Clinical Services, Juvenile Department**
- **Connie Almeida- Director of Behavioral Health Service- Fort Bend County**

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update

Carol Lucky, CEO, NTBHA, reported that Covid funding has gone away. However, NTBHA has prepared for this change in some of their programs; The Kaufman Drop Off Center will lose some funding from Covid but will continue with some Medicaid funding, consumer operated services with APAA will also continue, however Narcan funds could not be spent as Narcan supply has been limited. Ms. Lucky reported some concern about funding for housing services as NTBHA was to continue receiving funding through 2026 at \$1.9 million. NTBHA will not be admitting any more individuals into their housing program until they can identify funding that would support it. Ms. Lucky reports that there is a \$30 million reduction in the House and \$63 million reduction in the Senate across the State and a lot of that is Covid funding. Ms. Lucky provided an update on the incorrect report from the Office of Inspector General (OIG), she stated the OIG has received

the corrected numbers but has not printed a revised report. Lastly, Ms. Luckily reported NTBHA has received Charity Care Program (CCP) funds and will be putting out an RFP for specialty services.

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institution (MMHPI)

Ron Stretcher, Senior Director of Systems Management, MMHPI, reported that he is working with NTBHA on Youth Crisis Outreach Team (YCOT) and how they can be a resource to the Juvenile Department. Mr. Stretcher reports that MMHPI has received funding to evaluate the efficacy of trauma and grief services and will be reaching out to partners for further discussions.

Doug Denton, Executive Director, Homeward Bound, reported that 88 clients were admitted to the Deflection Center for the month of March with DART Police being the highest referral source. Mr. Denton provided an update on a new Rapid Response Pilot Program that was initiated to assist police in responding to 911 calls. Mr. Denton reported that eighteen individuals were assisted in the last month through this initiative.

Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup (BHHWG)

No update 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 March, there were 2978 magistrate orders for 16.22 screenings with 1,951 completed, 1,061 were face-to-face interviews, 291 were completed via telehealth and 753 were desk reviews (individuals with a 16.22 interview completed in the past year). Ms. Melake reported there were 165 individuals who refused screenings, 254 individuals unable to locate. The Mental Health Advisory Committee will continue to meet every other month on the 2nd 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 that in the last session, there were eleven fentanyl strip bills, this session, there is only one. Ms. Metzinger reports the bills in the House and Senate were just starting to move, the deadline to file the bills was March 14th and as of this month (April) there were 200 bills filed. Ms. Metzinger reported the budget was being debated in the House tonight (April 10) and there will be an update next meeting.

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 March; SAMHSA had three Nexus admissions with an average wait time of thirteen days. Homeward Bound had three admissions with an average wait time of 28 days. Currently, there are ten clients receiving inpatient and peer support services through SAMHSA with a total of 3 successful completions this month.

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

Paul Blocker, Interim Chief, Public Defender's Office, reported that the City of Dallas' South Oak Cliff Veterans Treatment Court operates under two grants: the SAMHSA Grant and the Texas Veteran's Commission. Through an amendment to these grants, the City has been able to accept high risk and high need clients and now extend financial assistance for mortgage, rent and utilities. To make referrals, please contact Michaela Himes and Lynn Cox with the Public Defender's Office.

- **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 March 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 10:55 a.m.

DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER										
2024-2025	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	TOTAL	
TOTAL TRIAGED	32	38	51	65	65	65	88	102	506	
Referral Source										
Dallas PD									0	
SC Div	2		2	3		3	2	5	17	
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	1	5	
CEN Div			1	1	3	2	1	1	9	
Right Care		1	3	2	1		1	1	9	
Dallas Marshal - CDC							1		1	
College Campus PD									0	
Great SW Coalition	1						1		2	
SE Coalition	1			1				1	3	
MCOT/CTI/Walk In	10	14	27	41	48	31	42	47	260	
Garland PD		2	1		1			1	5	
Irving PD		3	1						4	
DART PD	11	14	11	13	11	12	21	16	109	
Rapid Response						15	18	28	61	
Parkland-Baylor PD	1	1				1		1	4	
TRIAGE OUTCOME	32	38	51	65	65	65	98	114		
Psych Crisis Residential			3		6	3	2	5	19	
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt							2	2	4	
Living Room-NTBHA*	2	5	7		2			1	17	
CMHP Services									0	
ACT Team									0	
OTHER SUD Services	2	2	7	6	7	7	11	9	51	
Shelter									0	
Austin Street	2	1	1	1	1	3	4	4	17	
Bridge	3	2	4	5	2	3	5	1	25	
Salvation Army			1	1	4		3	4	13	
Union Gospel Mission		1		1	3			1	6	
Other		4		3	1		4	2	14	
Home-Family-Friends	12	11	11	22	10	23	37	51	177	
Boarding Home/PSH	2	2	1	2	4	7	1	10	29	
Higher Level of Care									0	
Behavioral Health	2		4	2	8	5	3	3	27	
Physical Health	2	2	3	3	4	1	7	3	25	
Veterans Administration			1						1	
APOWW or Arrest			1						1	
LEA Maintained Custody				1					1	
Still in Service	4	3	2	12	12	10	12	16	71	
Refused Services	1	5	5	6	1	3	7	2	30	
TOTAL TRIAGED									528	
ALOS 5 Days, 28 Same Day Discharges with 2 Refusing Services										

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April 23, 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; Quincy Hogan, Metrocare; Kendall Brown, Family Gateway; Thomas Lewis, DCHA; Raven Carr, Sharing Life; Kerri Stitt, Youth 180; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

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 February 26th meeting.

GOVERNANCE

Homeless Advisory Committee: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County

The Homeless Advisory Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 21st and the eviction data is in the report. There was a question about Dr. Huang's federal funding and the programs that are being impacted. Tzeggabhran Kidane reported about 50 Immunizations sites were cut and about 21 employees were let go from that department. Dallas County is working to see if some employees could be hired in other departments around the county.

Doug Denton reported that the state is contracting through University of Texas San Antonio for several programs including recovery support services and medical assisted treatment. Through this program Homeward Bound received a technology grant that allowed them to expand their client engagement virtually. This funding was cut within the last couple of weeks, and they are monitoring other funding aspects that may be cut. He also reported that some SAMSHA funding has been eliminated and other program elements that had been absorbed by other programs have been cut as well. Commissioner Daniel asked if any other programs around the table had been impacted or had their funding cut to which, Kimberly Rawls answered that the funding she was planning to apply through the Bureau of Justice Administration grants were stopped. She stated that after talking with their grants manager, they do not have an estimated timeframe if the application will be made available again. Kendall Brown reported that their funding for permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing with the COC is a little more protected than some of the other programs. They are looking to receive their contracts sometime this summer for the next funding cycle and they are waiting to see how it all plays out. She also stated that Housing Forward's legal team is inspecting the contracts for verbiage that may be different than those of the past, and they will be diligently inspecting the contacts for impact.

Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported reorganization is happening and it is taking a while for everything to balance out. She also reported that since the end of the ARPA funding, the state is having to determine which community based programs to continue to fund that are beneficial to the public. She encouraged each organization to keep educating the legislature on mental health and substance abuse issues because some lawmakers have changed their stance based on constituent testimonials. Commissioner Daniel questioned if the organizations could become more organized in presenting their stance to the legislature and bringing client testimonials to the legislature to which Doug Denton replied that locally NAMI is one of the organizations doing that work.

Mr. Denton stated that due to the lack of funding for residential services, many people who are encountered downtown are not being assisted. Commissioner Daniel stated that once people have been identified, what is the next step in the process. Eric McCarty stated that he sees wrap around services as the next step in the process, but without the educational aspect integrated in the process, many of those who are utilizing the assistance will return. He also mentioned that more permanent supportive housing vouchers may be needed to help with stabilization.

Commissioner Daniel then asked Thomas Lewis what the county's stance on this issue is. Mr. Lewis answered, that collaboration is important among the organizations. He stressed that reading and knowing what the policies and procedures are, is important to servicing the clients. He stated that educating the clients is really important. He also stressed that programs also need to know their policies and procedures so as to not bring attention to themselves to incite more investigation into specific programs. He stated that balancing the education while not bringing more attention to the program is key to staying on par.

As it pertains to educating the clients using the services, Kimberly Rawls asked if mandatory stipulations can be put on clients receiving services Eric McCarty stated that by agency rules, organizations cannot enforce any stipulations to assist in long term stability absent from resources. Janie Metzinger reported that there may need to be an amendment to the legislative that addresses that issue. As it stands, many of the funding sources don't have those stipulations in place. Commissioner Daniel consulted with Charles Reed to see if any legislation regarding self-sufficiency plans for those receiving assistance is being talked about or purposed. Doug Denton explained that those utilizing services fall into different categories. Many that are utilizing the programs are using it as assistance that is needed to help them to get on their feet, but there are others that are using the programs as income and a way of life. Kerri Stitt stated that the general public could use a clarified narrative to be educated about the programs and their general use in this era of mental health. Kendall Brown stated that Housing Forward is adding some language in their grant agreements for COC funded projects that will add in some work requirements.

RESOURCES

NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty stated that they now have their new contracts in place and are now going through about 40 waitlisted applications to fund their TBRA program. This funding is for the general population and around nine million dollars in additional funds are available but are in a holding reservation fund. He stated as soon as the funding is released, he will know exactly how much funding he will have to disburse.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls reported that both reports are in the packets. As for FUSE, she has applied for the State Crisis Intervention Grant through the Office of the Governor back in January. She was optimistic because she received feedback on some changes that needed to be made. There was an increase in the jail monthly book-in rate which caused an increase in all other categories. She stated she believes the weather and storms impacted the increases because all of the FUSE partners were full in the month of March. Commissioner Daniel asked if other state facilities were accepting people because if they don't accept our people, then it backs up. Kimberly stated that she could only speak to the Salvation Army, and since they are experiencing a backlog in their transitional housing, people are having to stay longer in the county jail. This caused an increase in Dallas County's jail population numbers as well. She also reported that the Dallas Connector is running well on our end.

