

Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project

Miami-Dade County, Florida



Jail Diversion Programs

Designed and implemented to divert people with serious mental illnesses away from the criminal justice system into community-based treatment and services.



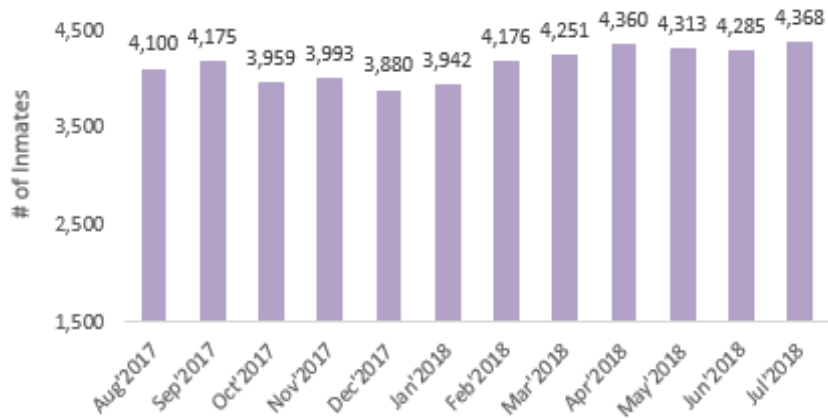
FACTS

- **Dramatic increase in the number of inmates identified with mental illnesses in the county jail**
- **On any given day, there are 2,400 inmates that require psychiatric treatment (55% of total inmates)**
- **Cost to taxpayers is more than \$150 million annually**

