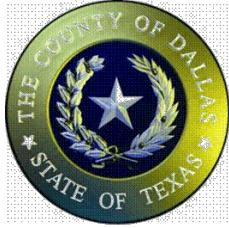




Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
Thursday, April 9, 2026
9:30am -11:00am
In-Person & Virtual Meetings via Microsoft Teams

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 - Review/Approval of January 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- II. Introductions
- III. North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update
- IV. Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) Update
- V. Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup Update
- VI. Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update
- VII. Legislative Update
- VIII. Funding Opportunities
 - SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update
 - Community Courts Grant Update – Public Defender’s Office (PD)
 - Restorative Justice Division Update – District Attorney’s Office (RJD)
- IX. Upcoming Events and Notifications
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Adjournment



DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
Minutes of the Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2026
<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 9:32 AM. Commissioner Price welcomed everyone and announced that the meeting was being recorded and those who continued in attendance were consenting to being recorded as a part of the open records.

The Commissioners present were Commissioner John Wiley Price and Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel. Commissioner Price entertained a motion for opening the meeting. A motion was made and seconded by another participant. The motion was unanimously passed by the committee members.

Review/Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the BHLT meeting held on Thursday, November 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.

- Rachel Wilson, Policy Innovation Lead, Housing Forward
- Kami Turner, LPC-S, Clinical Director, Overcoming Counseling Center
- Ninfa Beltran, Director of Community Courts, City of Dallas

Presentation:

Getting My Help, A Mental Wellness Foundation

- Greg Ellis, NFL Probowler, Film Producer & Founder of Getting My Help Foundation
The Getting My Help Foundation is a community-driven nonprofit focused on mental health awareness and mental wellness advocacy. Its mission is to encourage open conversations around mental health, reduce stigma, and motivate individuals to seek help and support when needed. Rather than providing clinical services, the foundation serves as a connector to resources, using community events, digital tools, and media initiatives to educate and engage the public. Activities include mental wellness walks and runs, awareness campaigns, storytelling through film and media, and support for a confidential mental health resources app. Ellis, who transitioned into advocacy and filmmaking after

his football career, created the foundation to address the widespread impact of untreated mental health challenges and to help ensure people do not feel alone on their wellness journey. Download the “Getting My Help” app for resources near you.

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update

Carol Lucky, CEO, NTBHA. Ms. Lucky reported that a major recent achievement has been the launch of diversion services at Terrell State Hospital, with staff currently on-site Monday through Friday from noon to 8:00 PM. The program is in the process of expanding to weekend coverage, with the goal of reaching 24/7 operations by late spring as staffing increases.

For November and December, there were 78 walk-ins. Of those, 44 individuals were successfully diverted to outpatient services, including medication support when needed, and were referred back to appropriate providers in their home counties or regions, since Terrell serves individuals from across East Texas and beyond. Additionally, 24 individuals required inpatient treatment, 11 were admitted to Terrell State Hospital and 13 were transferred to off-site inpatient facilities. Ms. Lucky emphasized that the primary goal of the program is to reduce congestion at Terrell, ensuring that inpatient beds are available for individuals who truly need that level of care. She noted that operations during the holiday season were largely business as usual, though the impact felt heavier due to timing. There were several significant cases, particularly on Christmas Eve, and she expressed gratitude to providers who stepped up during that period. When asked whether this year differed from previous years, Ms. Lucky stated that overall trends remained fairly steady, though challenges tend to feel more pronounced during the holidays. She concluded by thanking all providers for answering the call and supporting the effort.

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institution (MMHPI)

Ron Stretcher, Senior Director of Systems Management, MMHPI. Mr. Stretcher did not provide a verbal update and referred the committee to the BHLT packet for the December Deflection Center statistics.

Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup (BHHWG)

Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dr. Daniel highlighted a shift in federal priorities, including potential funding moves away from permanent supportive housing toward treatment, transitional housing, and workforce programs. She emphasized the need to assess how current efforts align with these changes. She also noted increased focus on World Cup preparedness, while stressing that ongoing, day-to-day challenges remain a priority. Dr. Daniel noted Mesquite as an example of a jurisdiction opposing legal encampment and focusing primarily on encampment cleanup, underscoring the broader shift in policy approach that requires continued evaluation.

Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update

Yordanos Melake, Criminal Justice Department. Ms. Melake did not provide an update but referred the committee to the BHLT supplemental packet for the December Mental Health Assessment Unit statistics.

Legislative Update

Janie Metzinger, Director of External Affairs, NTBHA. Ms. Metzinger reported that the interim legislative charges have not yet been released and are expected after the primaries, likely in the fall. She highlighted the mental health waiting list report, with emphasis on forensic inpatient data relevant to Dallas County, comparing current figures with data from two years prior to show trends. She noted ongoing system backlogs, including jail delays linked to state hospital capacity, particularly at Terrell State Hospital (TSH). While high walk-in numbers at TSH reflect improved diversion from jail and increased access to care, she emphasized the continued need for triage and community-based services. She also noted that legislatively funded inpatient capacity expansions are underway statewide, with some projects completed and additional beds expected to come online in the 2026–2027 biennium.

Funding Opportunities Updates

• SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update

Regina Fowlks, SAMHSA Program Coordinator. Ms. Fowlks provided a brief update from her report included in the packet. She noted that there have been two new admissions to Nexus, with an average wait period of eight days, and one new admission to Homeward Bound, with a wait of 12 days. Currently, there are three individuals on the waitlist.

• Community Courts Grant Update-Public Defender’s Office (PDO)

Christi Dean, Chief, Public Defender’s Office. Ms. Dean reported that the office continues to engage with Dallas Homeless Solutions through weekly meetings and has also been in contact with Housing Forward. The office is additionally focusing on establishing a parole and reentry task force to guide future reentry programs, with plans to partner with committee members in this effort.

Theo Peugh, Mental Health Division Chief. Mr. Peugh provided an update on the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program (AOT). He spoke with Judge Jones Johnson (Probate Court No.3), who confirmed the program is progressing, with four positions approved and currently undergoing salary analysis, expected to be completed within the next week or two. Mr. Peugh confirmed that the public defender’s office remains fully supportive of the program and will ensure it is included on the next civil service agenda.

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

Julie Turnbull, Chief of Restorative Justice Division. Ms. Turnbull did not provide an update but referred the committee to the BHLT packet for the District Attorney’s Office December statistics.

Upcoming Events and Notifications

- No upcoming events announced

Adjournment

Commissioner Price thanked everyone for their collaboration and service. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03am



DALLAS COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT UNIT CODE OF CRIM. PROC. ARTICLE 16.22

2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Magistrate Orders	2763	2841	3313									
Completed Screenings Sent Out by Mag Clerks	2322	2285	2716									
Face to Face Interviews	1214	1316	1408									
Telehealth/ Telephone Interviews	356	439	280									
Desk Reviews (Reports sent that were completed in the past 365 days)	1210	958	1029									
Refused Screening	156	213	232									
Unable to Locate	301	208	240									
Average days from order received to screening for individuals in custody (for a defendant held in custody, not later than 96 hours after the time an order was issued under Subsection (a))	1.9	1.8	1.8									
Average days from order received to screening for individuals out of custody (for a defendant released from custody, not later than the 30th day after the date an order was issued under Subsection (a))	8.2	7.3	10									

Acknowledgment

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to **Adapt Community Solutions** for their continued partnership and dedication in completing the 16.22 CCP interviews. Their timely and thorough work plays a vital role in supporting the mission of the Mental Health Assessment Unit within the Criminal Justice Department. We are grateful for their commitment to ensuring individuals receive the appropriate assessments and care.



89th Texas Legislature House Interim Charges Related to Behavioral Health

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Select Committees, unlike Standing Committees, are formed for a specific purpose and meet for a limited period of time. They are established to study and make legislative recommendations for a narrow, specialized area of law. For example, in the interim of the 84th Texas Legislature, Speaker Joe Straus appointed a Select Committee on Mental Health. In the interim of the 85th Texas Legislature, he appointed a Select Committee on Opioids and Substance Abuse. The reports of these select committees helped shape legislative proposals in the following regular legislative sessions.

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Entire list of Interim Committee Charges for the 89th Texas House of Representatives:

<https://www.house.texas.gov/pdfs/speaker/F-Interim-Charges-3.25.pdf>

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Appropriations Committee

Monitoring:

Monitor and oversee the implementation of appropriations bills, other legislation passed by the 89th Legislature affecting the allocation or use of funds from the state treasury, and major spending items, including funding for the following:

- Increasing personal attendant wages.
- Supporting and expanding rural health care.

Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

Fraud and Financial Exploitation of Elderly and Vulnerable Texans:

- Examine trends related to the crimes of fraud, financial exploitation, and abuse targeting elderly and vulnerable Texans, including crimes involving telecommunications and emerging technologies.
- Review the effectiveness of current criminal statutes, penalties, restitution tools, and coordination among law enforcement and regulatory agencies.
- Identify gaps in detection, investigation, prosecution, and victim recovery, and provide recommendations to strengthen prevention and accountability.

Delivery of Government Efficiency Committee

Agency Oversight:

Pursuant to the broad oversight responsibilities granted to the Committee under Section 301.014, Government Code, and the House Rules of Procedure, monitor the agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction, including for fraud, waste, and abuse, where applicable. The jurisdiction of the Delivery of Government Efficiency Committee includes the following agencies:

- The Sunset Advisory Commission

Preventing Fraud, Waste, and Abuse:

Study methods by which the state can leverage technology, including artificial intelligence, to detect fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer resources.

Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety—Subcommittee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs

Veteran Mental Health Programs:

- Monitor the implementation of [HB 114](#), relating to the transfer of functions relating to certain veteran mental health programs and plans to the Texas Veterans Commission.
- Conduct active oversight to ensure the efficient and effective transfer of authority, funding, personnel, and administrative responsibilities.