Housing Authority: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County Housing

Thomas Lewis stated that they are getting closer to utilizing all the Housing Choice Vouchers available from Housing Forward. They have 19 of 100 vouchers remaining and hopefully by May they will have fulfilled that agreement.

MetroCare: Quincy Hogan, Metrocare

Quincy Hogan reported that they are being affected by the tariffs as they are developing more permanent supportive and affordable housing. The bids and estimates previously quoted are now different. He reported that they are also monitoring the availability of housing vouchers and their impact on their occupancy rates for the properties. He stated Metrocare is looking to progress forward in securing grant funding for permanent supportive housing due to the uncertainty of future funding opportunities.

Pre-Trial Diversion and Mental Health Screenings: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls reported that Laura Edmonds could not be in attendance so she has the report. Kimberly stated that the criminal justice department continues to work with NTBHA to facilitate releases from the Dallas County jail through community mental health services. In April, they facilitated over 30 releases. ADAPT continues to provide mental health assessments to those who are entering the jail with a suspected mental health need. In March 1,951 assessments were completed. The pre-trial diversion program is for those first-time felony offenders charged with a nonviolent offense. The assessment identifies treatment needs and makes a recommendation for a diversion program. Successful completion of the diversion program leads to case dismissal and expungement. In March, they received 104 referrals and assessors completed 72 assessments.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton reported they had 65 admissions in December, January, and February and in March they reached 88. He stated they received a private grant where they received outreach funding, and they are now working with businesses that have issues with chronic criminal trespass. As a stipulation of this funding, they have implemented a pilot Rapid Response Program that has allowed them to engage the businesses and as a result, they have diverted over 30 emergency calls. He stated that now their issue is their length of stay. People are now staying longer because housing placements are getting harder to find. Commissioner Daniel mentioned that the Salvation Army will be breaking ground on their new facility which may provide more beds for Deflection Center residents. Mr. Denton stated that the District Attorney wanted to have a Deflection Center type program in the Salvation Army, but the neighborhood has had some pushback on that idea. Commissioner Daniel also mentioned that she is in conversation with the City of Garland to see where Deflection Center beds could possibly be housed, and that work is still in process.

Family Housing: Kendall Brown, Family Gateway

Kendall Brown reported that Ellen Magnis of Family Gateway, Sara Kahn of Housing Forward, Ikenna Mogba of Metrocare and Traswell Livingston of ASD all went to Austin to testify in Senate hearings on behalf of SB 2623. The original language of the bill stated that services could not be provided to the homeless within one and a half miles of a park, school, playground, or higher education institution. After the hearings, the language has been adjusted to say they cannot provide homeless services within 1500 feet of public schools' grades K-12 and higher education. Currently there is no Senate or House vote scheduled for the bill. Ms. Brown also provided her report of Family Gateway for the first quarter which is included in the meeting packet.

Youth Housing: Kendall Brown, Family Gateway

Kendall Brown reported that Housing Forward presented their youth housing initiative at the All Neighbors Coalition meeting. The YHDP program is a federally funded program that targets youth housing, which is starting to house youth through the program. She also reported that six other organizations received funding through that program with Family Gateway being key. They received funding for their initiative targeting 18-24 year olds.

Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for their work and encouraged them to continue to do the work.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2025

STATE BUDGET BILLS

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

SB 1-Huffman-General Appropriations Act

Current Status: Passed Senate. House passed a substitute bill with amendments. Senate did not agree with changes, so on April 15, a Conference Committee of five Senators and five Members of the House was appointed to work out the differences.

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

Current Status: Passed House April 2, Sent to Senate and referred to Finance Committee April 16.

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

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

Section	Amount	Purpose
2.06 Cont.		<p>12. \$452,000,000-North Texas State Hospital-Wichita Falls-225 beds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 maximum security beds ○ 159 forensic beds ○ 25 adolescent beds ○ 16 civil beds <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"> ○ \$85,000,000 for Rio Grande Valley region.-100 beds. ○ \$50,000,000 for Montgomery County-100 beds. ○ \$50,000,000 for Victoria County-60 beds. <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

*Companion bills contain identical language, but one is filed in the House, and the other in the Senate.
This can assist in moving the bill through the legislative process more quickly.*

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: Passed House April 28.

Companion: SB 2926-Zaffirini was reported favorably by Senate Veterans Affairs on April 24.

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 253-Talarico, SB 362-Eckhardt-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). Companions: SB 540-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 30th day after the court has determined that competency has been restored.

Current Status: Considered in Calendars April 17. Companion: SB 2096-Cook

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. Companion: SB 2932-Menendez.

Current Status: Pending in Subcommittee after hearing March 10.

HB 510-Lopez-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 191 to facilitate issuance of a certified birth record to a homeless individual. Companion: SB 801- Menéndez

Current Status: On General State Calendar May 6.

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.

Current Status: Companion [SB 400](#)-Passed Senate on March 24, sent to House Public Education April 9.

[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](#)-N. 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.

Current Status: Hearing in Homeland Security, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs on April 23.

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: Companion: [SB 513](#)-Sparks Passed Senate and House, sent to Governor May 1.

[HB 1583](#) Campos-Directs the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to study suicide prevention and peer support programs in fire departments in Texas.

Companion: [S 1131](#)-Middleton

Current Status: HB 1583 Passed House 4/30, sent to Senate Criminal Justice Committee May 1.

[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: Passed House May 2. Companion [SB 1131](#)-Middleton

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

Current Status: On House General State Calendar May 5.

Companion: SB 2375-N. Johnson-Passed Senate, sent to House May 1.

[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.

HB 1656-Howard-continued

- 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.

Current Status: Pending after hearing in House Public Health Committee April 28.

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 reported favorably without amendments from House Inter-governmental Affairs April 28.

[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: Passed House and sent to Senate April 24. 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: Passed House and sent to Senate Criminal Justice April 28. Companion: [SB 2758](#)-Cook

[HB 1819](#)-R.Lopez-- Amends Texas Government Codes 547.0304 and .0305 related to community mental health grant programs assisting veterans and their families.

Current Status: Companion: [SB 897](#)-Blanco-Passed Senate April 10. Passed House April 30.

[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 of a psychologist as a licensed specialist in school psychology. Companion: [SB 531](#)-Sparks

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: Committee Substitute favorably reported May 1.

Companion: SB 1306-Cook

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.

Current Status: Pending after House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee hearing April 22.

Companion Bill: SB 537-N. Johnson

HB 2711-Vo-Authorizes a study of the feasibility of implementing an acute psychiatric bed registry.

Current Status: Companion: 2069-Zaffirini-Committee Substitute Passed Senate May 1 and sent to House.

[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. Companion: [SB 1726](#)-Johnson

[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.

Current Status: On General State Calendar May 2. 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.

Section 4-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 533, to add a section prohibiting diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in **LBHA/LMHAs**.

Current Status: Companion: [SB 2446](#)-Sparks-Pending in Senate Health and Human Services Committee after hearing April 23.

[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.

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- 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-Passed Senate and sent to House April 25. Hearing in House Public Health Committee May 5.

[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. House Public Education Committee hearing May 6.

[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.

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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.

Current Status: Companion: [SB 1164](#)-Zaffirini passed Senate and was sent to the House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee on April 28.

[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.

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.

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

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.

SB2213Section 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.

Current Status: HB 5465-Pending after hearing in House Criminal Jurisprudence April 29.

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: Passed House and sent to Senate Health and Human Services on April 28.

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: Passed House April 25, sent to Senate Criminal Justice Committee April 29.

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 after hearing in Defense and Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee March 10.

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.

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- 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.

Current Status: Favorably reported without amendment from House Public Health May 1.

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. **Current Status:** Pending in Public Health subcommittee after hearing April 17.

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: Favorably reported without amendment from House Public Education Committee May 1.

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: Favorably reported without amendment from House Intergovernmental Affairs April 28.

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: On House General State Calendar May 6.

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: Pending after House Ways and Means Committee 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.

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- 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 992-Johnson-Amends Texas Government Code to allow an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information of a criminal defendant who successfully completes a specialty court program. Eliminates references to veterans treatment court programs and inserts references to “specialty court programs”.

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: On House General State Calendar May 6.

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.

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- Homeless individual shall not be required to provide a physical address of residence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Current Status: Passed House May 1.

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).

Current Status: Hearing in House Intergovernmental Affairs on May 6.

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. No action taken.

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.

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- 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.
- 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: Passed House April 30. Sent to Senate Criminal Justice May 1.

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

HB 1621-Lujan-Amends Texas Government Code 547 to add a matching grant program for technological enhancements at hospitals providing mental health services.

Current Status: Committee substitute favorably reported by House Public Health Committee on April 28.

HB 1644-Oliverson-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481.125 to decriminalize use of fentanyl testing equipment. Current Status: Passed House and sent to Senate Criminal Justice April 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.

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- 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).
- 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, capital improvements, data interoperability, long-term sustainability of mental health care, substance use treatment and public health providers.

Current Status: Reported favorably without amendment from House Public Health April 28.

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.

Current Status: Pending after hearing on April 30.

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: Passed House, sent to Senate April 29.

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: Passed House April 30, sent to Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on May 1.

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.

Current Status: On General State Calendar May 5.

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.

Current Status: Pending after hearing in House Public Health Subcommittee on Disease Prevention and Women & Children's Health April 17.

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.

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- 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:** Passed House April 24, Sent to Senate Criminal Justice April 28.

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**.

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.

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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.

Current Status: Pending in House Insurance Committee after hearing April 9.

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.

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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.

Current Status: Hearing in House Criminal Justice Committee on April 22.

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: Passed House April 30, sent to Senate April 30.

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: Pending after hearing 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.

Current Status: On House General State Calendar May 6.

[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).

Current Status: Committee Substitute favorably reported from House Public Health May 1.

