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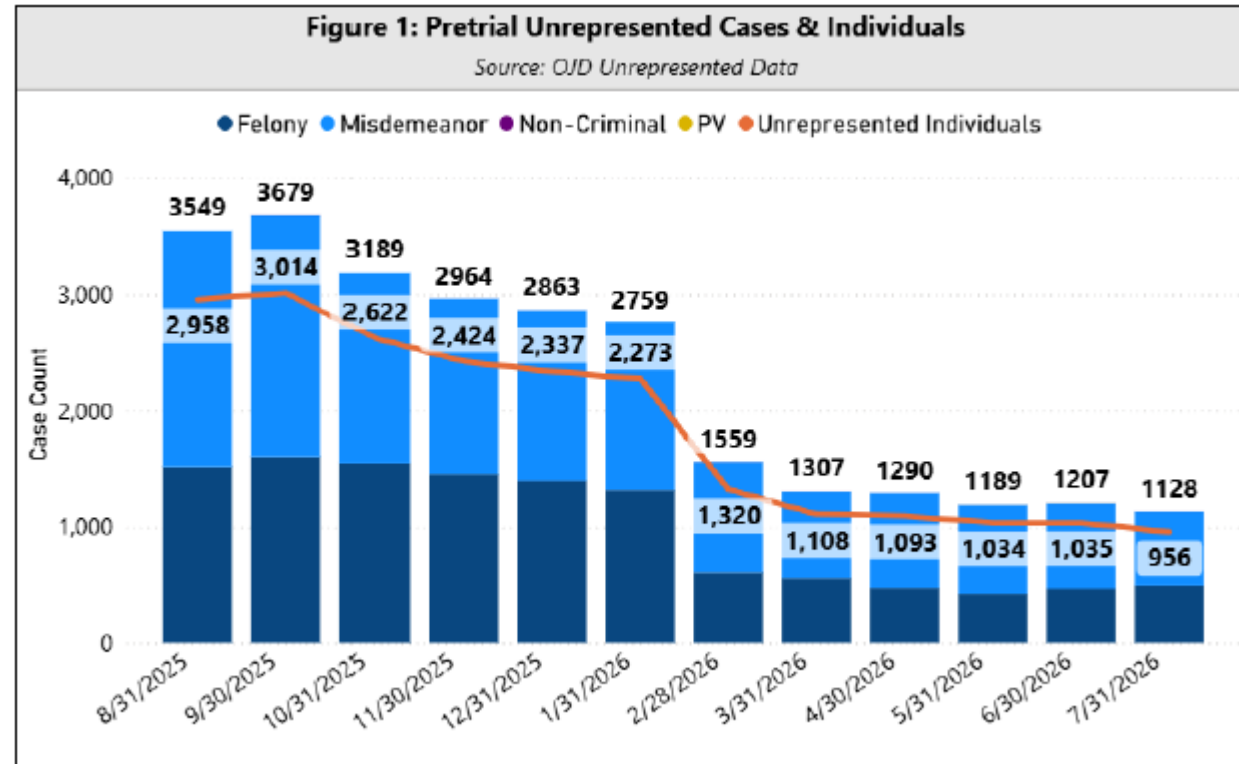
Director's Report

