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Letter from The President Gerald Rodriguez

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Hello Criminal Justice and Pretrial Professionals,

Welcome to the spring edition of the Texas Association of Pretrial Services Newsletter. I am privileged to have been recently elected as the President of the Texas Association of Pretrial Services (TAPS). With your help, I am eager to continue our organization’s efforts towards advancing the effective use of Pretrial Service throughout the State of Texas. I wish you all well and hope that you enjoy the thoughtful articles and submissions in this issue. I hope you were able to join us for the fantastic TAPS conference in April at The Woodlands. The conference gave us a chance to share ideas, learn new things, and reinvest ourselves to this very important work we do. Many, like me, left the conference re-energized, inspired and eager to continue to make a positive difference in the communities we serve.

I would like to take a moment to offer thanks to the folks that contributed to organizing and coordinating the conference. Without their hard work, time, and ideas, we would not have been able to enjoy such a successful, enlightening, and motivating experience.

I wanted to offer recognition to the staff of Harris County and Bell County Pretrial Services who volunteered to assist with the check-in and registration. I am very thankful for the wonderful presenters that shared their knowledge and experience. I would like to give special thanks to the “Dean of the Senate”, Senator Whitmire for inspiring us all with his insights on the legislative state of Pretrial Services in Texas. Also, I would like to thank our corporate sponsors. Without their generous support we could not afford to offer such a complete conference experience. Last but not least, I would like to thank the TAPS Board of Directors for their dedication, time and hard work that they put into organizing the conference.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the TAPS Pioneer award recipient Irma Guerrero, Division Director of Travis County Pretrial Services for her years of service to our field. I would also like to congratulate the newest members of the Board of Directors. The voting results for the TAPS Board of Directors elections were tallied. April Craig, Caldwell-Comal-Hays County CSCD, was elected as Treasurer and Duane Steele, Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, was elected as the North East Representative. I was elected to serve as President and Myra Smith, Harris County Pretrial Services, was selected to serve as Vice President until elections for the Vice President position are held next year. For the first time in our organizations three year history, we have all of the positions on the board filled.

This is a very exciting time to be involved with Pretrial Services. There is unprecedented energy and momentum around criminal justice reform and Pretrial Services in particular. There has been an increased focus on the pretrial period in the criminal justice system. Much had been discussed regarding the costs to municipal and county governments; however the conversation is now shifting towards the social and human costs of incarcerating defendants. Many policy makers are beginning to understand that even a short period of incarceration can increase the likelihood of re-arrest and that those who remain in custody are more

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TAPS 3rd Annual Conference—2016



The TAPS 3rd Annual Conference and Training Institute was the best one yet! For the second year in a row we were able to host the conference at the beautiful Sam Houston State University Woodlands Campus at the Woodlands, Texas. A special thanks must again be extended to our benefactors, Doug Dretke and the Correctional Management Institute of Texas who so graciously provided not only a terrific venue for the conference but lunch and refreshments for our members and vendors alike. We had terrific speakers who were both entertaining and informative in presenting their topics. We sat and enjoyed a meal together while listening intently to Keynote Speaker, Texas Senator John Whitmire as he spoke of the job pretrial agencies do, his plans for the Texas Senate committee he chairs and his vision for the future of pretrial services and the

criminal justice in Texas. Members had an opportunity to meet and speak with every presenter, including the senator. Vendors had ample opportunity to network with members and speakers alike. Members had an opportunity to meet and speak with every presenter, including the senator. Vendors had ample opportunity to network with members and speakers alike. It was a great conference for anyone who attended.

We also recognized our Third Annual Pretrial Pioneer. Travis County's Pretrial Director, Irma Guerrero was surprised to be named Pretrial Pioneer for 2016. Irma has worked in Travis County for 30 years. Congratulations to Ms. Guerrero!

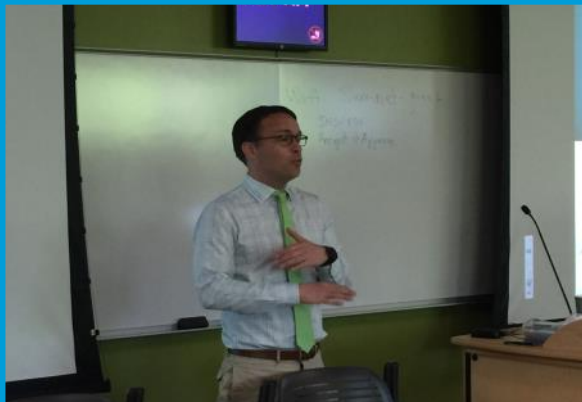


From left to right, Pioneer Award winners: Carol Oeller, Irma Guerrero and Michelle Brown.

