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**Update on Progress Achieved after the
Governor's Council**

Presentation to the Nevada Legislature
Legislative Committee on Health Care
June 29, 2016



History of Council

- Council Appointed – December 16, 2013
- Membership including judicial, legislative, executive branches (DHHS, counties, veterans) as well as law enforcement, health care providers, and nonprofit specializing in mental health.
- Last Update – February 24, 2015

Agenda Item X—HEALTH CARE
Meeting Date: 06-29-16



Recommendation No. 1

- The Super Utilizer Project: Create a special, high intensity, low caseload program targeted specifically at the heaviest users of the most expensive forms of care
 - Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)
 - Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)



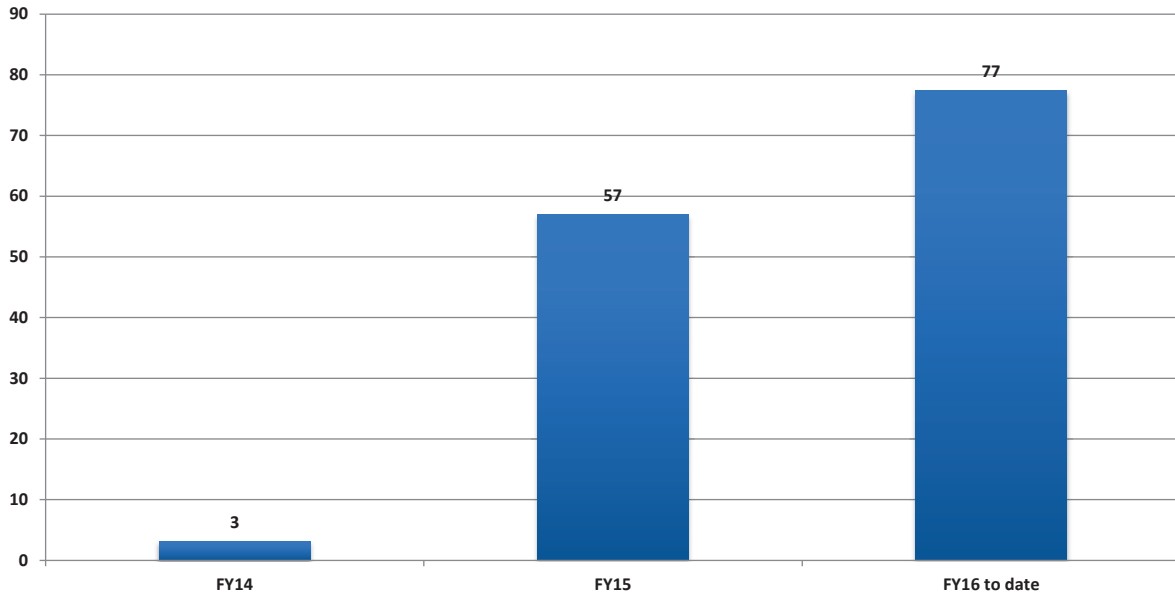
Super Utilizers

- The decrease in the demand for State operated outpatient services allows us to develop and expand programs for those individuals with the highest level of need.



Assisted Outpatient Treatment

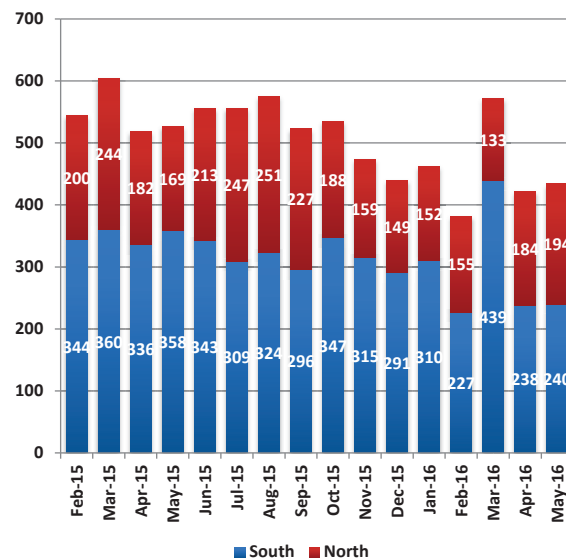
AOT Clients Served - Fiscal Year Average



Recommendation No. 2

- Increase Availability of Short-Term Crisis Triage Services
 - Crisis Triage Centers
 - Reno (20 beds)
 - Las Vegas (100 beds)
 - Mobile Crisis
 - MOST

Adult Community Triage Centers - Clients Served





Recommendation No. 3

- Allow emergency medical personnel to make triage decisions regarding mental health crises and stop requiring them to transport people to ERs
 - Community Paramedicine:
 - State Board of Health approved preliminary agreements for EMS providers to implement this model. This model is a major step in allowing EMS to provide both mental and physical health triage in community settings.



