

# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

February 15, 2018



# Agenda

Call to Order

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Recovery Speaker

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Action Items

Approval of Minutes

Board Resolution

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Commissioner's Report

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Chair's Report

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Public Comment

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Next Meeting Date

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# Call to Order

Kim Ryan  
Chair



# Recovery Speaker

Avery Nix

Georgia Council on Substance Abuse



# Action Items

- Approval of Minutes
- Board Resolution



# Commissioner's Report

Judy Fitzgerald  
Commissioner

# Commissioner's Report

- 1 Planning List Administration Resign
- 2 Legislative Update
- 3 Behavioral Health Prevention Overview
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- 5 ADA Settlement Agreement Extension



# Planning List Administration Redesign

Ron Wakefield

Director, Division of Development Disabilities

Esther Park

Division of Developmental Disabilities



# Identifying Our Challenges: Initial Focus

- 1 Long service entry period
- 2 Complex planning list process
- 3 Too many people on the planning list
- 4 Subjective prioritization assessment
- 5 Inconsistent prioritization per region
- 6 Inadequately trained staff
- 7 Poor customer service

*“There are more than too many people on the planning list!”*

# Opportunities and Goals

## Internal Opportunities

- Align to DBHDD's vision and mission
- Drive performance improvement
- Increase operational efficiency
- Provide clarity and consistency about protocols
- Drive accountability
- Reduce the number of system-related delays

## External Opportunities

- Improve customer service experience for individuals
- Decrease intrusive points of contact
- Offer appropriate type and degree of support
- Increase responsiveness
- Maintain compliance

