



MAY 2021 PROGRAM SNAPSHOT & UPDATES

CASS COUNTY COURT & PRETRIAL SERVICES

COURT & PRETRIAL SERVICES

Recap & Review:

In April, Pretrial Services transitioned to its own independent department: **Cass County Court & Pretrial Services**. Expanding the department into Court Services includes the added duties of assisting the Courts in writing grants and obtaining new funding opportunities, serving as a liaison for all court related program and activities, facilitating communication with the IOCS and IDOC, jail analysis & programming, mental health services, quality assurance & overseeing and coordinating the upcoming local JRAC Council in July.

Refocused Mission Statement:

Pretrial Services remains the primary focus of the new department and we are excited to announce that we have revised our mission statement to more accurately reflect our renewed focus on providing supervision that not only promotes public safety and court appearance, but that also identifies the clients' needs and connects them with services and programming that produce positive outcomes that last beyond the pretrial stage. We believe in "Pretrial with a Purpose."

"Serving the community by using evidence-based practices and needs-based supervision that prioritizes public safety, maximizes court appearance and reduces recidivism, while protecting the presumption of innocence."

Expanded Target Population:

At the direction of the local Judiciary, our target population has expanded to include criminal mental health adjudications and probation violators. Those undergoing treatment or competency evaluations in criminal proceedings can be placed under the supervision of Pretrial Services to not only provide supervision, but also coordination of services and assessments. Currently we are supervising two clients with pending MH commitments.

At the request of the Judicial Officer, we can evaluate a defendant who is currently on probation and has an additional new offense or a pending technical violation. Placement in Pretrial Services during the pre-adjudication period for probation violations is used as an intermediate sanction and way to provide more intensive supervision and coordinate services for those with identified criminogenic or mental health needs. The purpose of this expansion of the target population is to use evidence-based decision making to avoid making blanket decisions and responses to probation violations and criminal mental health adjudications to better meet needs of those under supervision and help address the local jail overcrowding issues without jeopardizing public safety and community values.

CURRENT OVERVIEW

Cass County Pretrial Services currently has 50 active clients, and served a total of 64 clients in April for a total number of 1,784 days in April. For comparison, data review shows we served a total of 49 clients in April of 2021, a 30% growth in the past year. 35 arrestee evaluations and recommendations, with IRAS-PATs, were completed in the past month and 12 new intakes, a 57% increase from April and March. We had 12 clients successfully complete the program this month.

COST SAVINGS:

Using the \$40 daily per diem used to house an inmate outside the jail, Pretrial Services is currently diverting \$2,000 daily in county incarceration expenses. As noted previously, we served 64 clients for a total of 1,784 days in April, for an estimated cost saving of \$71,360. As of April 12th, the Cass County Jail was 23% over capacity, and was housing 12 inmates in outside facilities at a cost of \$480 a day or \$14,400 a month. It is estimated that without Pretrial Services the jail would be 50% over capacity.

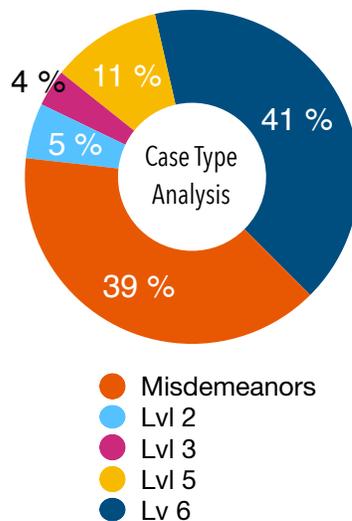
JAIL ANALYSIS:

The February jail analysis shows that 15% of inmates are classified as Pre-Adjudication/Pretrial. Those detained and given a standard bond in lieu of release to CCCPS, have been assessed to be a high risk to public safety or have a hold that prevents release, i.e. INS, out of county warrant, or parole hold. 29% of the population classified as pre-adjudication have an out of county warrant that excludes them from the pretrial release program. Pretrial Services has observed an increase in arrestees that identify as High Risk on the IRAS-PAT.

STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT:

• Case Type Analysis:

Offense Type	Total
Misdemeanors	22
Level 6 Felonies	23
High Level Felonies	11
Courtesy Transfers	3
Probation Violations	2
Mental Health Adjudications	2
Percent Felonies	61 %
Total	56



• Offense Type Analysis:

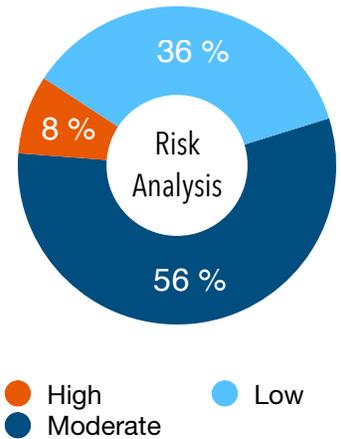
- Analysis shows that 51% are drug and alcohol related offenses, 8% crimes against property, 33% crimes against persons, and 8% are traffic offenses.

