



CASS COUNTY PRETRIAL SERVICES NOVEMBER 2020 REPORT

MISSION

To serve the community by using evidence-based practices to assess and supervise defendants in order to assist the Courts in making pretrial release decisions that prioritize public safety, maximize court appearance and reduce recidivism, while protecting the presumption of innocence.

GOALS

- Maximize Public Safety
- Maximize Court Appearance
- Maximize Release

QUARTERLY OVERVIEW

Cass County Pretrial Services passed another milestone this quarter. In a little over two years since becoming operational in October 2018, we enrolled our 150th client in the program. To date we have had 161 clients in the program, a 61% increase in new clients since just March of this year. We have had 158 adults and 3 juveniles participate and have conducted 550 IRAS-PATS and pretrial interviews. We have had a total of 185 cases, 51% being felonies.

We accepted 27 new clients in the quarter ending in October 2020 and had a record number of 26 clients successfully complete the program in one quarter. Despite this record number of completions, we still have an active population of 65 clients and are screening a record number of arrestees, with a 32% increase in new pretrial recommendations completed since March of 2020.

COVID-19 continues to present its challenges, but we have seen no adverse effects on client outcomes and have continued to make strides toward meeting our goals with the ongoing support of the Courts, local Criminal Justice Stakeholders, IOCS and IDOC.

Best Regards,

Hillary Hartoin

Pretrial Services Coordinator

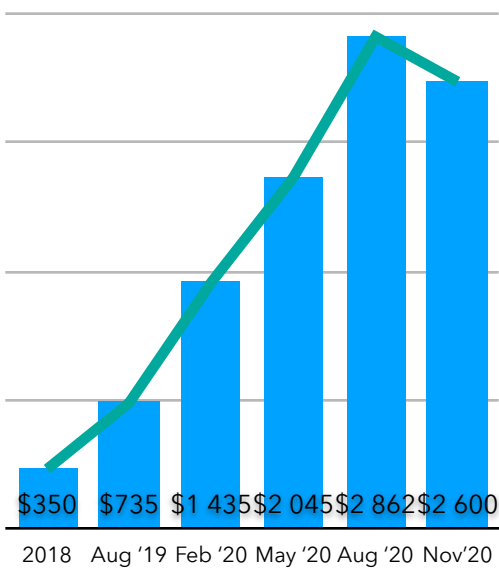
COVID-19 UPDATE & EARLY PRETRIAL RELEASE DETERMINATION

Pretrial evaluations and video interviews continue to occur within 12-48 hrs of arrest and recommendations are provided at arraignment. This is a collaborative effort with the Sheriff's Department and Intake Court, Superior Court 2, to earlier identify and expedite the release of inmates to help maintain a lower jail population due to COVID-19. Determinations regarding release to Pretrial Services are made at a defendant's probable cause hearing whenever possible and the Pretrial Services Coordinator participates in said hearings via video. Pretrial Services aims to keep expedited evaluations and release a permanent change. Beyond COVID-19 concerns, expedited release allows clients to return to their employment and families, as well as participate in treatment that would not be accessible if incarcerated. Clients rearrested for a new misdemeanor charge are being screened and considered for release back to program at a increased level of supervision in lieu of blanket re-incarceration when appropriate to further help maintain the jail population and aid clients in getting the services they need without jeopardizing public safety.

COLLABORATIVE CARE EXPANDING TO JAIL

CCPS continues to collaborate with the CPCC Therapist & Four County Criminal Justice Liaison to connect clients with services such as counseling, recovery coaching, IOP and assistance applying for HIP. Clients can also participate in key programming prior to sentencing, such as domestic violence classes. Approximately 25% of active clients participate in voluntary treatment. We are excited to announce that Four County is including Pretrial Services, along with the Cass County Sheriff's Department and Community Corrections, in their collaborative initiative to bring treatment to the jail for inmates not appropriate for release or who are serving a sentence. CCPS has identified the risk level of 84% of the inmates incarcerated to aid in targeting referrals to those with the greatest needs.

Daily Cost Savings Progression



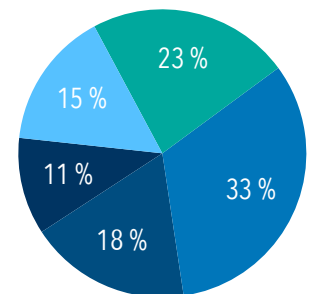
COST SAVINGS

Pretrial Services saves an approximate \$2600.00 daily in incarceration expenses, using the \$40 daily per diem used to house an inmate outside our local jail. This is a slight decrease, due to a record number of completions and no juveniles currently on supervision. It should be highlighted that the last juvenile supervised by Pretrial Services diverted \$19,800 in detention expenses alone. The current average savings per a month is \$80,600 and does not account for the intangible benefits provided to the defendant and the county that the data cannot capture. 26% of our population have medical conditions or an injury that necessitated release, intellectual disability/mental health disorder or high risk pregnancy with needs that could not be met adequately if incarcerated. Releasing these clients to Pretrial Services, allows clients access to needed medical care without financially burdening the county or jeopardizing public safety.

JAIL ANALYSIS

Currently, the jail population is 219 at inmates, a 3.94% decrease from October and an 8.75% decrease from the year high of 240 inmates this past September. The current jail analysis shows that 15% of inmates are classified as Pre-Adjudication, 33% Probation/Community Corrections Violations, 23% are Serving a Sentence, 11% FTA Warrants and 18% are Bond Revocations. The pretrial population has continued to stay below 16% for the past two months and those detained have been assessed to be a high risk to public safety or have an hold that prevents release, i.e. INS, out of county warrant or parole hold. It is estimated that without Pretrial Services the jail would be 61% over capacity.