Board Member Will Longoria with Senator John Whitmire at the TAPS conference



Senator John Whitmire, who is both a proponent of Pretrial and a longtime member of the Texas Senate, was the keynote speaker.



Matt Aisdorf, Vice-President of Criminal Justice for the Laura and John Arnold Foundation provides an update on the foundations latest studies.



Dan Hase -Commissioner & **Jim Bethke**, Executive Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission provide the membership with a State of Indigent Defense in Texas.



Cherise Fanno Burdeen, Executive Director of the Pretrial Justice Institute (PJI) provides a national perspective on PJI's "3 Days Count" campaign.



Senator John Whitmire, the Keynote Speaker at the TAPS conference, addresses the membership during a luncheon provided by our CMIT hosts.



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Timing of Appointment of Counsel & Screening for Eligibility 1.

By: Jim Bethke, Executive Director,
Texas Indigent Defense Commission

To ensure indigent defendants receive counsel within a specified timeframe, the Texas Fair Defense Act divides pretrial case processing responsibility among several actors.

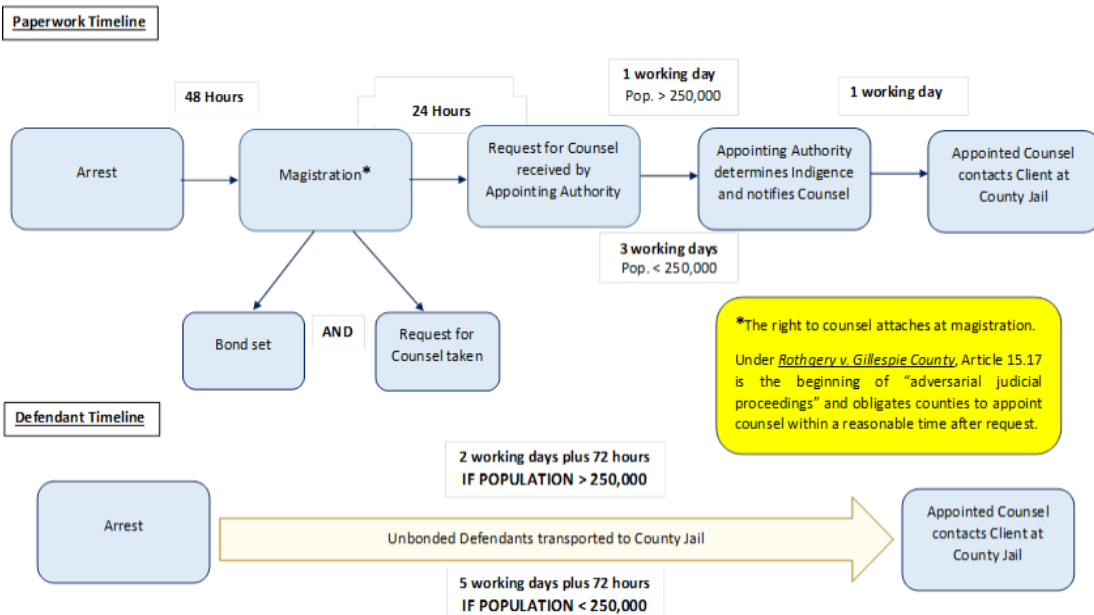
Indigent Defense Caseflow and Appointment Timelines

Article 14.06 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure directs an arresting officer to bring an arrested person before a magis-

trate within 48 hours of arrest for an Article 15.17 “magistration” hearing.² The Code allows for magistration by means of an “electronic broadcast system.” Should an arrested person request appointed counsel at magistration, two potential appointment pathways emerge. If the magistrate cannot appoint counsel, the magistrate must transmit the appointment request to the proper appointing authority within 24 hours. This includes the arrested person’s financial infor-

mation for use in determining indigence. If the magistrate is the appointing authority, the determination of indigence and assignment of legal representation must occur within the time frames set by Article 1.051 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.³ The court may authorize an indigent defense coordinator or court coordinator to review eligibility and assign counsel. In some cases, the judges themselves review eligibility and assign counsel.⁴ Figure 1, below, outlines the timeline for appoint-

Figure 1. Timeline Specified by the Fair Defense Act



For counties with a population of 250,000 or more, an appointing court or its authorized designee must appoint counsel within one working day of receiving the request for counsel. In counties with a population under 250,000, the timeframe is three working days.