[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

Current Status: Committee substitute favorably reported by House Public Health on May 1.

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 5342-Langraf-Amends Texas Government Code 547 to establish a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Trust Fund. **Current Status:** On House General State Calendar May 5.

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.

Current Status: Pending after hearing in House Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs on April 30.

[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](#): Passed by House April 28. Sent to Senate Local Government April 29.

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 21st 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.
 - Interest and dividends.
 - Money from any source deposited in 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.

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- 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-Regarding excused absences for public school students to attend mental health appointments. Please see Companion Bill- HB 5251-Leo Wilson, above.

Current Status: SB 207 passed Senate April 1, hearing in House Public Education May 6.

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

[SB 400](#)-Kolkhorst-Amends Texas Education Code 26.009. Requires parental consent for psychological or psychiatric examination, testing, or treatment conducted by a school district employee.

Current Status: Passed Senate March 24. Sent to House March 25. Referred to House Public Education Committee on April 9.

[SB 528](#)-Schwertner-Regarding inpatient competency restoration services.

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

Current Status: SB 528 passed Senate. House Public Health Committee hearing on May 5

[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.

Current Status: Passed Senate, sent to House Higher Education Committee May 2.

[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.

Current Status: Favorably reported from Senate Health and Human Services on April 28.

[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.

Current Status: Pending in Senate Health and Human Services Committee after hearing on April 8.

[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-Regarding grants mental health services for veterans and their families.

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

Current Status: SB 897 passed Senate April 10 and passed House April 30.

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

Regarding suicide prevention and peer support for fire fighters.

Current Status: Companion HB 1593 passed House May 5.

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

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

Current Status: Passed Senate April 29, sent to House Human Services Committee on April 30.

[SB 1164](#)-Zaffirini-Please see Companion Bill [HB 5463](#)-Moody, above re: Emergency Detention Orders.

Current Status: Passed Senate on April 24. Hearing in House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence May 8.

[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.

Current Status: Passed Senate April 24. Sent to House Public Health Committee April 28.

[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.

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- Local government activities to support boarding homes in compliance
- Updates to local standards.

Current Status: Passed Senate April 30, Sent to House Human Services Committee May 2.

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.

Current Status: Passed Senate May 1, sent to House Human Services Committee May 2.

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.

Current Status: Pending in Senate Health and Human Services Committee after hearing April 30.

SB 2069-Zaffirini-Please see Companion Bill HB 2711-Vo, above.

Current Status: Passed Senate May 1. Sent to House Public Health Committee May 2.

SB 2096-Cook-Please see Companion Bill HB 305-Hays, above.

Regarding study of implementing an acute psychiatric bed registry in Texas.

Current Status: Passed Senate May 1. Sent to House Public Health Committee May 2.

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. Non-substantive corrections.

Current Status: SB 2375 passed Senate May 1, sent to House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence May 2. Companion HB 1620 is already on House General State Calendar for May 6.

SB 2378-Hancock- Please see Companion Bill HB 4783-VanDeaver, above re: opioid antagonist programs. **Current Status:** HB 4783 on General State Calendar May 2.

[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. Re: **LBHA** governance,
Current Status: SB 2446 is pending in Senate Health and Human Services after hearing April 23.

[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.
- 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.

Current Status: Committee Substitute favorably reported from Senate State Affairs. Recommended for Local and Uncontested Calendar May 5.

[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- re: Paramedic’s role in emergency detention at a mental health facility.

Current Status Please see Companion Bill [HB 1656](#)-Howard, above. HB 1656 is pending in House Public Health Committee after hearing April 28.

SB 2926-Zaffirini-Please see Companion Bill HB 114-Cortez, above transfers mental health initiatives for veterans from HHSC to the Texas Veterans Commission.

Current Status: SB 2926 was favorably reported from Senate Veteran Affairs on April 24. HB 114 passed the House and was sent to Senate Veteran Affairs on April 30.

SB 3020-Menendez and Blanco-to establish a biennial report of suicide rates in Texas

Section 1- Amends Texas Government Code 547.

- Establishes a Biennial State Report on Suicide to include:
 - Prevalence of suicide and suicide-related events.
 - Statewide and regional data.
 - Longitudinal data.
 - Highest risk categories.
 - Data related to prevalence of suicide-related events among active-duty military, veterans, first responders, children and adolescents.
 - Statutes, agency rules and policies related to suicide prevention, intervention and postvention.
 - Funding sources

Section 2-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 193.11-Death Records to add DSHS, HHSC, and the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to the list of “authorized entities”. LBHA/LMHAs are already authorized entities.

Section 3- Establishes a Texas Violent Death Reporting System to participate in the National Violent Death Reporting System operated by the federal Center for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.





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Companion Bills

Bill #	Sponsor	Subject	Committee	Hearing	Calendar	H/S Vote	To Other Chamber	Opposite Committee	Hearing	Calendar	H/S Vote	Conf. Comm.	To Gov
HB 1	Bonnen	General Appropriations Act	Appropriations										
SB 1	Huffman		Finance			Passed	→H	Appropriations			CS refused	4/15	
HB 500	Bonnen	Supplemental Appropriations	Appropriations			Passed	→S	Finance					
HB 114	Cortez	Veterans & Families Grant Program	Homeland Security, Public Safety, VAf.			Passed	→S	Veteran Affairs					
SB 2926	Zaffirini		Veteran Affairs										
HB 305	Hays	Competency Restoration	Criminal Jurisprudence		4/17								
SB 2096	Cook		Criminal Justice										
HB 510	Lopez	Certified birth records for a person who is homeless	Public Health		5/6								
SB 801	Menéndez		State Affairs		4/22								
HB 789	Swanson	Parental Consent for Psychiatric/Psychological Exams	Public Education										
SB 400	Kolkhorst		Education			Passed	→H	Public Education					
HB 1455	J. Jones	Mental Health Jail Diversion Documentation at Arrest	Homeland Security, Public Safety, VAf.	4/23									
SB 2264	Cook												
HB 1536	Craddick	Rural Pilot Project for DFPS Children and Families	Human Services										
SB 513	Sparks		Health and Human Services			Passed	→H	Human Services					5/1
HB 1593	Campos	Study of Suicide Prevention and Peer Support for Firefighters	Intergovernmental Affairs				→S	Criminal Justice					
SB 1131	Middleton		Local Government										
HB 1620	Leach	Non-Substantive Revisions/Additions	Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	+4/3	5/5								
SB 2375	N. Johnson		Administration			Passed	→H						
HB 1656	Howard	Emergency Detention By Paramedics	Public Health	4/28									
SB 2706	Hagenbuch		Health and Human Services										

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HB 1741	A.Johnson	Court-Ordered	Public Health			Passed	→S	Criminal Justice					
HB 2758	Cook	Outpatient Treatment	Health and Human Services										
HB 1819	R. Lopez	Veterans and Families	Homeland Security, Public Safety, VA		4/22								
SB 897	Blanco	Community Mental Health Grants	Veterans’ Affairs			Passed	→H	Homeland Sec.			4/30		
HB 2234	Dutton	Continuity of Care for Children in	Criminal Jurisprudence	+ 5/1									
SB 1306	Cook	Juvenile Justice System	Criminal Justice										
HB 2711	Vo	Feasibility Study of	Public Health										
SB 2096	Zaffirini	Acute Psychiatric Bed Registry	Health and Human Services			Passed	→H						
HB 4783	VanDeaver	Report on	Public Health	+4/17	5/2								
SB 2378	Hancock	Opioid Antagonist Programs											
HB 4856	Alders	LMHA/LBHA	Public Health										
SB 2446	Sparks	Board Composition	Health and Human Services	4/23									
HB 5121	Harris-Davila	Inpatient	Public Health										
SB 528	Schwertner	Competency Restoration Services	Health and Human Services			Passed	→H	Public Health	5/5				
HB 5251	Leo	Excused School Absence for	Public Education										
SB 207	Paxton	Mental Health Appointments	Education			Passed	→H	Public Education	5/6				
HB 5463	Moody	Emergency Detention Orders	Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence										
SB 1164	Zaffirini		Criminal Justice			Passed	→H	Jud.& Civ. Jurisp.	5/8				
HB 5465	Moody	Competency Restoration	Criminal Jurisprudence	4/29									
SB 2213	Zaffirini		Criminal Justice										

House Bills

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HB 18	VanDeaver	Rural Health care, MH	Public Health			Passed	→S	H&HS					
HB 171	Guillen	Court ordered SUD treatment	Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence			Passed	→S	Criminal Justice					
HB 381	Guillen	Veteran’s PTSD Pilot	Defense & Veterans’ Affairs	3/10									
HB 475	A. Johnson	Multi-Systemic Therapy	Public Health	+ 5/1									
HB 488	A. Johnson	Functional Family Therapy	Public Health	4/17									
HB 497	Patterson	Parental Consent	Public Education	+ 5/1									
HB 505	Bucy	Certified Identification-Homeless	Intergovernmental Affairs	+ 4/28									
HB 510	R. Lopez	Certified Identification-Homeless	Intergovernmental Affairs		5/6								
HB 511	Bernal	Caregiver Property Tax Break	Ways and Means	3/31									
HB 1027	Shaheen	Telepharmacy	Public Health		5/6								
HB 1119	Gámez	Regional Allocation of MH Beds	Public Health			Passed	→S						
HB 1173	Raymond	Homeless Programs	Intergovernmental Affairs	5/6									
HB 1239	Guillen	120-Hour Protective Custody	Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	3/26									
HB 1583	Hull	Emergency Detention	Homeland Security & Public Safety			Passed	→S	Criminal Justice					
HB 1621	Lujan	Matching Grants for MH Hospitals	Public Health	4/28									
HB 1644	Oliverson	Fentanyl Testing Equipment	Public Health			Passed	→S	Criminal Justice					

