



SEPTEMBER 2021 PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

CASS COUNTY COURT & PRETRIAL SERVICES

MISSION STATEMENT:

"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."

CURRENT OVERVIEW & UPDATES:

This past Wednesday, September 8, 2021 we completed our Certification Meeting with the Indiana Office of Court Services. It is estimated that Provisional Certification will be granted in the next two weeks. As the Director, I want to personally thank everyone who attended and who has contributed to the program. It is our hope that certification will open doors to ways to better serve our community, including additional funding, research studies and expansion of services.

We also want to highlight Court Services participation in the Cass County Sheriff's Department and Four County's Jail Therapy Program. Using risk level and needs identified in the Pretrial Screening Stage, we are assisting in selecting candidates for the new Jail Therapy Program targeted towards inmates with substance disorders who have ERDs of 90 days or less. Curriculum includes W.R.A.P., Wellness Action Recovery Plan, and M.O.R.E, My On Going Recovery, programs aimed at assisting transition back into the community. The men's groups is already meeting and we hope to add a women's and bilingual group in the coming weeks.

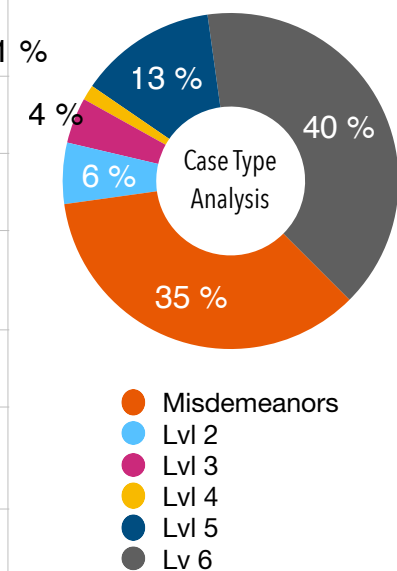
We continue to see a documented increase in clients served, with 156 clients served thus far in 2021, 15% over the total population served in 2020 (136 clients) and a 9% increase in the last month. Pretrial Services currently has 70 active clients, 75 cases, and we served a total of 77 clients in August. Our caseload also remains to

be over half our felony charged, 66%. Total days supervised in August was 2,052 days. Approximately 29 arrestee evaluations and recommendations, with IRAS-PATs, were completed in the past month and we had 12 new intakes. We also had 4 clients successfully complete the program this past month.

COST SAVINGS:

Using the \$40 daily per diem used to house an inmate outside the jail, Pretrial Services is currently diverting \$2,800 daily in county incarceration expenses. As noted previously, we served 77 clients for a total of 2,052 days in August, for an estimated monthly cost savings of \$82,080.

Offense & Case Type	Total
Misdemeanors	24
Level 6 Felonies	27
High Level Felonies	19
Courtesy Transfers (Howard, Pulaski, Parke Co.)	9
Probation Violators	1
Mental Health Adjudications	2
Special Conditions of Bond	9
Percent Felonies	66 %
Total	70



As of September 9th, the Cass County Jail was 26% over capacity, and is housing 9 inmates in outside facilities at a cost of \$360 a day or \$11,160 per month. It is estimated that without Pretrial Services the jail would be 66% over capacity.

JAIL ANALYSIS:

The August jail analysis showed that 16% 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. 30% of the population classified as pre-adjudication have an out of county warrant that excludes them from the program.

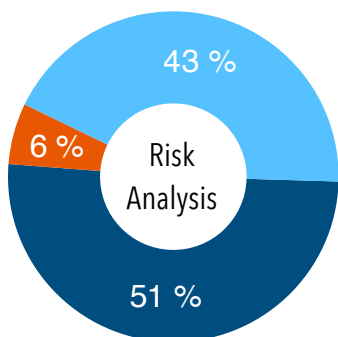
STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT:

• **Offense Type Analysis:**

- Analysis shows that 28% are drug & alcohol related offenses, 11% crimes against property, 22% crimes against persons, 35% are traffic/miscellaneous and 3% public health & administration and 1% weapon related.

• **Supervision Analysis:**

- 29% of active participants are being supervised at Level 3 (High) Supervision, with weekly or daily reporting
- 23% 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 multiple client clients with injuries and chronic illnesses.
- 11% of active clients have multiple cases.
- 17 clients are being supervised with electronic monitoring facilitated by Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections
- 23% of clients are currently participating in voluntary programming and services, including domestic violence classes, Beyond Trauma, & individual counseling

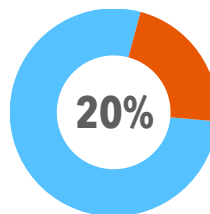


• **Risk Analysis:**

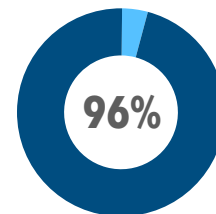
- Trends show that 6% of active clients have been identified through the IRAS-PAT as High Risk, 51% as Moderate Risk, and 43% as Low Risk

High Moderate Low

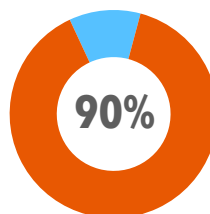
PERFORMANCE METRICS:



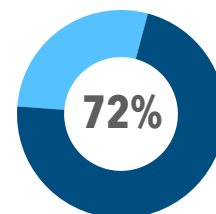
Violation Rate: the percentage of defendants who received a violation, pending violations are included in calculations



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

NOTABLE UPDATES:

- On Friday September 10, 2021, we received our CY2022 IDOC Grant Award Letter and are pleased to announce that we received all our requested funding for next year. In addition to the Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant, we continue to seek funding to expand services and the needs of not only Court Services, but all members of our Local Criminal Justice System.
- Our Case Manager will attend his State Probation Orientation this month, completing all requirements of his Probation Officer Certification. The Director is also excited to have been invited to attend 2021 NAPSA Conference.
- Our first local JRAC Meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2021. Stakeholders mark your calendars!
- This past month we used funds from the ICJI COVID Relief Grant to purchase more equipment for Juvenile Probation and Community Corrections. Plans are to use the remaining funds to secure more sound panels and technology that facilitates remote court hearings, supervision and participation in therapy.