August 19, 2026

Kenneth Sanchagrin, Executive Director

Primary Takeaways – July 2026

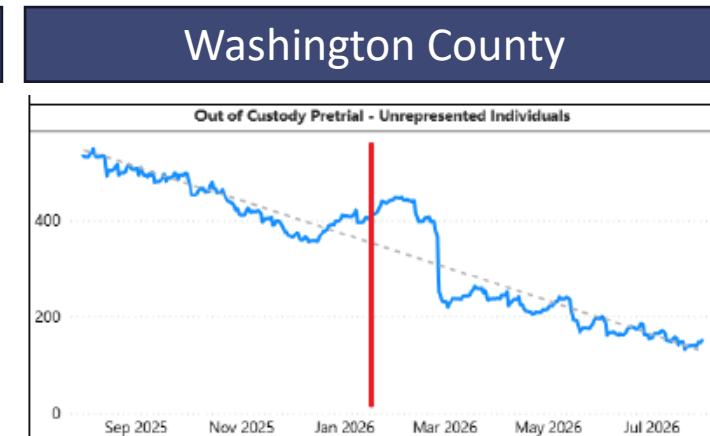
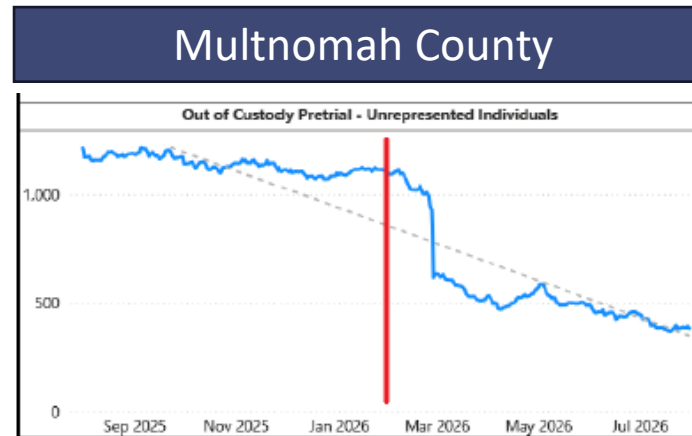
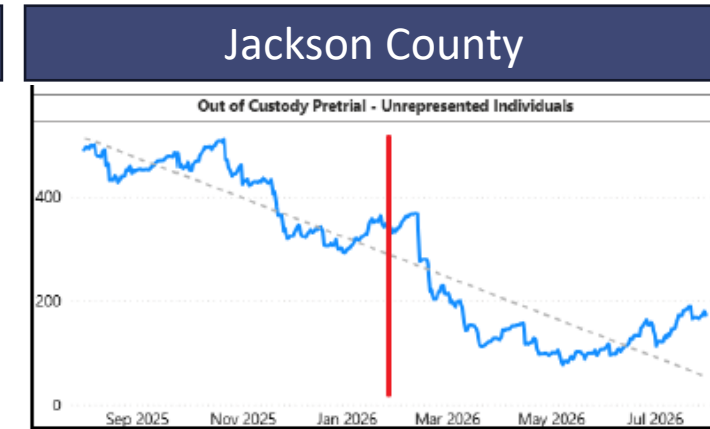
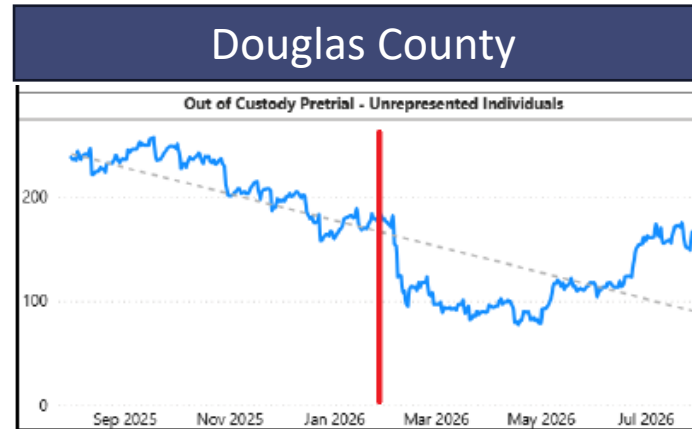
- As of July 31, there were 1,070 unrepresented individuals statewide.
- Statewide, public defense contractors at operating at 94.4% MAC and the OPDC Trial Division is operating at 91.7% MAC.
- OPDC Assignment Coordinators assigned 580 cases in July, including 179 subject to *Betschart*.