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HB 1747	Campos	MH/SUD/Public Health Grants	Public Health	4/28									
HB 1826	Bowers	MH Screenings-Pregnant Inmates	Corrections	4/30									
HB 1831	A. Johnson	Juvenile Drug Courts	Criminal Justice			Passed	→S						
HB 1938	Campos	Emergency Detention-72 hours	Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	3/26									
HB 1965	J. Garcia	Military Veteran Peer Support	Homeland Sec., Public Safety & Veterans			Passed	→S						
HB 2035	Oliverson	Chemical Dependency Treatment	Public Health		5/5								
HB 2036	Oliverson	IOP and Partial Hospitalization	Public Health	4/17									
HB 2103	Ashby	MH Leave for Jailers	Corrections			Passed	→S	Criminal Justice					
HB 2528	Bucy	MAT for OUD/SUD	Insurance	4/9									
HB 2617	Anchía	Expunction of Arrest Records	Criminal Justice	4/22									
HB 2622	Metcalf	Transportation of Female Inmates	Public Health			Passed	→S						
HB 4420	Rose	Psychiatric Bed Availability	Public Health	5/1									
HB 4421	Rose	Peer Recovery Organizations	Public Health	5/1									
HB 5342	Langraf	988 Trust Fund	Public Health		5/5								
HB 5528	Louderback	Crisis Prevention Task Force	Homeland Security/Public Safety/VA	4/30									

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SB 207	Paxton	School Absences for MH Appts	Education			Passed	→H	Public Education	5/6				
SB 400	Kolkhorst	Parental Consent	Education			Passed	→H	Public Education	5/6				
SB 646	West	Educational Loan Repayment	Education			Passed	→H	Public Education					
SB 672	Hughes	Emergency Department. Diversion	Health and Human Services	4/28									
SB 719	Eckhardt	Inpatient MH Bed Availability	Health and Human Services	4/8									
SB 1137	Miles	Group Homes	Health and Human Services			Passed	→H	Human Services					
SB 1580	Blanco	LBHA/LMHA Board Membership	Health and Human Services			Passed	→H	Public Health					
SB 1681	Menéndez	Boarding Home Regulation	Health and Human Services			Passed	→H	Human Services					
SB 1777	Miles	Prohibits Group Home Referral Fee	Health and Human Services			Passed	→H	Human Services					
SB 1986	Hall	Warning Labels on Opioids	Health and Human Services	4/30									
SB 2487	Parker	Emergency Detention	State Affairs		5/5								

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 - w/am means “with amendment”. A bill’s author must a) concur with amendments added in the other chamber or b) not concur and request a conference committee to work out the disagreement, or c) kill the bill.