Article 15.17 Hearings and Attachment of the Right to Counsel

In *Rothgery v. Gillespie County* (2008) the United States Supreme Court resolved when “adversarial judicial proceedings” begin, thereby triggering the attachment of the Sixth Amendment right to counsel. The Court concluded that, in Texas, the Article 15.17 hearing functions as the initiation of adversarial judicial proceedings and therefore acted as the “point of attachment” for the

right to counsel.⁵

Article 1.051(c) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure provides the timeframe for appointment based on a request at an Article 15.17 hearing. For counties with a population of 250,000 or more, an appointing court or its authorized designee must appoint counsel within one working day of receiving the request for counsel. In counties with a population under 250,000, the timeframe is three working days.⁶ For indigent defendants released from custody

before appointment of counsel, Article 1.051(j) tolls the running of the appointment clock “until the defendant’s first court appearance or when adversarial judicial proceedings are initiated, whichever comes first.”⁷ Figure 1, above, highlights the timeline under the Fair Defense Act to complete each phase of appointment.

Indigent Defense Screening

Local judges, through their indigent defense plans, set financial standards to determine indigence, describe how counsel (continued on next page)



Timing of Appointment of Counsel & Screening for Eligibility (cont.)

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is selected, and outline payment methods for court-appointed counsel. The effective implementation of these indigent defense plans requires that local officials establish a way to obtain information about a defendant's financial status and then compare this information with the local standard of indigence.⁸ Screening – obtaining information about a defendant's financial status for the purpose of determining whether he or she is indigent – is the primary means by which counties carry out this function.

Effective screening methods ensure compliance with the constitutional right to counsel and may provide cost-savings for counties. Ineffective screening results in inaccurate indi-

gence determinations that may be under- or over-inclusive. If under-inclusive, counties run the risk of infringing on indigent defendants' right to counsel, possibly resulting in uncounseled plea deals. If over-inclusive, defendants with the ability to retain an attorney may be provided with appointed counsel and may further strain overextended county resources.

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission released its Effective Indigence Screening guideline in 2015, which outlines the importance of effective screening, variances in the screening methods across Texas, approaches to using the information from screening in determining indigence, and statutory guidance for effective screening methods and indigence determinations.⁹

1. Material found within this handout is based on the following: Jim Bethke and Dottie Carmichael, *The Fair Defense Act and the Role of the Magistrate*, THE RECORDER, February 2015.
2. TEX. CODE CRIM PROC. art. 14.06 (a).
3. TEX. CODE CRIM PROC. art. 15.17 (a).
4. The Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M University, *Study to Assess the Impacts of the Fair Defense Act on Texas Counties*, 35 – 38 (January 2005).
5. *Rothgery v. Gillespie County*, 554 U.S. 191, 212 (2008).
6. TEX. CODE CRIM PROC. art. 1.051(c).
7. TEX. CODE CRIM PROC. art. 1.051(j).
8. TEX. CODE CRIM PROC. art. 26.04 (a).
9. The guideline can be found online here: <http://www.tide.texas.gov/media/40461/effective-indigence-screening-final.pdf>.

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Jim Bethke, Executive Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission



A Word From The National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA) - By Brian Joseph Brittain—Southern Regional Director

Hello Texas!
I had the pleasure of attending a portion of the 2016 Texas Association of Pretrial Services Annual Conference and Training Institute. I was thoroughly impressed by how far the association has come in such a short amount of time. Active state pretrial associations such as TAPS are rare and it is my hope that the association will continue to flourish.

Beginning in March, 2016, the Certified Pretrial Services Practitioner exam moved to an on-demand format. There will no longer be specific testing dates; those desiring to become certified can now do so at any time. This is a significant advancement for our field. Certification is important and represents a milestone achievement for pretrial professionals. Many jurisdic-

tions are now incorporating certification requirements into their hiring practices.

As many of you already know, the 44th Annual NAPSA Conference will be held at the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort in Salt Lake City, Utah from September 11 – 14, 2016. The conference will feature national keynote and plenary session speakers and 60 instructional workshops to provide participants with the foundations of pretrial, latest research findings, and evidence-based practices.