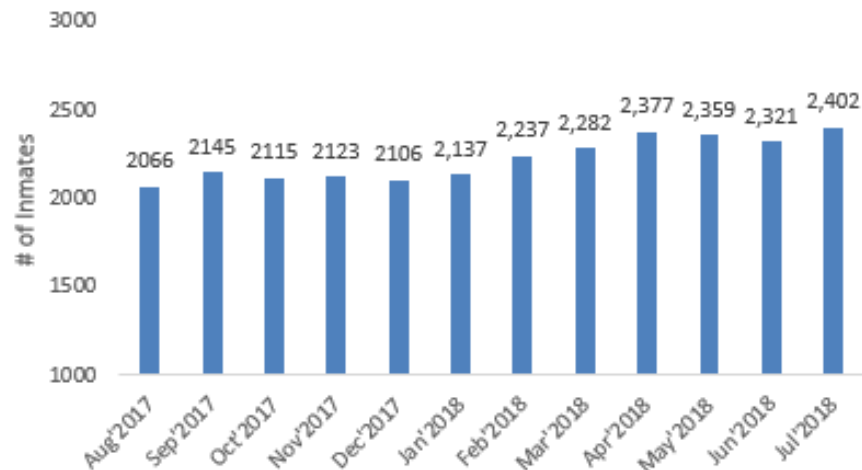


Corrections Health Service (CHS) Operational Statistics

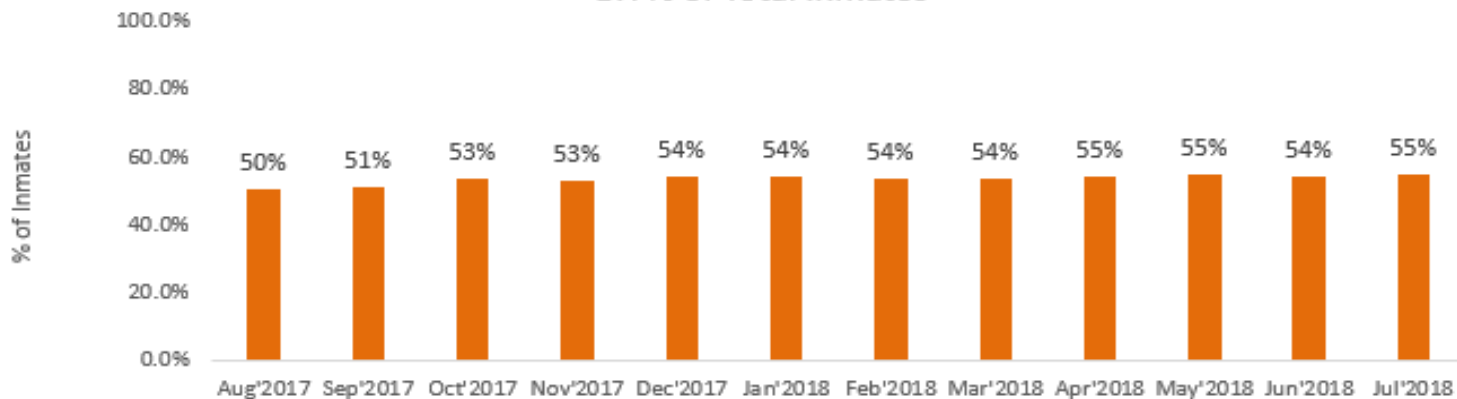
MDC&R Jail Population



Behavioral Health (BH) Population

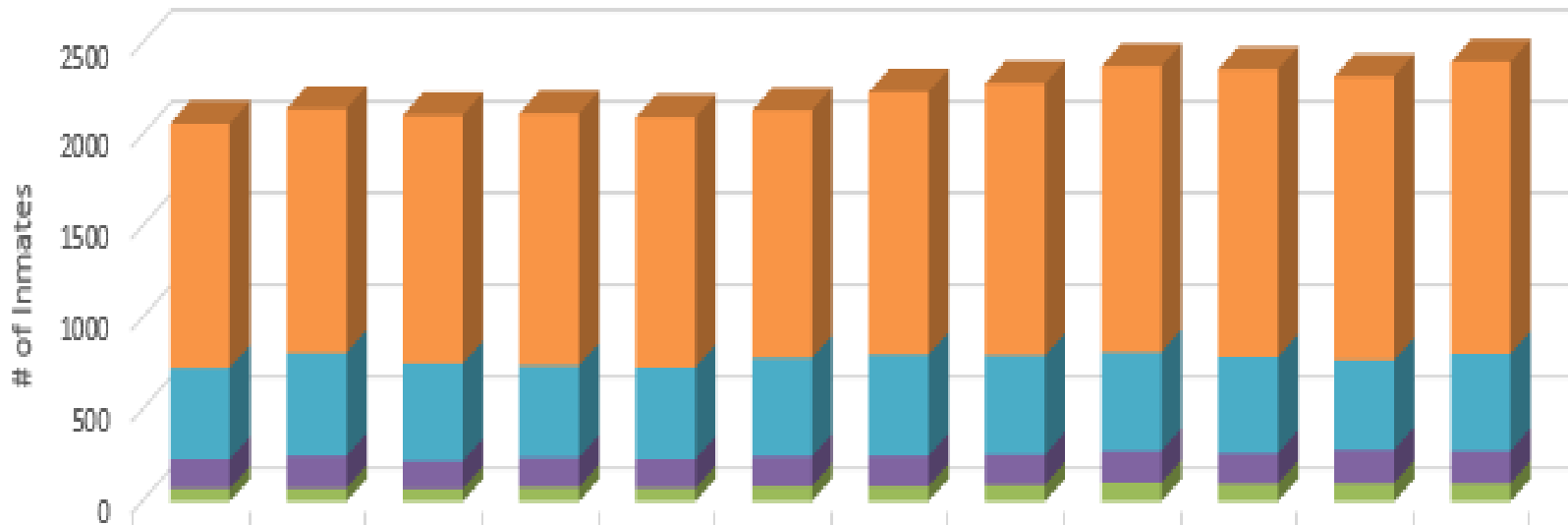


BH % of Total Inmates



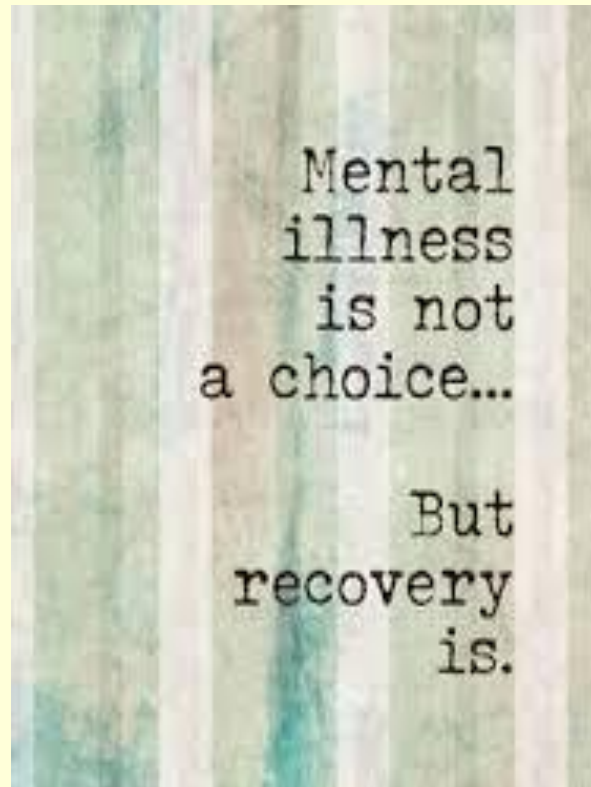
BH Population by Patient Acuity Level

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	Aug'2017	Sep'2017	Oct'2017	Nov'2017	Dec'2017	Jan'2018	Feb'2018	Mar'2018	Apr'2018	May'2018	Jun'2018	Jul'2018
Level IV	1334	1333	1358	1377	1365	1355	1436	1485	1561	1571	1550	1594
Level III	499	562	531	502	501	536	553	540	539	524	488	529
Level II	162	178	152	162	160	164	166	166	175	169	183	180
Level I	70	72	69	79	73	83	82	91	102	96	100	98

Recovery...



Definition



A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.”

(SAMHSA, 2011)

Dimensions of Recovery

- ***Health:*** overcoming or managing one's disease(s) as well as living in a physically and emotionally healthy way
- ***Home:*** a stable and safe place to live
- ***Purpose:*** meaningful daily activities, such as a job, school, volunteerism, family caretaking, or creative endeavors, and the independence, income and resources to participate in society
- ***Community:*** relationships and social networks that provide support, friendship, love, and hope

(SAMHSA, 2011)

Cross System Collaboration

- **Judges**
- **The Court**
- **Public Defender**
- **State Attorney**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Consumers and Families**
- **Department of Corrections**
- **Mental Health Providers**
- **Social Security**
- **Foundations**
- **DCF**



Pre-Booking



Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

