



# **Multnomah County Deflection & Sobering Programs Update**

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# Agenda

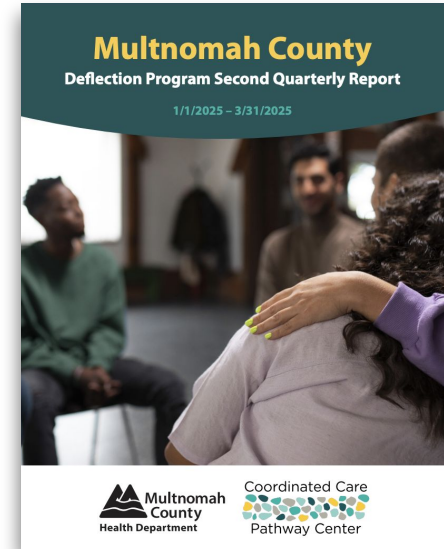
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- Deflection Program
  - 2nd Quarter Report
  - Portland Police Bureau Missions
  - International Interest
- Sobering Program
  - New Sobering Services
  - Expanding Referrals
  - Permanent Facility Update
  - Community Engagement
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# Quarterly Reporting - Overview

- Q1 published on 2/24/25 covering period of 9/1/24 - 12/31/24
- Q2 published on 6/3/25 covering 1/1/25 - 3/31/25 and provides ongoing analysis of program data
- Aims to identify the needs of people deflected
- Gathers insight into how the program is working and what policy and implementation changes may be worth considering



# Considerations

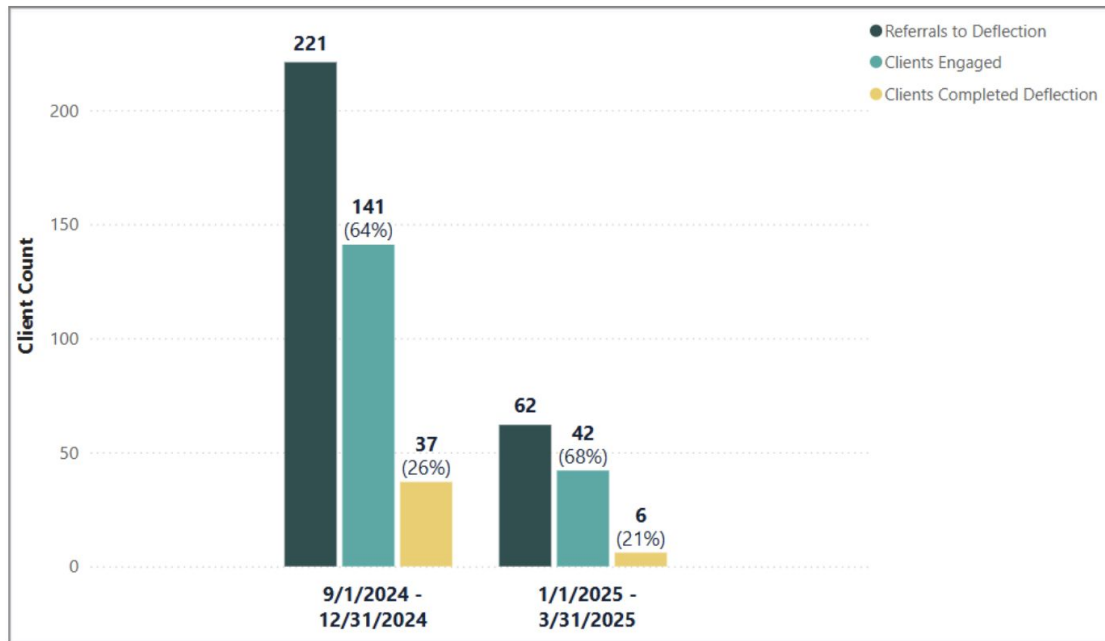
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- New program - limited data to analyze
- Data only up to 3/31/25 (prior to 24/7 deflection operations and the launch of 24/7 Sobering Program)
- The number of people in deflection is limited by eligibility criteria and referral requirements
- Time needed to complete and verify completion



# Key Metrics

*Graph 1: Referrals to Deflection, Client Engagements, and Clients Completed Deflections, 9/1/2024 – 12/31/2024 vs 1/1/2025 – 3/31/2025*



# Demographics

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## Gender Identity

86% Male  
14% Female

## Racial Identity

- 59% White
- 13% American Indian/Alaskan Native
- 13% Black and/or African American
- 11% Latino/a/x
- 2% declined to answer

