

**TENTH REPORT OF THE COURT MONITOR  
ON PROGRESS TOWARDS COMPLIANCE  
WITH THE AGREEMENT:  
U.S. v. STATE OF DELAWARE**

U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, Civil Action No: 11-591-LPS

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1 Karen<sup>1</sup> describes her life as a journey through hell and back. As a child, when she entered  
2 Delaware’s mental health system, she was shy to the point that she wouldn’t speak. She  
3 mostly kept her head down and stared at her feet, but would sometimes throw tantrums for  
4 no apparent reason. As an adult, she had a history of repeatedly overdosing. Within the  
5 Delaware Psychiatric Center, where Karen reports she was admitted around 30 times, she  
6 would bang her head against the brick wall. “It was torture,” she said, “Like a prison. You  
7 have no freedom. I remember looking out the window and thinking ‘When is it going to  
8 end?’” Karen now describes with pride how, with the assistance of the CRISP program, she  
9 has taken control of her own recovery. “I’m doing so much better now than I’ve ever been  
10 in my life. I get upset and I bounce right back.” She lives in her own apartment in an  
11 ordinary apartment complex. She cooks and cleans and has plans to help others, perhaps as  
12 a peer specialist. “Life is wonderful now.”

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14 Jerry had been working as an emergency responder, but after becoming seriously injured in  
15 an accident and followed by the breakup of his marriage, his life seemed to fall apart. He  
16 estimates that he tried to harm himself—through overdosing on pills or stabbing himself—  
17 about 20 times. He started drinking heavily to soothe his depression, but became a “fall  
18 down drunk.” He was admitted to the Delaware Psychiatric Center several times and was  
19 diagnosed with bipolar disorder. He is now receiving outpatient mental health services and  
20 alcohol treatment and has been clean for six months. Jerry lives in his own apartment, which

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<sup>1</sup> To protect their privacy, peers’ names used in this report have been changed.

21 he describes as nice, and finds his treatment team to be very supportive of his recovery. He  
22 is thinking about job prospects and, while he admits to being “a little scared every day,”  
23 describes himself as now optimistic. He reads a lot, stays in touch with his family, and  
24 attends to grocery shopping and other household chores.

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26 Susan has had a very difficult life. Beginning as a teenager, she was the victim of abuse  
27 and molestation. She has been diagnosed as having paranoid schizophrenia and guesses  
28 that she was psychiatrically hospitalized 15 or 20 times. When outside of a hospital, much  
29 of Susan’s adult life was spent in homelessness. She described living in shelters, sleeping  
30 on park benches, or huddled with other homeless people; “It was scary and dangerous, but  
31 you just keep on going. Never stay in one place too long.” She reported the many indignities  
32 of being homeless: trying to find a private place to relieve herself because she was denied  
33 access to restrooms; police harassing her—shooing her away, telling her to go down the  
34 street or to another city, and threatening to arrest her for vagrancy; and being looked down  
35 upon by passersby. “Try living on the streets without food and rest for days on end. Tell  
36 me how strong you’re going to be,” she said. And hers was a lonely life, “Most people are  
37 unable to understand me or they don’t take the time to get to know me. I would hang out in  
38 bars because I didn’t have any friends.” Susan’s life is vastly different now. For more than  
39 a year and a half, she has received supported housing services, living in her own apartment  
40 in what she describes as a “decent neighborhood, safe.” This is the longest period of time  
41 that Susan has had a stable home in her adult life. Susan describes her apartment as  
42 spacious, with a washer and dryer, a garbage disposal, and dishwasher. “I have a lovely  
43 apartment; I love it.” In sharp contrast to being concerned about survival on the streets, she  
44 now describes her efforts to live within her budget (she doesn’t use the dishwasher to help  
45 keep her electric bill low), and she reminded herself to pick up some carpet cleaner because  
46 she had spilled something on her rug. Susan feels that her treatment team affords her dignity  
47 and respect, and describes her very close relationship with an individual providing her with  
48 peer supports. “My life is a miracle,” she says.

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51 This is the tenth report of the Court Monitor (Monitor) on the implementation by the State of Delaware  
52 (State) of its Settlement Agreement (Agreement) with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) relating to  
53 its services for individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI). The Agreement, which  
54 went into effect on July 15, 2011, requires the State to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act  
55 (ADA), the Supreme Court’s decision in *Olmstead v. L.C. (Olmstead)*, and other laws that require public  
56 systems to support individuals with SPMI to live successfully in their communities without being  
57 subjected to unwarranted institutional segregation. In slightly longer than five years of implementing  
58 the Agreement, the State has made dramatic improvements in its services to Delawareans with SPMI.  
59 While this report presents substantial aggregate data in support of the Monitor’s finding that the State is  
60 now in Substantial Compliance with the requirements of the Agreement, the stories above speak to its  
61 individual human outcomes. They reflect individuals who have struggled against incredible  
62 challenges—clinically and otherwise—and who are pursuing recovery that might have been unthinkable  
63 not so long ago. Today, these individuals’ lives are not dramatic; remembering to pick up some rug  
64 cleaner is a mundane matter. Yet, for these and other members of the Agreement’s target population,  
65 that life could become so mundane *is* dramatic. It is also what is at the heart of the ADA, *Olmstead*, and  
66 the Agreement: affording individuals who had been relegated to the margins of society the services and  
67 opportunities they need to live ordinary lives in the community mainstream.

68 This report presents a detailed analysis of Delaware’s success in complying with the Agreement and in  
69 achieving the kind of outcomes reported by these three individuals when they were interviewed by the  
70 Monitor in July, 2016. These individuals have made substantial progress and are now on pathways  
71 towards further improving their lives. Likewise, Delaware’s service systems affecting these and other  
72 people with SPMI have made substantial progress and are on a trajectory to achieve further progress.  
73 These systems are not perfect, but they are increasingly aligned to promote recovery, self-determination,  
74 and community integration.

75 This report begins with information about the population of individuals targeted as the prime  
76 beneficiaries of the Agreement, followed by information about some cross-cutting systemic changes that  
77 have broadly affected implementation of the Agreement, and then a discussion of the State’s compliance  
78 with regard to specific provisions of the Agreement. The State is now in Substantial Compliance with  
79 each of these provisions.

80 **A. Target Population**

81 Section II.B of the Agreement defines the population to be served, as well as specific sub-populations  
82 that are prioritized based upon their elevated risk of institutional segregation:

83 1. The target population for the community services described in this section is the subset  
84 of the individuals who have serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) who are at the  
85 highest risk of unnecessary institutionalization. SPMI is a diagnosable mental,  
86 behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria and  
87 has been manifest in the last year, has resulted in functional impairment which  
88 substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities, and has episodic,  
89 recurrent, or persistent features.