Crisis County Updates

Mixed Results Across Crisis Counties

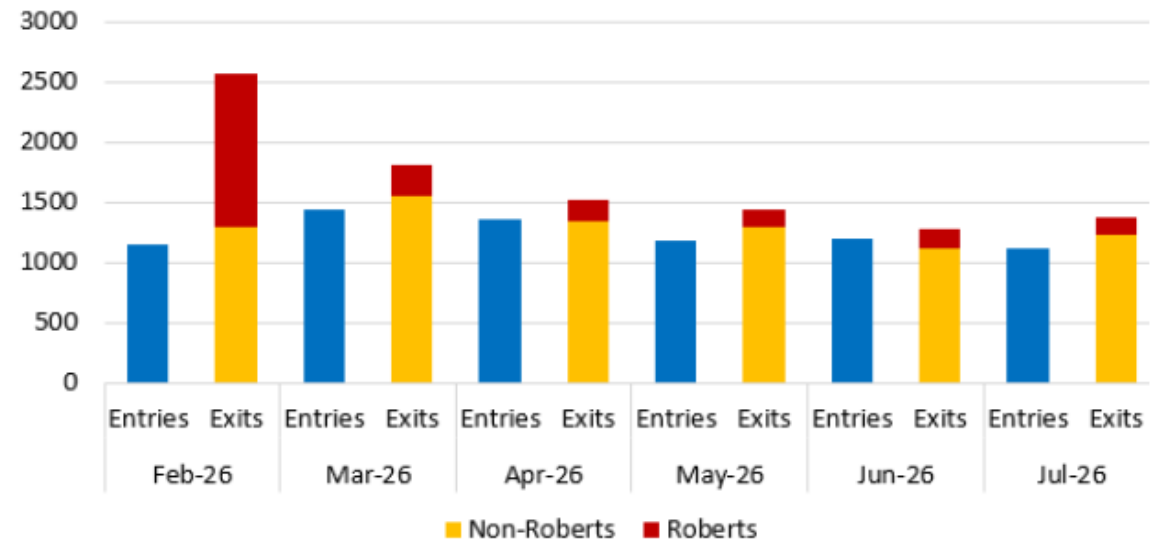
- While all crisis counties saw net decreases compared to the end of June, there are still concerns in Jackson and Douglas Counties.
- Multnomah and Washington continue to see more sustained declines.



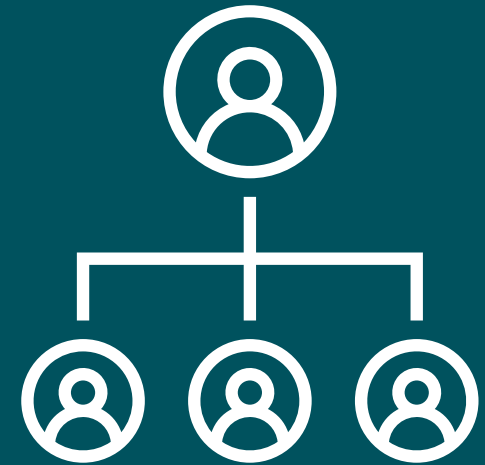
State v. Roberts Impact

- Through the end of July, 2,035 cases were dismissed due to *Roberts*.
- *Roberts* dismissals represent 22% of the total case exits (9,979) from the unrepresented list since February.
- The share of cases exiting unrepresented status since February is highest in Multnomah County (40%), followed by Washington (21%), Jackson (18%), and Douglas (13%).