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	
Nexus New Admissions	2	3	4	1	2	3	0						15	27	42	
Nexus Average Days in Jail/Community from Referral to Admission	17.5	14.3	27.5	6	12	13.66	0						12.99	13.06	13.03	
Homeward Bound New Admissions	2	3	3	2	4	3	2						19	18	37	
Homeward Bound Average Days in Jail/Community from Referral to Admission	14	24	30.3	28	25.75	28.33	19						24.20	23.44	23.82	
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																
Successful	0	1	5	6	2	3	7						24	31	55	
Unsuccessful	1	2	0	1	2	0	0						6	9	15	
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2025																
Number of Referrals by Specialty Court	AIM		13				MISD DWI		1				STAR			
	ATLAS		1				IIP						Veterans			
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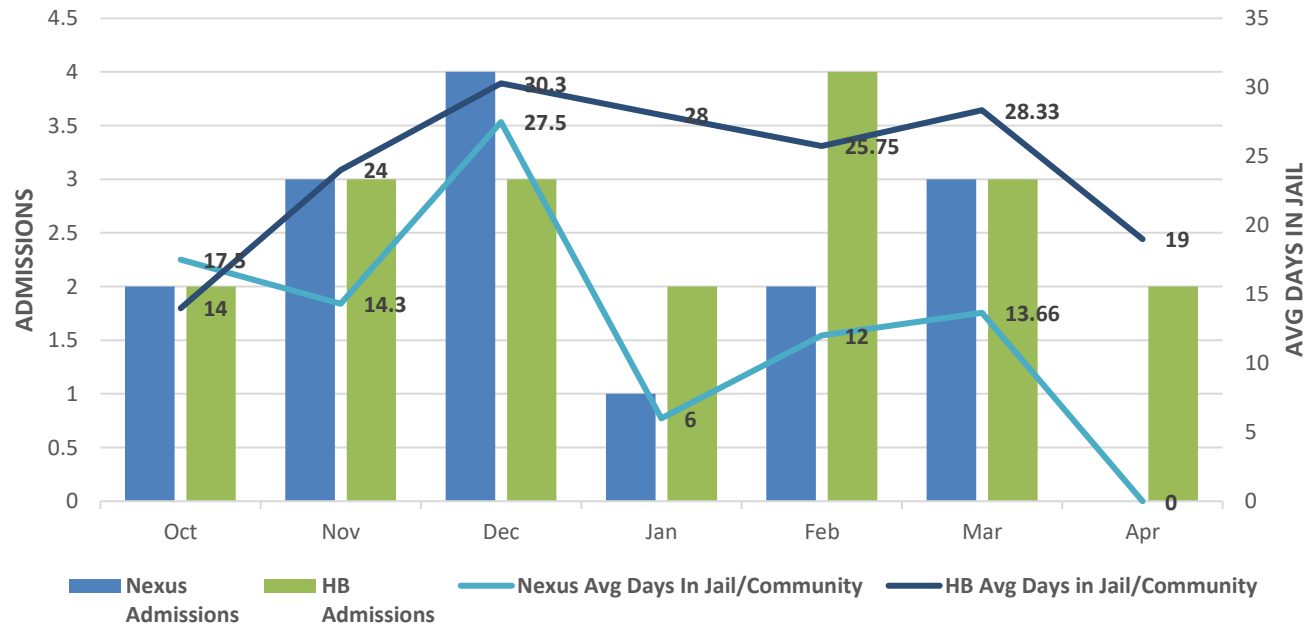