90 2. Priority for receipt of services will be given to the following individuals within the target  
91 population due to their high risk of unnecessary institutionalization:

- 92 a. People who are currently at Delaware Psychiatric Center, including those on  
93 forensic status for whom the relevant court approves community placement;
- 94 b. People who have been discharged from Delaware Psychiatric Center within the last  
95 two years and who meet any of the criteria below;
- 96 c. People who are, or have been, admitted to private institutions for mental disease  
97 ("IMDs") in the last two years;<sup>2</sup>
- 98 d. People with SPMI who have had an emergency room visit in the last year, due to  
99 mental illness or substance use;
- 100 e. People with SPMI who have been arrested, incarcerated, or had other encounters  
101 with the criminal justice system in the last year due to conduct related to their  
102 serious mental illness; or

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<sup>2</sup> IMDs are privately owned psychiatric hospitals. The IMDs currently serving the target population are Dover Behavioral Health, MeadowWood Behavioral Health, and Rockford Center. A fourth IMD is being developed in Sussex County, but is not yet operational.

103 f. People with SPMI who have been homeless for one full year or have had four or  
 104 more episodes of homelessness in the last three years.

105 To construct the required Target Population Priority List (TPPL), in the first year of implementation the  
 106 Monitor and the State agreed on a list of psychiatric diagnoses that are indicative of SPMI. This list is  
 107 included in Appendix-A. In addition, the Monitor and the State devised a set of strategies to identify an  
 108 initial population for inclusion on the TPPL (e.g., individuals served through the Division of Substance  
 109 Abuse and Mental Health’s (DSAMH) specialized mental health programs) and for adding new  
 110 individuals to the list (e.g., psychiatric hospitalization of individuals within the Medicaid program where  
 111 the discharge diagnoses included one or more of those indicative of SPMI). The TPPL list grew  
 112 quickly. As of December, 2016, 12,826 individuals had been identified in accordance with the agreed  
 113 upon criteria.

114 In order get a sense of the population being served and the reach of the Agreement in terms of the high-  
 115 risk categories delineated above and other factors, the State has maintained data about the service  
 116 histories of members of the TPPL. Table-1 presents the numbers of individuals within each high-risk

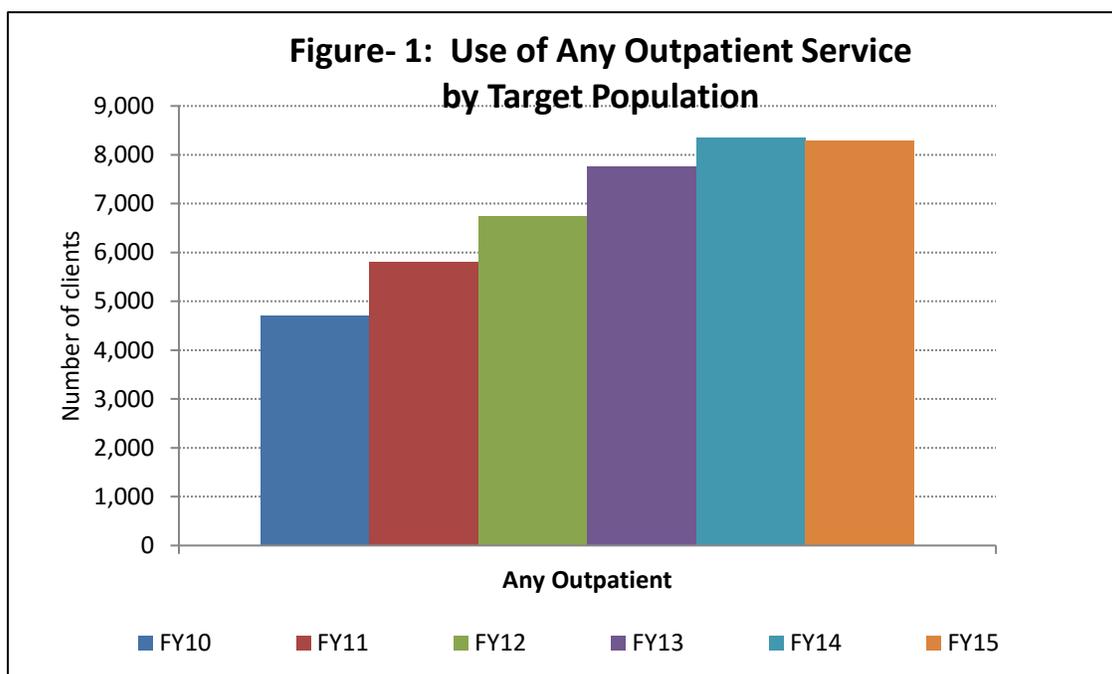
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<b>Table- 1</b> <b>Breakdown of TPPL Risk or Inclusion Factors</b> <b>12,826 Individuals</b> <b>December, 2016</b>		
<b>Risk or Inclusion Factor</b>	<b>Number of Individuals</b>	<b>Percent of Total TPPL</b>
Hospitalization or History of Hospitalization at Delaware Psychiatric Center (DPC)	1,096	8.5%
Hospitalization or History of Hospitalization at a private psychiatric hospital (IMD)	7,070	55.1%
Emergency Room Use due to Mental Illness or Substance Use	4,116	32.1%
Criminal Justice Contact related to Mental Illness	2,764	21.5%
Homelessness	905	7.1%
Crisis Walk-In Center Use	1,058	8.2%
Target Care Management Use	3,086	24.1%
Group Home	254	2.0%
Intensive Community Mental Health Service Programs	2,937	22.9%
Generic Community Mental Health Programs	2,590	20.2%

118 category, as well as their representation as a proportion of the total TPPL. A single individual may be  
119 represented in more than one risk category.

120 Working in collaboration with experts from the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn)<sup>3</sup> the State has  
121 access to analyses of overall trends relating to the target population<sup>4</sup> and changes that have occurred  
122 through the course of the Agreement’s implementation. As a general matter, the Agreement seeks to  
123 reduce the State’s reliance on institutions such as hospitals in serving individuals with SPMI and, as is  
124 discussed in detail later in this report, it requires the development of a comprehensive array of  
125 community-based mental health programs. UPenn’s analysis of Medicaid claims and other data finds  
126 that, indeed, outpatient mental health service use has increased significantly, as compared with use prior  
127 to and at the outset of implementation. Figure-1 shows that between Fiscal Year 2010<sup>5</sup>—the year  
128 preceding implementation of the Agreement—and Fiscal Year 2015, outpatient mental health service  
129 utilization (of any type) by people with SPMI almost doubled.

