



FULTON COUNTY ACCOUNTABILITY COURT REORGANIZATION PLAN

Fulton County Board of Commissioners
April 2, 2025

Agenda

- Overview
- Organizational Structure
- Budget
- Service Locations
- Timeline
- Benefits

Overview

- The Fulton County justice system conducts independent accountability courts across our three criminal courts
 - Superior Court: Drug, Veterans, & Behavioral Health Courts
 - State Court: Recovery Treatment Court (RTC)
 - Magistrate Court: Misdemeanor Mental Health Court (MMC)
- A formal reorganization is proposed to consolidate all staff and operations of the accountability courts under Superior Court Administration

Overview – Consolidated Services

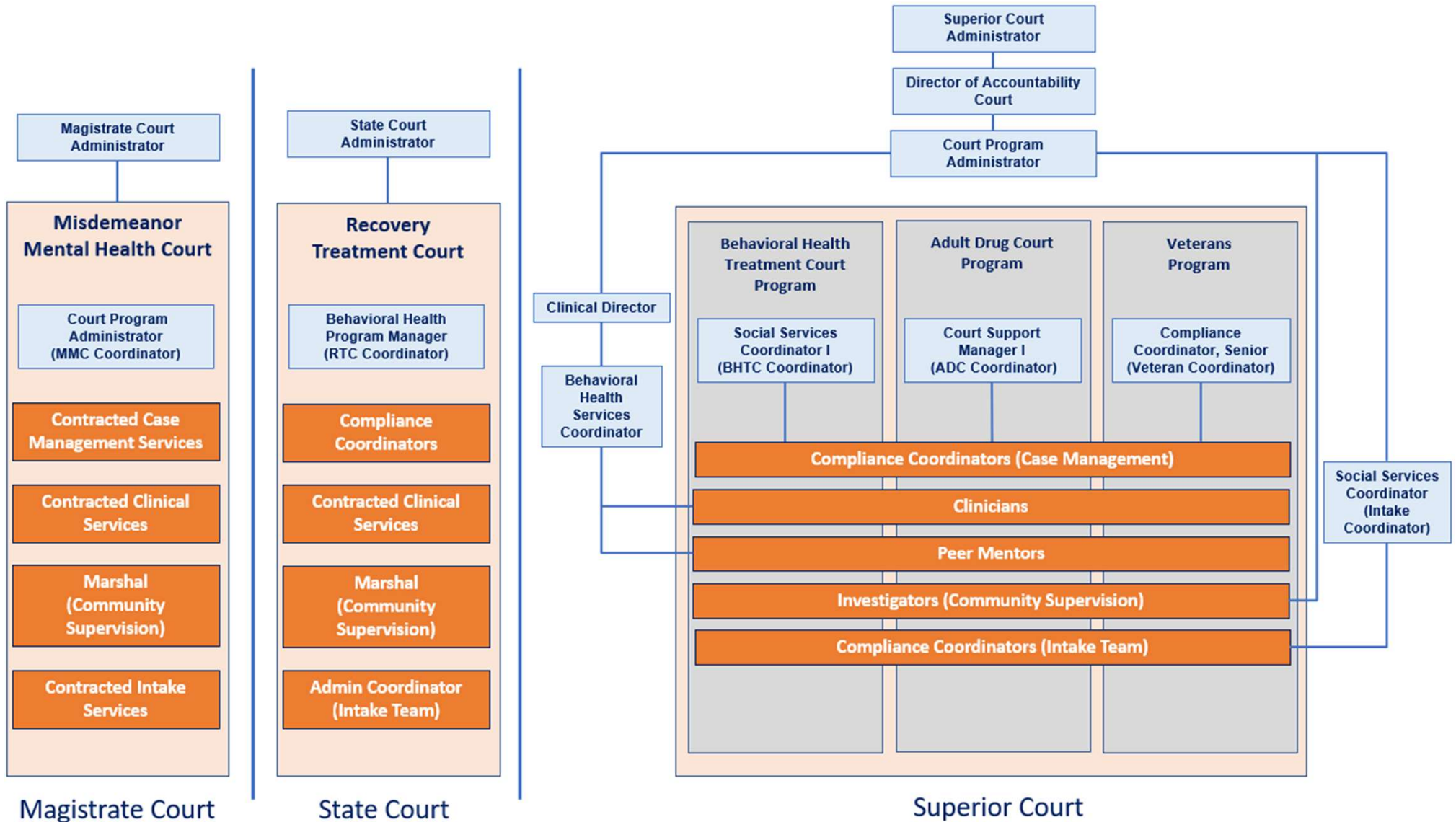
Steps to achieving a consolidated model

1. Movement of the services, staff, and resources of RTC from State Court to Superior Court
2. Movement of the services, staff, and resources of MMC from Magistrate Court to Superior Court
3. Movement of substance use and mental health treatment services for RTC and MMC from Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) to be administered by Superior Court
4. Creation of treatment positions that will serve to deliver treatment services to RTC and MMC participants
5. Establishment of a second program pathway in Superior Court's Drug Court to serve moderate-risk / high-need participants who are not currently served in the available programs
6. Establishment of a single drug testing model for all accountability court programs