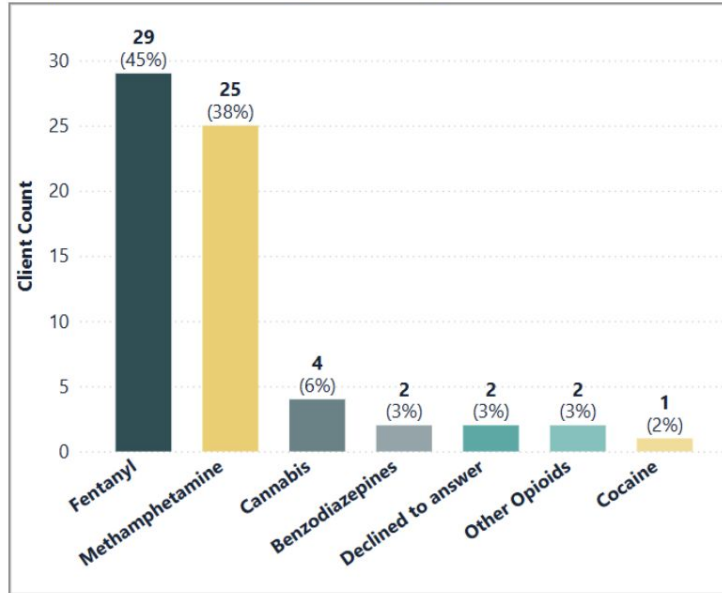
## Age

Majority of people deflected were between the ages of 26 to 45



# Substances Used

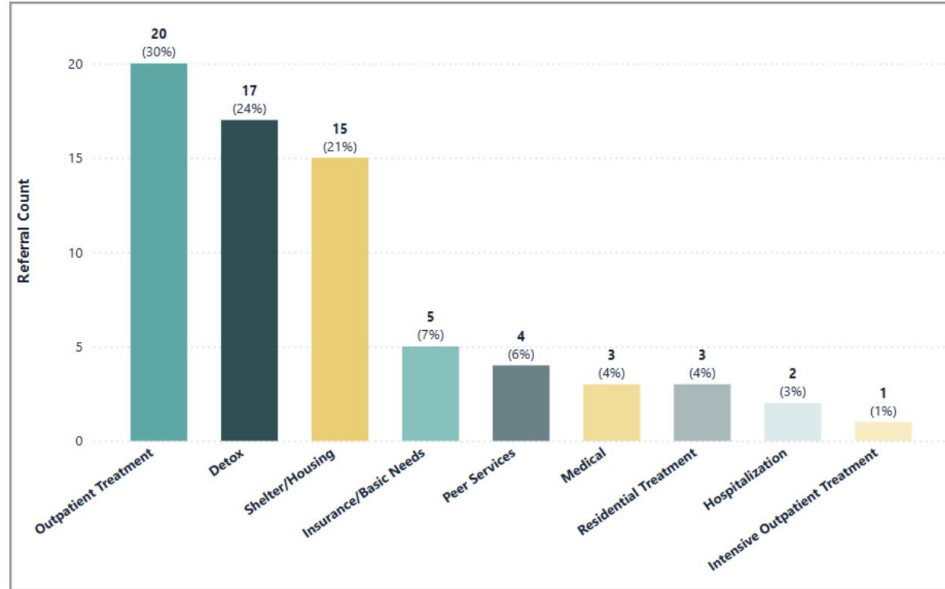
Graph 11: Client Self-Reported Drugs Used



# Referrals Accessed

## Service Referrals Provided to and Accessed by Engaged Deflection Clients

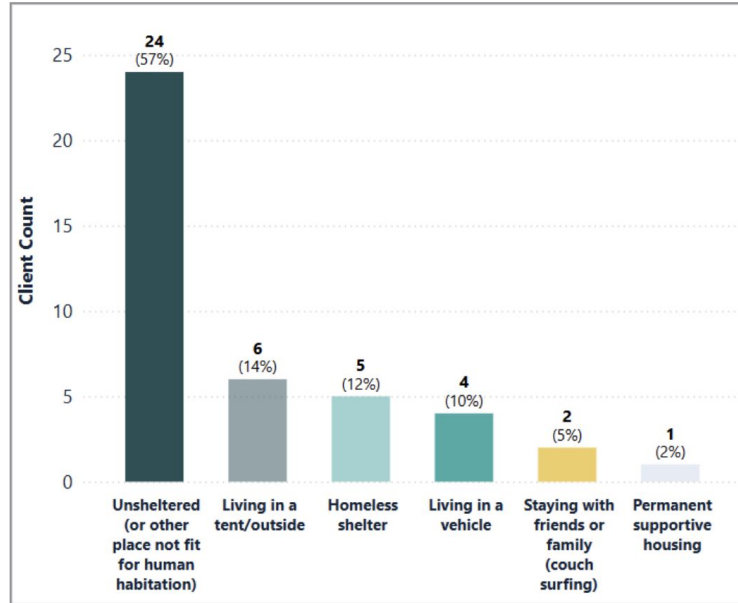
Graph 4: Service Referrals Provided to Engaged Clients, 1/1/2025 – 3/31/2025





# Housing Status

Graph 12: Client Housing Status



# Next Steps

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- Identify ways to potentially expand referral pathways
- Implement improvements to care
- Improve referral accessibility
- Work with partners to gain better understanding of data