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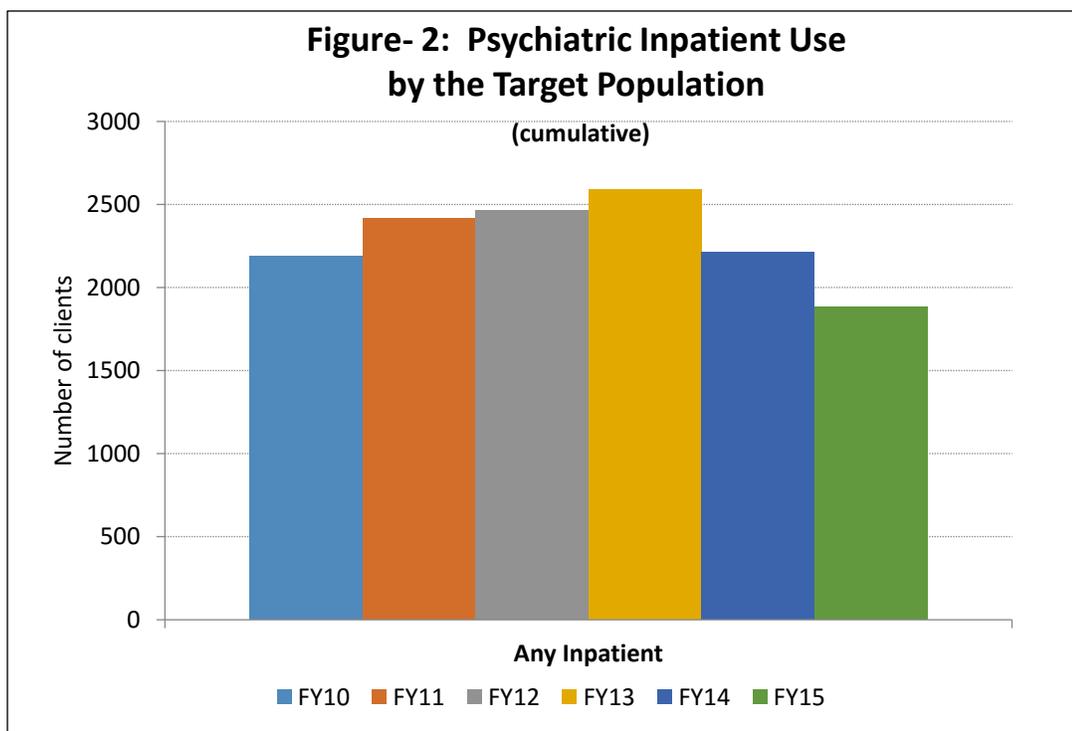


<sup>3</sup> Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research, Department of Psychiatry, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania.

<sup>4</sup> It is noted that the University of Pennsylvania employs methodology for including individuals in its analyses that slightly differs from the State’s, but this difference is unlikely to significantly affect the overall trends reported.

<sup>5</sup> Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 runs from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and other FYs are defined accordingly.

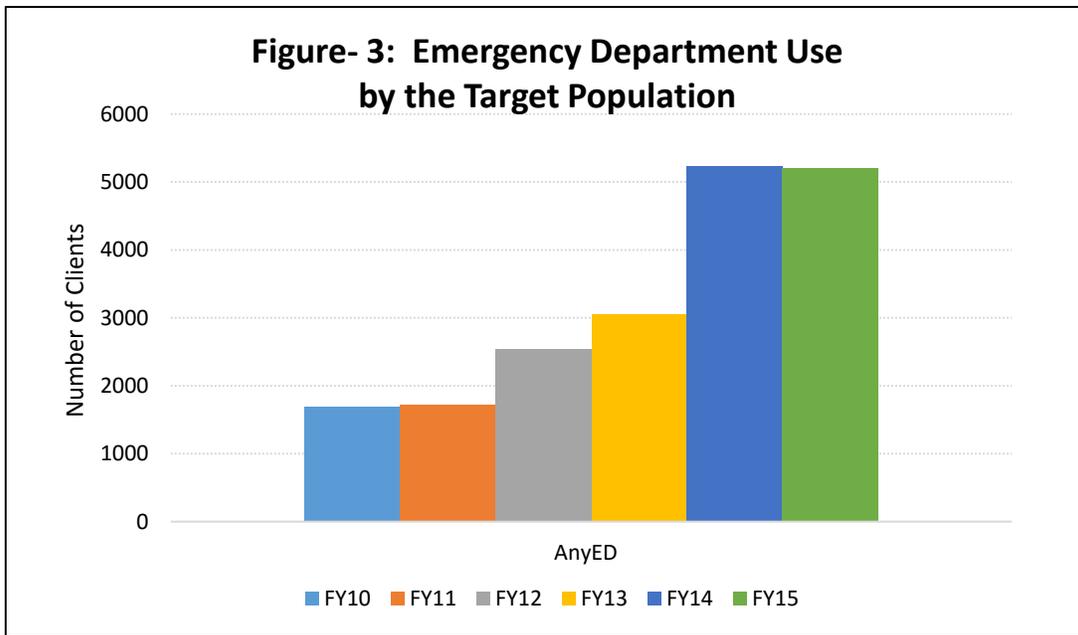
131 At the same time, the State was able to reduce its civil beds at the Delaware Psychiatric Center (DPC) by  
132 42%.<sup>6</sup> Figure-2 summarizes use of psychiatric hospitals by the target population during the same time  
133 period. It shows that admissions to DPC or an IMD declined when Fiscal Year 2010 is compared with  
134 Fiscal Year 2015, although inpatient use increased in some of the intervening years.



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136 On the other hand, Figure-3 shows that emergency department use rates by the target population have  
137 increased dramatically. As is discussed throughout this report, the State uses such data to drive system  
138 improvements. Based in part upon its monitoring of this trend, the State is taking actions to shift crisis  
139 evaluations from hospital emergency departments to it Crisis Walk-In Centers.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup> The bed reduction at DPC is discussed further in Section XIII of this report, which concerns Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement.

<sup>7</sup> It is noted that the number of individuals identified by physicians in emergency departments as having SPMI is likely inflated because of problems in differentiating mental illness from substance use in those settings. This diagnostic issue is discussed further in this report in the section, Provisions Relating to Reductions in Acute Care Bed Days.



140 Information provided in this report includes details of the use and outcomes of specific community  
 141 services. As a general matter, these data relating to the TPPL show that the Agreement appears to have  
 142 spurred a significant growth in outpatient mental health service use by the high-risk target population; in  
 143 some respects, a decrease in the use of psychiatric hospitals (although the picture is more complex, as is  
 144 discussed later); and a shift to emergency departments and other settings where diversion from further  
 145 hospitalization may occur.

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147 **B. Structural Changes with Broad Impact**

148 In implementing the Agreement, the State made several broad structural changes in its systems affecting  
 149 the target population. Their impact cuts across specific provisions of the Agreement and they provide  
 150 context for many of the State’s accomplishments that are detailed later in this report. They are also  
 151 important because they represent significant changes in law, policy, and decision making that have now  
 152 become embedded in Delaware’s service systems. As such, they enhance the strong likelihood that the  
 153 reforms made pursuant to the Agreement will continue beyond its resolution.