Training and travel budgets continue to be a barrier to jurisdictions seeking to send employees to conferences and trainings; however, there is a scholarship opportunity that you should be aware of. The Droege Scholarship offered by

NAPSA covers the conference registration fee, air fare, and up to three nights at the conference hotel. Those with a desire to attend the conference are strongly encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

The deadline to apply for the Droege Scholarship is May 29th. Please visit www.napsa.org for more information on the conference, certification, and the Droege Scholarship.

I hope to see many of you in Salt Lake!

Sincerely
Brian Joseph Brittain
Southern Regional Director,
NAPSA

“(money bail)...does not seem to increase the probability that a defendant appears at trial,” and actually makes us all less safe.

Arpit Gupta, Christopher Hansman, and Ethan Frenchman



Meet Your New TAPS Board Members



Myra Smith is the Vice-President for the Texas Association of Pre-trial Services (TAPS). She previously served as the

Northeastern Regional Representative (2014-16) for TAPS. She brings to TAPS a track record of public service and leadership skills, having been in the pretrial justice field for over 30 years, 27 of those years as the Division Manager of the Pretrial Screening Division of Harris County Pretrial Services, Houston, Texas. Her duties include procedural and policy issues, staff training and development and the supervision of over 70 staff members. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Hampton University and a Masters in Counseling from Prairie View A & M University.

She has served on various local interagency councils and committees focusing on the needs of defendants with mental disabilities. She has served on committees

mittee), and the Texas Association of Pretrial Services (TAPS).

In March of 2015 he was recognized for 25 years of service with Dallas County. His passion has grown from working with youthful offenders, to working with currently and formally incarcerated adults, specifically those with behavioral and mental health challenges.



My name is April Craig and I am proud to serve as the Treasurer for The Texas Association of Pre-Trial Services. I graduated from Texas State University in December 2013. I am currently employed with Caldwell County Community Supervision and Corrections Department as the Pre-Trial Supervision Officer. Prior to beginning my career in community corrections, I worked

studying evidence-based practices in pretrial services and the application of risk assessment in choosing pretrial release conditions. She was selected in 2010 to attend the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) event, Orientation for New Pretrial Executives.



If you attended the 2016 TAPS Conference and Training Institute you may recognize Duane. He was on the

"Pretrial Leadership Panel". Duane is your new TAPS North-east Region Representative.

Duane Steele is currently the Program Manager of Dallas County Pretrial Services in Dallas, Texas where he has worked since 1990. He has over 30 years of Criminal Justice experience. Duane received a Bachelor of

Science Degree in Elementary Education, from Wiley College, (home of "The Great Debaters").

He has always had a passion for working with youth and spent a large portion of his career in Juvenile Services. He began his career as a Juvenile Detention Officer in Tarrant County. After moving to Dallas County, he continued to work as a Detention Officer and gradually advanced to a Field Probation Officer, Court Liaison Officer and Department Floater with Dallas County's Juvenile Probation Department. Continuing his work with youth, from 2007 to 2010 Duane served as Court Manager of Dallas County's specialized Truancy Courts. In 2010 he was assigned as Coordinator of Dallas County's Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB), and is currently Program Manager of Pretrial Services.

Duane is a member of the Texas Urban Counties Criminal Justice Planners, North Central Texas Council of Governments' (Criminal Justice Policy Development Com-



The Texas Association of Pretrial Services invites you to attend the 2017 4th Annual TAPS Conference and Training Institute which will be located in San Antonio, Texas.

Heeding the results of the recent survey sent out to members, plans are already in the works to address the topics you indicated would be most interesting and informative to you.

Hotels, sites and other useful information will be divulged in the coming editions of our newsletter and on the website. So plan ahead and be there for our next conference. You will be happy you did!



She (Myra) brings to TAPS a track record of public service and leadership skills, having been in the pretrial justice field for over 30 years, 27 of those years as the Division Manager of the Pretrial Screening Division of Harris County Pretrial Services,

He (Duane) has always had a passion for working with youth and spent a large portion of his career in Juvenile Services.

Helping people maintain or gain their stability post arrest and facilitate services that may help them is crucial to making Pre-Trial Supervision as success.

April Craig



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likely to get harsher outcomes than similar individuals who are released. I am hopeful that as more become aware of the true costs, there will be an increase in the momentum towards changing the status quo.