- **CIT officers receive special training to respond to crisis calls involving persons with suspected mental illness**
- **When appropriate, CIT officers transport individuals with mental illness to community mental health facilities for evaluation, treatment, and referrals instead of making an arrest**

CIT

- **Collaboration between Police and Mental Health Facilities**
- **CIT training - experts in the community volunteer to present subject matter**
- **Changing Police values about people with mental illnesses**
- **Changing working relationships between Police and Mental Health Facilities**
- **CIT Advisory Committee**

Meeting the Demand

- **16 CIT Trainings - 40 hour classes per year**
- **Communications Trainings for dispatchers and call takers**
- **Executive Training for Command Staff**
- **Train-the-trainers**

Pre-Booking CIT



- **36 of 36 Police Departments participate in CIT training**
- **More than 7,000 officers trained since 2003**

Miami Crisis Intervention Outcomes

Miami-Dade Miami PDs	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total*
CIT Calls	7,779	9,399	10,404	10,626	11,042	10,579	11,799	71,628
Arrests Made	4	45	27	9	24	10	19	138 (0.2%)
Individuals Diverted from Jail	1,940	3,563	2,118	1,215	1,871	1,633	1,694	14,034 (19.6%)
Individuals Transported to Crisis	3,307	4,642	5,527	3,946	5,155	7,417	8,303	38,297 (53.5%)
Use of Force	29	75	72	59	79	69	58	441 (0.6%)
Officer Injuries	-	-	-	11	21	26	12	70 (0.1%)
Consumer Injuries	-	-	-	127	262	211	203	803 (1.1%)

* For every 1,000 CIT calls: 535 people received assistance in accessing treatment, 196 diversions from the county jail, and just 1.9 arrests.