154       1. *Mental Health Laws-*

155       At the outset of the Agreement, Delaware’s mental health system was guided by a very antiquated set of  
156       laws that were written decades ago and that reflected an era when DPC and its Superintendent were the  
157       hub of the State’s mental health system. Since the Agreement went into effect, the State has made  
158       several important legislative changes that not only update its mental health laws, but also align them  
159       with the requirements of the ADA, *Olmstead* and, more particularly, the Agreement. This legislation  
160       includes:

- 161       a. House Bill 311, which was signed into law in July, 2012. Among its provisions, this law  
162       required that, prior to an individual being detained for 24-observation to determine if involuntary  
163       hospitalization is indicated, that individual first be evaluated by a credentialed screener to  
164       determine that the individual likely has a serious mental illness and whether less restrictive  
165       measures can be put into effect. This law specifically references its intent to further the State’s  
166       efforts to comply with the Agreement.
- 167       b. House Joint Resolution 17, which was passed in June, 2013, established a study group to  
168       evaluate Delaware’s civil mental health laws and to make recommendations for their  
169       improvement. This study group included a broad range of stakeholders, including providers,  
170       legal and policy experts, and individuals who have lived experience with serious mental illness.  
171       The Group issued its final report in April, 2014.
- 172       c. The study group’s recommendations culminated in House Bill 346, which was signed into law in  
173       October, 2014. This law significantly modernized the State’s mental health code by clarifying  
174       criteria for commitment to either a hospital or outpatient treatment, ensuring that individuals are  
175       first afforded an opportunity to be served on a voluntary basis, and improving the timeliness of  
176       legal hearings.
- 177       d. Senate Bill 245, which was passed by both chambers in June, 2016. This law establishes a  
178       Behavioral and Mental Health Commission that includes a Peer Review Subcommittee charged  
179       with overseeing services to individuals with SPMI, including in matters relating to adverse  
180       events and related root cause analyses. The law focuses on the Agreement’s target population,

181 essentially adopting the prioritization criteria discussed above, and it specifically references the  
182 requirements of the ADA with respect to individuals who have SPMI.

183 These laws include important protections for individuals with SPMI who receive services and they help  
184 to assure that preventing their hospitalization—whether on a voluntary or involuntary basis—remains a  
185 State priority.

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187 *2. Funding Services that Promote Community Integration-*

188 Having successfully navigated the process for obtaining federal approval, in January, 2015, the State put  
189 into place very important changes with regard to Medicaid-covered services that enable people with  
190 SPMI to live successfully in their communities. The PROMISE program (Promoting Optimal Mental  
191 Health for Individuals through Supports and Empowerment) vastly expanded Medicaid coverage of  
192 community services for the target population that, when they were available before PROMISE, had been  
193 totally funded with State dollars. By including these community-based and recovery-oriented services  
194 in the State’s Medicaid program, Delaware is able to draw federal dollars to pay a significant portion of  
195 their costs. PROMISE comprises a comprehensive array of services, many of which are required by the  
196 Agreement, and all of which align with the Agreement’s goals:

- 197 • Care management
- 198 • Benefits counseling
- 199 • Community psychiatric support and treatment
- 200 • Community-based residential supports, excluding assisted living
- 201 • Financial coaching
- 202 • Independent activities of daily living/chore services
- 203 • Individual employment supports
- 204 • Non-medical transportation
- 205 • Nursing

- 206 • Peer support
- 207 • Personal care
- 208 • Psychosocial rehabilitation
- 209 • Respite
- 210 • Short-term small group supported employment
- 211 • Community transition services

212 In addition to vastly expanding opportunities for capturing federal dollars in support of the Agreement’s  
213 requirements, PROMISE brought two other very important benefits. Several earlier Monitor reports  
214 described the State’s convoluted and uncoordinated processes within and between DSAMH and the  
215 Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA). The responsibility for managing hospital care  
216 for a member of the target population could shift back-and-forth between these bureaucracies, and there  
217 was no clear-cut accountability around such critical functions as averting psychiatric hospitalization for  
218 Medicaid-covered individuals with SPMI who were not served by DSAMH or referring them for  
219 DSAMH’s housing or specialized mental health services. These problems significantly affected the  
220 State’s ability to meet some requirements of the Agreement, particularly with respect to hospital use.<sup>8</sup>  
221 As a part of meeting the requirements of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)  
222 to implement PROMISE, this situation has significantly changed. Through collaborative agreements  
223 and new processes variously involving DMMA, DSAMH, the IMDs, and the MCOs,<sup>9</sup> there is now a  
224 much more systematic sharing of information and coordination of care. While these new interactions  
225 are still evolving, without question, they are much improved and will likely continue on this course.

226 A second benefit of PROMISE is less tangible, but perhaps equally important. The process of applying  
227 for and securing federal authorization of changes in states’ Medicaid programs, such as PROMISE, is  
228 long, complex, and arduous. Partly for this reason, services covered by states’ Medicaid programs tend  
229 to remain stable and do not dramatically change in short order. In interacting with a broad range of

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<sup>8</sup> This is discussed in detail later in this report, in the section relating to Crisis Stabilization Services and Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement.

<sup>9</sup> MCOs are Managed Care Organizations that, under contract with DMMA, manage mental health and other healthcare benefits for the Medicaid population.

230 stakeholders—including peers, family members, providers, and others—the most consistent concern  
231 heard by the Monitor is not so much that there are problems in services, but far more often that  
232 stakeholders worry that the array of services introduced through the Agreement will go away once the  
233 Agreement is resolved and the State is no longer subject to a court order. In this regard, and in addition  
234 to the likely impact of the laws discussed in the prior section, PROMISE affords some assurance that the  
235 State’s existing comprehensive menu of covered services will continue as elements of the Delaware’s  
236 mental health service system. For all of these reasons, PROMISE has broad importance to the State’s  
237 fulfillment of the requirement of the Agreement and of the ADA with regard to Delawareans with SPMI.

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239 *3. Data Systems-*

240 Early Monitor reports referenced the fact that, as in states nationwide, Delaware’s data systems relating  
241 to services for individuals with SPMI were antiquated, disjointed, idiosyncratic, and improvised. While  
242 the State had been pursuing a major overhaul of its data systems that will likely take many years to  
243 accomplish, the Agreement required a much more immediate and flexible approach. Commendably,  
244 DSAMH tapped into the talent and innovation of a data team whose achievements are evidenced in the  
245 tables and graphs that make up much of this report. The State has moved from arrangements whereby  
246 client information would be faxed between buildings on the Holloway Campus (where DPC, DSAMH,  
247 DMMA and the Health and Social Services Cabinet Secretary’s offices are located) and manually  
248 tallied, to electronic information systems that can trend aggregate data over time, evaluate patterns, and  
249 drill down to the performance of specific providers. Such information has informed the parties and the  
250 Monitor about how to most effectively meet the goals of the Agreement (for instance, as is discussed  
251 later, with respect to the allocation of Assertive Community Treatment and Intensive Case Management  
252 teams). Likewise, DSAMH’s decision to replicate its Ellendale Crisis Walk-In Center in the northern  
253 part of the state was based upon analyses of data regarding that program’s performance and impact in  
254 reducing hospital use. As is the case with the other accomplishments discussed in this section, the State  
255 has made impressive improvements in its access to and use of data, as well as in its ability to respond to  
256 emerging data needs.