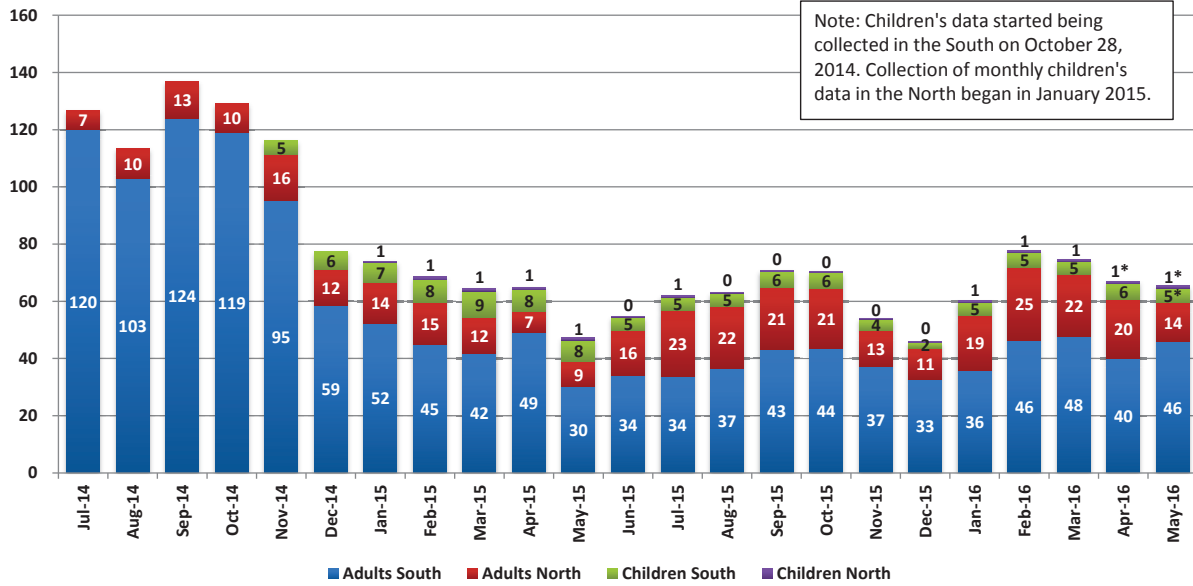
Recommendation No. 4

- Increase the number of reimbursable psychiatric beds in Southern Nevada
 - In 2014 Las Vegas saw Valley Hospital open a 50 bed unit and North Vista open a 10 Bed psychiatric unit.
 - Since 2014, there has been an expansion of 6 additional beds in Carson City
 - Pending application for a 40 bed expansion
 - June 22 Ground breaking for 120 bed facility in Reno



Monthly Average of ER Wait Times

Individuals Waiting in Emergency Rooms for Behavioral Health Services



Recommendation No. 6

- Provide appropriate mental health professionals to public schools
 - DPBH certification criteria was completed and a Medicaid Public Hearing was held on December 11, 2014 to include School Based Health Center as a reimbursable service under Medicaid.
- Funding provided for school social workers



Recommendation No. 9

- Changes to Legal 2000 process
 - SB 7 included changes to the Legal 2000 process
 - Add nurses and social workers to the categories of people that can certify
 - Changes to the form have been accomplished
 - Decertification process was specified.



Recommendation No. 10

- Anti Stigma and Suicide Prevention Public Information Campaign.
 - Television and radio public service announcements during the holidays and National Mental Health Month this past May that addressed mental health issues and resources for help.
 - Funding provided to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for statewide trainings.



Recommendation No. 11

- Engage in serious efforts toward workforce development for mental health professionals
 - NV- Psychology Internship Program
 - Social Work Pipeline Project
 - Primary Care Office efforts



Recommendation No. 12

- Telepsychiatry and consultation with Primary Care Physicians (PCP)
 - Providing consultation for Rural ERs by state social workers on individuals who are suspected of needed inpatient psychiatric care.
 - The State Medicaid Plan amended to allow telepsychiatry in both the urban and rural settings eliminating previous geographical restrictions.
 - Medicaid will now reimburse the provider where the patient is located (originating site) as well as the provider at the distant site. The provider at the distant site now gets reimbursed at a fee equal to the current physician fee schedule.



Recommendation No. 13

- Enhance Peer Services
 - Senate Bill 489 from the 2015 Legislative Session expanded the list of providers to include peer support organizations.
 - Regulations are currently underway that will provide for the certification of peer agencies.



Recommendation No. 14

- Discharge planning
 - Discharge planning continues to meet national standards.
 - Housing evaluations are provided.
 - Regulations and policy changes to ensure housing standards are currently being pursued.



Recommendation No. 16

- One-way information portal for family members
 - Information from family members can be collected regardless of the clients desire to share information about their condition or admission.



Questions?



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