Human Services Committee

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation and associated rulemaking of all legislation passed by the Committee and enacted by the 89th Legislature to ensure that legislative purposes are properly implemented, including the following:

- [HB 26](#), relating to authorizing Medicaid managed care organizations to offer nutrition support services in lieu of other state Medicaid plan services.
- [HB 109](#), relating to the construction, expansion, and operation of certain inpatient mental health facilities and the designation of residential treatment facilities for certain juveniles.

Provision of Services for Texans With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities:

- Evaluate the availability of services for Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including service coordination, Home and Community-Based Services, and the functionality of the waiver interest list.
- Ensure vulnerable Texans are protected by the current regulatory landscape and make recommendations for improvements.

Preventing Fraud, Waste, and Abuse:

- Ensure government services provided by agencies under the committee's jurisdiction, including Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, efficiently serve eligible Texans.
- Evaluate barriers to efficient service provision for both clients and the providers of services, particularly the enrollment and credentialing of Medicaid providers.
- Review current efforts to identify and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse, and consider additional measures to reduce costs to taxpayers.

Agency Oversight:

Pursuant to the broad oversight responsibilities granted to the Committee under Section 301.014, Government Code, and the House Rules of Procedure, monitor the agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction, including for fraud, waste, and abuse, where applicable. The jurisdiction of the Human Services Committee includes the following agencies:

- The Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council as it relates to the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee;
- The Department of Family and Protective Services;
- The Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners; and
- The Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Mental Health Impacts, Homelessness, and System Recidivism:

- Study and evaluate the relationship between mental health conditions, homelessness, and the criminal justice system.
- Examine the availability of specialized high-acuity beds for the homeless, specifically for those with severe mental illness, addiction, and complex medical conditions.
- Make recommendations regarding pre-arrest diversion, alternatives to inpatient hospitalization, and best practices for sharing data to reduce recidivism.

Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee

Court-Ordered Mental Health Services:

- Review the process, criteria, duration, outcome, and necessity of court-ordered mental health services for families and children, including reunification therapies.
- Evaluate the availability and appointment of such providers.
- Analyze the effectiveness of these services and the financial burden they can impose.
- Determine if these mandated services and providers infringe on parental rights.

Public Education Committee

Monitoring:

- Monitor the implementation and associated rulemaking of all legislation passed by the Committee and enacted by the 89th Legislature to ensure that legislative purposes are properly implemented, including the following:
 - [HB 6](#), relating to discipline management and access to telehealth mental health services in public schools

Public Health Committee

Monitoring:

- Monitor [SB 2308](#), relating to the establishment of a consortium to conduct United States Food and Drug Administration's drug development clinical trials with ibogaine to secure the administration's approval of the medication's use for treatment of opioid use disorder, co-occurring substance use disorder, and any other neurological or mental health conditions for which ibogaine demonstrates efficacy and to the administration of that treatment.

Texas Rural Health Transformation Program:

- Study the implementation and impact of federal funding awarded to Texas under the Rural Health Transformation Program.
- Review the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's program applications, processes, and use of funds.

- Assess how the program may affect access to care, rural health care delivery, behavioral health and telehealth services, workforce stability, and provider sustainability.
- Identify opportunities to improve program oversight and maximize its long-term effectiveness.

Social Media’s Impact on Youth Health and Well-Being:

- Study the impact of social media platforms and artificial intelligence technologies on the mental health, cognitive development, and behavioral well-being of minors in Texas.

Artificial Intelligence Use in Health Care:

- Study the use of artificial intelligence in the health care system to improve access, quality, and efficiency of care, while evaluating potential risks to patient safety, privacy, and access to care for Texans.

Public Health Trends and Prevention:

- Review current data on communicable diseases and emerging public health threats in Texas.
- Examine strategies to address rising rates of 38 chronic diseases.
- Evaluate effective interventions for substance use disorders.
- Study opportunities to reduce morbidity and mortality among Texans.

Texas Health Care Workforce:

Review the current and projected health care workforce shortage in Texas and make recommendations to reduce its impact on access to care and service delivery.

Telehealth:

- Evaluate the use of telehealth and virtual care models in Texas, including their impact on access, cost, quality, and patient outcomes, and recommend opportunities to modernize health care technology.

Agency Oversight:

- Pursuant to the broad oversight responsibilities granted to the Committee under Section 301.014, Government Code, and the House Rules of Procedure, monitor the agencies under the Committee’s jurisdiction, including for fraud, waste, and abuse, where applicable.
- The jurisdiction of the Public Health Committee includes the following agencies:
 - The Health and Human Services Commission and Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council as it relates to the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee;
 - The Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.

State Affairs Committee

Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery:

- Review the application of current state law as it relates to state and local disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.
- Review state agency and local government requirements related to training, licensing, education, coordination, and mass fatality operations.
- Identify beneficial disaster management practices to improve the coordination of communications between governmental entities and streamline response and recovery efforts, including those related to intergovernmental command structures.
- Evaluate the applicability of other regulatory requirements that hinder disaster response and recovery throughout the state and recommend corresponding statutory or state policy changes.

Ways & Means Committee

(possible impact due to language regarding limiting growth of local government spending)

Local Government Spending:

- Examine local government spending and debt practices, including the use of certificates of obligation, to determine the overall impact on property tax rates.
- Evaluate other revenue sources, such as fees, utilized by local units of government to facilitate increased spending.
- Make recommendations to improve the long-term affordability for Texas families by limiting the growth of local government spending.

SELECT COMMITTEES

Select Committee on Governmental Oversight

Safeguarding Taxpayer Funds:

- Study how local governments appropriate public funds to, or otherwise contract with, third-party consultants and nongovernmental organizations for services, including those related to health and human services, public safety, and homelessness policies.
- Assess trends in third-party services spending and evaluate risks and benefits.
- Examine the degree of influence third-party consultants and nongovernmental organizations exert on matters of public policy and make recommendations to prevent conflicts of interest and ensure full transparency and accountability in the expenditure of taxpayer funds.

Texas Public Information Act:

- Study the applicability of the Texas Public Information Act, the entities currently subject to the Act, its effectiveness, and the necessity of current exemptions from public disclosure.
- Additionally, review requirements related to public notices and make recommendations to improve citizen awareness and transparency

Select Committee on Health Care Affordability

- Evaluate health care cost drivers, including statutory, regulatory and administrative burdens, and the impact of fraud, waste, and abuse.
- Study potential improvements to the delivery system and emerging financing models that reduce the cost of health care.
- Evaluate the impact insurance design, cost sharing, market structure, and payment policies have on consumers and employers. Consider opportunities to encourage flexibility and innovation in plan design to improve affordability while maintaining access to quality care.
- Identify options that eliminate barriers for small and midsize employers to offer health care coverage.
- Examine the impact of consolidation on patient choice, market competition, and price and value in health care services.
- Review the level of consumer transparency in health care markets to ensure consumers have access to clear, accurate, and actionable information on prices, benefits, and out-of-pocket costs.
- Recommend ways to improve consumer engagement and encourage opportunities to evaluate the cost and quality of health care.
- Review the implementation of prior legislation and other legislative efforts to reduce the price of health care and make recommendations to support and improve their effectiveness.



89th Texas Legislature Senate Interim Charges Related to Behavioral Health

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Senate Standing Committees continue from session to session. They are established to study specific areas of law and are responsible for reviewing proposed legislation related to the assigned subject, such as Business & Commerce, Finance, Health & Human Services, etc. Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Members are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

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<https://www.ltgov.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/2026-Interim-Charges.pdf>

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Business and Commerce Committee

Strengthening Regulatory Oversight and Access to Affordable Insurance for Texans:

- Evaluate the rising cost of property and casualty insurance in Texas.
- Consider the stability and competitiveness of the Texas insurance market, insurer participation, and coverage availability to meet consumer demand.
- Make recommendations to increase affordability, improve reporting to strengthen consumer protections, and support timely regulatory and legislative responses.

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce passed by the 89th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:

- [Senate Bill 815](#) (89th Legislature), relating to the use of certain automated systems in, and certain adverse determinations made in connection with, the health benefit claims process;
- [Senate Bill 1964](#) (89th Legislature), relating to the regulation and use of artificial intelligence systems and the management of data by governmental entities;
- [House Bill 149](#) (89th Legislature), relating to regulation of the use of artificial intelligence systems in this state; providing civil penalties.

Criminal Justice Committee

Addressing Juvenile Violence:

- Study the growing violence among juveniles both in communities and state and county secure facilities.
- Examine the effectiveness of juvenile diversion programs, sentencing laws, and whether determinate sentences for all “3G” violent juvenile offenders would better ensure public safety.
- Make recommendations to improve juvenile outcomes and protect the public.

Protecting the Public From Violent Offenders Found Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity:

- Examine the policies and procedures of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regarding murderers, robbers, rapists, and other violent offenders found not guilty by reason of insanity and entrusted to HHSC for mental health treatment in lieu of prison.
- Evaluate the community supervision recommendations made by HHSC to the courts for those found not guilty by reason of insanity, and whether those recommendations prioritize public safety.
- Make recommendations to emphasize and ensure public safety for victims and the community.

Education

Monitoring:

- Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Education passed by the 89th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction.
- Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:
 - [House Bill 6](#) (89th Legislature), relating to discipline management and access to telehealth mental health services in public.

Finance Committee

Preventing Fraud, Waste, and Abuse:

- Review state agencies' strategies to detect and mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse.
- Quantify the fiscal impact of financial impropriety on the state budget.
- Identify high-risk areas such as entitlement programs, contracted services, and technology contracts.
- Assess prevention and recovery efforts, including data analytics, reporting mechanisms, financial recoveries, and prosecutions.
- Make recommendations to strengthen oversight and better protect public funds.

Health and Human Services Committee:

Protecting Taxpayer Funds--Preventing Fraud and Abuse:

In support of Governor Abbott's call to action to eliminate fraud, explore and recommend ways to prevent fraud and abuse in Texas human service programs including, but not limited to, Medicaid and Child Care Services programs.