257 **C. Ratings of Compliance with Specific Provisions of the Agreement**

<b>Table- 2: Ratings of Compliance</b>											
P=Partial Compliance S=Substantial Compliance											
Requirement	Provision	I. 1/30/12	II. 9/5/12	III. 3/8/13 <sup>2</sup>	IV. 9/24/13	V. 5/19/14	VI. 12/29/14	VII. 6/16/15 <sup>3</sup>	VIII. 12/26/15	IX. 5/26/16 <sup>4</sup>	X. 9/19/16
Crisis Hotline	III.A	S	S	--	--	S	S	--	S	--	S
Mobile Crisis Services	III.B	P	P	--	S	S	S	--	S	--	S
Crisis Walk-In Centers	III.C	P	S	--	S	S	S	--	S	--	S
Crisis Stabilization Svs.	III.D	P	S	--	S	P	P	--	P	MTS <sup>5</sup>	S
Crisis Apartments	III.E	P	S	--	S	S	S	--	S	--	S
Assertive Com. Treatmt.	III.F	P	S	--	S	S	S	--	S	--	S
Intensive Case Mgmt.	III.G	P	S	S	S	S	S	--	S	--	S
Case Management	III.H	P	P	--	S	S	S	--	S	--	S
Supported Housing	III.I	P	S	--	S	S	S	--	S	--	S
Supported Employment	III.J	--	S	--	S	S	S	--	S	--	S
Rehabilitation Services	III.K	--	S	--	S	S	S	--	S	--	S
Family/Peer Supports	III.L	--	S	--	S	S	S	--	S	--	S
Discharge Planning	II.C.2;IV.B	--	P/S <sup>1</sup>	--	S	P	P	--	P	S	S
Quality Assurance	V.A	P	S	--	--	S	S	--	P	S	S
Risk Management	V.B	--	--	--	--	P	P	--	P	P	S

1. The Monitor’s Second Report found some provisions relating to Quality Assurance to be in Partial Compliance and others to be in Substantial Compliance.
2. The Monitor’s Third Report included a compliance rating for only one provision; the Agreement specified no other new implementation targets for the time period covered.
3. The Monitor’s Seventh Report focused on four areas in which the State had failed to achieve Substantial Compliance per the Sixth Report; it did not include compliance ratings of any provisions.
4. The Monitor’s Ninth Report focused upon four areas in which the State had failed to achieve Substantial Compliance per the Eighth Report; it only included compliance ratings for these provisions.
5. The State was rated as being “Moving Towards Substantial Compliance” with regard to newly established criteria.

258 Section VI.B.3.g of the Agreement requires that the Monitor evaluate the State’s success in meeting its  
 259 requirements in terms of ratings of Substantial Compliance, Partial Compliance, or Noncompliance.  
 260 Table-2 presents these ratings with reference to key provisions of the Agreement based upon nine  
 261 previous reports, and this—the tenth—Monitor’s report. As is detailed below, this report finds the State  
 262 to be in Substantial Compliance with each of these key provisions.

263 The following sections review these provisions in detail and explain the basis for the State being rated as  
264 being in Substantial Compliance with them. Many of these discussions begin with aggregate  
265 information about the State’s performance across several years, followed by more detailed current  
266 information that demonstrates how the State is able to trend performance month-to-month and to  
267 monitor key performance measures for purposes of quality control and improvement.

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269 I. **Crisis Hotline**

270 *Substantial Compliance.*

271 Section III.A of the Agreement includes the following provisions:

272 1. By January 1, 2012, the State will develop and make available a crisis line for use 24  
273 hours per day, 7 days per week.

274 2. By July 1, 2012, the State will provide publicity materials and training about the crisis  
275 hotline services in every hospital, police department, homeless shelter, and department of  
276 corrections facility in the State. The training will be developed in consultation with the  
277 Monitor.

278 The Crisis Hotline is a critically important element of services for people with SPMI. It provides  
279 immediate consultation and phone counseling for individuals who are in crisis and, as applicable, it can  
280 trigger intervention by Mobile Crisis<sup>10</sup> or other emergency services. It can also be a gateway for  
281 services for individuals who have other, less urgent service needs, and those with substance use  
282 problems that may or may not co-occur with mental illness.

283 The State has been found to be in Substantial Compliance with the provisions relating to the Crisis  
284 Hotline in each of the Monitor’s reports for which it was rated, dating back to the first Monitor’s Report  
285 in January, 2012. It remains in Substantial Compliance. Table-3 presents the average number of

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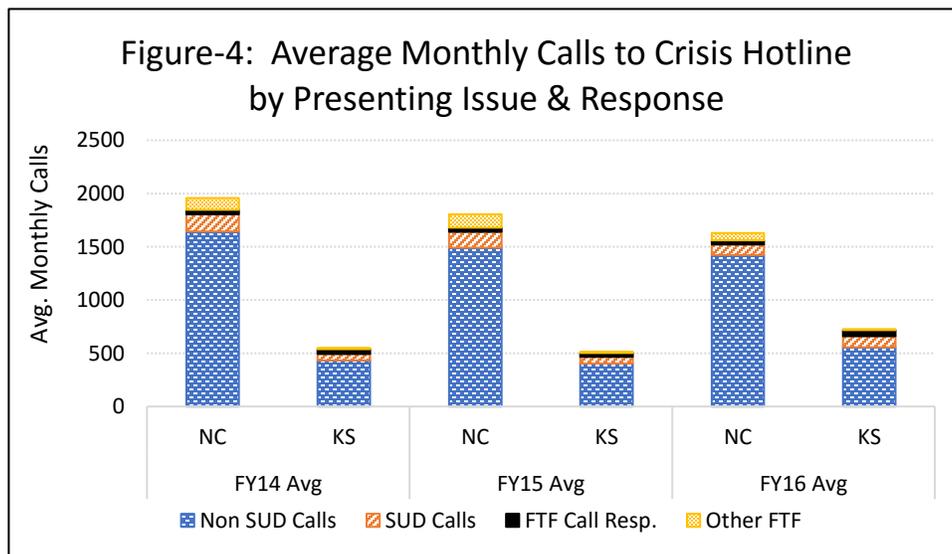
<sup>10</sup> Mobile Crisis teams, which are discussed in the next section, provide rapid-response, face-to-face interventions by mental health professionals.

286 monthly calls received by the Crisis Hotline in New Castle County (NC), where the largest number of  
 287 the State’s residents live, and in Kent and Sussex Counties (KS), which are in the southern part of the  
 288 State and are more rural. The overall number of calls has decreased somewhat since Fiscal Year 2014,  
 289 but the number of calls from Kent and Sussex have proportionally increased. In absolute numbers, a  
 290 total of 28,262 calls were received in Fiscal Year 2016.

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<b>Table-3: Average Monthly Calls to Crisis Hotline by Fiscal Year and County</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>FY14</b>		<b>FY15</b>		<b>FY16</b>	
	NC	KS	NC	KS	NC	KS
	1,956.0	550.0	1804.9	513.5	1,629.6	725.6
	2506.0		2318.4		2355.2	

