Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues

Adult Criminal Progress Update and Priority Areas

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People with Mental Illness Are Disproportionately Represented in the Criminal Justice System

General Population

5% Serious Mental Illness

Jail and Prison Populations

17% Serious Mental Illness

Jail

16% Serious Mental Illness

Prison

Judicial Council Efforts to Improve Outcomes for Defendants who have Mental Illnesses

2008 Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues Appointed

2011 Judicial Council received final task force report with 137 recommendations

2012

2012 Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force Appointed

Judicial Council Efforts to Improve Outcomes for Defendants who have Mental Illnesses

2015 — Judicial Council received implementation task force final report & assigned relevant advisory bodies to continue implementation

2021 — Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee summarizes implementation of adult criminal recommendations and identify new and remaining challenges

Sequential Intercept Model

Community Services and Law Enforcement

Incarceration and Reentry

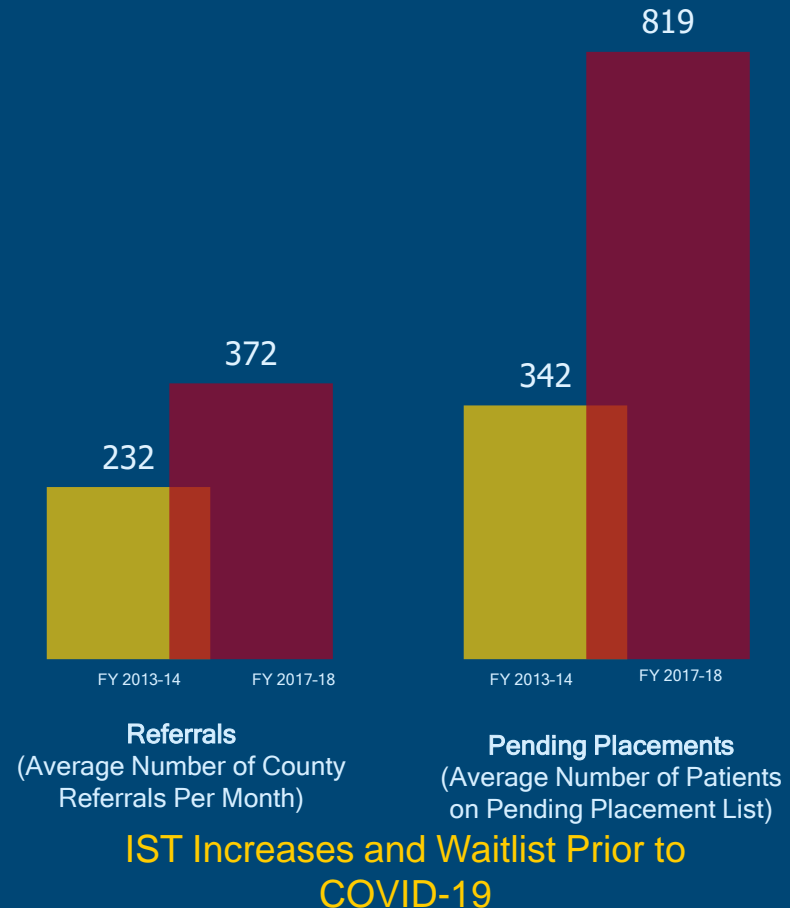**Education, Training, and Research**

Court Responses

- Judicial Leadership
- Case Processing
- Coordination of Civil and Criminal Proceedings
- Competence to Stand Trial
- Coordination with Local Justice Partners
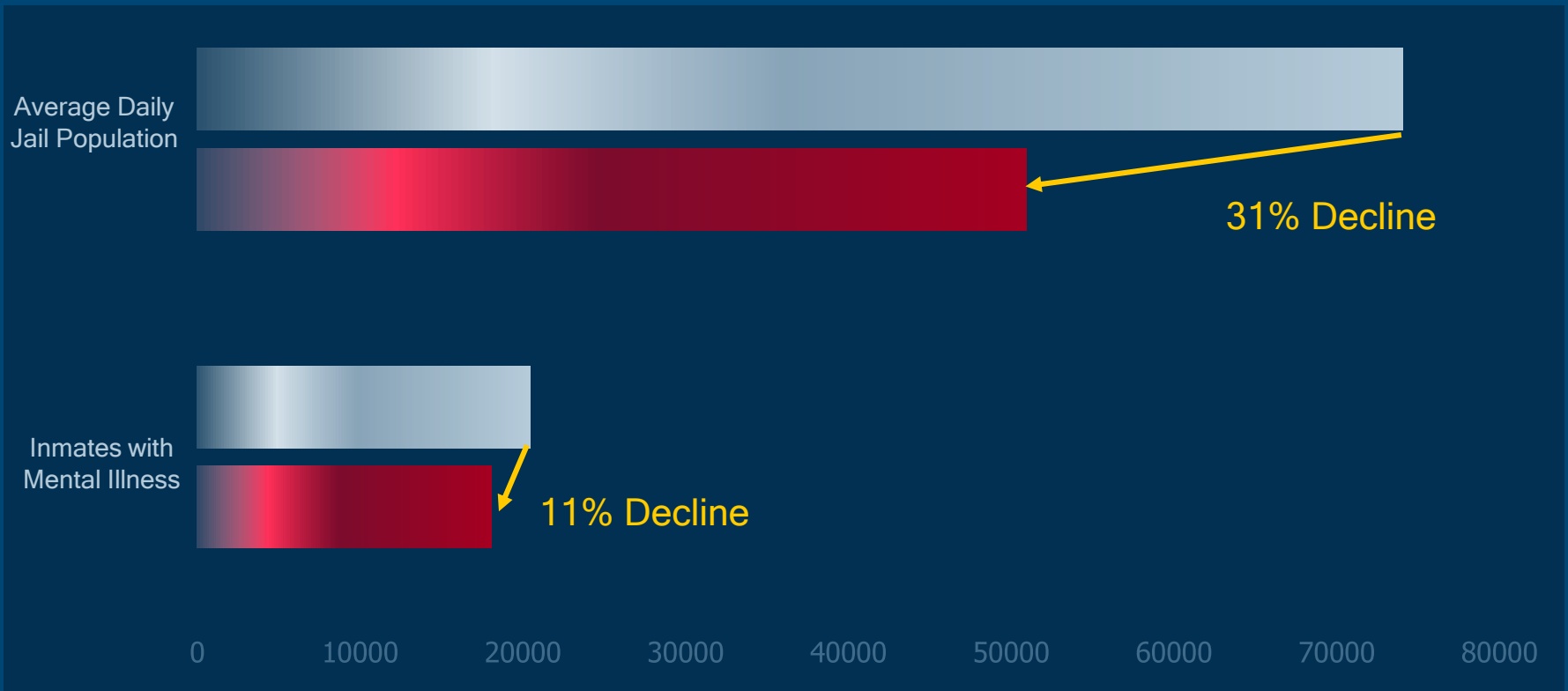
Community Corrections

Needs of Defendants with Mental Illnesses Exacerbated by COVID-19 Pandemic

- COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately affecting people who have mental illnesses

- They are more likely to be homelessness--crisis intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic

- Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) determinations up even before COVID-19

- The Department of State Hospitals suspended admissions due to pandemic

Referrals
(Average Number of County Referrals Per Month)

FY 2013-14: 232
FY 2017-18: 372

Pending Placements
(Average Number of Patients on Pending Placement List)

FY 2013-14: 342
FY 2017-18: 819

IST Increases and Waitlist Prior to COVID-19

Disproportionate Jail Population COVID-19 Reductions

California Jail ADP and Mental Health Cases, June 2019 vs. 2020

Average Daily Jail Population

31% Decline

Inmates with Mental Illness

11% Decline

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Priority Areas Identified by the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

Community Services and Law Enforcement

- Increase local treatment capacity and appropriate housing options

- Encourage justice system partner collaboration and communication

Court Reponses

- Identify funding for collaborative justice courts

- Address challenges maintaining pool of forensic evaluators

Incarceration, Community Corrections, and Reentry

Support local collaboration, including on:

- Discharge plans
- Housing plans

Education, Training, and Research

- Collaboration on training and on-going education

- Implement data improvements and study the impact of diversion programs