POST-BOOKING

- **Originally established to divert nonviolent misdemeanor defendants with SMI and possible co-occurring substance use disorders**
- **Program expanded to serve defendants that have been arrested for less serious felonies and other charges as determined appropriate**

Eligibility and Goals

- **Serious Mental Illnesses**
- **Misdemeanor (except traffic)**
- **Felony-3rd degree & some 2nd degree felony case(s) with 3 or less prior felony convictions**

- **Improve psychiatric outcomes (stabilization, functioning, recovery) in the least restrictive setting**
- **Decrease recidivism**

Jail Diversion Programs

- **Jail In-Reach**
- **Misdemeanor**
- **Felony**
- **Forensic Diversion**

Team Approach

- **Team Leader**
- **Intake Specialist**
- **Court Case Management Specialist**
- **Peer Specialists**

Peer Specialists

- **Due to their life experience they are uniquely qualified to perform the functions of the position**
- **Peer support specialists work as members of the jail diversion team**
- **Primary responsibility is to assist jail diversion participants with community re-entry and engagement in continuing treatment and services**

SSI/SSDI Outreach Access Recovery (SOAR)

- **An approach that was developed to access and expedite social security entitlements for individuals that are homeless and mentally ill**
- **Created specialized unit to expedite access to benefits**
- **Expand target population**



Successful Community Re-Entry and Recovery

- Individuals voluntarily agree to services and are assisted with linkages to a comprehensive array of community-based treatment, support, and housing services**
- The CMHP utilizes the APIC Model to provide transition planning for all program participants**
- Upon stabilization, legal charges may be dismissed or modified in accordance with treatment engagement**

Immediate Access

Provide linkage to the necessary treatment and supportive services:

- **Treatment**
- **Medication**
- **Housing**
- **Transportation**
- **Entitlements**

Screening Tools

- **Ohio Risk Assessment System-
Community Supervision Tool**
- **TCU Drug Screen V**

Develop Individualized Interventions

- **Medication Adherence**
- **Criminogenic Risk- CBT**
- **Addiction Risk**
- **Trauma Risk**
- **Stress Risk**
- **Environmental/Social Disadvantage Risks**

Assess the Individual Served

- **Face to face contact by JDP Staff**
- **Needs Assessment includes:**
 - **Housing (73% homeless at time of arrest)**
 - **Treatment: mental health, substance abuse, trauma, CBT**
 - **Culture**
 - **Entitlements**
 - **Case management**
 - **Special needs**

Plan for Treatment and Services

- **Referrals to community services based on individual risks and needs**
- **Initiate contact with Social Security**
- **Address possible gaps**
 - **Transportation**
 - **Clothing**
 - **Identification**
 - **Language**

Identify Appropriate Community Programs

- **Forward a complete summary of recommendations and release conditions to community provider**
- **Ensure individual served is aware of community providers responsibility to report status to the court**
- **Ensure individual served has the necessary tools to comply with conditions of release**

Coordinate the Transition Plan

- **Link to Peer Specialists for support during community reentry process**
 - **Release**
 - **Intake to community provider**
- **Immediate access to community services**
- **Ensure that the individual served knows who to contact for:**
 - **Medication issues**
 - **Court reporting**

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Recovery Peer Specialist

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Summary

- **Intervention and Support**
- **Individualize Transition Planning**
- **Cross-System Collaboration**
- **Promote Creative Solutions**
- **Reduce Jail Recidivism**
- **Promote HOPE and RECOVERY**

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