Addressing Societal Impacts of THC Product Consumption:

- Study the impact of THC on increased health care costs, mental health emergency detentions, and the risk of being diagnosed with a THC-induced psychotic disorder.
- Make recommendations to decrease health care and criminal justice costs.

Strengthening Crisis Related Mental Health and Homelessness Services:

- Determine the state's authority and procedures for providing public mental health services and the intersection of those services with homelessness and addiction.
- Evaluate the effectiveness, consistency, and outcomes of competency restoration for criminally charged individuals awaiting trial, as well as processes for civil in-patient and out-patient commitments.
- Make recommendations to prioritize the most acute populations for treatment in order to reduce public safety threats.

Rising Health Care and Insurance Costs:

- Examine the drivers of rising health care costs in Texas.

- Consider whether certain providers and models for health care services, including, but not limited to, Pharmacy Benefit Managers and health care facility fees, have resulted in business practices that are contributing to rising health care costs and insurance premiums.
- Identify ways to lower the cost of health care and increase market flexibility, drawing on additional product offerings like Health Savings Accounts and new flexible plans.

Monitoring:

- Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services passed by the 89th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:
 - Mental health programs and services provided through the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium;
 - [SB 331](#) (89-R), relating to the disclosure of health care cost information by certain health care facilities, imposing an administrative penalty. This legislation includes mental hospitals, crisis stabilization units, chemical dependency treatment facilities, and narcotic drug treatment programs.
 - [SB 1236](#) (89th Legislature), relating to the relationship between pharmacists or pharmacies and health benefit plan issuers or pharmacy benefit managers.
 - Other legislation related to health care costs.

SELECT COMMITTEES

Select Committee on Veteran Affairs

Monitoring:

- Monitor the implementation of legislation passed by the 89th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction.
- Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:
 - [Senate Bill 1814](#) (89th Legislature), relating to the creation and maintenance of an electronic database to provide information to certain members of the United States armed forces regarding the resources and benefits provided to veterans; and
 - [House Bill 114](#) (89th Legislature), relating to the transfer of functions relating to certain veteran mental health programs and plans to the Texas Veterans Commission.



89th Texas Legislature Senate Committee Appointments

STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Committee on Administration

Bob Hall, Chair
Brent Hagenbuch, Vice Chair
Molly Cook
Sarah Eckhardt
Adam Hinojosa
Lois Kolkhorst
José Menéndez

Senate Committee on Business and Commerce

Charles Schwertner, Chair
Chair Phil King, Vice Chair
César Blanco
Donna Campbell
Brent Hagenbuch
Adam Hinojosa
Nathan Johnson
Lois Kolkhorst
José Menéndez
Kevin Sparks
Judith Zaffirini

Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

Pete Flores, Chair
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Senate Committee on Education

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Brent Hagenbuch
Phil King
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Tan Parker
Angela Paxton
Royce West

Senate Committee on Finance

Joan Huffman, Chair
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Paul Bettencourt
Donna Campbell
Pete Flores
Bob Hall
Phil King
Lois Kolkhorst
Angela Paxton
Charles Perry
Charles Schwertner
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Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

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Charles Perry, Vice Chair
César Blanco
Molly Cook
Bob Hall
Bryan Hughes
Borris Miles
Kevin Sparks

Senate Committee on Higher Education

Paul Bettencourt, Chair
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Carol Alvarado
Phil King
Tan Parker
Angela Paxton
Royce West

Senate Committee on Local Government

Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Bryan Hughes, Vice Chair
Molly Cook
Roland Gutierrez
Phil King
Angela Paxton
Royce West

Senate Committee on Natural Resources

Kevin Sparks, Chair
Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair
Carol Alvarado
César Blanco
Pete Flores
Bryan Hughes
Tan Parker

Senate Committee on Nominations

Adam Hinojosa, Chair
Carol Alvarado
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Bryan Hughes
Borris Miles
Angela Paxton
Kevin Sparks

Senate Committee on State Affairs

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Senate Committee on Transportation

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Sunset Advisory Commission

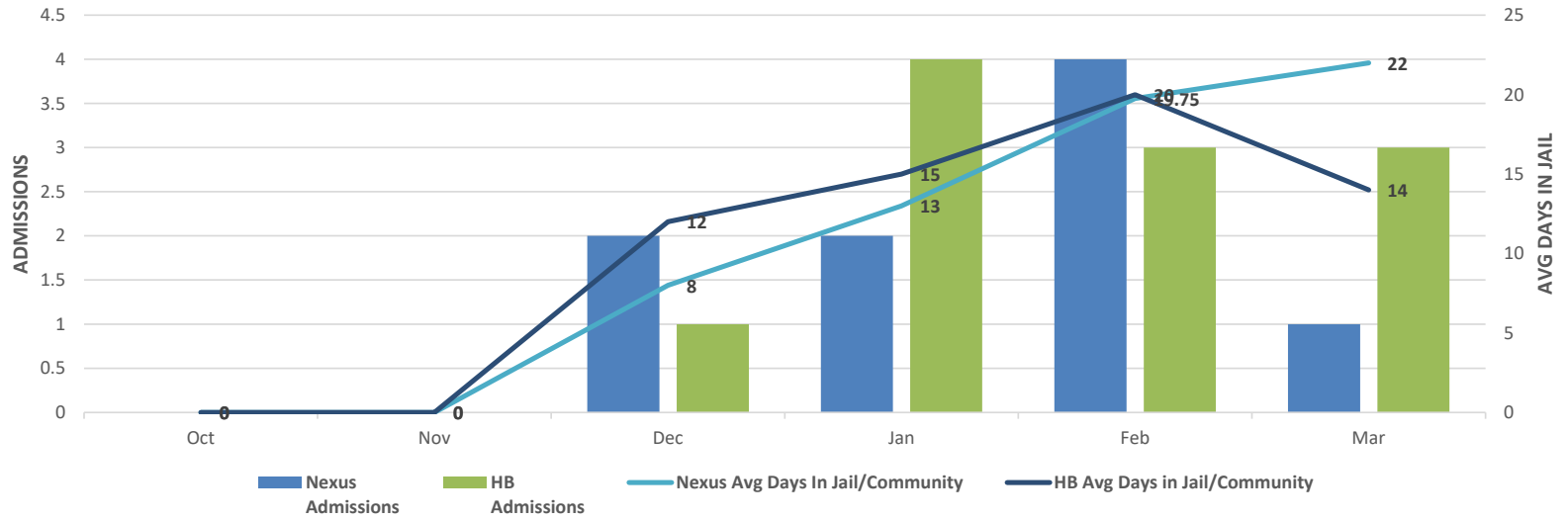
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**Department of Criminal Justice
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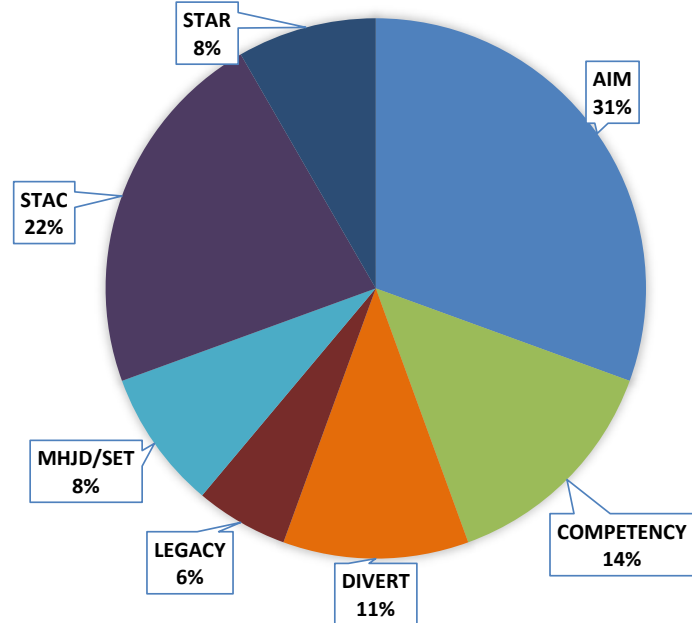
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2026 Total	FY2025 Total	FY2024 Total	GRANT PERIOD GRAND TOTAL
Nexus New Admissions	0	0	2	2	4	1							9	23	27	59
Nexus Average Days in Jail/Community from Referral to Admission	N/A	N/A	8	13	20	22							16	20	13	16
Homeward Bound New Admissions	0	0	1	4	3	3							11	19	18	48
Homeward Bound Average Days in Jail/Community from Referral to Admission	N/A	N/A	12	15	20	14							15	24	23	21
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																
Successful	0	0	0	1	4	3							8	33	31	72
Unsuccessful	0	0	0	2	1	0							3	9	9	21
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2026																
Number of Referrals by Specialty Court 36	AIM	11	MISD DWI		STAR	3										
	ATLAS		IIP		Veterans											
	Competency	5	Legacy Family	2	4-C											
	DDAC		MHJD/SET	3												
	DIVERT	4	STAC	8												

- *Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 5
- *Nexus Pending Admission: 4
- *Cancelled Referrals: 8
- *Clients Currently in Treatment 8

SAMHSA INPATIENT TREATMENT REFERRALS FY26



SAMHSA SPECIALTY COURT REFERRALS FY26



March		FY2026 MHPD STATISTICS												
ATTORNEY	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TRIALS	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	COND. DISM.	REVK	REVC	DISMISSALS	INCOMP ETENT	REFER RALS	OTHER COUNSEL APPT.	TOTAL CLOSED
Lenox	70	20	90	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	16
Strather	191	16	207	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	2	0	9	18
Caldwell	133	12	145	0	0	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	3	12

March																	
FY2026 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS																	
ATTORNEY	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TOTAL	TRIALS	JAIL PLEA	PROB PLEA	REVK	REVC	DISMISSALS	EXTENSIONS	HOSP. TRANSFER	OTHER	TOTAL DISPOSED	TOTAL ENDING PENDING	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN PTI	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN JCBR
Harden	86	5	91	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	9	82	7	4	10
Scott	27	3	30	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	5	25	4	2	0
Foster	102	10	112	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	3	9	103	9	5	8