There continues to be interest and activity at our State Legislature and in the Texas Supreme Court Judicial Advisory Committee regarding Criminal Justice reform and by extension the use of effective Pretrial Services. We are in a period of time where there appears to be a confluence of forces on both sides of the political spectrum regarding the need to make changes to an overburdened criminal justice system. In April, hearings were scheduled in the Texas Senate to explore the effective use of Pretrial Services. Members of the TAPS board along with other pretrial services leaders and stakeholders shared their understanding of how to improve the process. Invited speakers provided feedback including shedding light on the need to limit if not prohibit the use of artificial restrictions, used by some jurisdictions, to limit who can be considered for release with a personal bond. There was a call to explore best practices for setting bail and how information about risk and indigence could be used to enhance the bail setting process.

As an organization, we plan to look at strategies for increasing the number of jurisdictions who make bail/release decisions based on risk and who do not restrict eligibility for personal bond consideration due to specific offenses, charge level or bond amounts. We hope to have a role in identifying legislation and providing information, education, and support to those who seek to enhance the criminal justice system through legislation that fosters the use of risk based pretrial release.

Making things better requires change and change very rarely comes easy. Although we have much work ahead of us, I am strengthened by the ability of our members to be the instrument of change. With your individual strength and our efforts together as an organization, we can bring forward a new era in Pretrial Services. I encourage all of you to participate in any of our committees to help us make a difference.

I would like to thank all of you for your support of our organization and its goals. We would not be able to do any of this without you.

With sincerest gratitude,
Gerald Rodriguez, TAPS President
Manager, Travis County Pretrial Services

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More pictures from the 2016 TAPS Conference

On the right:

Harris County Pretrial (led by Myra Smith—seated in the center) came out in full force to assist with the entire conference! Thank you folks!



On the right:

TAPS President, Mike Lozito poses with Senator John Whitmire.



Texas Senator John Whitmire poses with TAPS Board members Cornell Mickley (right) and Will Longoria (left).



Bexar County Opens a Re-Entry Center

By Will Longoria



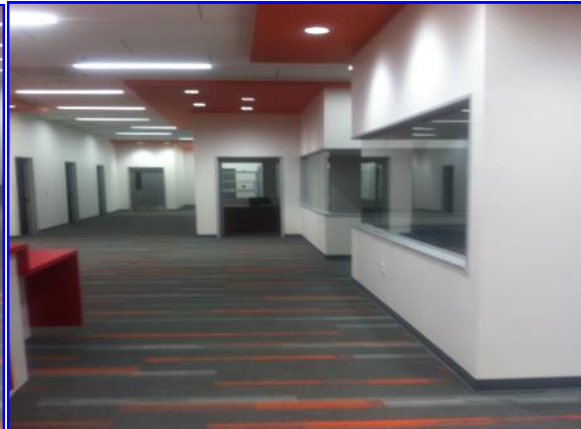
The Bexar County Re-Entry Center celebrated its grand opening on Wednesday, 05-18-16. Many local dignitaries, county employees, Re-Entry Council members, providers and others who either played a hand in the planning and/or creation of the center were in attendance.

Also in attendance was the man who first launched the idea of the Re-Entry Center and who spent the better part of ten years organizing the council and leading the way, former Precinct 4 Commissioner, Tommy Adkisson.

Judicial Services Director Mike Lozito, who played an integral part in bringing the center to fruition, emceed the event. Speakers included current Precinct 4 Commissioner and Re-Entry Council Chairman, Tommy Calvert, Bexar County Sheriff Susan Pamerleau, County Judge Nelson Wolff and a young beneficiary of the Re-Entry process, Justin Grant who's funny but heartfelt speech led many to understand the work and positive outcomes that become possible with an effective Re-Entry program.

The Bexar County Re-Entry Center is still a work in progress with much work to be done. Debra Jordan, the Re-Entry Program Manager was tasked with coordinating the entire effort. With direction from Mike Lozito and Re-Entry Council input she oversaw the design and implemented the construction of the center. Additionally, Ms. Jordan pulled existing resources together to provide clients from the Bexar County Adult Detention Center with the best possible means to address their needs. Help will come from governmental agencies, faith-based groups and private entities all pooling resources in order to help clients help themselves. The hope is that Re-Entry will continue to attract further resources in an effort to change lives for the better and enrich the quality of life, not only for their clients but for Bexar County's almost 2 million residents.

Posted below are pictures of the Re-Entry Center lobby and the grand opening.