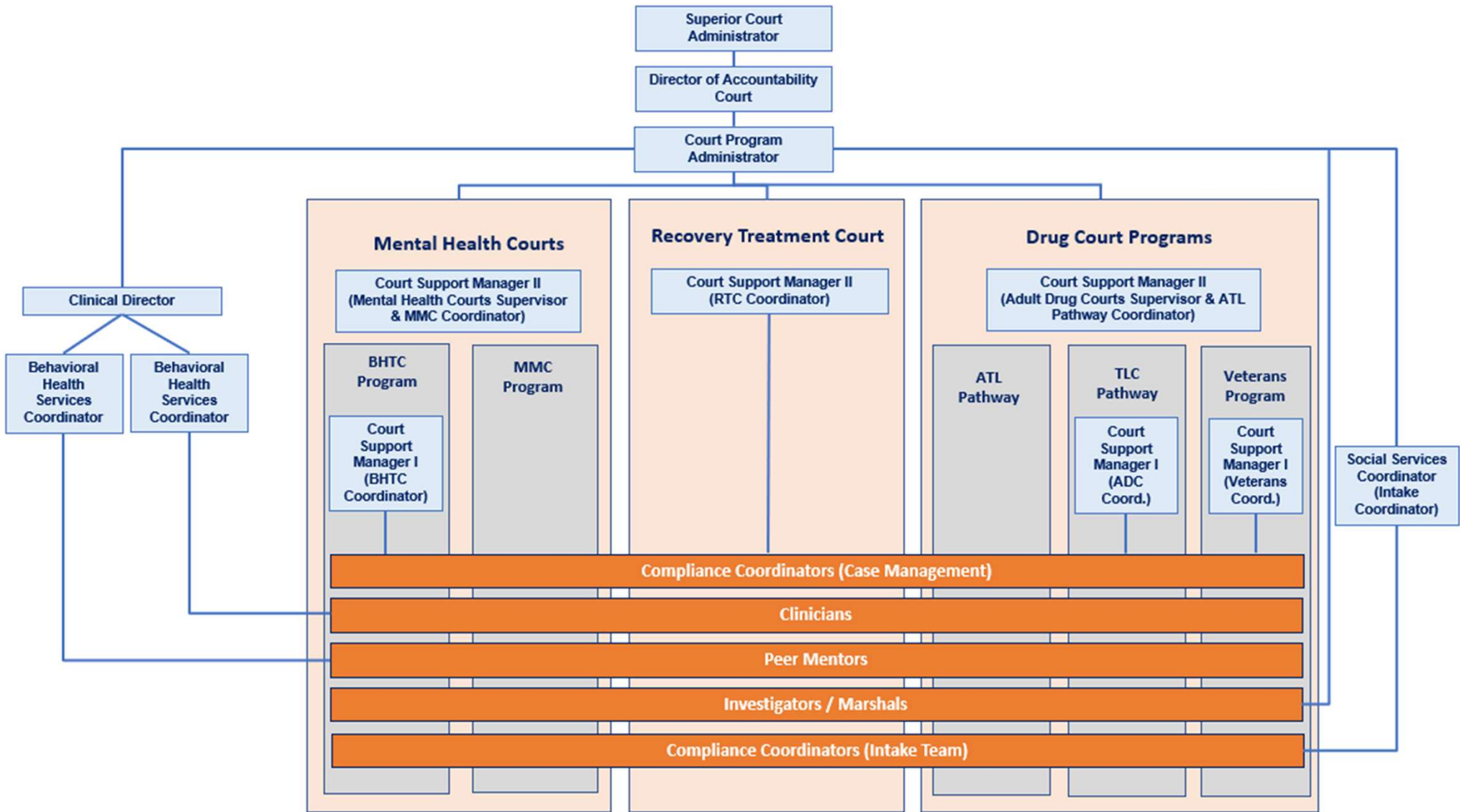
Overview – Consolidation Impact

- One-stop referral process for all programs
 - Single streamlined referral process leading to more referrals
 - Reduced referral-to-entry and incarceration times
- Pooled staffing model
 - Aligned operations and procedures
 - Staffing flexibility as individual program caseload sizes fluctuate
 - Mitigate against staffing shortages
- Leverage combined program size
 - Negotiating vendor volume pricing
 - Maximize grant funding requests
- Leverage administrative support
 - Access to administrative structure and expertise in Superior Court Administration across entire accountability court system
 - Decrease duplicative efforts with internal and external partners