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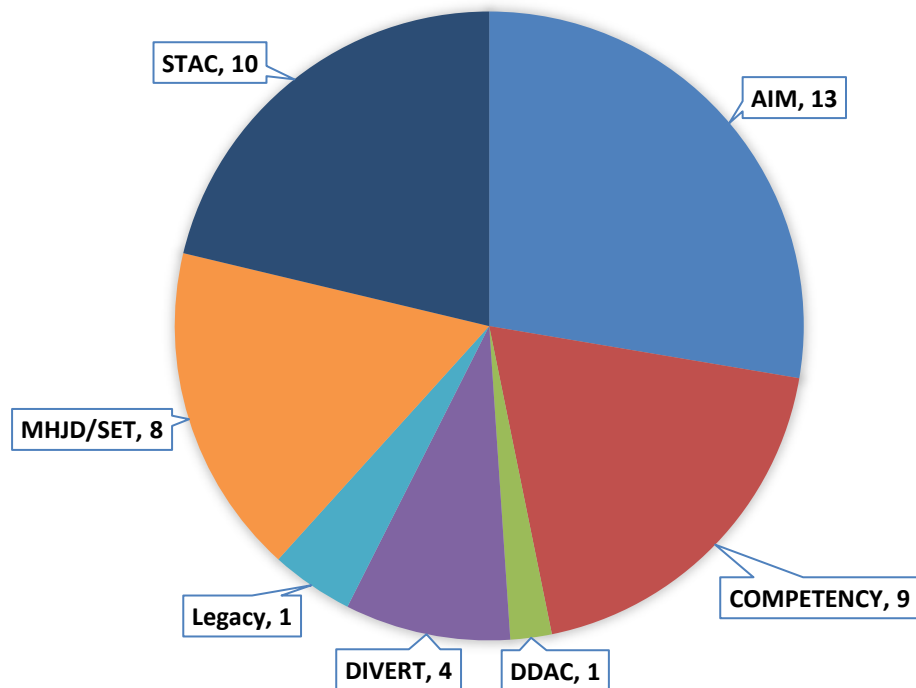
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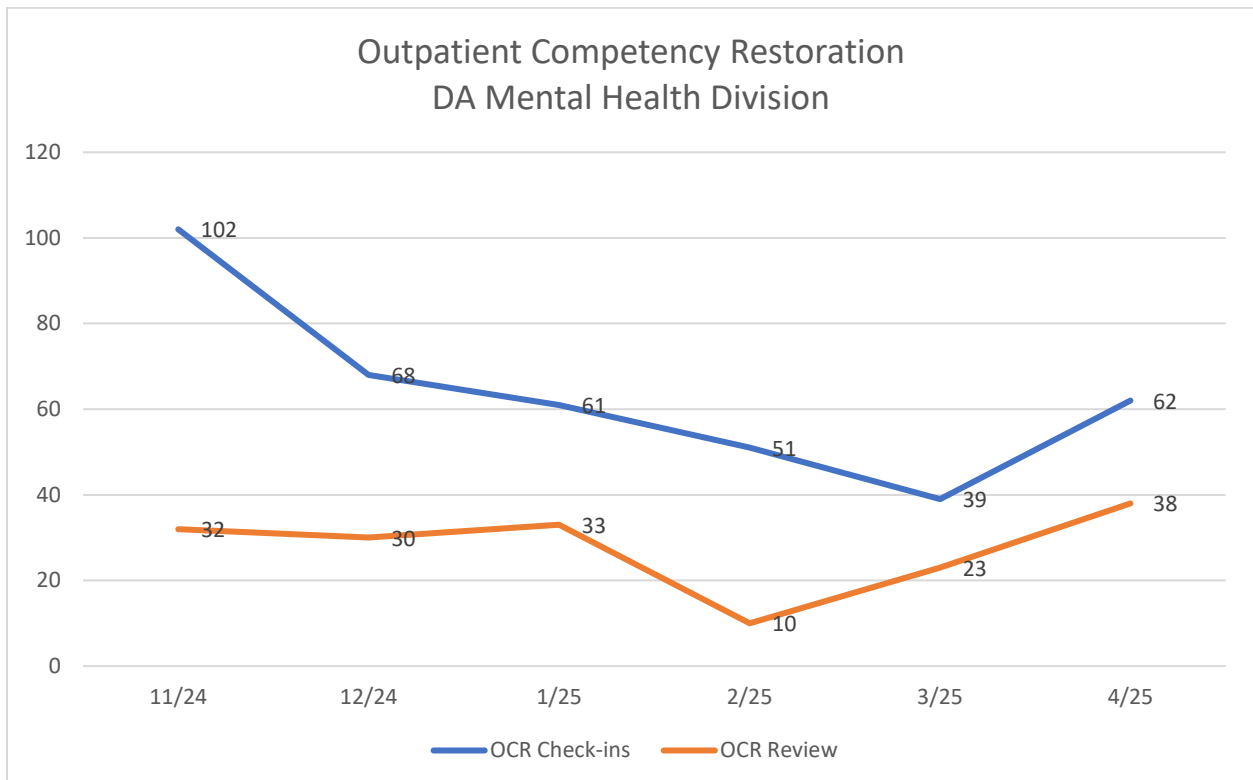
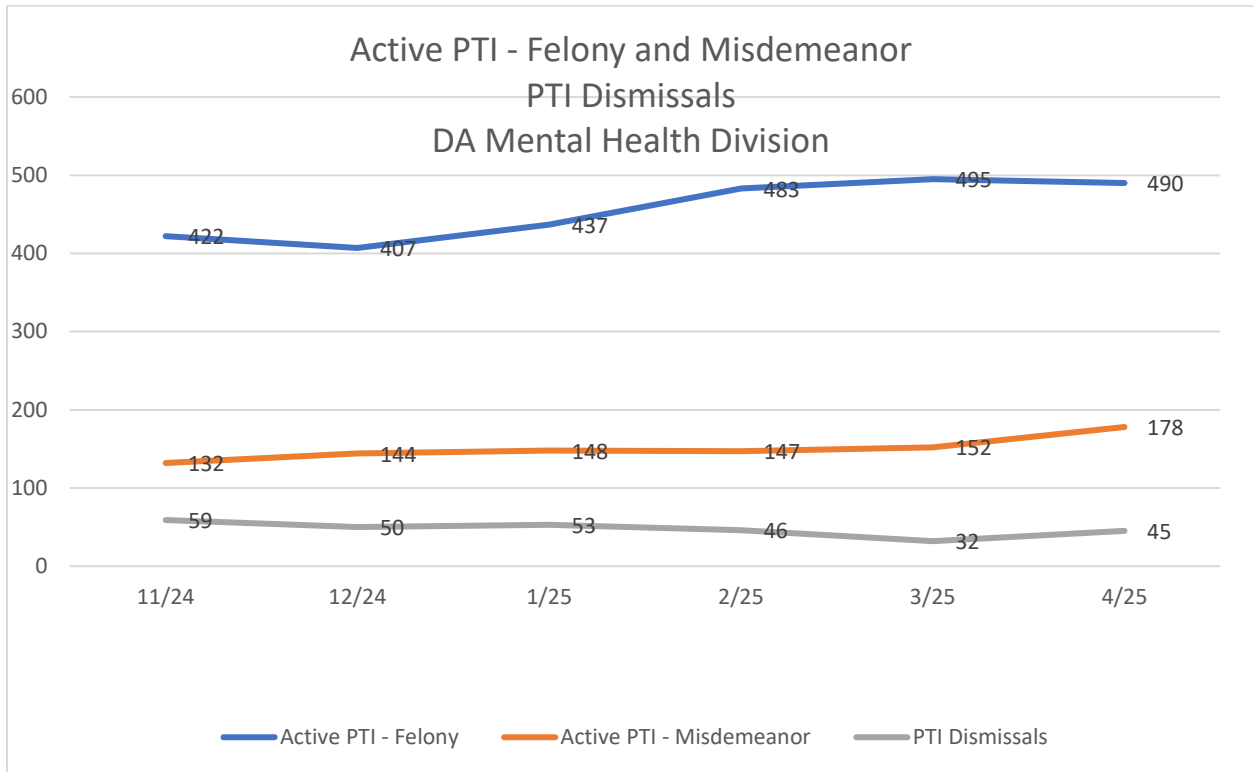
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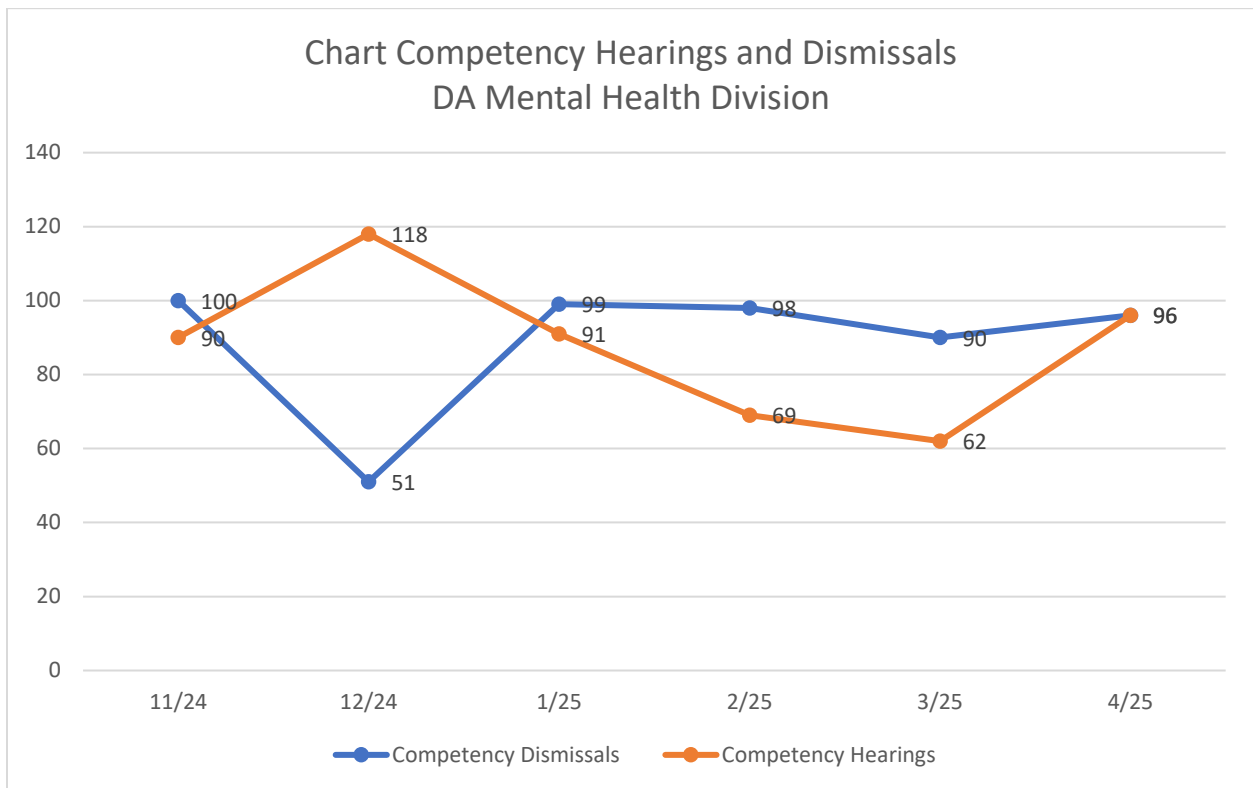
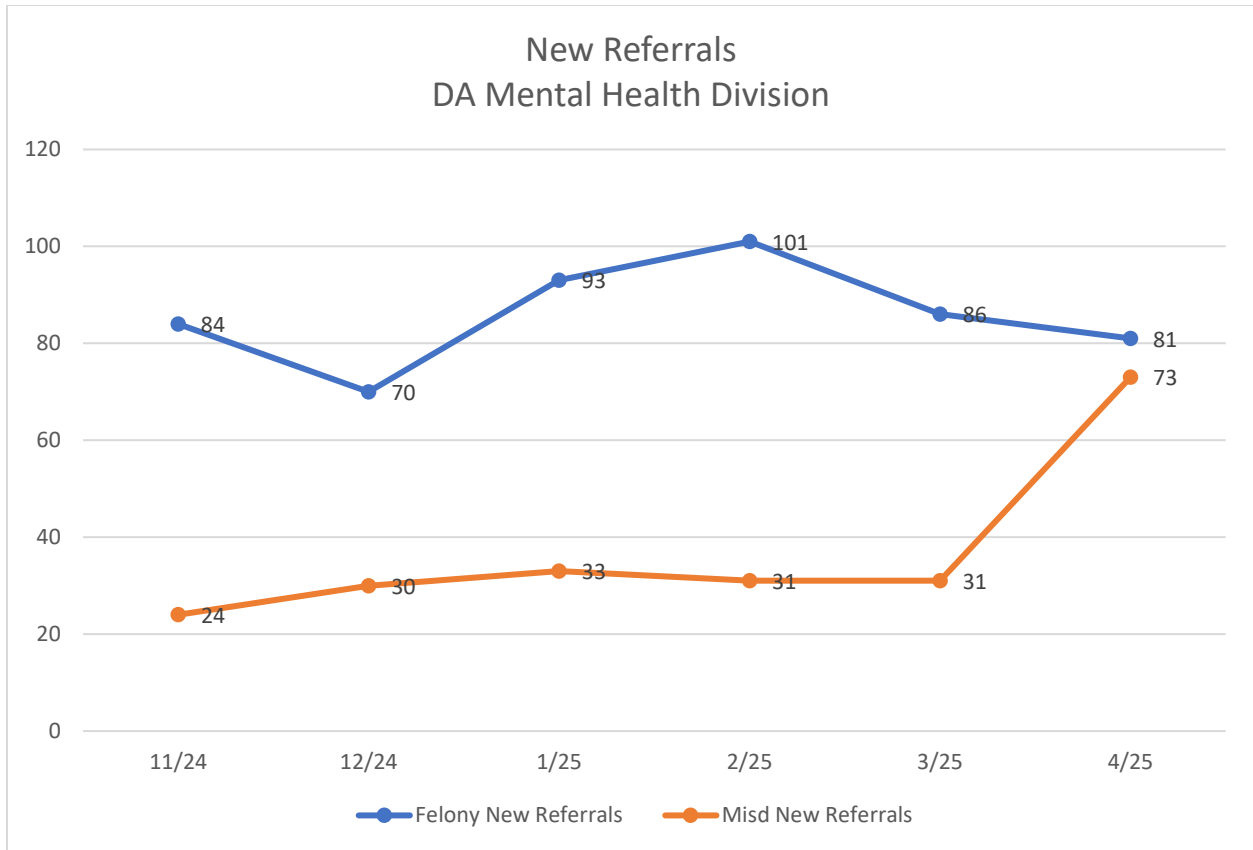
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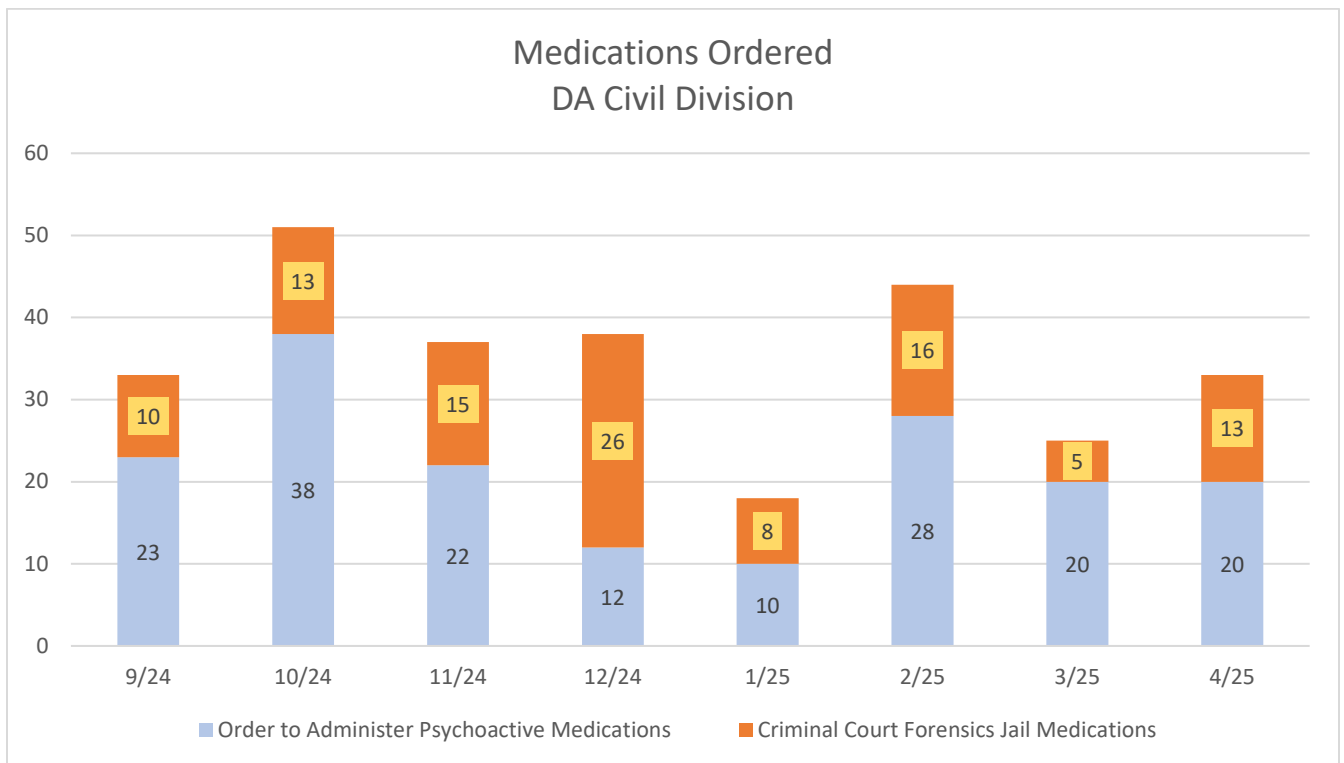
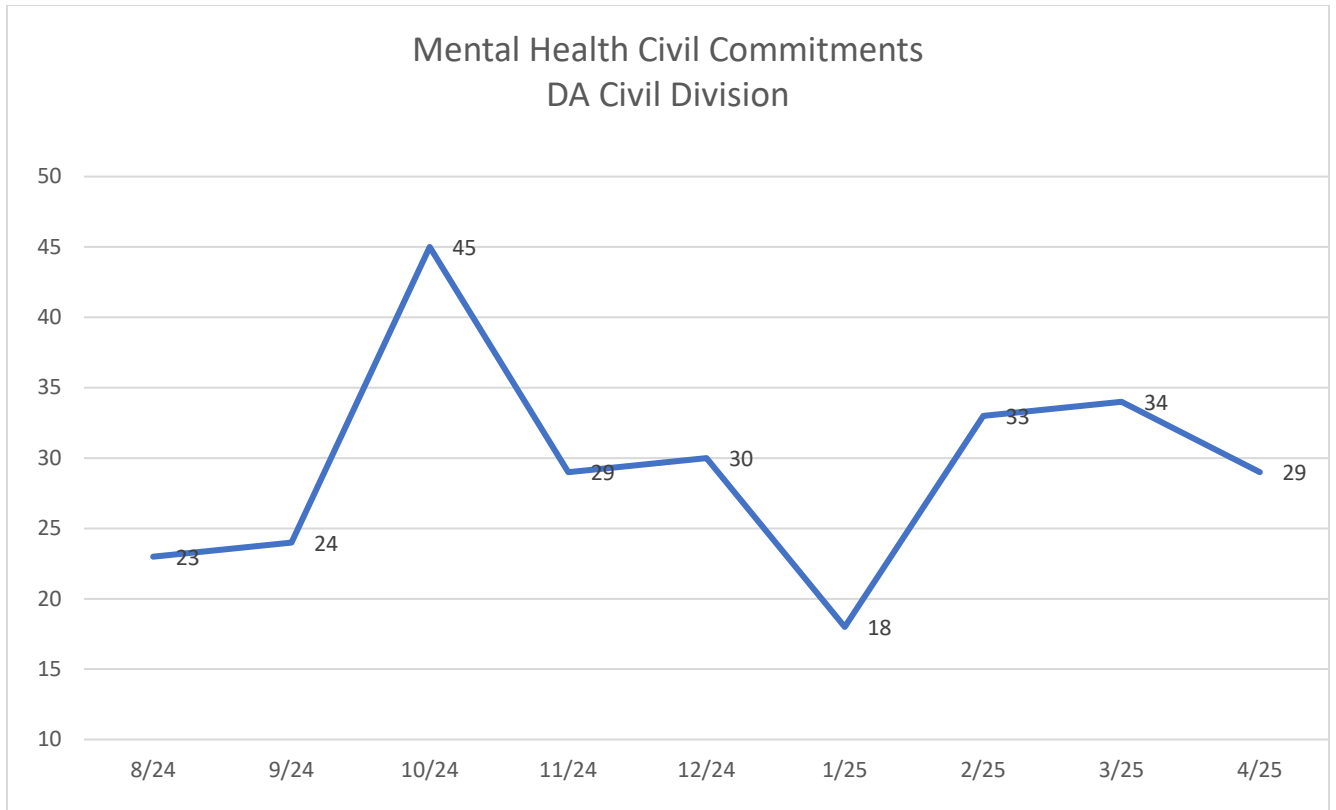
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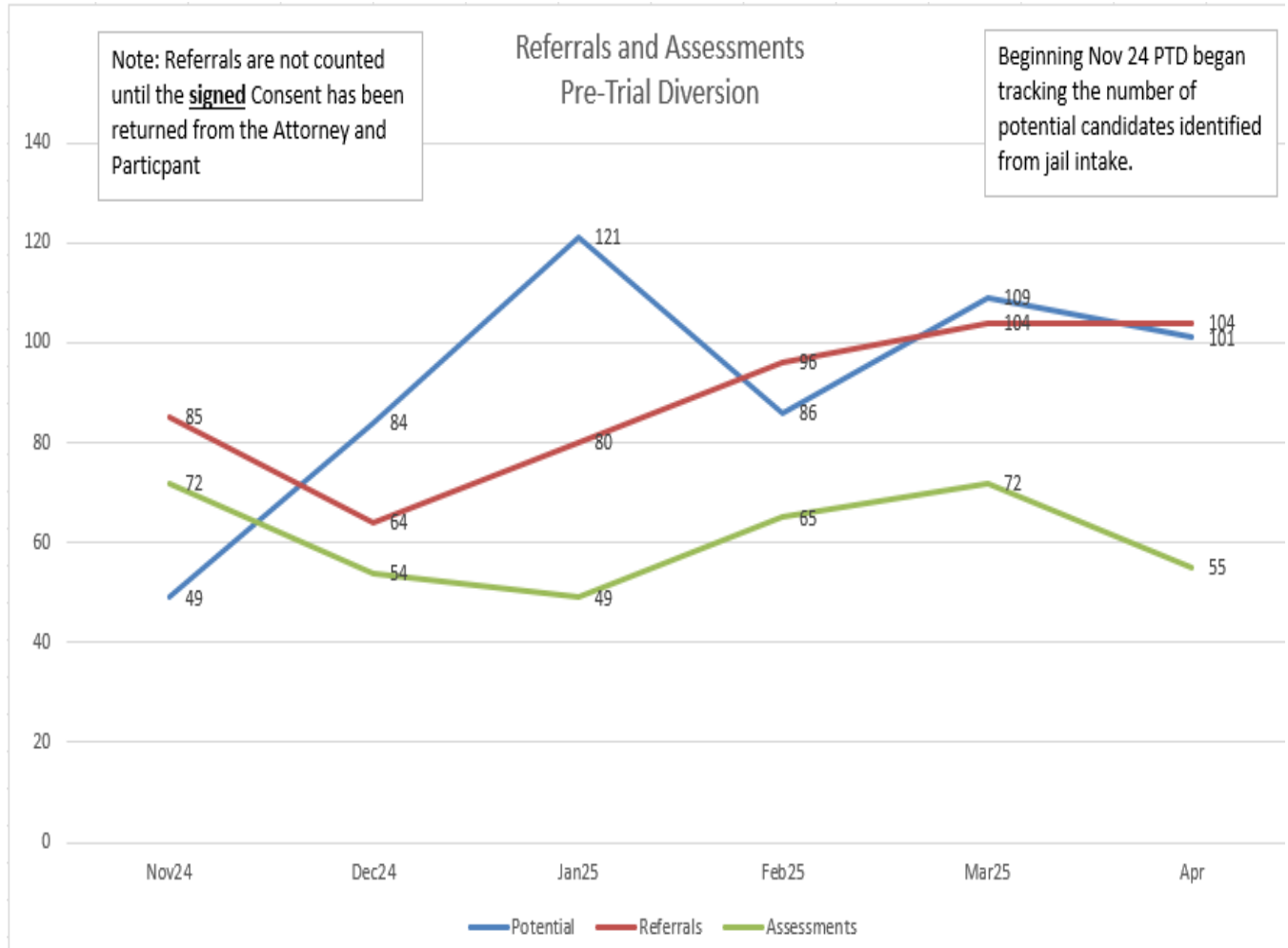
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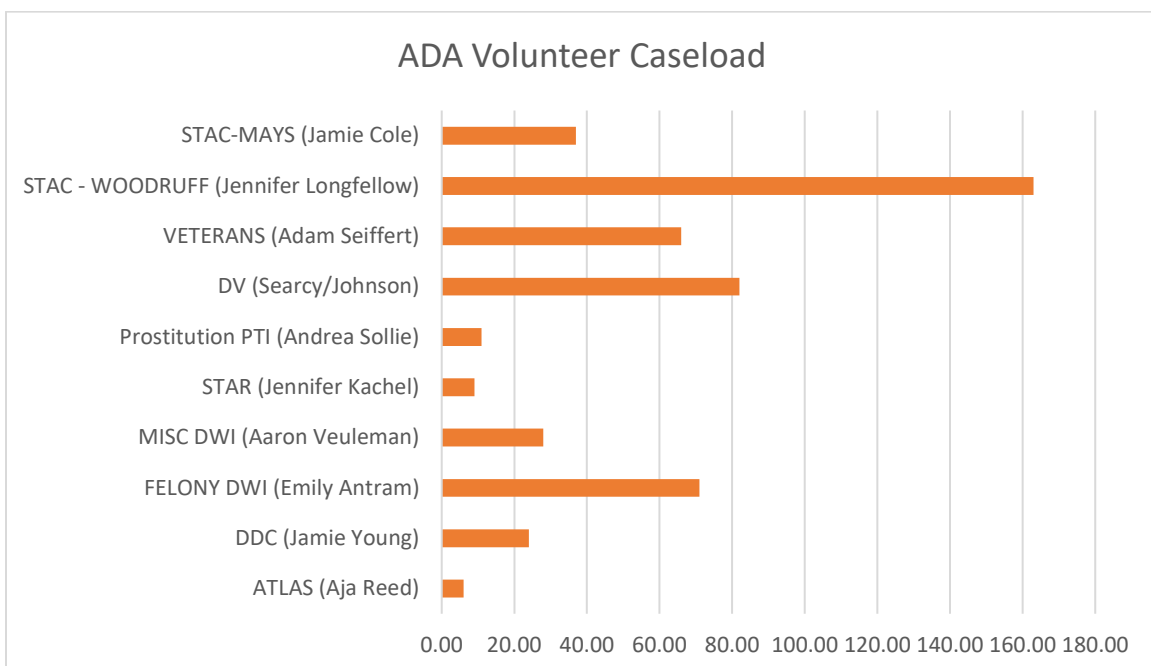
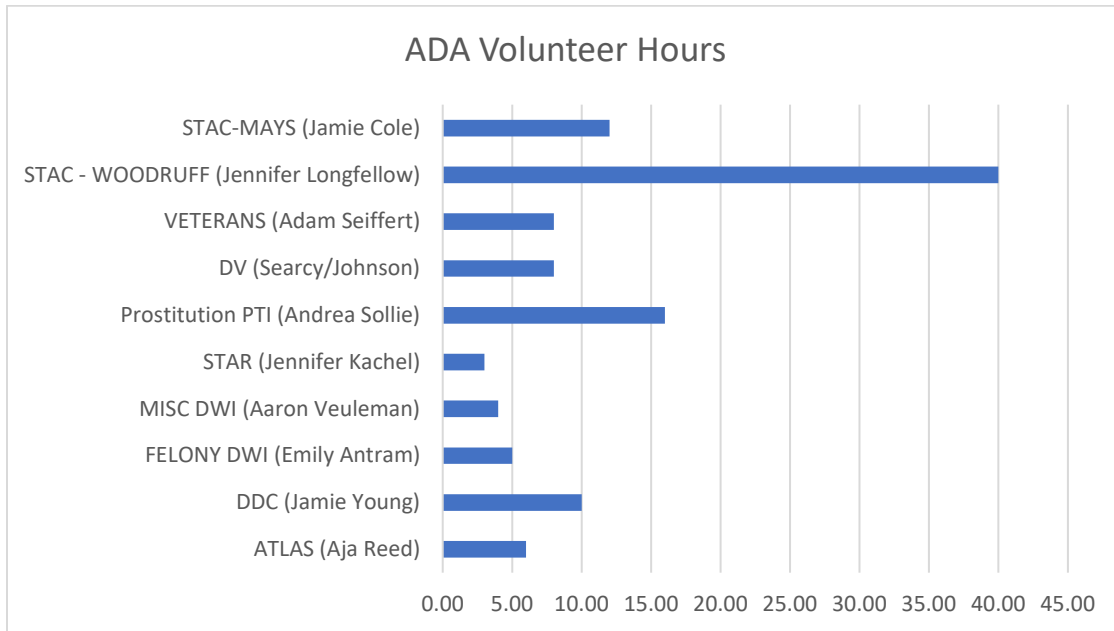
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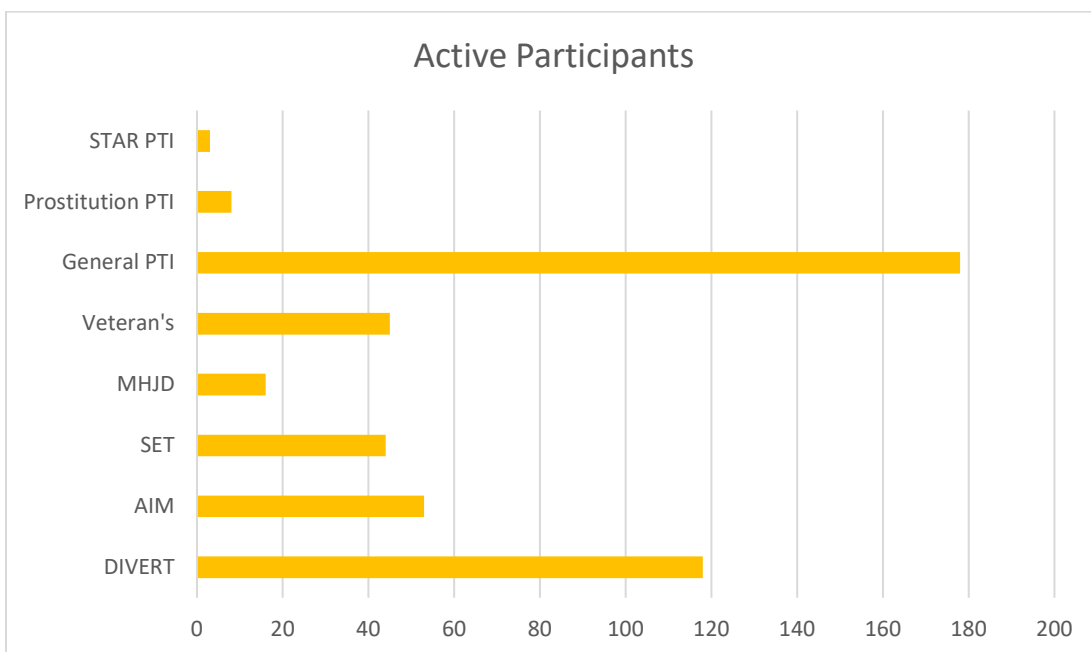
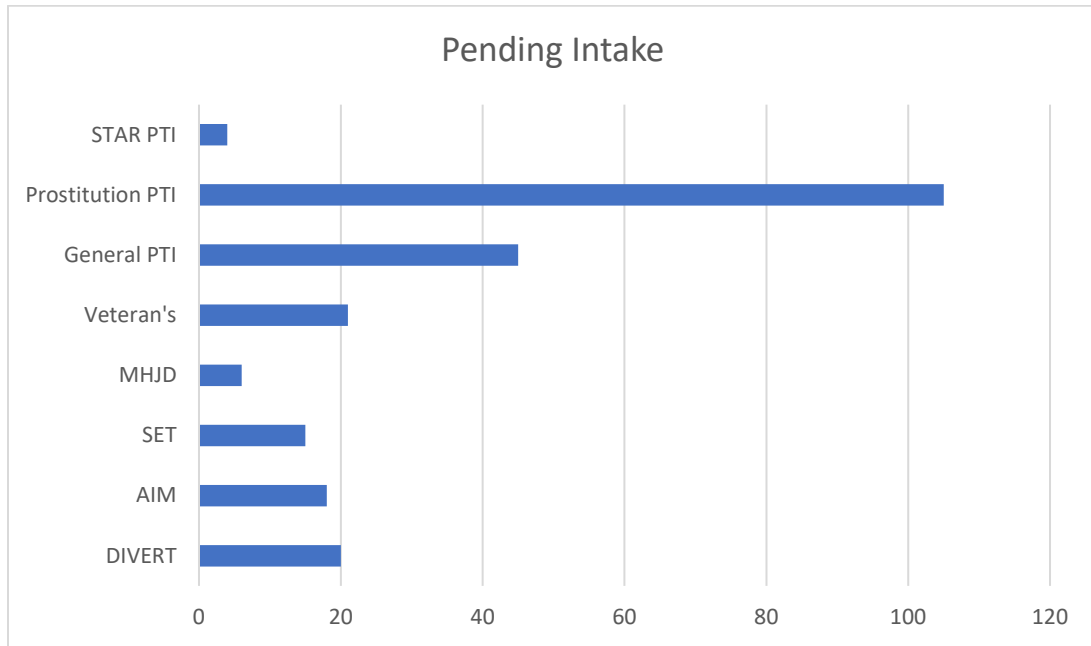