Below L-R: Dr. Jorge Cuellar, Director of the Ministry of the 3rd Cross, Jose Maldonado, new Re-Entry Specialist, Debra Jordan Re-Entry Program Manager and Mike Lozito, Director of Judicial Services.

Below: R -L—Norma Greenfield Laborde, Deputy Director for Judicial Services and John Dunham with Ministry of the 3rd Cross.



I am a firm believer that upon release, ex-offenders should be afforded a second chance to become productive citizens by providing rehabilitation and education that will help them join the workforce.

Charles B. Rangel

America is the land of the second chance - and when the gates of the prison open, the path ahead should lead to a better life.

George W. Bush





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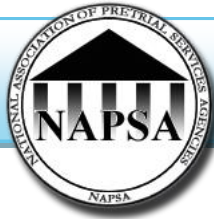
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Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.

Aristotle

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July 11, 2016 - July 14, 2016—Extensive training that enhances the effectiveness of pretrial executives in maintaining and capitalizing existing services.

Overview

More than ever, criminal justice practitioners and decision-makers understand and appreciate the complexity and importance of the pretrial field and expect more from those who manage pretrial release and diversion programs. To meet these expectations, today's pretrial executive must be an expert in the statutory foundations of bail; best practices in risk assessment, risk management, and organizational leadership; and communicating program mission and values to criminal justice and community partners.

As the premier training for pretrial leaders, NIC's Orientation for New Pretrial Executives engages participants in a comprehensive 40-hour instructor lead course of study aimed at the unique issues, challenges and opportunities within the pretrial field. An experienced and diverse faculty of pretrial, performance management, evidence based practice, and legal experts lead orientation participants through study and discussion on the legal foundations of pretrial justice, professional standards for pretrial release and diversion, legal and evidence-based release and diversion practices, organizational leadership, performance measurement and communication and messaging. Instruction is completely interactive and participants have opportunities throughout the week to work with one another and with faculty to build a long term professional networks. Faculty members and NIC staff also work with and help participants problem solve, through peer interaction and discussion, their individual key challenges.

Registration is open to pretrial release and diversion professionals with decision making responsibilities in a high level management position.

NIC will cover all costs for travel & lodging if you are selected to attend this training.



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Harvey Mackay



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The Texas Association of Pretrial Services (TAPS) is looking for members to serve on the Membership Committee. *Membership is the lifeblood of every organization.* Come be involved as we strive to grow the membership of our professional organization, *the only state organization dedicated specifically to the pretrial services field.*

Send your name, email address, phone number, agency name and position to:

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TAPS Membership Committee
mbrown@tarrantcounty.com
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Become a member
and have a say in
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PJI — NEWS

Political and judicial leaders acknowledge the need to improve pretrial justice. Now, three new research reports provide further evidence that money bail discriminates against the poor and undermines public safety.

Highlights from the new studies include:

- Assigning money bail to people accused of crime increased the likelihood of **conviction by 12%** and increased **recidivism by 4%**.
- People arrested and detained due to their inability to pay face up to a **30% increase in convictions** and an **additional 18 months of incarceration.**

The median income of people unable to afford money bail was only **\$15,109**. The median bail amount nationally is **almost a full year's income** for the typical person unable to post a bail bond.

PJI issued a [*Press Release](#) today with links to these studies and statements of support from Executive Director Cherise Fanno Burdeen and the following leaders:

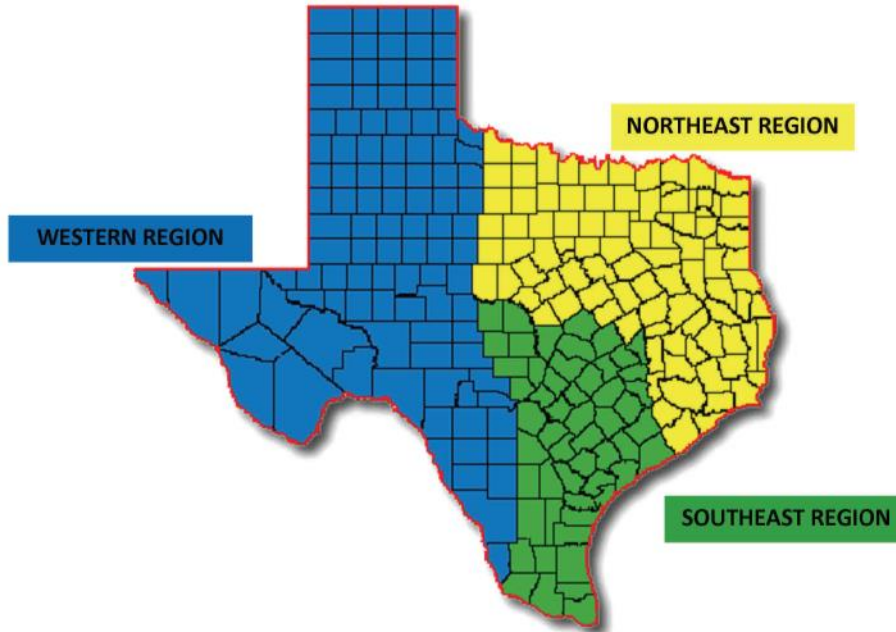
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Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr., Supreme Court of Guam.