Organizational Structure – Current



Organizational Structure – Planned





Budget – Current

Reorganization of Accountability Courts will be a budget neutral action

CURRENT BUDGET			
DEPARTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	SERVICE	BUDGET
STATE COURT	General Fund	RTC Drug Testing - Avertest	\$ 196,607
	General Fund	RTC Treatment Services - River Edge	\$ 200,000
			\$ 396,607
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	General Fund	RTC Treatment Services - River Edge	\$ 231,761
	General Fund	MMC Treatment / Testing - River Edge	\$ 560,000
			\$ 791,761
SUPERIOR COURT	General Fund	County Drug Testing Personnel	\$ 117,259
	General Fund	Equipment	\$ 25,600
	CACJ Grant - AC25	Drug Testing Supplies	\$ 114,230
	CACJ Grant - MC25	Drug Testing Personnel and Supplies	\$ 73,743
	CACJ Grant - VT25	Drug Testing Supplies	\$ 17,503
			\$ 348,335
			\$ 1,536,703



Budget – Planned

CONSOLIDATED BUDGET			
USE	FUNDING SOURCE	SERVICE	BUDGET
TREATMENT STAFFING	General Fund	Behavioral Health Services Coordinator (1)	\$ 115,580
	General Fund	Behavioral Health Clinician II (3)	\$ 312,903
	General Fund	Behavioral Health Clinician I (2)	\$ 198,274
	General Fund	Social Services Coordinator I (1)	\$ 104,302
	General Fund	Compliance Coordinator (1)	\$ 86,714
	General Fund	Behavioral Health Assistant (1)	\$ 70,769
	General Fund	Current Staff Salary Adjustments	\$ 49,654
	General Fund	Staff Equipment	\$ 25,600
DRUG TESTING SERVICES	General Fund	Drug Testing Contract - <i>Vendor TBD</i>	\$ 570,000
	CACJ Grant - AC25		
	CACJ Grant - MC25		
	CACJ Grant - VT25		
			\$ 570,000
			\$ 1,533,796
DIFFERENCE			\$ 2,908

Service Locations

Current Locations		
Program	Treatment Services	Testing Services
FCAC	1135A Jefferson St	1135A Jefferson St
RTC	265 Boulevard, NE 7741 Roswell Rd, NE	265 Boulevard, NE 7741 Roswell Rd, NE
MMC	265 Boulevard, NE Fulton County Courthouse	265 Boulevard, NE



Interim Locations		
Program	Treatment Services	Testing Services
FCAC	1135A Jefferson St	1135A Jefferson St 7741 Roswell Rd, NE
RTC	1135A Jefferson St 7741 Roswell Rd	1135A Jefferson St 7741 Roswell Rd, NE
MMC	1135A Jefferson St Fulton County Courthouse	1135A Jefferson St 7741 Roswell Rd, NE



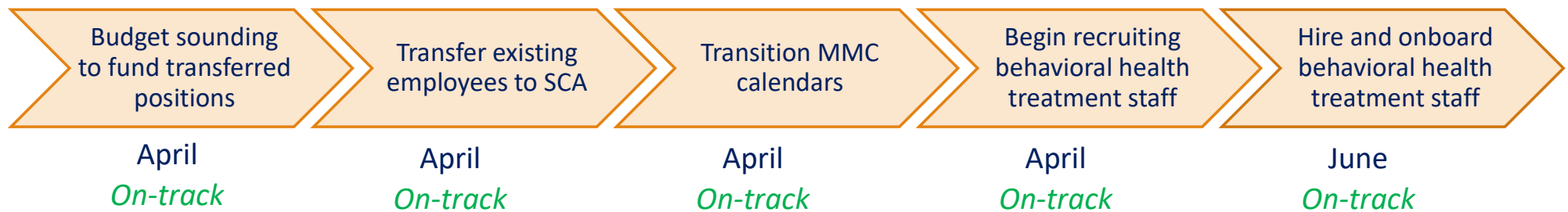
Planned Final Locations		
Program	Treatment Services	Testing Services
FCAC	137 Peachtree St 4700 North Point Pkwy	137 Peachtree St
RTC		4700 North Point Pkwy
MMC		4700 North Point Pkwy

Timeline

- Activities completed and in progress



- Upcoming activities to complete consolidation



Benefits of the Reorganization

- Consolidation of accountability court programs leveraging a shared services model is expected to:
 - Increase outreach and streamline intake
 - Enhance operational efficiency
 - Increase overall number of participants
 - Maximize participant success and retention
 - Increase access to proven interventions
 - Reduce recidivism