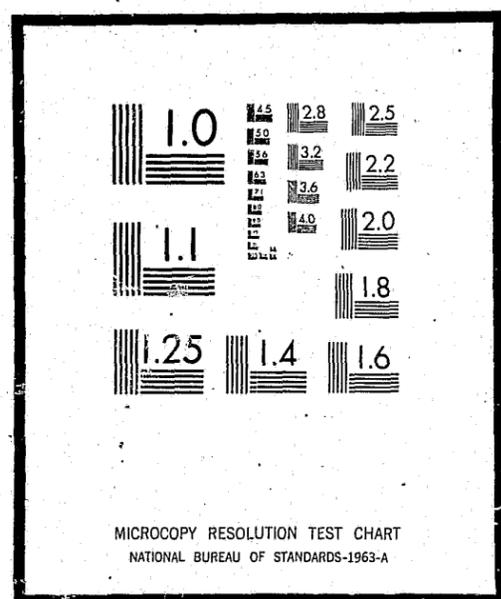


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Up-Date Evaluation Report
on the Philadelphia Adult Probation
Department's Intake Unit
(PH-336-74A)

This report provides additional information on the Intake Unit from the time of the Refunding Evaluation Report submitted March 18, 1975 to the end of the Project funding year, July 1, 1975.

A. Project Caseload¹

1. Probation Intake

Table I below gives the types of cases processed per month. The mean monthly caseload for the eight months the Project was under the new system increased to 641.1 cases. Since there were more working days the last four months than the previous four, however, the average daily caseload decreased slightly to 31.3 cases (compared with 31.8 for the previous four month period). Thus, the Project was still below its projected caseload of 50 cases per day. As noted previously, however, the point is not whether the Project received as many cases as anticipated, but rather, whether it received all the cases it was supposed to. Again, cases requiring long interviews represented over 60% of the total caseload.

¹Statistics are presented for individual months only for the last four months. For previous monthly figures and explanations of column headings, please see our Refunding Evaluation Report, pages 23 - 31. All statistics were obtained from Project Reports.

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Table I

Probation Intake Caseload*

Months	Total Cases Received		New Cases		Old Officer Cases		Section 18		Section 17		"Go Back"		No Sheriff	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
March 1975	672	25.7	461	68.6	203	30.2	10	1.5	35	5.2	125	18.6	35	5.2
April 1975	651	24.9	401	61.6	190	29.2	7	1.1	39	6.0	81	12.4	25	3.8
May 1975	595	22.7	302	50.8	186	31.3	2	0.3	30	5.0	74	12.4	18	3.0
June 1975	697	26.7	400	57.4	170	24.4	3	0.4	23	3.3	101	14.5	Unknown	
Sub-Total	2615	(51.0)	1564	59.8	749	28.6	22	0.8	127	4.9	381	14.6	78	4.1**
Nov. '74 through Feb. '75	2514	(49.0)	1722	68.5	717	28.5	56	2.2	154	6.1	310	12.3	135	5.4
TOTAL	5129	(100)	3286	64.1	1466	28.6	78	1.5	281	5.5	691	13.5	213	4.8***

\bar{X} = 641.1 cases per month

*This chart should be read down and comparisons made within columns between the different months. Percentages in columns b - g represent the percent of the total cases in that category within each month. Except for May and June statistics, columns b - g do not add across to column a since the b - g categories are not mutually exclusive.

**Based on three months only.

***Based on seven months only.

2. Pre-Parole

Table II below indicates the number of pre-parole interviews and reports completed during the last four months. The pre-parole average caseload is still below what was anticipated, but has remained stable over the ten months' evaluation period.

Table II

Pre-Parole Interviews and Reports by Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
March 1975	17	9.3
April 1975	19	10.5
May 1975	17	9.3
June 1975	<u>20</u>	<u>11.0</u>
Sub-Total	73	(40.1)
Sept. 1974 through Feb. 1975	<u>109</u>	<u>59.9</u>
TOTAL	182	100.0

\bar{X} = 18.2 per month

3. Miscellaneous Statistics

Statistics for some of the miscellaneous functions performed by the Intake Unit are given in Tables III - V that Follow.