March																		
FY2026 MISDEMEANOR COMPETENCY STATISTICS																		
ATTORNEY	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATIONS	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	TOTAL DISPOSED	TOTAL ENDING PENDING	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
Scott	122	92	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	19	0	14	0	0	0	62	30	4

March																								
FY2026 CIVIL COMMITMENT STATISTICS																								
ATTORNEY	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT PERIMETER ARLINGTON	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENTS AT PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE	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 METHODIST RICHARDSON	NEW CLIENTS AT ARLINGTON MEMORIAL & MILLWOOD	NEW CLIENTS AT HAVEN	PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS HELD	NO CONTEST COMMIT	CONTESTED COMMIT	FORCED MEDS HEARING IN COURT	MODIFICATION HEARINGS	OUTPATIENT COMMIT	INPATIENT COMMIT
L. Roberts	120	4	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	2	0	9	10	0	0	0
C. Cox	156	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	11	7	2	0	11
K. Nelson	156	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	71	18	0	0	0	0	2	0	15	14	0	0	10
R. Black	72	0	2	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	3	0	5	5	0	0	5

DAN ECKSTEIN												
FY2026 MHPR BOND STATISTICS												
MONTH	INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS)	MHPR BOND APPOINTMENTS FROM DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS MINUS THOSE SCREENED-OUT)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND GRANTED (# of clients)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND DENIED (# of clients)	TOTAL HEARINGS (# of clients)	Total # of Cases	Total # of Felony Cases	# of Felonies Approved	# of Felonies Denied	Total # of Misd. Cases	# of Misd's Approved	# of Misd's Denied
March	3178	421	49	27	76	113	74	47	27	39	24	15

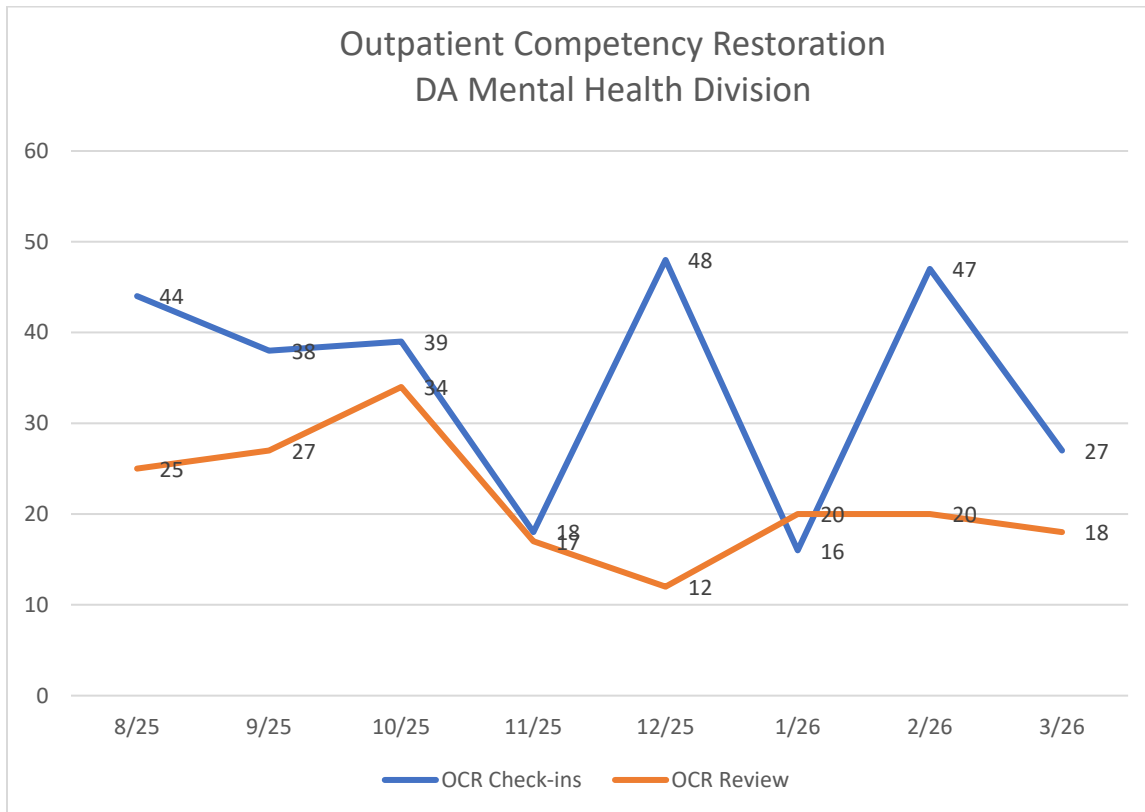
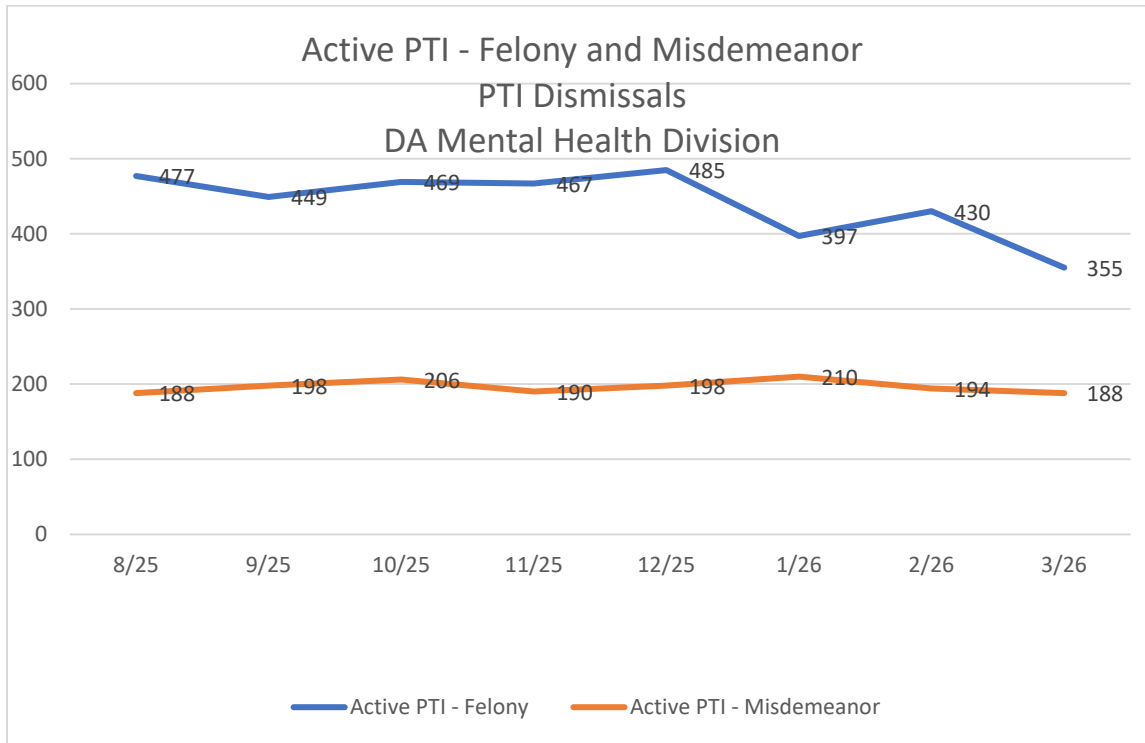
**FY2026 Public Defender's Office
Mar-26**

MONTH	PARTICIPANTS (BEGINNING OF MONTH)	PARTICIPANTS (END OF MONTH)	NEW CLIENTS	IN RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT	INACTIVE	GRADUATES	DISCHARGES
4C	299	299	29	4	0	14	15
AIM	68	80	14	5	2	0	2
ATLAS	20	24	4	1	7	0	0
CITY SDDC	9	10	1	9	0	0	0
CITY VET	13	15	3	2	0	0	1
DDC	15	16	4	0	0	2	1
DV	74	69	1	11	14	4	2
FELONY DWI	23	24	1	0	11	0	0
MHJD	20	16	1	0	0	3	2
IIP	130	129	1	46	52	0	2
LEGACY	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
SET	38	36	4	12	0	2	4
STAC	162	166	9	9	0	0	5
STAR	16	15	0	2	1	1	0
VET	48	49	3	1	0	2	0
TOTALS	936	949	75	102	87	28	34