• Supervision Analysis:

- 22% of active participants are being supervised at Level 3 (High) Supervision, with weekly or daily reporting.
- 18% of active clients have needs where supervised release was in the best interest of the county and the clients, including one high risk pregnancy and several client clients with injuries and chronic illnesses.
- 12% of active clients have multiple cases.
- 8 clients are being supervised with electronic monitoring facilitated by Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections.

• Risk Analysis:

- Trends show that 8% of active clients have been identified through the IRAS-PAT as High Risk, 56% as Moderate Risk, and 36% as Low Risk.



• Sentencing Outcomes:

- 11% of those who have successfully completed Pretrial Release this year had their case dismissed or entered the Pretrial Diversion Program, while 14% received time-served, 6% were sentenced to Community Corrections and 50% were sentenced to probation.

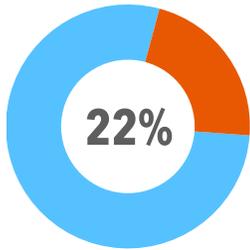
SERVICES:

25% of clients are currently participating in voluntary programming and services, including domestic violence classes, individual counseling and peer recovery groups.

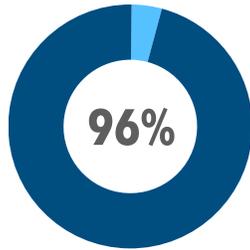
While clients are free to choose the recovery or treatment program of their choice, we continue to work closely with Four County when referring clients to services and utilize both the contracted CPCC Therapist & Peer Recovery Specialists.

PERFORMANCE METRICS:

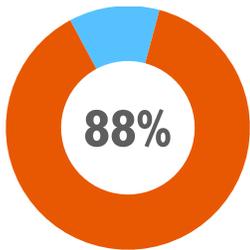
All our performance metrics have remained stable with no more than a 3% variance and all fall above or within State Standards.



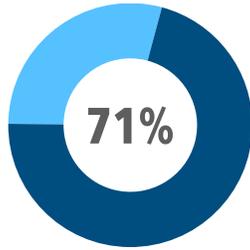
Violation Rate: the percentage of defendants who received a violation, pending violations are included in calculations



Appearance Rate: the percentage of defendants who attended all court hearings during their pretrial period



Safety Rate: the percentage of defendants who were not charged with a new offense during their pretrial period



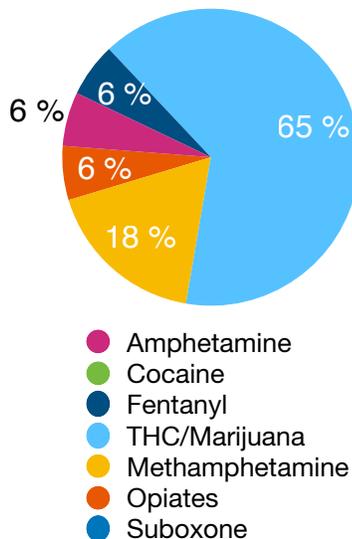
Success Rate: the percentage of defendants who have not received a violation, FTA, or new offense while under supervision

DRUG SCREENS:

- 10% of drug screens administered in the last quarter were positive, It is noted that baseline screens and positive with prescriptions are not included in the calculations.

- A breakdown of all positive results, including baselines and those positive with prescription, by drug is found to the above.

Positive Screens by Drug



CLIENT FEEDBACK:

The most recent client satisfaction survey results show that clients rate the agency at an average of 4.5/5, with most responses being in the agree to strongly agree category. ★★★★★

Below are few of the comments received this quarter:

"The most important thing to me is that she feels like she cares I'm not just a number"

"Is nice to not have to wait in jail for a court date and lose my job"

NOTABLE UPDATES:

- Both the Director & Case Manager completed Naloxone/Narcan training facilitated through the CARA Grant. The Case Manager also completed NIC's EBP Program, while the Director is enrolled in the Justice Involved Women Program & is taking leadership courses through Relias.
- In Collaboration with Superior Court 2 Judge, Lisa Swaim, we are continuing to manage the ICJI COVID Relief Grant. In April we were able to reallocate funds and amend our contract to allow for purchase of video conferencing monitors and iPads to facilitate virtual therapy for clients of Community Corrections, Juvenile Probation and Pretrial Services.
- We are in the process of receiving our IOCS Certification . It is estimated we will receive certification early to mid summer.
- The Pretrial Case Manager completed training to become certified to administer the IRAS this month and is scheduled to take his probation officer exam in June.
- The Director was accepted into the National Association of Pretrial Services certification program and passed the exam to receive status as a Nationally Certified Pretrial Services Professional (CPSP).
- Cass County was selected to be part of a needs focused Pretrial Research Study through George Mason University and the University of Cincinnati. If said study is funded, we will be receiving specialized motivational interviewing training to help promote participation in services and positive outcomes.