"With these recent research findings, there should no longer be any doubt, anywhere, that money bail unfairly punishes the poor while also making everyone less safe."

--Cherise Fanno Burdeen, executive director, Pretrial Justice Institute



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PRETRIAL SERVICES REGIONS



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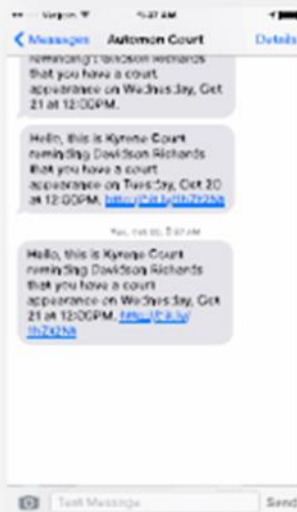
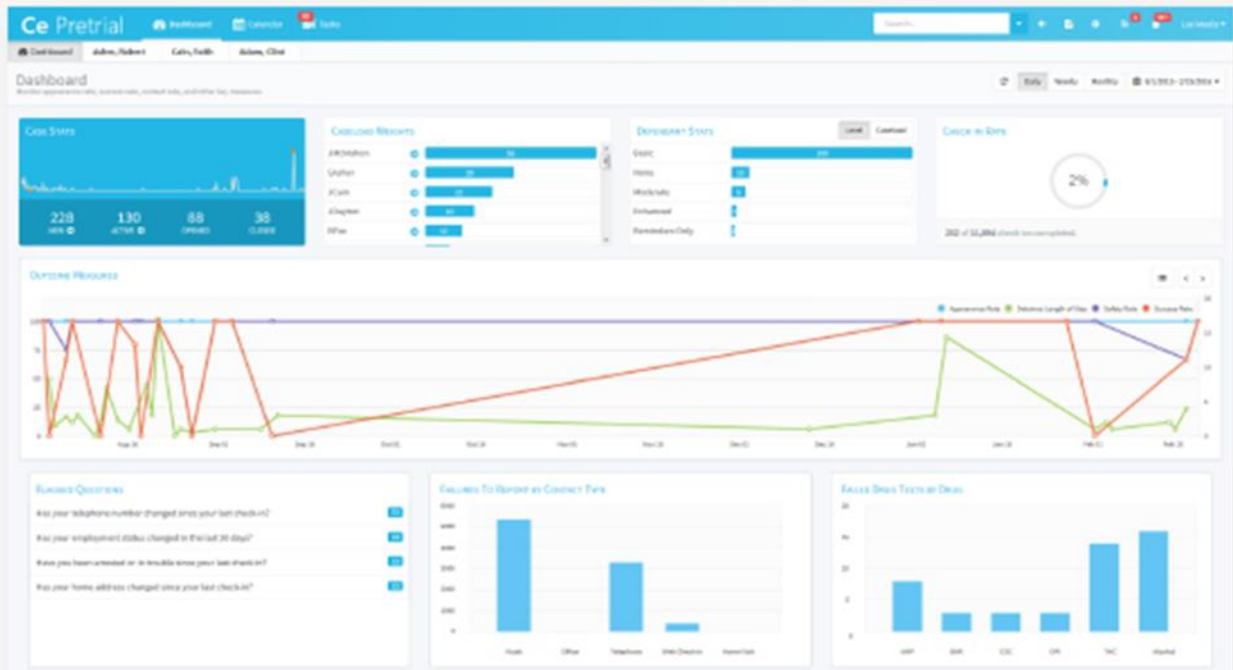
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