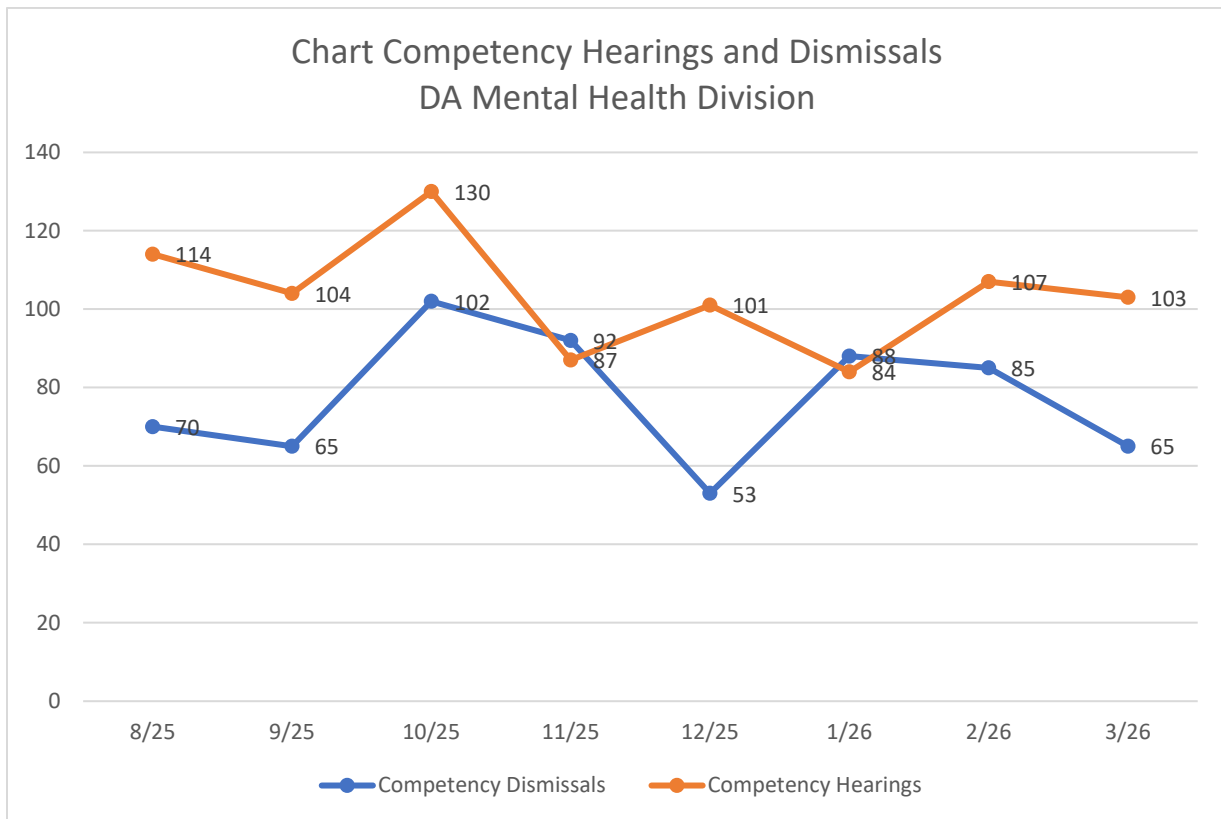
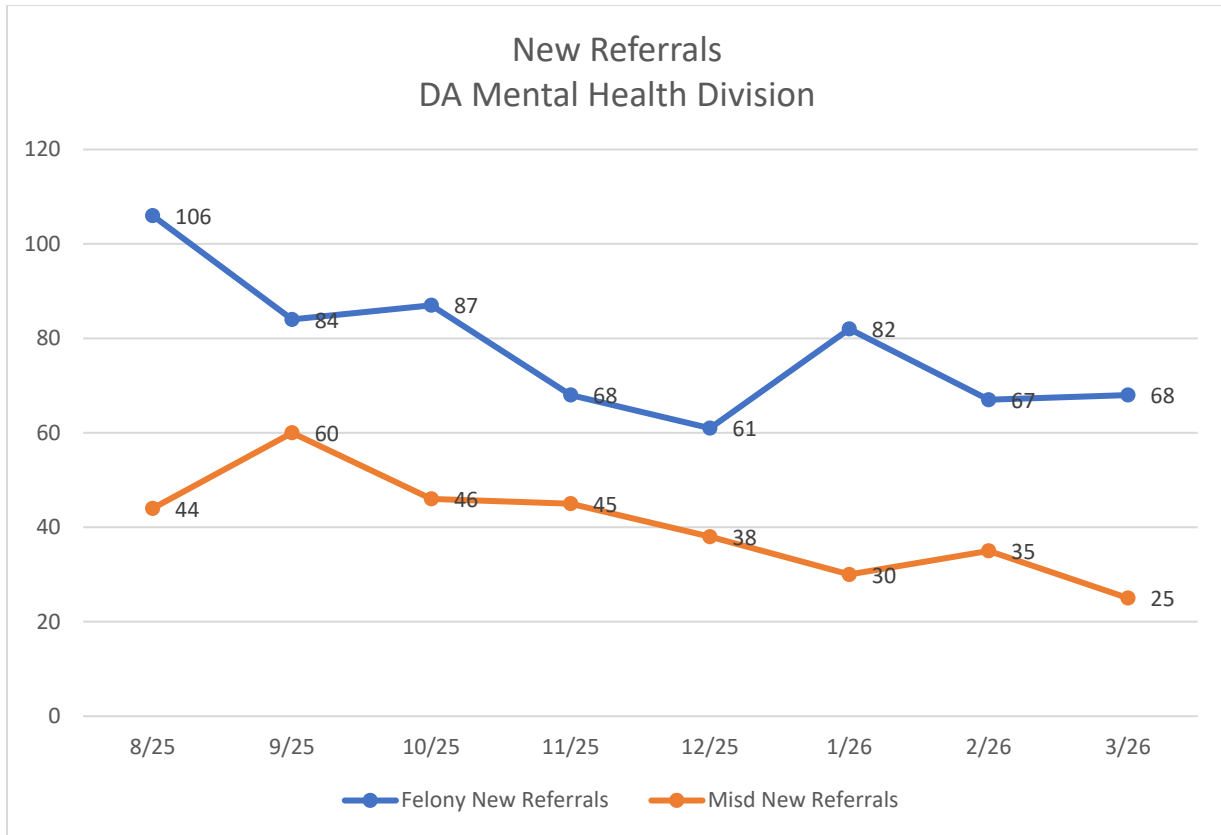
Clients in residential treatment in SAFPF or JJCJTC PRIOR to the in-court phase of a program are not included in the number of active participants or participants in residential treatment. Clients who have completed treatment prior to entering the problem-solving court and are LATER sent to treatment ARE counted in the "IN RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT" figures.

INACTIVE reflects clients not currently participating due to a pending probation violation and/or who may have an active warrant if the Court considers those clients inactive.