Figure 1: Monthly Case Entries & Exits after Roberts

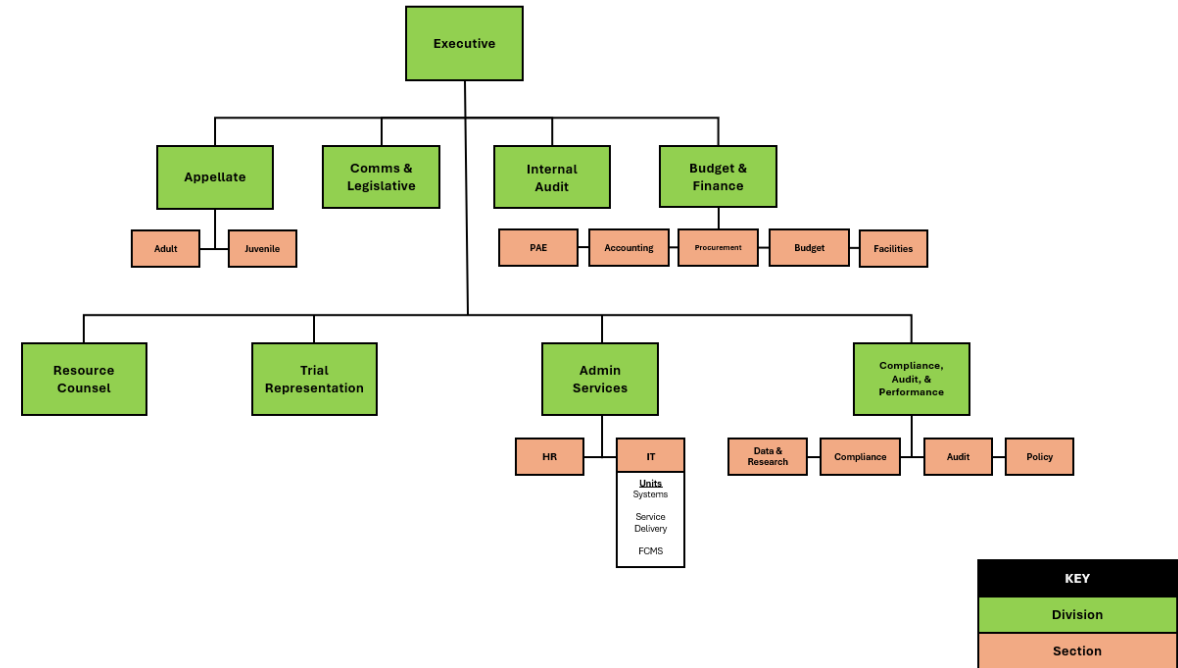


OPDC Agency Reorg

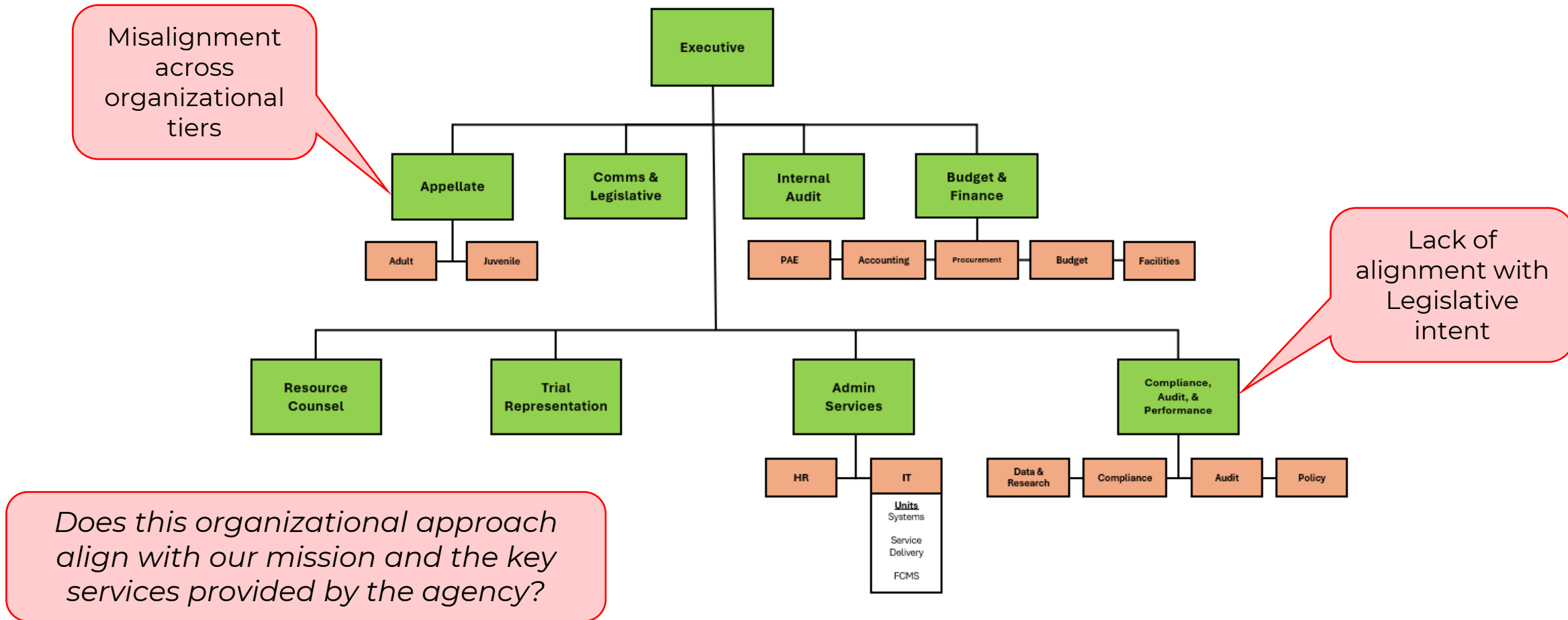


Background: Why?

- Organizational assessment by OPDC Executive Director as required by the Governor
- Inconsistent organizational structure following years of iterative agency growth/transition
- The need for consistency across both budgetary and organizational needs
- The need for greater simplicity
- Is the agency aligned with legislative intent?



Background: Areas of Concern



Organizational Changes

- Most employees will experience little-to-no change in their organizational alignment or day-to-day work responsibilities.
- Key Alignment Changes:
 - CAP will be renamed **Compliance & Performance** and will report to the Executive Director. C&P will focus on the quality of PD service delivery.
 - **Internal Audit** will be moved from CAP to report to the Executive Director consistent with DAS administrative rules.
 - Day-to-day contract compliance responsibilities will be overseen by the **Defense Services Division** (not CAP). Preauthorized Expenses will also move to this division.
 - The **Office of Legal Resource Management** section will be established within the Defense Services Division and will report to the agency Deputy Director.