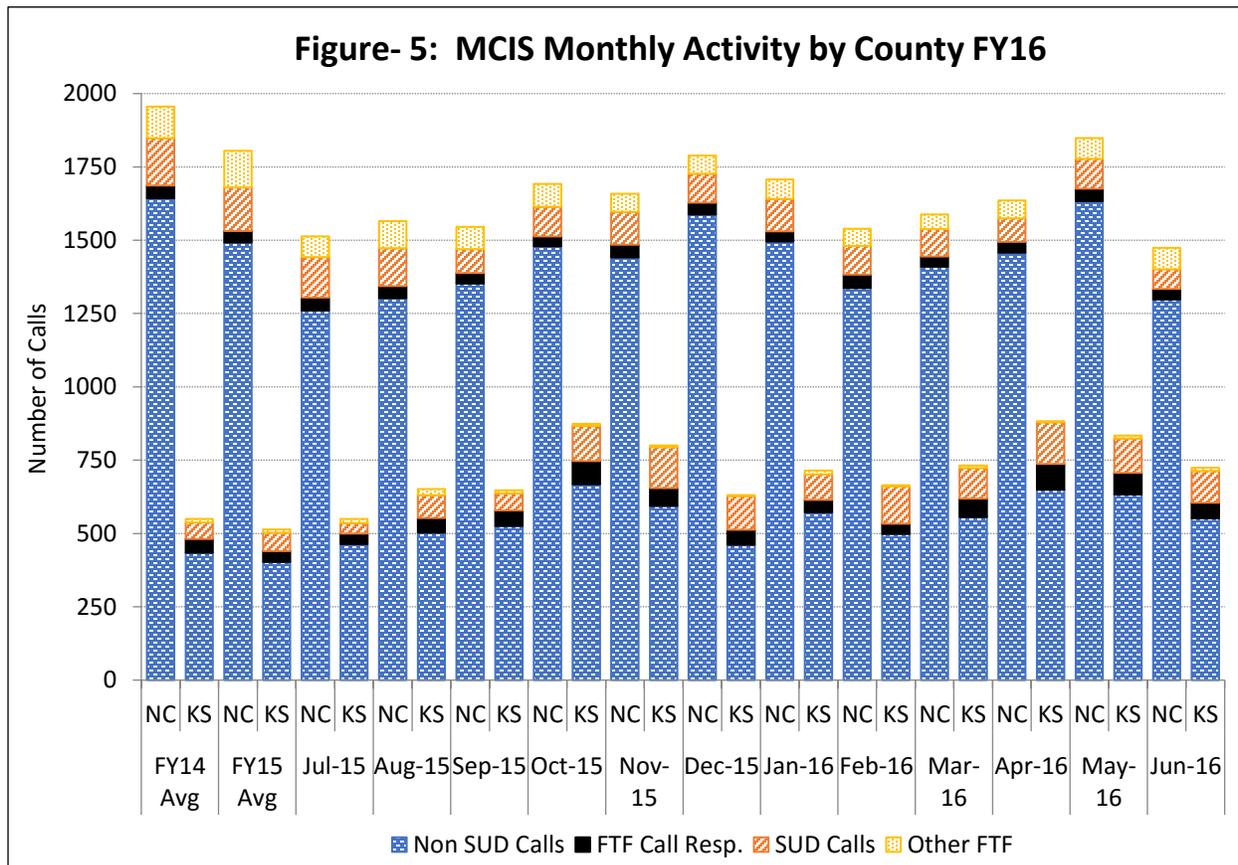
292 Figure-4 presents a breakdown of these calls in terms of whether or not they represented issues relating  
 293 to substance use (SUD); whether they were primarily related to mental health issues (Non-SUD);



294 whether they triggered an emergency face-to-face response (FTF Call Resp.); or whether they entail  
 295 another type of face-to-face response (Other FTF), such as a wellness check.

296 Figure-5 demonstrates the State’s capacity to more closely monitor trends on a month-to-month basis. It  
 297 breaks down the above data for Fiscal Year 2016 and shows the flow of service demand in the northern  
 298 and southern portions of the State.

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301 Overall, the State’s Crisis Hotline is functioning well, is integrated with Mobile Crisis and other critical  
 302 elements of the mental health service structure, and is an important element of the service system  
 303 addressing the needs of Delawareans who have SPMI.

304 **II. Mobile Crisis Services**

305 *Substantial Compliance.*

306 Section III.B of the Agreement relates to Mobile Crisis Service. It includes two elements:

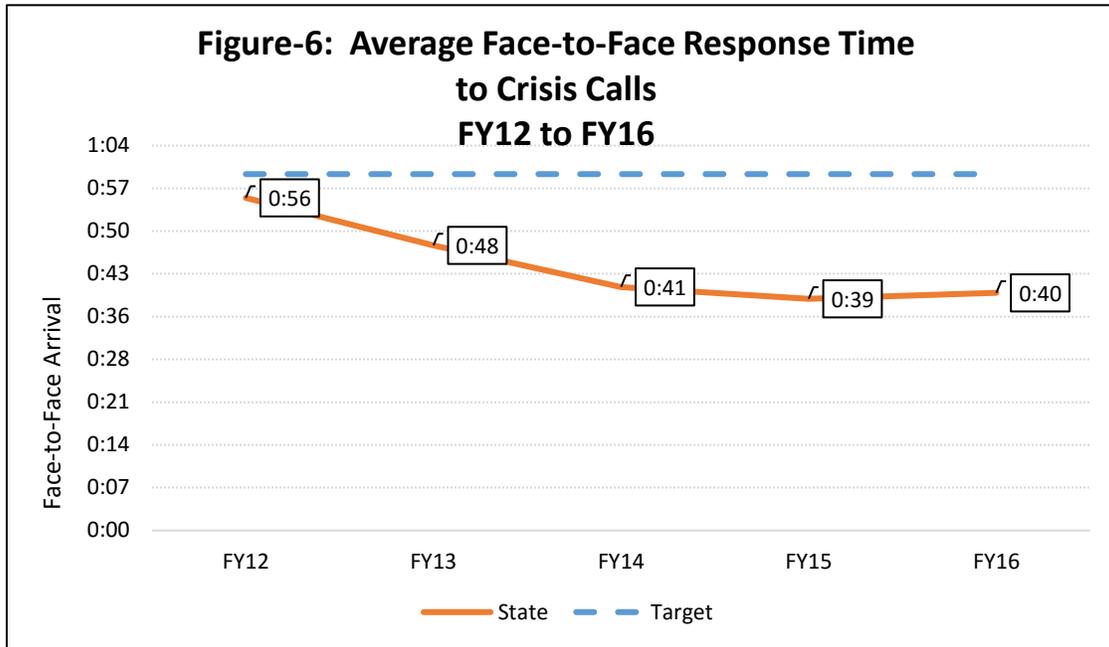
- 307                   1. By July 1, 2012 the State will make operational a sufficient number of mobile crisis  
308                   teams such that a team responds to a person in crisis anywhere in the state within one  
309                   hour.
- 310                   2. By July 1, 2013 the State will train all state and local law enforcement personnel  
311                   about the availability and purpose of the mobile crisis teams and on the protocol for  
312                   calling on the team.

313   The State has been rated as being in Substantial Compliance with the requirements of the Agreement  
314   relating to Mobile Crisis since September of 2013. In the two assessments by the Monitor prior to that,  
315   it had been rated as being in Partial Compliance because the program was still being phased in.

316   Mobile Crisis is an extremely important service for people with SPMI in that it provides timely face-to-  
317   face interventions by trained mental health professionals and follow-up for individuals who are at very  
318   high risk of hospitalization. At its best, it assumes a role that too often used to fall to the police and that  
319   tended to result in either transport to a hospital or entry into the criminal justice system. Delaware's  
320   Mobile Crisis program is closely integrated not only with the Crisis Hotline, but also with the Crisis  
321   Walk-In Centers and with the Targeted Care Management program. The program has been an essential  
322   element of the State's overall system aimed at resolving mental health crises in ways that promote  
323   recovery and avoid unnecessary hospitalizations.