Table III

Number of Requests for
Pre-Sentence Investigations Processed

<u>Month</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
March 1975	60	12.4
April 1975	65	13.5
May 1975	58	12.0
June 1975	<u>50</u>	<u>10.4</u>
Sub-Total	(233)	(48.3)
Nov. 1974 through Feb. 1975	<u>249</u>	<u>51.7</u>
TOTAL	482	100.0

Table IV

<u>Month</u>	<u>Possible # of Appeals</u>	<u>Number of Cases Activated</u>
Nov. 1974 through Feb. 1975	92	46
March 1975	21	9
April 1975	25	8
May 1975	31	17
June 1975	<u>36</u>	<u>26</u>
TOTALS	205	106

Table V

Month	Total Appeal Notices Received	Appeal Verified at Intake	Notices Forwarded to Record Control
Nov. 1974 through Feb. 1975	240	32	208
March 1975	77	10	67
April 1975	79	47	67
May 1975	84	15	69
June 1975	80	16	64
TOTALS	560	120	475

B. Evaluation Forms²

The Intake receptionist indicated she had sent out all one thousand evaluation forms as of the week of June 9. By the cut-off date of July 1, 217 forms had been returned. This represents a response rate of approximately 22%. Of the forms returned, thirty-five were not usable, since they had been sent out in error with other than Narrative Reports. Thus, the results presented below are based on a reduced "N" of 182.

In response to the question "Was the Narrative Report helpful?" over 60% of the SPOs responding said it was and an additional 29% said it was partially helpful. Only 10% said it was not. Almost half of the respondents felt the Narrative Reports identified their clients' problems and another 28% said they did in part.

²For additional information on the evaluation tab sheets, see pages 15 - 17 and 42 - 50 of our Refunding Evaluation Report. It should be noted that this analysis includes results of evaluation forms from the prior report in the total calculations.

When asked whether "needed crisis referral was offered," only a little more than a third of the respondents indicated it was needed. Of those who felt their clients needed it, however, 60% believed the Intake Unit provided crisis referral when needed, at least in part. Over 80% of the SPOs responding indicated their clients had not mentioned the Intake interview. Of those clients who did mention it, however, only seven did so in a negative manner.

C. Cost³

The cost-per-case figures reported previously were based on projected caseload figures. Current cost-per-case figures using actual caseload statistics did not change appreciably. Average cost-per-case data broke out as follows:

	Match Cost	Federal Cost	Total
Probation Intake	\$11.17	\$ 21.84	\$ 33.01
Pre-Parole	\$73.64	\$143.98	\$217.62

D. Response to Evaluator's Recommendations

Federal funding for the Intake Unit was terminated as of July 1, 1975. The Philadelphia Adult Probation Department has decided to continue the Intake Unit but in a drastically altered form. Three of the Probation Officers (POs) have been retained to assume responsibilities for out-of-town cases.

³For a more in-depth discussion of how cost figures were derived, the reader is referred to our "Addendum" to the Refunding Evaluation Report, dated April 16, 1975, pages 58-i through 58-v.

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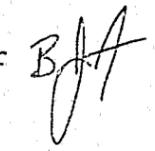
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Enclosed is the Up-Date Evaluation Report on the above-named project. This concludes Blackstone Associates' evaluation responsibilities.

One PO and a Probation Technician will handle the pre-parole interviews and reports. The remainder of the POs have been transferred to other offices or agreed to voluntary lay-offs. Long interviews and Narrative Reports have been eliminated. The eight clerk/typists will now see the clients but only to obtain information for the Face Sheets. The Project Director and the pre-parole Supervisor will continue to oversee the Unit's activities.

In view of the above, a lengthy discussion regarding implementation of the evaluator's recommendations is irrelevant. For the record, however, the evaluator would like it noted that the Project had already begun implementing many of her suggestions before being notified that funding was being reduced. Throughout the evaluation process, both the Project staff and members of the Research and Development Unit have been most helpful and cooperative. I wish them well.

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