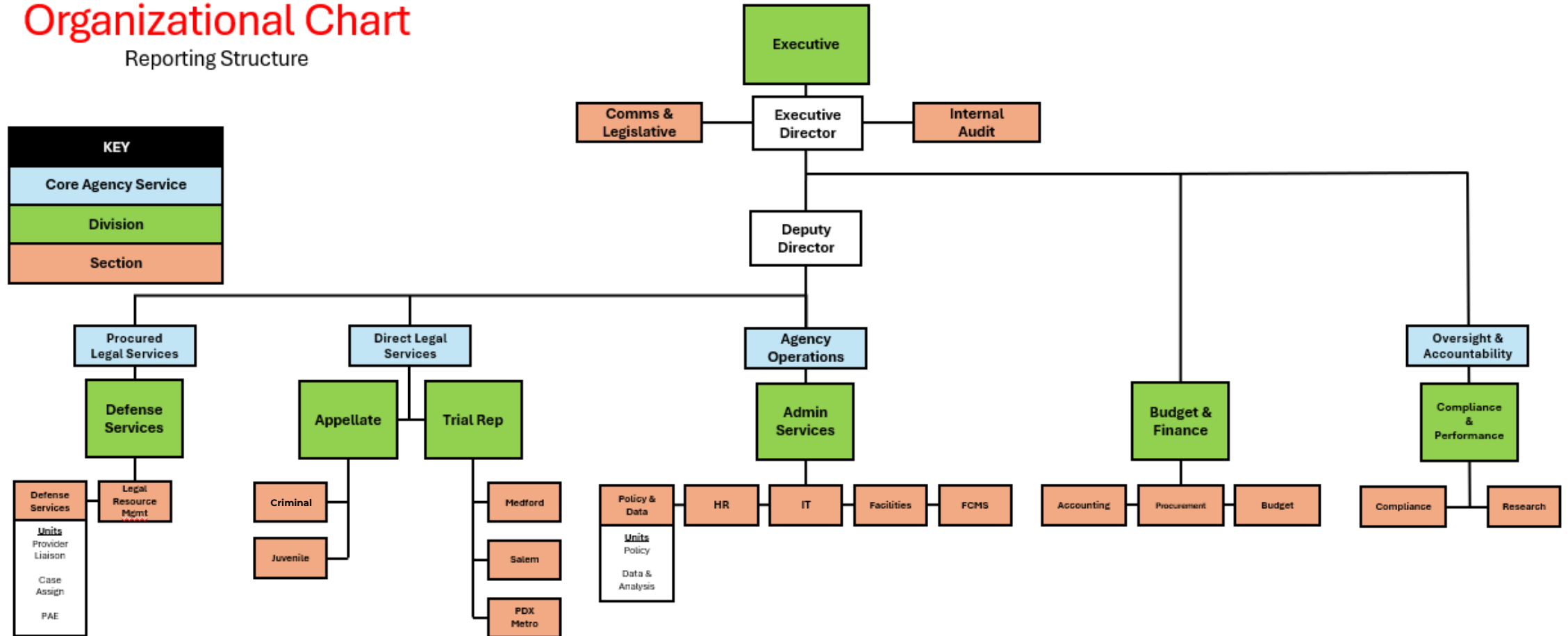
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 - The **Appellate Division** will be aligned with the Trial Representation Division and report to the agency Deputy Director.
 - The **Facilities Section** will be moved from the Budget and Finance Division to the Administrative Services Division.
 - The **Policy** and **Data** sections will be moved from CAP to the Administrative Services Division, consistent with legislative intent.

New Organizational Chart

Organizational Chart

Reporting Structure



Budget Update: Court Mandated Expenses (CME) & Preauthorized Expenses (PAE)