Jail Analysis



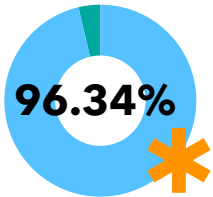
- Pretrial
- Serving Sentence
- Probation/CPCC Violations
- Bond Revocations
- FTA Warrants

SENTENCING OUTCOMES

We continue to see a trend in diverting post-conviction sentences from incarceration in the county jail or IDOC. Of those who successfully complete pretrial supervision, 38% result in a dismissal or pretrial diversion, 38% are sentenced to probation or community corrections, 12% are given executed time and 8% fines/time served.

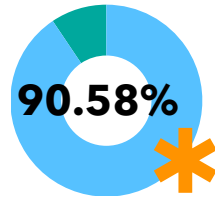
PERFORMANCE METRICS

Not only have all performance metrics remained stable, five of our metrics (annotated with with an asterisk *) show improvement over last quarter and all fall above or within State standards. Changes to supervision practices due to COVID-19 and expedited release measures have not negatively impacted public safety, court appearance or client success.



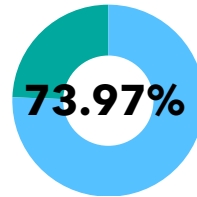
Appearance Rate

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



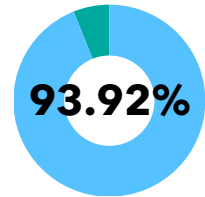
Safety Rate

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



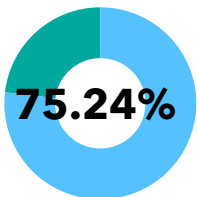
Supervision Concurrence Rate

percentage of defendants being supervised at a level that matches their assessed risk; overrides not included



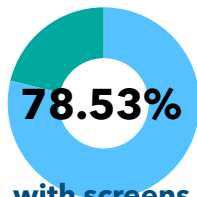
Release Decision Concurrence Rate

percentage of court decisions that are consistent with the PSC's Recommendation



Success Rate

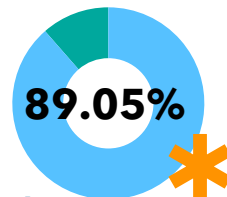
the percentage of defendants who have not received a violation, FTA, or new offense while under supervision



with screens

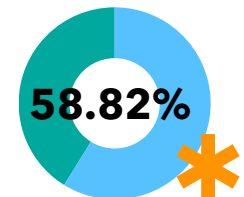
the percentage of defendants who did NOT receive a violation, pending violations are included in calculations

Moderate risk clients are most likely to violate PTR and 60% of violations are for failed screens or a new drug related charge.



without screens

Violation Rate



Completion Rate

percentage of defendants who remained under supervision until disposition;

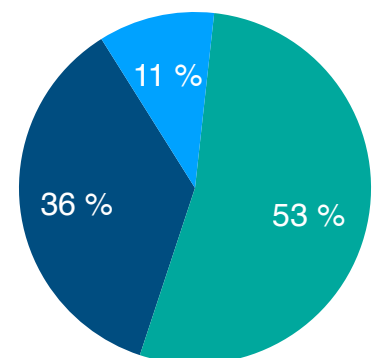
Without drug screens projected rate is 70.34%.

DEMOGRAPHICS

We currently have 65 active clients. Trends forecast a projected caseload of 75-80 clients by February 2021. For comparison, data review shows an active population of 20 clients in November 2019, a 225% growth in the past year.

- Case Type Analysis: 77 Cases: 35 Criminal Misdemeanors, 31 Level 6 Felonies, and 11 High Level Felonies
- Supervision Analysis: 35% of active participants are being supervised at Level 3 (High) Supervision, with weekly, biweekly or daily reporting and 23% of active clients have needs where supervised release was in the best interest of the county and the clients. 14% of active clients have multiple cases. 3 clients are being supervised with electronic monitoring.
- Offense Type Analysis: 40% drug and alcohol related offenses, 12% crimes against property, 32% crimes against persons, and 16% traffic offenses.
- Risk Analysis: Trends show that 11% of active clients have been identified through the IRAS-PAT as High Risk, 53% as Moderate Risk, and 36% as Low Risk.

Risk Analysis



● High ● Moderate
● Low

UPDATES

- The FY2021 IDOC Grant Application was accepted and extended through July of 2021. Due to concerns regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the State budget, extensions were granted in lieu of the normal grant award.
- The ICJI COVID-19 Relief Grant was awarded and includes funding for a Pretrial Assistant. We are currently in the hiring process.
- CCPS passed our first fiscal audit and are close to meeting our FY2020 IDOC goals.
- Progress on obtaining Certification from the Indiana Office of Court Services is being made, with our application and policy and procedure manual near completion. Our goal is to have it submitted by December and receive presumptive certification in January.
- The Pretrial Services Coordinator attended the 2020 Virtual NAPSA (National Association of Pretrial Services) Conference and also obtained certifications in Jail Data Collection & Jail Data Analysis from the National Institute of Corrections.
- The joint Community Corrections & Pretrial Services interactive website is now live and is also a mobile app! Find us here <https://www.casspulaskicommunitycorrections.com/cass-pretrial-services>

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