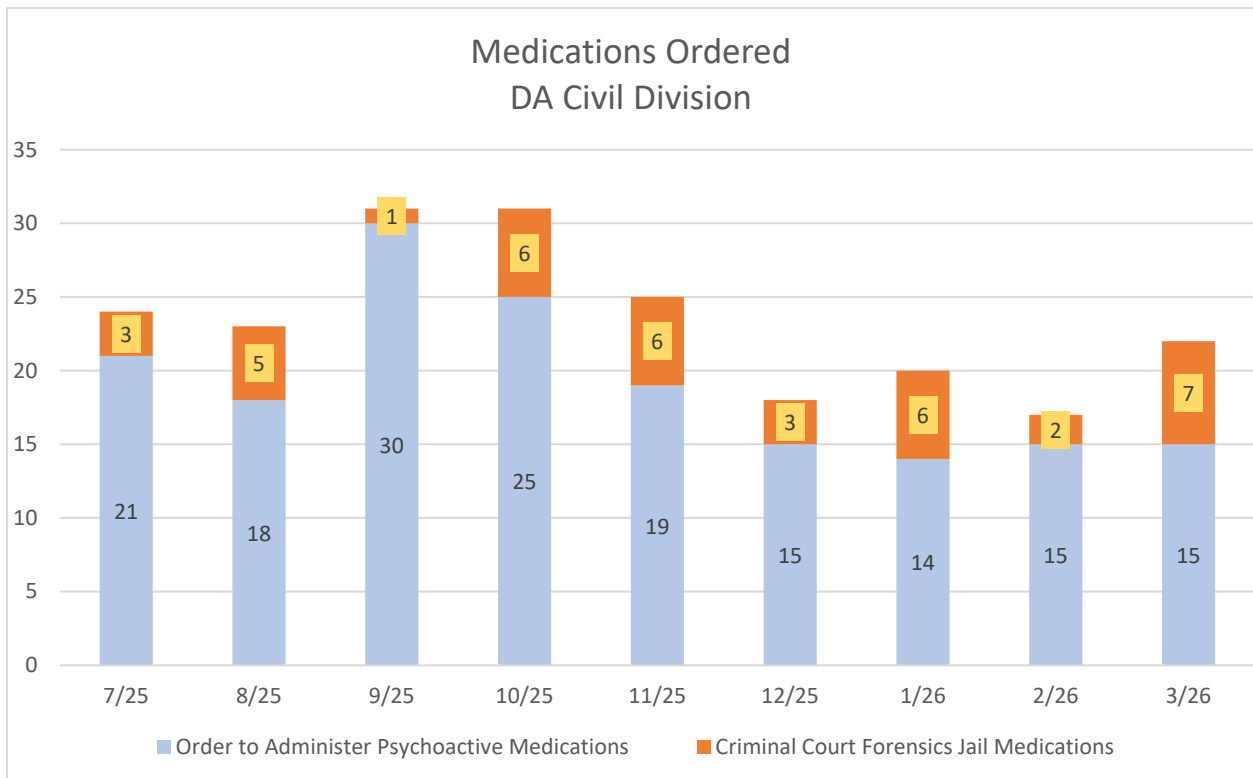
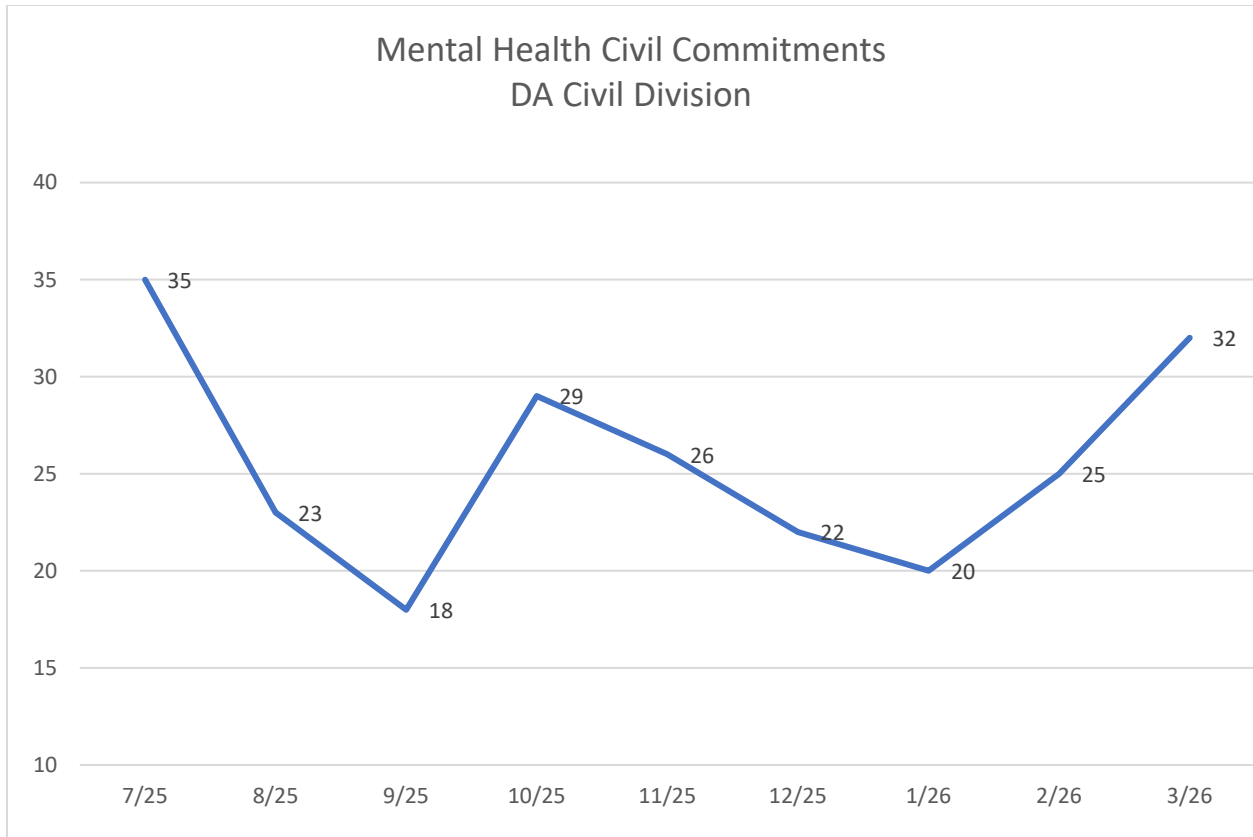
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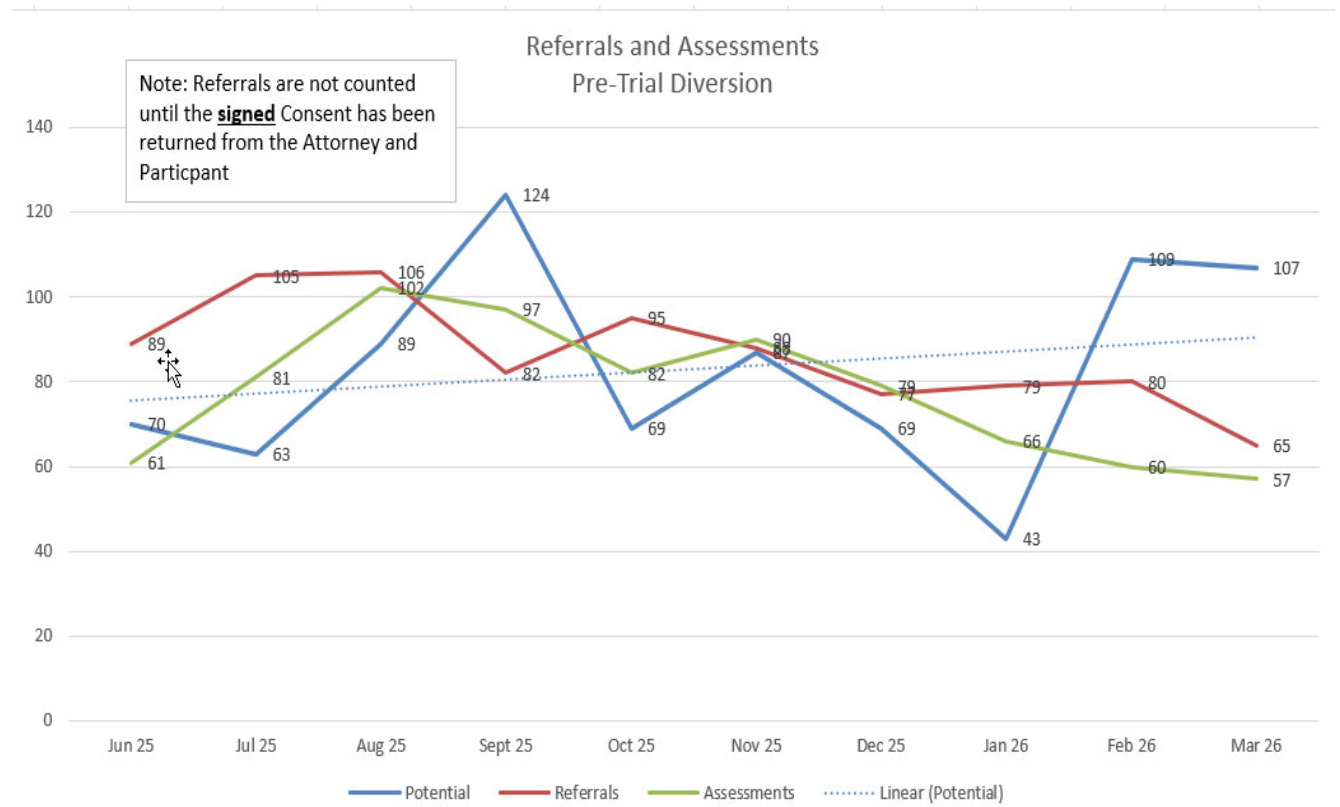
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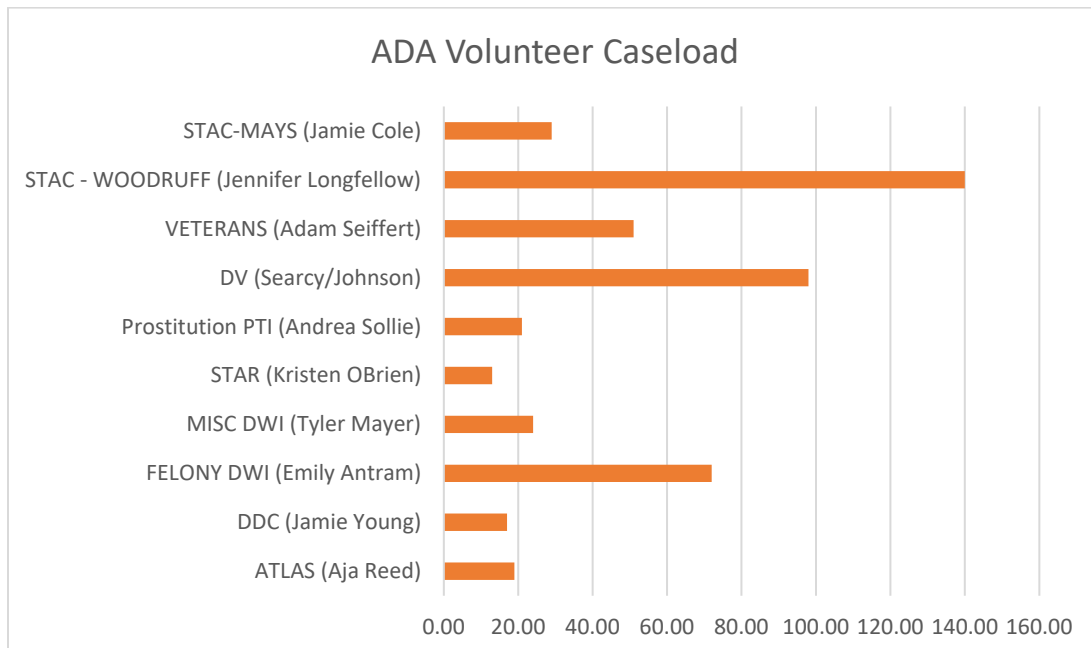
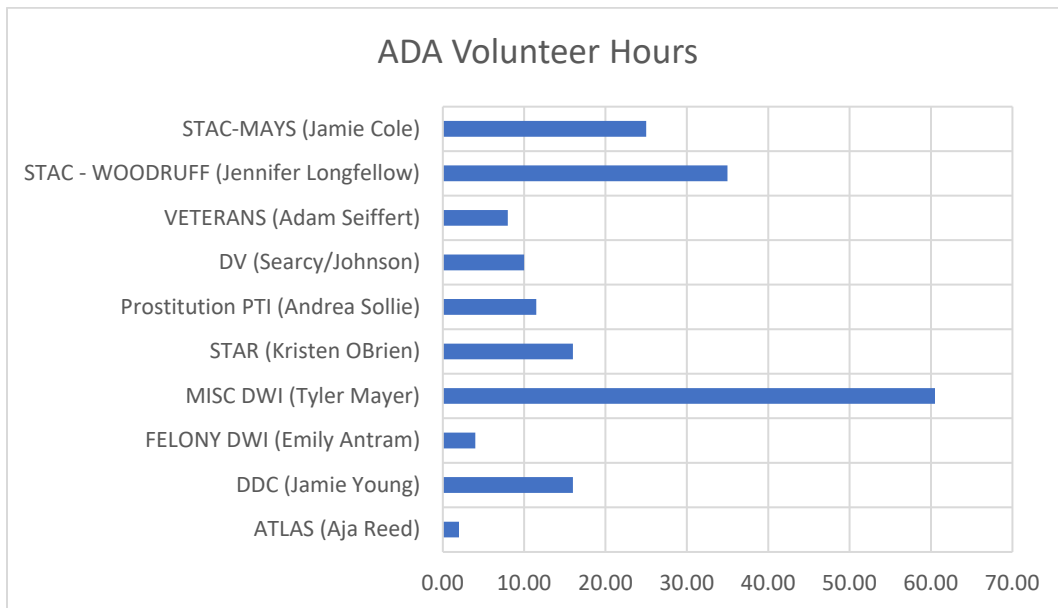
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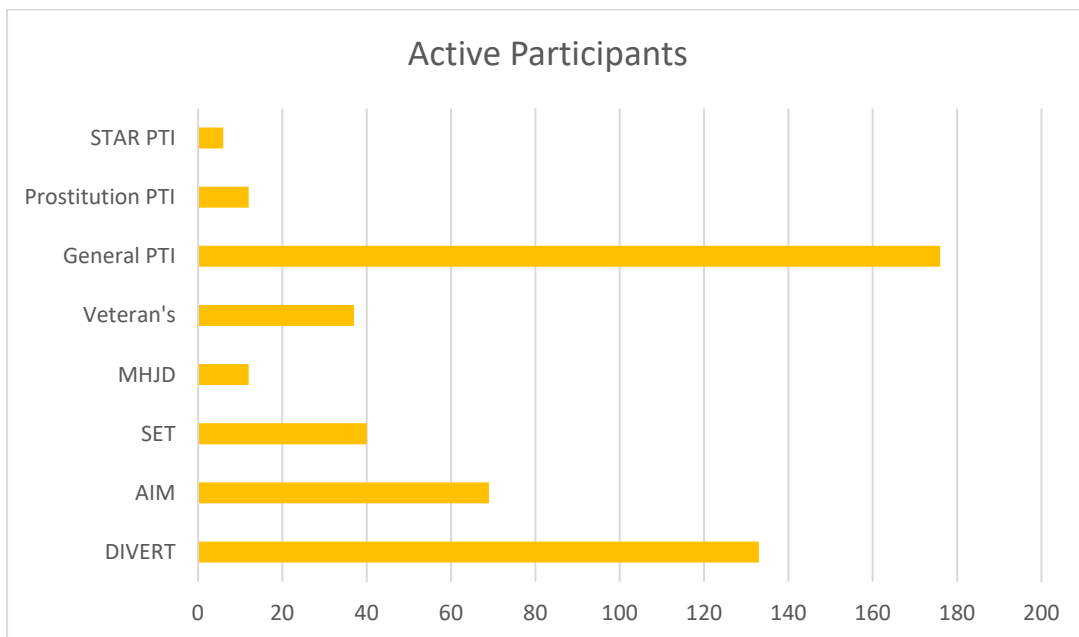
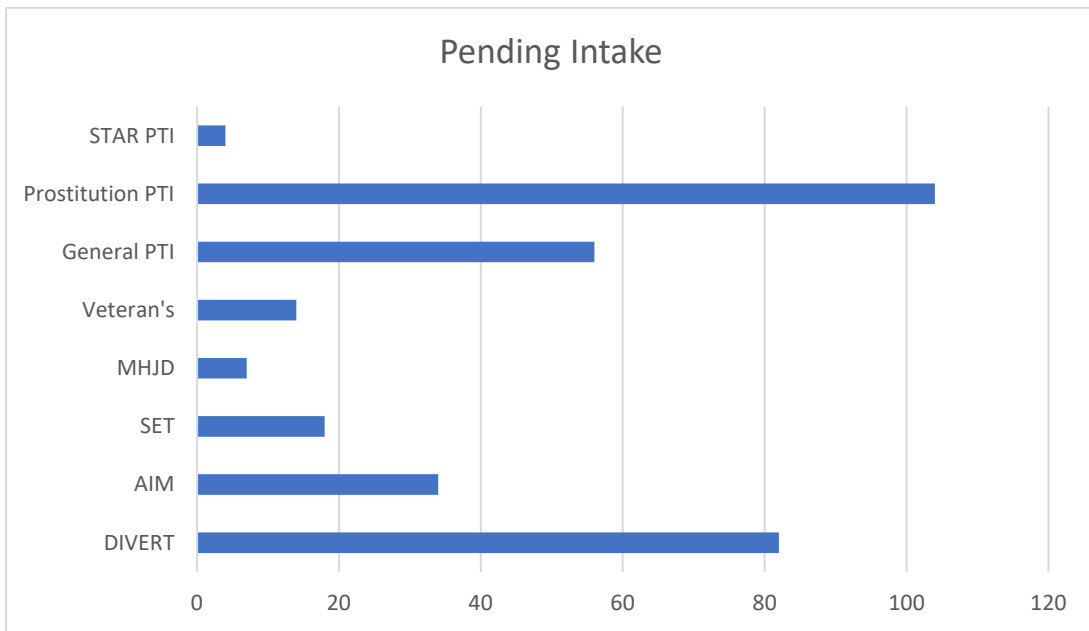
Pre-Trial Diversion