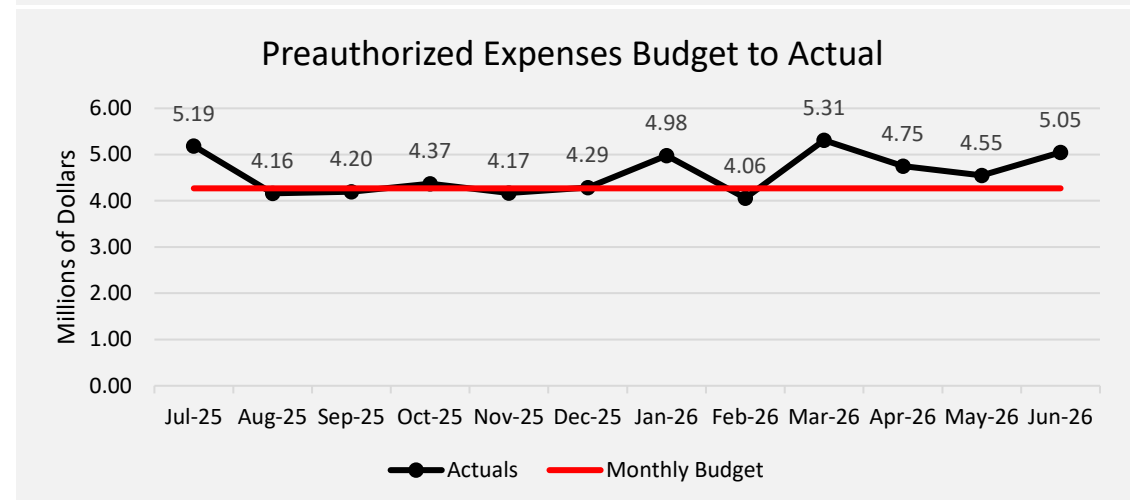
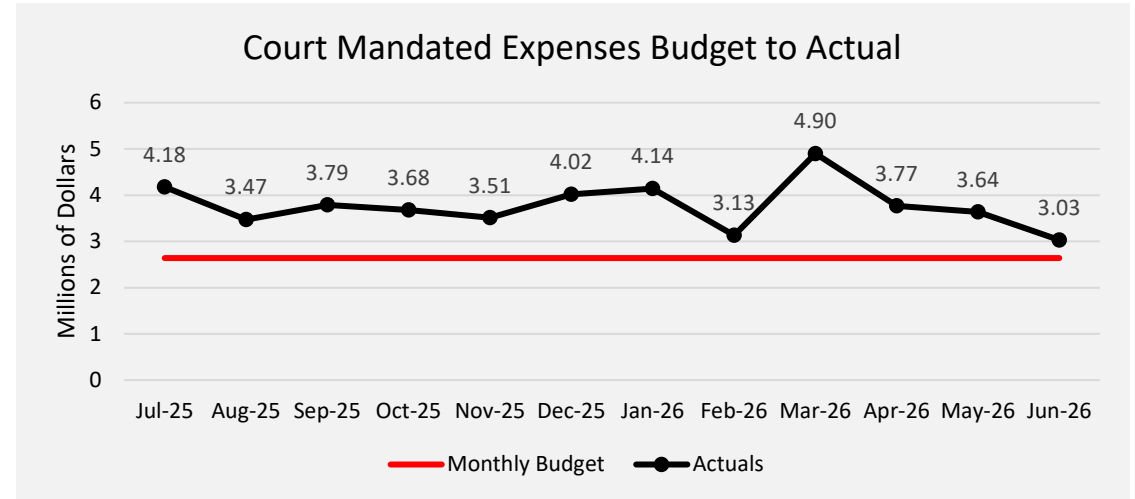


Background

- Agency staff have become increasingly concerned about expenditures in Court Mandated Expenses and Preauthorized Expenses over the past several months.
- Agency staff submitted a rebalance request to the Legislature's Emergency Board for the Legislature's September Legislative Days.

Budget Detail: CME & PAE

- *Court Mandated Expenses*, which pays for attorneys to take cases hourly, has a total budget of \$63.36M (~\$2.64M per month).
- Monthly CME billings are over budget by an average of \$1.13M per month.
- *Preauthorized Expenses*, which pays for investigation, expert testimony, and associated expenses, has a total budget of \$102.48M (~\$4.27 per month).
- PAE billings, particularly in the past four months, have exceeded budget expectations.

