

# SIM Priority Group Progress Update—05.16.2024

Priority Name: **Diversion Center**

<p><b>Goals/Objectives to be accomplished:</b></p>	<p>Expand Crisis Options through development of Diversion Center.</p>
<p><b>Challenges/Issues for progress:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Being strategic in understanding capacity limitations. Individuals who are medically compromised, experiencing suicidal or homicidal ideations, or those who are experiencing a medical emergency are not good candidates for the Diversion Center.</li> <li>2. Will start out with only CIT officers making referral. Once that is successful and issues have been ironed out it can open to all officers.</li> <li>3. TPC Promoting Diversion through deflection of charges is a “reset” in mindset (pre-arrest diversion).</li> </ol>
<p><b>Milestones accomplished</b> since SIM Workshop (Nov 2022)—<i>Examples: regular meetings, pilot projects, changes in policies or procedures, and other.</i></p>	<p><b>Milestone No. 1-</b> \$1.4 million grant funds released 5.15.2024 for TPC's Diversion Center. TPC will begin hiring staff and supplies to begin the pilot phase in July 2024 (anticipated).</p> <p><b>Milestone No. 2-</b> Preliminary Criteria has been set:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nonviolent crime,</li> <li>• not actively suicidal/homicidal,</li> <li>• not medically compromised or experiencing a medical emergency.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, a preliminary list of most likely offenses for a candidate to the Diversion Center has been created including criminal trespass, possession, disorderly conduct, Class C theft under \$100, Class C warrants, terroristic threat (Class B Misdemeanor per Texas Penal Code).</p> <p><b>Milestone No. 3-</b> Have paired MCOT with CIT officers.</p>
<p>What <b>data or outcomes</b> are being gathered/tracked to assess progress?</p>	<p>The Diversion grant has data requirements established through HHSC. Once the Center begins accepting clients reports on numbers served will be shared.</p>
<p>What <b>data does this group need</b> to know</p>	<p>Unknown currently</p>

<p>to be more effective in data-driven decision making?</p>	
<p>Milestones planned before the next <b>PBHA Justice Forum (November 2024)</b></p>	<p><b>Milestone No. 1-</b> CIT officers to provide training at shift change/muster for all officers not trained in CIT response. The goal is to plant seeds and raise awareness about the Diversion Center so eventually all officers can bring appropriate candidates there.</p> <p><b>Milestone 2-</b> In July, a 6 bed Diversion Center (RESET) will be piloted at the new TPC campus (formerly Bivin's Pointe at 6600 Killgore Dr., Amarillo).</p>
<p><b>ASK:</b> What support or clarification does this group need from PBHA or other SIM groups to advance this priority?</p>	<p>A clinical workgroup has been formed. Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) is providing technical assistance to the group. The next workgroup will combine the justice involved partners.</p>

Please list the current lead and current committee members of your group.

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