# Results of PPB Missions

Data Point	To Date (9/1/24- 5/31/25)	Reporting Period (5/1/25- 5/31/25)	Explanation
Total number of deflections initiated	430	137	
Referring Partners:			
Portland Police Bureau (PPB)	388*	144	*This number is being reconciled with PPB on a rolling basis and may be different than their numbers.
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office	4	0	
Gresham Police Department	3	0	
Oregon State Police	15	6	
Multnomah County District Attorney's Office	46	0**	**The DA's office referral was not sent to the Pathway Center, it was fielded by the Behavioral Health PATH team



# International Interest

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- Program is receiving national and international interest
- Photo of Detective Inspector Warren Lysaght's (New South Wales Police Force) visit to the Pathway Center



# Pathway Center Sobering Program

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## Sobering Program

open 24/7  
as of April 28, 2025



## PHASE 2 COORDINATED CARE PATHWAY CENTER WITH SOBERING

### Journey Map

This visual illustrates the journey and pathways of an individual identified by law enforcement or first responders as eligible for transport to the Coordinated Care Pathway Center, offering a safe and supportive path to sobering and further assistance.

### Who is Eligible for Sobering

#### Deflection Pathway

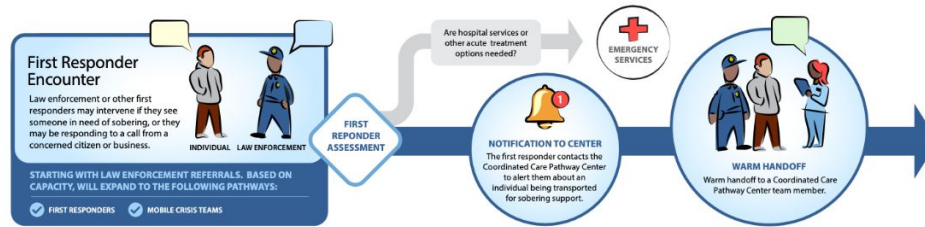


- ✓ Individuals participating in deflection

#### Expanded Pathway



- ✓ Individuals who law enforcement determine are appropriate to transport to the Pathway Center for sobering. Based on capacity, will expand referrals to other first responders and mobile crisis teams.
- ✓ Individuals should be reasonably able to consent to sobering services



### Phase 2 Coordinated Care Pathway Center with Sobering



### Program Principles



Collaborative effort between law enforcement and behavioral health



Person-centered



Data-driven and Evidence-based



Trauma-informed



Culturally and linguistically responsive



Continuous learning and improvement



Community engagement

# Referral Expansion

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On June 23, 2025, opened referrals to 5 teams that have touchpoints with law enforcement:

- Portland Street Response
- Project Respond
- Community Health Assess and Treat (CHAT)
- 4D Recovery
- Mental Health and Addiction Association of Oregon (MHAAO)



# Overview of Permanent Facility

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## Sobering & Crisis Stabilization Center

- Destination for law enforcement, first responders, and other partner organizations to provide safe alternative to jail or Emergency Department for intoxicated individuals
- Deflection, sobering, withdrawal management, and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services:
  - Care coordination and referrals
  - Transportation
- Location: 1901 SE Grand Ave





# Request for Proposal

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- For facility programs provider
- Could be a single vendor awarded all services, or multiple providers over specific operations (e.g., sobering; sobering and medication assisted treatment; etc.)
- Plan to open procurement in July and close a month later
- Request for Information (RFI) resulted in a number of helpful and informative responses



# Schedule Estimate (from April 2025)

Project Phase	2025				2026				2027			
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Conceptual Design												
Schematic Design												
FAC-1 - Design												
Design Development												
Construction Documents												
Demolition Permit Review												
Building Permit Review												
FAC-1 - Construction												
Construction - Demolition												
Construction - Renovation												
Move-In												
Opening												

\* Schedule will continue to be updated over the course of this project.



# Neighborhood Engagement

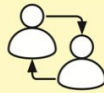
## Sobering and Crisis Stabilization Center

1901 SE Grand Ave, Portland, OR 97214

### Services will Include



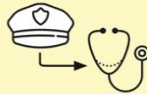
Triage Services,  
Medical & Behavioral  
Health Assessment



Care Coordination  
and Referrals



Medication Assisted  
Treatment (MAT)



Deflection  
Programming



Transportation



Up to 50 Sobering  
and Withdrawal  
Management Beds



Scan to Learn More and Register for  
the Upcoming Community Event.

[www.multco.us/info/sobering-center](http://www.multco.us/info/sobering-center)

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# Neighborhood Engagement Stages



**Stage 1: Site Selection**

**Stage 2: Discovery**

**Stage 3: Design, Construction,  
and Planning**

**Stage 4: Post Opening**



# Neighborhood Engagement

## Stage 1 Summary

- **Engaged** in community meetings
- **Designed** and sent neighborhood mailer
- **Hosted** Community Meeting
- **Created** meeting question and answer reference document



# Next Steps

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- Stages 2 and 3 of Good Neighbor work
- Issue and review response to Request for Proposals
- Launch facility naming process
- Continue design phase
- Continue to explore how to expand deflection and sobering referrals





**Thank You**