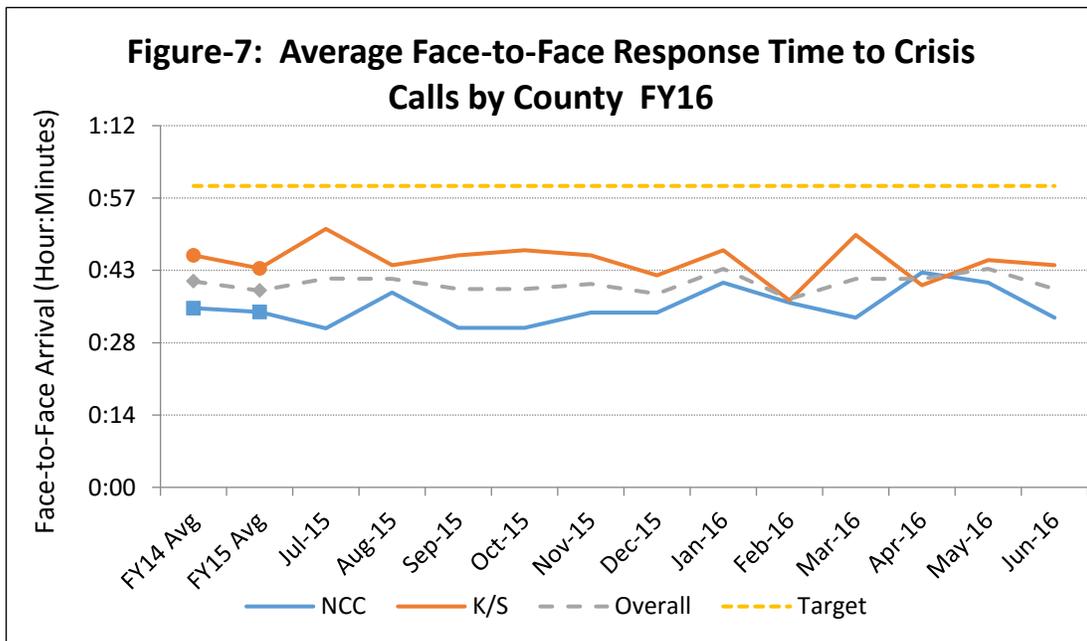
324   As is represented in Figure-6, the State has consistently met the requirements of Section III.B.1 that the  
325   Mobile Crisis be able to provide face-to-face interventions statewide within one hour. The State collects  
326   its data by calculating the time from when a Crisis Hotline call is completed to the time that the Mobile  
327   Crisis team meets with the individual. The average statewide response time is now about 40 minutes.

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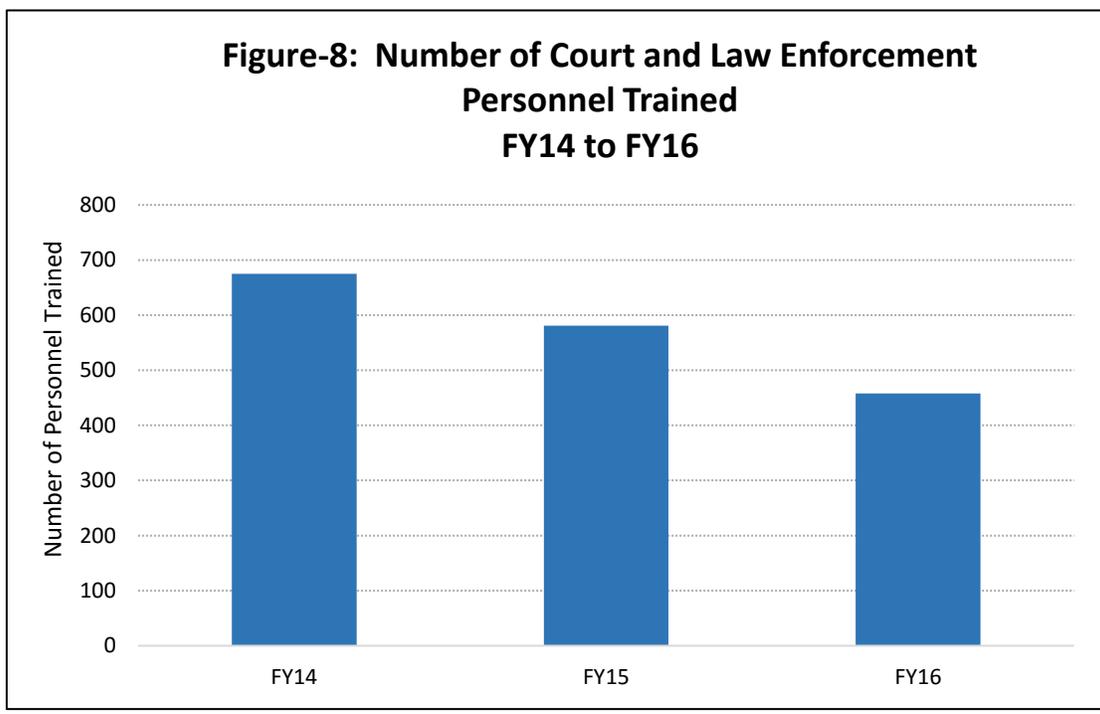
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330 Figure-7 demonstrates the State’s capacity to carefully monitor the flow and timeliness of Mobile Crisis  
 331 Services on a month-to-month basis and to track the performance of the New Castle and the Kent/Sussex  
 332 teams in meeting the requirements of the Agreement. Although the State is meeting the one-hour



333 requirement across the board, not surprisingly it takes slightly longer to reach individuals in the southern  
334 counties, which have rural roads and seasonal traffic.

335 The Agreement recognizes the importance of Mobile Crisis becoming a resource to, and a part of, other  
336 emergency service systems in the State. Accordingly, Section III.B.2 requires that state and local law  
337 enforcement be trained in the availability of this service and the protocol for accessing it. Figure-8  
338 presents the total number of such trainings from Fiscal Year 2014 through Fiscal Year 2016. During this  
339 3-year period, 1,714 individuals were trained in the use of Mobile Crisis and other resources to address  
340 mental health emergencies.