RJD SPECIALTY COURT/PROGRAMS MONTHLY STATISTICS-MARCH 2026



SPECIALTY COURTS AND PROGRAMS MONTHLY STATISTICS-MARCH 2026





Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
Thursday, April 9, 2026
Supplemental Packet

Includes:

- Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Work Group
 - March 25, 2026 Minutes

- Dallas County Deflection Center
 - February 2026 Stats

Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas 75202
March 25, 2026 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; Tzegabrhan Kidane, Dallas County; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Quincy Hogan, Metrocare; Traswell Livingston, ASD: A Home for Life; Wendy Hardeman, Sharing Life; Kendal Brown, Family Gateway; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Rachel Wilson, Housing Forward; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Anne Lott, Inclusive Communities Project; Valerie Palmer, Austin Street;

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 June 25th meeting.

GOVERNANCE

Homeless Advisory Committee: Commissioner Daniel Office

Tzegabrhan Kidane reported that the committee had a meeting on March 16th and the Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center report can be found in the meeting packet. It was noted that February 2026 saw the most eviction cases filed since 2024.

Wendy Haderman noted that she is seeing an increase in senior evictions and homelessness. Rental prices are outpacing social security benefits. Valerie Palmer noted that Austin Street has calculated the median age of seniors experiencing housing insufficiency at 55. She also said they have seen an increase of senior aged adults coming into services due to being priced out of their housing options. Rachel Wilson stated that they are seeing those trends nationwide and the PIT count is the data that is used to see these trends. This year's PIT Count info is not available yet but will be available April 2026.

Commissioner Daniel questioned what is happening that is impacting this group more frequently now. Traswell Livingston suggested that with the influx of population that we have had in the area, the stock of housing options has not kept up with that growth. Commissioner Daniel also questioned if those who qualify for Medicaid and Medicare are impacted. Most of the organizations around the table stated that they have programs that address those who receive Medicaid and Medicare and try to link those who may qualify for other resources to care. Janie Metzinger stated that the state of Texas does have a program that will help seniors who have gaps in coverage even if they have social security income.

Federal/ State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported that the Texas Senate committees have been announced. Lt. Gov Patrick announced the Sunset Commissioners for the Senate side of the Texas Health and Human Services Sunset Commission. They are still waiting for the House to name their commissioners. She stated that the named Senate Commissioners all have experience on the Senate Health and Human Service Committee and Sen. Lois Kolkhorst serves as the chair. The commission consists of Sen. Cesar Blanco-El Paso, Sen. Donna Campbell, an ER doctor- New Braunfels, Sen. Brian Hughes-Mineola, Sen. Kevin Sparks-Midland, and the public member is currently unassigned. The committee members have also demonstrated an interest in mental health. A series of hearings on the recommendations of the Sunset Commission should be set for this upcoming summer. She also stated there has been a leadership change at HHSC and Governor Abbott recently appointed Executive Commissioner Stephanie Muth.

RESOURCES

Shelter Discussions: Valerie Palmer, Austin Street Shelter

Valerie Palmer reported they are continuing to operate at high capacity. They are currently shifting their focus to finding more housing resources to their longest utilizers and provide them with alternative resources such as short-term rental assistance, familial reunification, or treatment. They are also working to match those in shelter with the correct intervention that is needed for their particular situation such as shared housing and correct rental needs. They are in the fifth month of their Transition Center with NTBHA in which they accept people from DART who are experiencing a mental health crisis, but do not require hospitalization and provide them with intense assistance for 10 days to get them their next level of care. They have eight beds and have served 69 people so far. DART police is the highest utilizer of the center, but they have also accepted people from other municipalities. They are expanding their services with the remodel of their old facility that will come online in 2027 or 2028.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty reported that they do have funding, but they are sifting through tons of paperwork that must be completed for approval. They are still working from a waitlist, but much of the applicants' information has changed. The applicants are eligible to receive funding for up to 24 months, but after that, they are in a state of influx. With the TBRA funding, applicants are potentially eligible for 2 rounds of 60 months of assistance. The first two years, there is no requirement of income verification. After that, they are required to show proof they are on a Housing Choice Voucher waitlist. They are then eligible for a maximum of 36 months to acquire assistance.

Housing Navigator/Homeless Dashboard/FUSE St. Jude: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County Criminal Justice

Kimberly Rawls stated that the report is in the packet. She stated there was a drop in referrals from January to February for the FUSE program, but she believes it was due to the holidays. She is currently working with her grants manager for the FY 2026 for the state funded grant that she was awarded. The grant is in effect from 10/1/25 to 9/30/26 and she has applied for continuation funding that will extend in FY 2027 from 10/1/26-09/30/27. She is working with the Civil DA to complete MOUs for the FUSE partners for the state funding awards. They are hoping to submit it to Commissioners Court for approval soon. She is also working to complete the vendor RFP process for the BJA funding that is coming to an end soon. The process is almost complete to start the Homeless Criminal Justice Involved Project. The complete process took two years to complete and now it is coming to an end. Valerie Palmer asked about the grant funding for the FUSE navigators to which Kimberly answered that the State Crisis Funding was awarded to the FUSE partners and some agencies are set to receive funding. Rachel Wilson also reported that Housing Forward has received funding from the county and if there is a need to talk about other funding for the FUSE program, they may be available to do so.

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

Kimberly Rawls reported that Laura Edmonds is out and that she will be giving the report for her today. They are continuing to schedule and facilitate releases from jail to connect them with the community and mental health services. ADAPT continues to complete mental health assessments for those who have been flagged with a suspected mental health need. In February, 2,285 total screenings were completed.