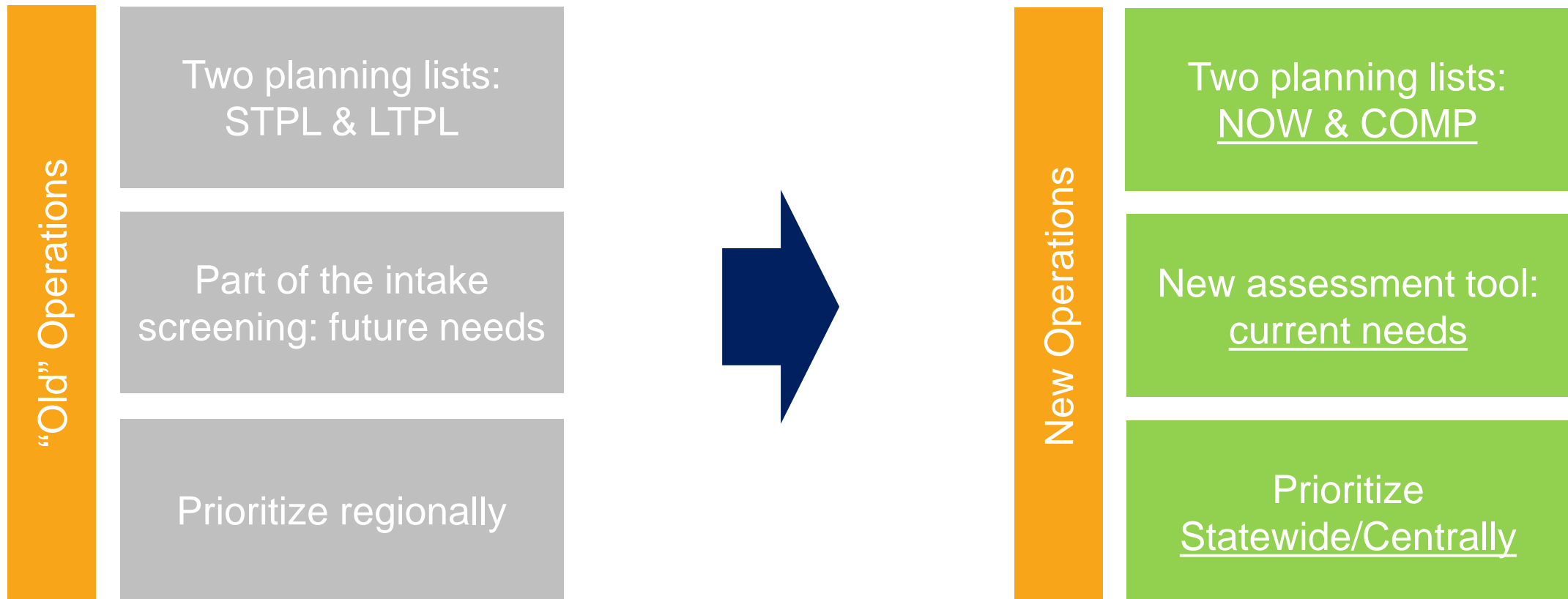


Increase the number of individuals entering the NOW/COMP waiver programs

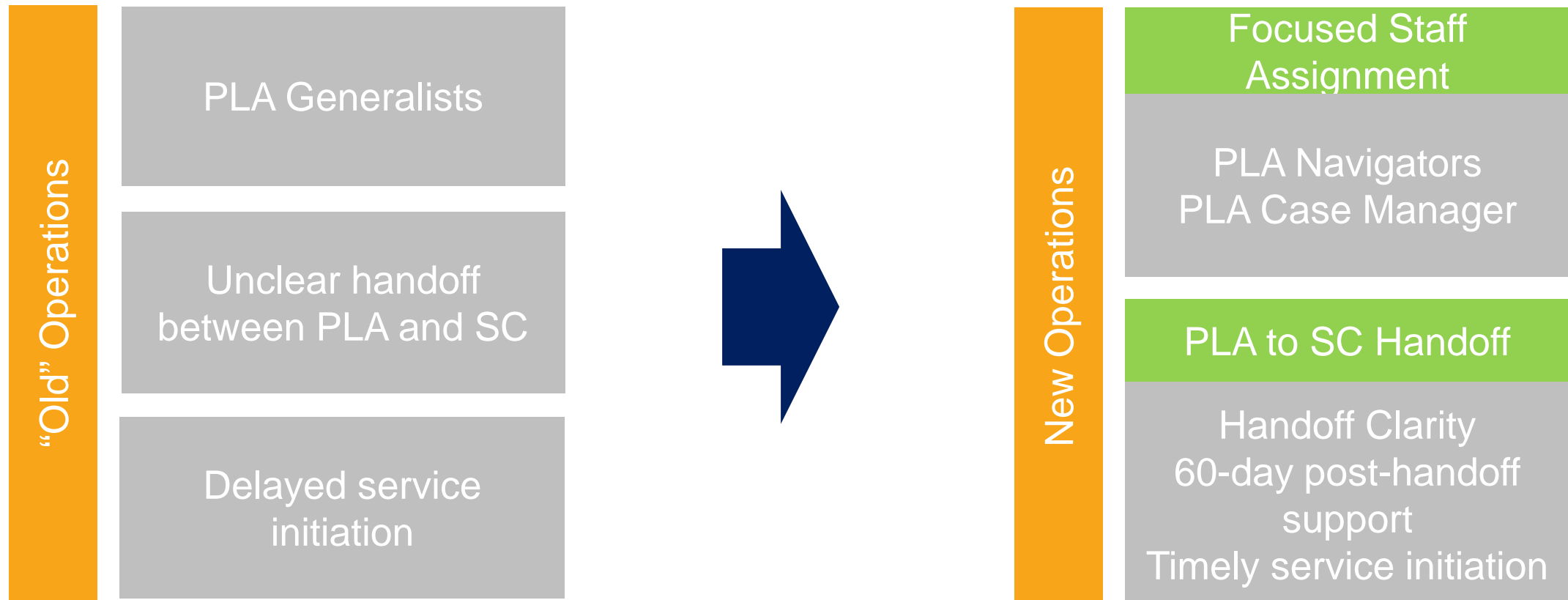


Decrease the number of days from eligibility to service entry

# PLA Implementation Focus : Planning List



# PLA Implementation Focus : Service Entry



# Key Changes in *Resources*

Statewide oversight:  
Admission Services  
Manager

Dedicated Planning List  
Navigator onsite in each  
Regional Office



*Anticipated impact to our stakeholders are...*

Improved **customer service**:

- 24-hour turnaround
- Tracking and monitoring inquiries

Appropriate **supervision/ expectations**:

- Centralized decisions
- Oversight and guidance

Appropriate **contact**:

- Decreased intrusive points of contact
- In-person contact as needed

Increased **accessibility**:

- Remote assessment completion
- Flexible updates and dedicated in-office PLA

# Current Status and Upcoming Steps

- ✔ Completed initial implementation
- ✔ Developed a multi-year plan to address the growing planning list
- ✔ Partner with GTRI to:
  - Test for reliability and validity
  - Gather and analyze data
  - Identify a tool to house and manage data
- ✔ Continue to coordinate other strategic efforts outlined in the multi-year plan
- ✔ Review the intake process for improvement opportunities





# Legislative Update

Doug Reineke

Director of Legislative Affairs

# Legislative Update

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- Session Overview
- Budget:
  - Amended FY 2018
  - FY 2019
- Legislation:
  - Health Care Taskforce
  - Behavioral Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities





# Behavioral Health Prevention Overview

Travis Fretwell, MAC, CACII, CCS  
Director



**Our mission is to lead and support a comprehensive, data-driven strategic plan for assisting communities in developing, implementing, and evaluating proactive evidence-based strategies in their communities that promote well-being and healthy behaviors and lifestyles.**



# Office of Behavioral Health Prevention Areas of Focus

**Substance  
Abuse  
Prevention**

**Suicide  
Prevention**

**Mental  
Health  
Promotion**



# Substance Abuse Prevention Projects

- Alcohol & Substance Abuse Prevention Project (ASAPP)
- Drugs Don't Work & Suicide Prevention Partnership Program
- Georgia's College Prevention Program (GCPP)
- Georgia Rx Drug Abuse Prevention Collaborative (GADAPC)
- PFS 2015 (GenRx) Prescription Drug
- GASPS Data Warehouse Project
- Georgia Teen Institute
- Prevention Clubhouses
- Red Ribbon Campaign
- SYNAR (GA DOR) Tobacco Compliance
- Voices For Prevention (V4P)
- CLEAR Marijuana Project
- SPF-Rx Project
- STR Opioid Grant



# Suicide Prevention Projects

- HB 198 / DOE Summits Suicide Prevention Trainings for Georgia School Systems
- Drugs Don't Work & Suicide Prevention Partnership
- Pilot Suicide Prevention SPF Project
- Suicide Prevention Community Support, Education, and Awareness
- Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention Grant Expansion
- Suicide Prevention Education & Training
  - DBHDD Policy 01-118 Trainings
  - HB 198 / DOE Trainings
  - General Community & Coalition Trainings
  - Targeted Stakeholder Trainings
- Suicide Prevention Community Support, Education, and Awareness



# Mental Health Promotion

- Strategic planning for incorporation throughout OHBP work
- Media Campaign (to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and improve communications for appropriate referrals)
  - Mental Health PSA
    - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo-\\_Jdgc4\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo-_Jdgc4_g)
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYh1ZotGK1o>
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# Major Prevention Projects

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    - Community & Stakeholder Trainings

- MHP Staff Cross Training
- Media Campaign (to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and improve communications for appropriate referrals)

# Current OBHP Media Campaigns

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## Mental Health PSAs

Spot the Signs

<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/mental-health-promotion>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYh1ZotGK1o>

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## STR Opioid PSAs

Good Samaritan Law

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo-\\_Jdgc4\\_g&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo-_Jdgc4_g&feature=youtu.be)

Naloxone

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nmYGSJHDOOr0XBIBq8RzO8Kq8Bcb\\_f-Nk/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nmYGSJHDOOr0XBIBq8RzO8Kq8Bcb_f-Nk/view)

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## Alcohol Prevention

Thin Line

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# Contact Information

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# Forensic Services Overview

Karen Bailey, Ph.D.  
Director

# Forensic Services

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- Forensic Evaluation and Expert Testimony
- Competency Restoration
- Inpatient Evaluation and Treatment
- Community Forensic Services
- Juvenile Forensic Services