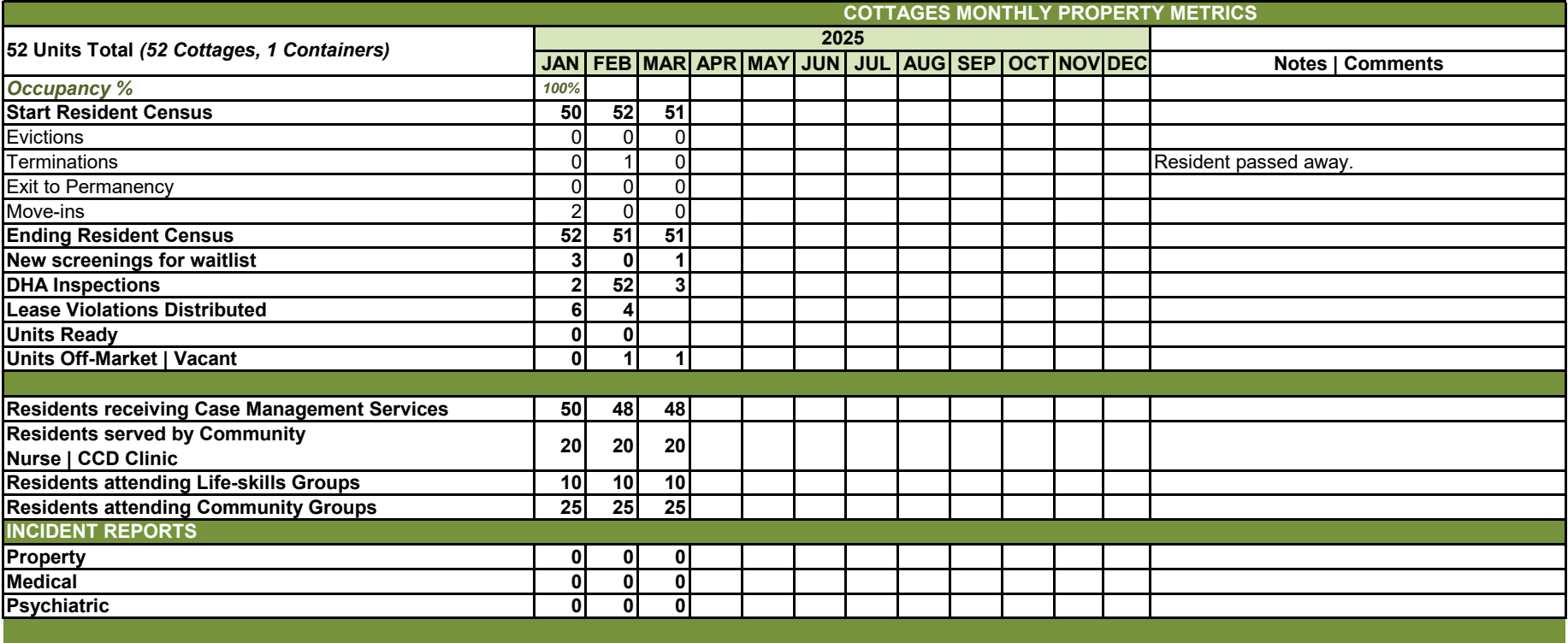
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MONTHLY STATISTICS-APRIL 2025





RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT / MONTHLY OCCUPANCY REPORT

Name of project: Cottages at Hickory Crossing Address: 1621 S. Malcolm X Blvd., Dallas, TX 75226 Report Month: April 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: 1 = Rapid Rehousing 2 = Tenant base voucher 3 = Project based voucher	Amount of monthly Section 8 assistance				
															Amount of rent paid by Sec 8	Amount of utilities paid by Sec 8			
1	Lomdong	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	Vacant	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	256	10,296.00	B	1	0	N		3	1,306	0	12/21/2022	
15	Brazile	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	N		3	1,357	0	04/14/2021	
16	Hogan	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	245	9,871.00	B	1	0	Y		3	1,385	0	07/07/2021	
17	Walker	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	278	11,172.00	B	1	0	N		3	1,352	0	3/9/2023	
18	Smith, S	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	83	3,046.00	B	1	0	Y		3	1,479	0	11/28/2023	
19	Little	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	75	3,000.00	B	1	0	Y		3	1,555	0	02/06/2020	
20	Mcgee	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N		3	1,580	0	08/22/2018	
21	Rochelle	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	N		3	1,357	0	01/18/2022	
22	Salinas	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	W	1	0	N		3	1,357	0	08/09/2021	
23	MCCoy	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	W	1	0	Y		3	1,580	0	3/3/2024	
24	Bibb	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	424	16,800.00	W	1	0	Y		3	1,206	0	01/19/2022	
25	Johns	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	274	11,074.00	B	1	0	Y		3	1,356	0	11/5/2022	
26	Fleming	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	W	1	0	N		3	1,580	0	11/28/2023	
27	Hill	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	281	11,268.00	B	1	0	N		3	1,349	0	06/06/2022	
28	Jernigan	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	554	22,562.00	B	1	0	Y		3	1,076	0	05/22/2018	
29	Marks	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N		3	1,580	0	04/12/2019	
30	Craig	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	264	10,968.00	W	1	0	N		3	1,366	0	09/21/2017	
31	Northern	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,562	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	Y		3	1,289	0	12/08/2021	
32	Guichet	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	270	11,208.00	W	1	0	Y		3	1,360	0	2/15/2024	
33	Lyons	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N		3	1,580	0	12/23/2022	
34	Gover	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	W	1	0	N		3	1,298	0	12/05/2016	
35	Nelson	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	N		3	1,357	0	08/22/2019	
36	Ganzer	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	170	6,412.00	W	1	0	Y		3	1,460	0	11/28/2023	
37	Dennis	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	245	10,968.00	W	1	0	N		3	1,385	0	07/13/2018	
38	Williams	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	284	10,968.00	B	1	0	N		3	1,346	0	5/31/2023	
39	Osbourne	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	N		3	1,298	0	6/13/2023	
40	Gipson	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	N		3	1,512	0	11/28/2023	
41	Barker	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	W	1	0	N		3	1,580	0	2/16/2023	
42	Sears	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	273	10,968.00	B	1	0	N		3	1,357	0	06/16/2021	
43	Ghaaze	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	245	11,904.00	B	1	0	Y		3	1,385	0	04/12/2019	
44	Warren	1	1,3,5	N	N	N	1,630	50	-	B	1	0	Y		3	1,580	0	01/13/2022	

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Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
Thursday, May 8, 2025
Supplemental Packet

Includes:

- Public Defender's Office
 - April 2025-MH Stats

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** *
April	44	0	14	58	0	0	0	0	2	2	56	32	0	13

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 MODIFIC ATIONS	DISMISS ALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSI TIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT ATLAS PARTICIP ANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPA NTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER ATLAS PARTICIPA NTS	BOND
April	25	1	26	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	25	25	8	0	17

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										
April	83	6	89	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	5	84	43	4	0	39										

April 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	278	19	297	0	4	2	0	0	9	0	0	10	25
Strather	278	18	296	0	4	2	0	0	9	0	0	10	25
Caldwell	115	9	124	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	9	11

April	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	120	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	7
Scott	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Foster	64	10	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0

RANDALL SCOTT FY2025 MISDEMEANOR 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
April	93	42	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	14	0	8	0	0	0	5

MI Court																										
MONTH	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENTS AT PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE	NEW CLIENTS AT PARKLAND	NEW CLIENTS AT CLEMENTS (formerly ZALE LIPSHY)	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS PRESBYTERIAN	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	NEW CLIENTS AT HICKORY TRAILS	NEW CLIENTS AT VA	NEW CLIENTS AT GREEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT GARLAND BEHAVIORAL	NEW CLIENTS AT METHODIST 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	116	4	20	27	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	8	0	0	0
C. Cox	141	0	0	0	0	0	115	4	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	9	1	0	12	
K. Nelson	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	5	0	0	0	
R. Black	143	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	40	0	0	0	3	0	10	7	0	0	0	

DAN ECKSTEIN													MHPR BOND STATS						
MONTH	INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS)	MHPR BOND APPOINTMENTS FROM DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS MINUS THOSE SCREENED- OUT)	MHPR BOND HEARING- BOND GRANTED (# of clients)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND DENIED (# of clients)	TOTAL HEARING S (# of clients)	Total # of Cases	Total # of Felony Cases	# of Felonies S Approved	# of Felonies S Denied	Total # of Misd. Cases	# of Misd's Approved	# of Misd's Denied							
April	3112	426	57	37	94	143	102	59	43	41	21	20							