MetroCare: Quincy Hogan, Metrocare

Quincy Hogan reported that they currently have 11 vacancies at their Rawlins Chateau property in the Oak Lawn neighborhood of Dallas that they are looking to fill those vacancies. They are moving forward with the housing for single parents or guardian with minor children. They are working with the architect, they have their systematic design and fundraising is moving forward. They are on schedule to have their certificate of occupancy in 2028.

Housing Forward: Rachel Wilson, Housing Forward

Rachel Wilson reported that the PIT count data will be coming out next month along with the State of Homelessness and the new NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) from HUD will come out in June.

Dallas Connector: Valerie Palmer, Austin Street

Valerie Palmer reported that the Connector is still running smoothly and last year they set a record number of rides, but the larger bus is in need of maintenance so they are in the process of figuring out how they will manage with the bus being in service for about 6 weeks. Last year the Connector amassed over 40,000 rides.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton was not available for the meeting but provided a report for the meeting packet.

Family Housing: Family Gateway, Kendall Brown

Kendall Brown stated that their report is in the packet and it highlights their program numbers from last year. More than 1,900 families were diverted from shelters. 621 families that were triaged required shelter care and 460 were served through Family Gateway services. They served 156 families with supportive housing and over 2100 families across all their programs were serviced. Their program numbers from 2024 to 2025 saw some slight increase and they were able to determine that about a third of the families they service come from living in their cars, 20 percent are living in hotels, and about 30 percent are living with other family members or friends.

ASD, A Home For Life: Traswell, Livingston

Traswell Livingston reported they recently had a name change and have extended their services to include those that are homeless and not living with HIV. They extended their services to include those who are at a higher risk of contracting HIV. The average age of their applicants is 58, but they house families and adult seniors. The majority of those unhoused are older African American males. Traswell also reported on their two low-income housing tax credit properties stating that the Wycliff Braniff project has a major funding gap and they have started a capital campaign for. In this permanent supportive housing project, the TDCHA funding did not come through, and they have a \$5 million dollar shortfall. They are working to fill that gap, but the project is moving forward, and they are looking to close on the property in the summer of this year. The Meadow project, a foreclosed nursing home that is being renovated on Meadow Lane and 75, will house 75, one-bedroom PSH units. It is a partnership between ASD, the Housing Authority, and Metrocare. It is funded and is on track, but funding is being raised for the commercial kitchen in the space. In Oak Cliff, there is another PFC partnership development with Savoy Management. It is a re-development of vacant lots in North Oak Cliff that will be turned into 183 units. It's a 60 percent private finance corporation deal with ASD being a minority owner. The property is located at Lancaster Ave and Colorado and is new construction set to be completed in late 2027. These properties are categorized as status neutral properties for those living with HIV, but they are inclusive of those that are risk for HIV and are focusing on those experiencing homelessness as a disabling condition. Mr. Livingston also stated that he went to AIDSWatch last week in Washington D.C. speaking to Congress regarding Medicare/Medicaid expansion. He stated they also educated them on best practices and using their agency as a model for those. He also expressed that as a part of the National HIV Coalition, they advocated for an increase in HOPWA funding. They advocated for the funding to be increased to \$600 million dollars, and it increased last year from \$524 million to \$529 million. ASD currently has five vacancies at 511 N. Lancaster Ave property which is a partnership with Housing Forward. Dallas County is #2 in the state with the highest rate of new HIV infections with heterosexual African American females age 13-24 leading with the newest cases.

There was discussion regarding the number of senior citizens that are becoming a part of the homelessness conversation and what is causing the increase. Strategic thoughts were shared to try to see what impact could be made on the issue. Traswell Livingston stated that he will provide a senior housing availability report to share with the group about available low-income housing tax credits that are just geared towards seniors.

Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for their work and polled the group on the frequency of meeting. They decided to continue to meet monthly.

Next Meeting: April 22,2026

DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

2025-2026	25-Sep	25-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec	26-Jan	26-Feb	26-Mar	26-Apr	26-May	26-Jun	26-Jul	26-Aug	TOTAL
TOTAL TRIAGED	105	107	92	96	101	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	591
<i>Referral Source</i>													
Dallas PD													
SC Div	3	5	2	3	5	1							19
SW Div			1	2									3
SE Div		1	1	1	1	1							5
NC Div		2		1									3
NE Div		1	1			1							3
NW Div	1		3	1									5
CEN Div	3	1	1										5
Right Care	3	1	1	1	2								8
Dallas Marshal - CDC													0
College Campus PD													0
Great SW Coalition													0
SE Coalition													0
NTBHA MCOT/CTI		1	2	3	3	6							15
Garland PD						1							1
Irving PD													0
Lancaster PD			1										1
Duncanville PD			1			1							2
Mesquite PD													0
Grand Prairie PD		1	1										0
Desoto PD						1							1
Combine PD													0
DART PD	26	31	27	33	25	31							173
DART Cares	7	2	1	1		1							12
Parkland-Baylor PD		1											1
Walk-In	27	29	21	17	35	22							151
Rapid Response	26	26	22	26	28	20							148
Crisis stepdown	2	1		2		2							7
Other	7	4	6	5	2	4							28
TRIAGE OUTCOME	121	124	107	111	117	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Psych Crisis Residential	1	3	1	1	2								8
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt	2	2	1	1	3	1							10
Living Room-NTBHA*													0
CMHP Services	2												2
ACT Team	1												1
OTHER SUD Services	10	4	9	3	12	3							41
Shelter													0
Austin Street	6	4	7	11	4	3							35
Bridge	13	11	12	14	9	18							77
Salvation Army	4	1	3	1	2								11
Union Gospel Mission	1	1	3	2	5	6							18
Other		4		4	1	1							10
Home-Family-Friends	54	64	46	43	53	51							311
Boarding Home/PSH	6	6	3	2	6	6							29
Higher Level of Care													0
Behavioral Health	1	2	3	1		1							8
Physical Health	2	6	4	12	4	4							32
Veterans Administration	1												1
APOWW or													0
Arrest/Security													0
Intervention					1								1
LEA Maintained Custody	1												1
Still in Service	16	16	15	16	15	13							13
Refused Services													0
TOTAL TRIAGED													609
Average Length of Stay: 6.2 Days													

Dallas County Deflection Center Metrics

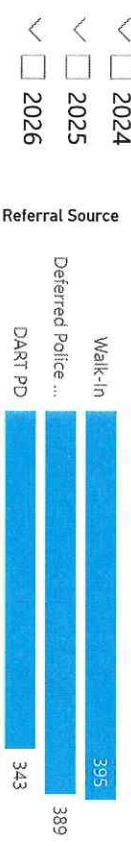
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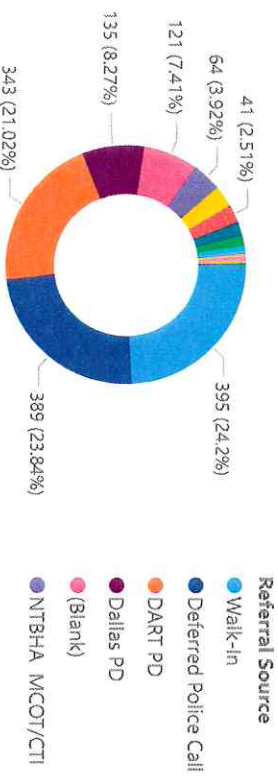
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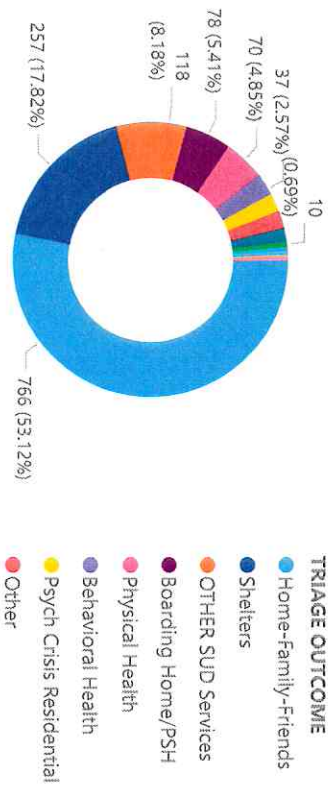
Top 3 Admission Referrals



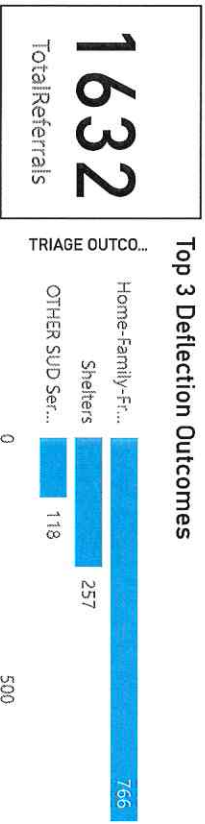
Admission Sources Breakdown



Deflection Discharge Breakdown



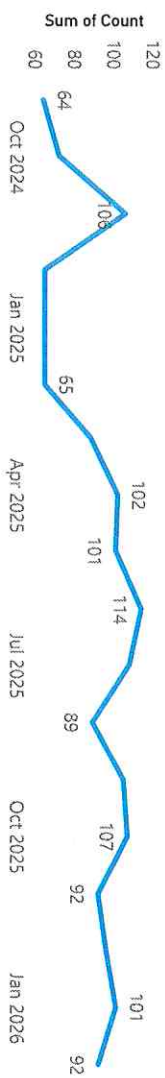
Top 3 Deflection Outcomes



1632
Total Referrals

1442
Total Outcomes

Admissions by Month



Discharges by Month



Gender Breakdown

Gender	Sum of Count
Male	245
Female	94
Total	339

Race Breakdown

Race	Sum of Count
Black	204
White	82
Hispanic	36
Multiracial	6
Unknown	5
Total	339