# Forensic Evaluation

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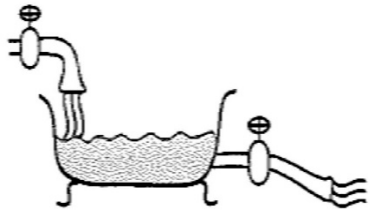
**Competency to Stand Trial:** present ability

**Criminal Responsibility:** mental state at time of alleged offense

- 2,500 Evaluations
  - Opine 70% competent
  - >95% criminally responsible
- 95% at the Jail
- Demand for testimony increasing
- Customer: Court
- 😊 Front door to our system – state evaluators
- 😊 Certification Program
- 😞 Timeliness

# Competency Restoration

Prior to 2011: Court Adjudicates Incompetent  Hospital Admission  
 Wait List for Admission



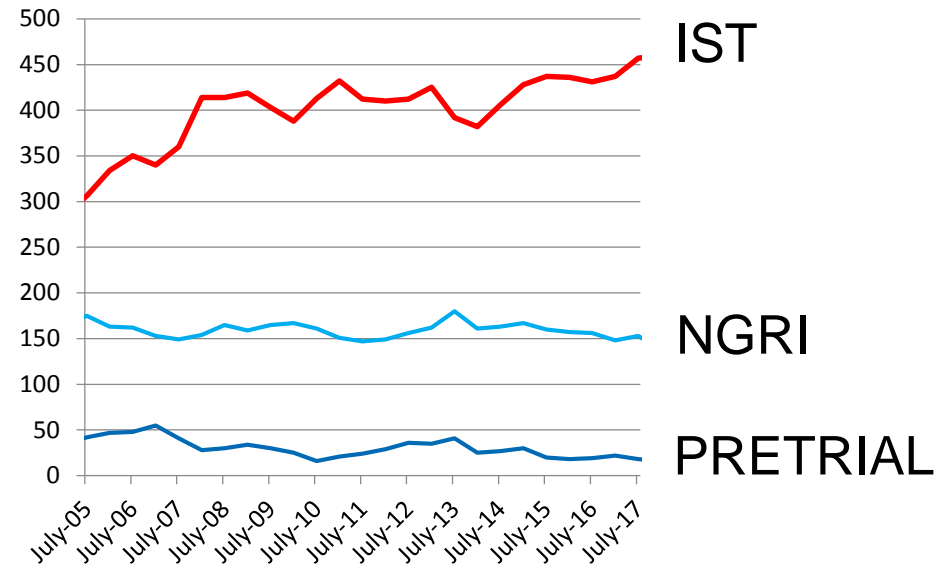
Now:

- Outpatient (if non-violent felony)
- Jail (Fulton County)
- Inpatient

35% of Forensic Beds

Restoration Rate: 80 to 70%

Average LOS: 120 days



# 641 Beds on Dedicated Units across 5 State Hospitals (70%)

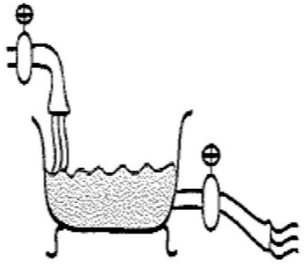
5% Pretrial Evaluations; 35% Competency Restoration

60% Civilly Committed Forensic Patients

- NGRIs (insanity acquittees) and ISTs (not restored >1 year)
  - Release determined by Court
  - ISTs – uniquely Georgia
  - Average LOS: 7 years (impact on wait list)
- Treatment focus: recovery oriented & risk reduction
  - Goal: Community Re-integration
  - Recovery-Based Programs
    - Trauma Informed, Sexual Behavior, Technology
  - Annual Comprehensive **Risk Assessment**
    - Another 1,000 Evaluations