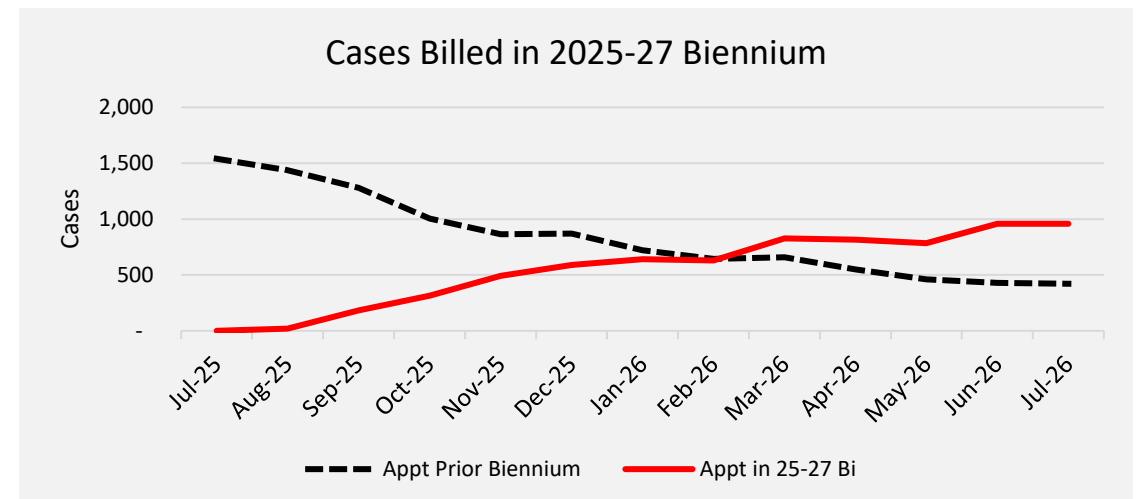
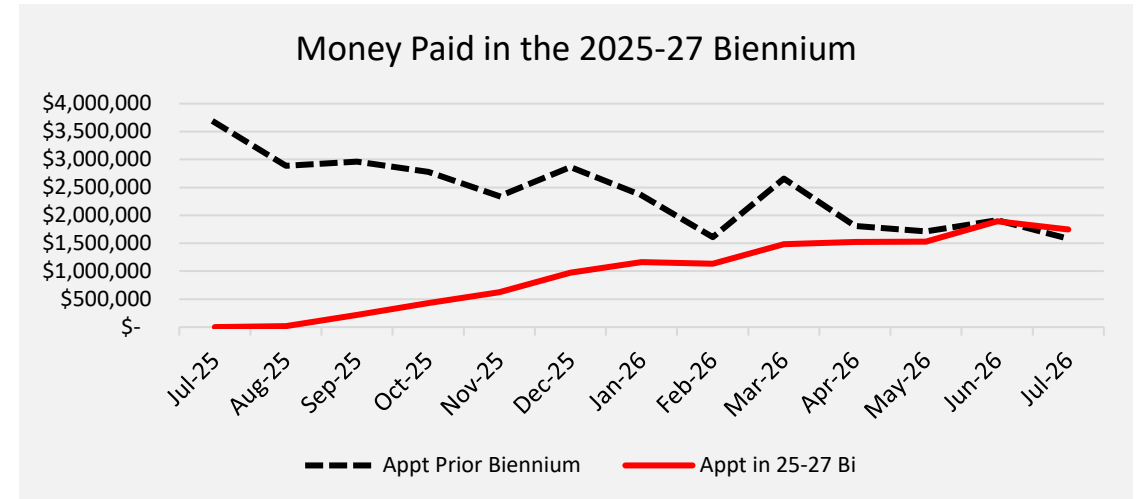


CME Overages: Causes

- Agency shift to monthly billing in April 2024:
 - Agency 2025-27 CME budget estimates based on outdated data.
 - Case costs are now realized in real time.
 - THIP cases continue to impact the budget.
- CME costs from a case assignment perspective are lagged.
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Agency Action

- In its letter to the Emergency Board, the agency requested that \$20M be transferred from the Adult Trial Division to Court Mandated Expenses to cover costs associated with hourly cases.
 - The Adult Trial Division will be able to meet all currently budgeted needs for contractors.
 - The agency retained \$1.3M for potential adjustments to provider contracts.
- Agency staff will include proposals for cost controls for Board input at the September Commission meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

1

Governance, Policy, and Standards Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, August 27th, 4:00pm to 5:30pm - Virtual

2

Legislative and Policy Impact Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, August 28th, 9:30am to 10:30am - Virtual

3

Commission Workgroup Meeting

Thursday, September 3rd, 5:00pm to 6:30pm - Virtual

4

September Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 16th, 9:00am to 2:00pm - Virtual

Updates



Financial Case Management System (FCMS)



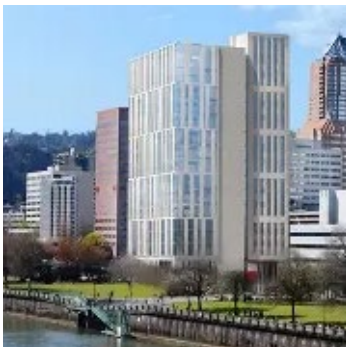
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