# Forensic Community Services



## Community Integration Homes

- 9 locations across the state; 61 beds

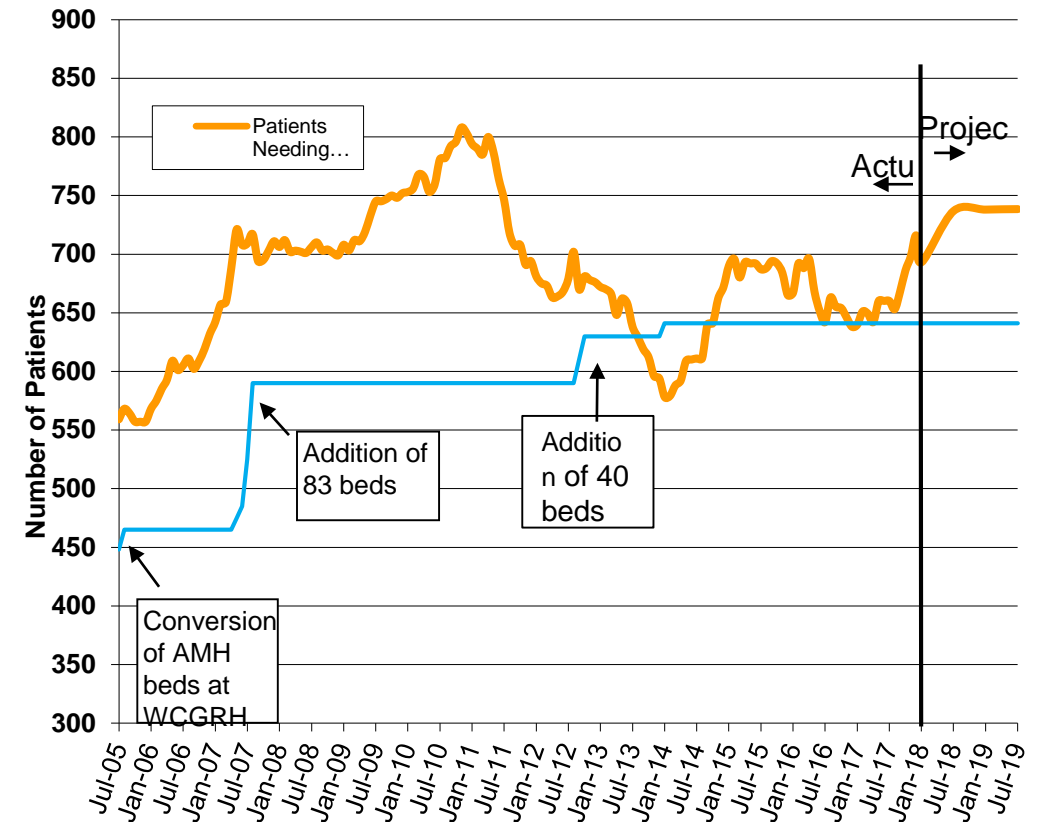
## Forensic Apartments

- 4 locations, 60 beds

## Forensic Community Coordinators

- 17 (areas assigned by judicial districts)

Forensic Census, Beds v. Need (including Waiting List)



# Juvenile Forensics

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- 2,000 Evaluations
  - Behavioral Health Evaluations
  - Competency to Stand Trial
  - Other – transfer; designated felonies
- Outpatient Restoration
- 14-bed facility for juveniles under Superior Court jurisdiction



# Challenges

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- Obtaining GCICs for adequate evaluations and risk assessments
- Testifying at geographically distant locations
- Wait lists and continued growth (eliminate misdemeanants)
- Balancing security and recovery
- Staffing (☺ psychiatry/psychology fellowships – Emory & Augusta University)
- Aging and medically compromised population
- Undocumented persons
- Delay in benefits and cost of personal care homes

# What Makes Us Most Proud

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- Recovery-Oriented Programs
- Certification Program and Forensic Training
- Relationship with the Courts and Sheriffs
- Continuum of Forensic Services
- Success of Individuals
- Inquiries about our Model from Other States

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# ADA Settlement Agreement Extension

Judy Fitzgerald  
Commissioner



# Chair's Report

Kim Ryan  
Chair



# Public Comment



# Next Board Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2018  
1:00 p.m.



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