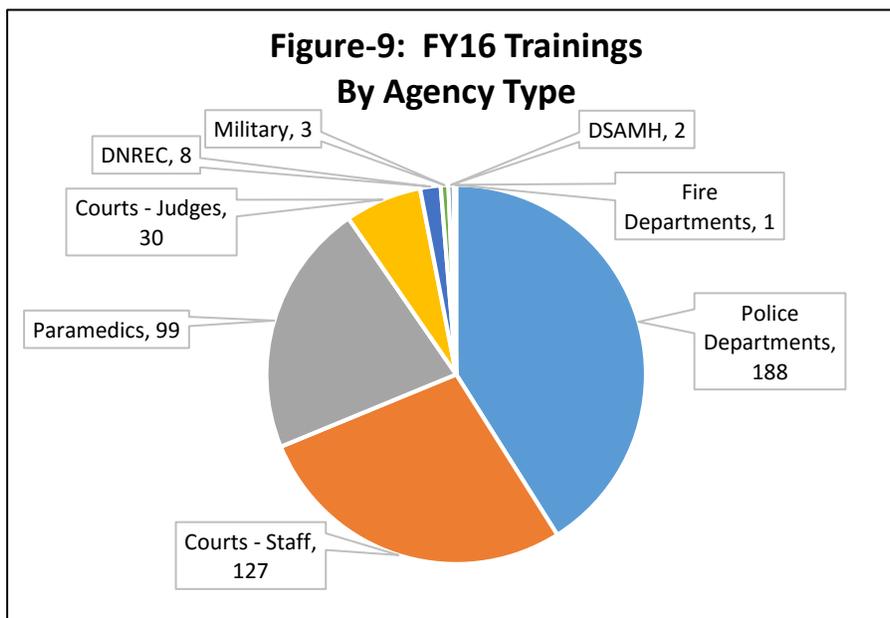


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342 These trainings range in size from single consultations with rural police departments to trainings for  
343 hundreds of participants in New Castle County. In addition to law enforcement, the State’s training  
344 relating to Mobile Crisis also includes mental health providers, judges and court staff, paramedics, fire  
345 departments, and even representatives from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental  
346 Control (which oversees State parks), and members of the military from the Dover Airforce Base.

347 Figure-9 presents a breakdown of the audiences for these trainings in Fiscal Year 2016.

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350 **III. Crisis Walk-in Centers**

351 *Substantial Compliance.*

352 Section III.C of the Agreement includes provisions relating to Crisis Walk-In Centers:

- 353 1. In addition to the crisis walk-in center in New Castle County serving the northern region  
354 of the State, by July 1, 2012, the State will make best efforts to make operational one  
355 crisis walk-in center in Ellendale to serve the southern region of the State. The crisis  
356 center in Ellendale shall be operational no later than September 1, 2012.
- 357 2. By July 1, 2013 the State will train all state and local law enforcement personnel about  
358 the availability and purpose of the crisis walk-in centers and on the protocol for referring  
359 and transferring individuals to walk-in centers.

360 The State has been found to be in Substantial Compliance with these provisions of the Agreement since  
361 September of 2012.

362 At the outset of the Agreement, the State had been operating only one Crisis Walk-In Center, which was  
363 located in New Castle County. That program, “CAPES,” operated in accordance with a model that has  
364 been used for decades nationwide, whereby a part of a general hospital’s emergency department  
365 provides mental health assessments and is associated with a small inpatient psychiatric unit. No such  
366 service was available in Kent and Sussex Counties. In fulfilling Sections III.C.1, in August of 2012,  
367 DSAMH opened a second crisis walk-in center in the city of Ellendale to serve the southern part of the  
368 State.

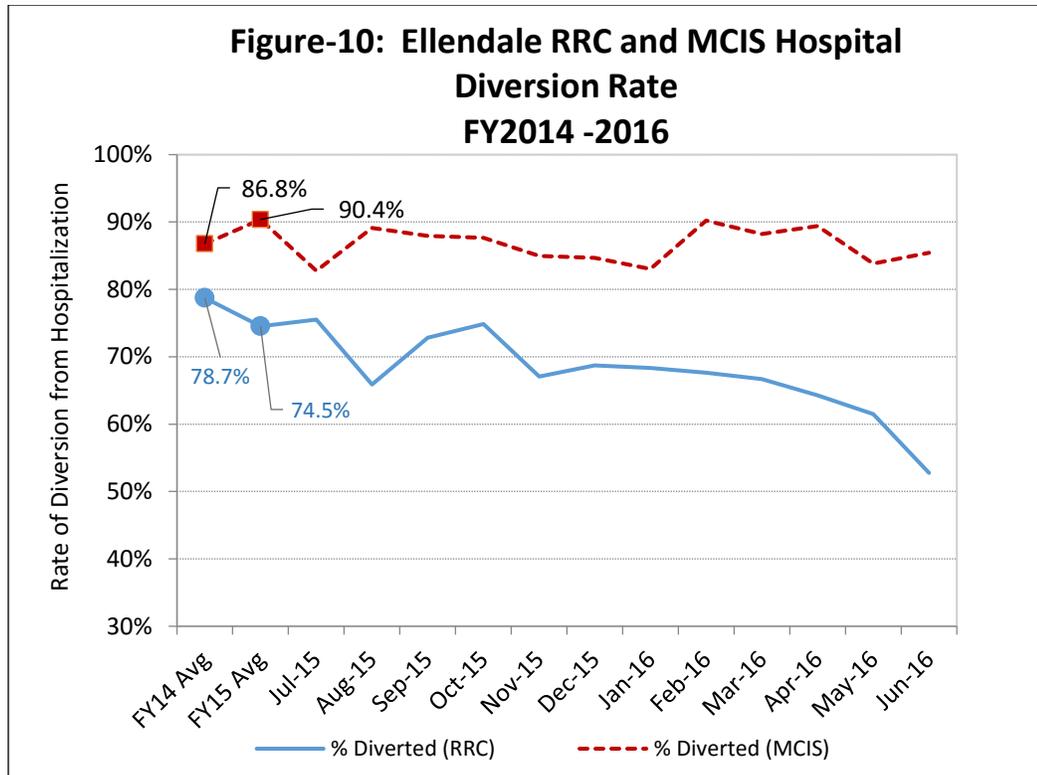
369 This program, called the Recovery Response Center (RRC), differed significantly from the CAPES  
370 hospital-based model. While similarly staffed with mental health professionals, the RRC also has a  
371 heavy emphasis on employing trained mental health peers—that is, individuals who themselves have  
372 lived experience with serious mental illness and, often, psychiatric hospitalizations and other traumatic  
373 events that are common among the members of the target population. Furthermore, unlike operations  
374 typical within hospital settings, the RRC follows what is called the “living room model,” which offers a  
375 relaxing environment (with sofas and recliners, rather than gurneys) and, while not foregoing clinical  
376 diagnoses and treatment, encourages individuals to tell their own stories about what is happening to  
377 them. The RRC is intended to promote individuals’ recovery plans and to avert hospital admissions  
378 whenever possible. It does not have an inpatient unit. With a capacity for 10 individuals, people can  
379 stay at the RRC up to 23 hours and, if hospitalization is not required, they can return home or go to  
380 another integrated crisis program (such as Crisis Apartments, discussed later).

381 The RRC provides DSAMH with detailed monthly statistics that allow tracking of its utilization and  
382 outcomes. The program has performed impressively—so much so, that the State decided to replace its  
383 New Castle Crisis Walk-In Center (CAPES) with a Recovery Resource Center to serve the northern part  
384 of the State. After significant construction-related delays, the new RRC opened in the city of Newark in  
385 July, 2016, and has a capacity to serve up to 16 individuals at a time.

386 Figure-10 presents the rates of diversion from hospitalization of people served through the Ellendale  
387 RRC<sup>11</sup> and the statewide Mobile Crisis program. It includes annual averages for Fiscal Years 2014 and  
388 2015, and monthly data for Fiscal Year 2016. Diversion rates for Mobile Crisis have been consistently

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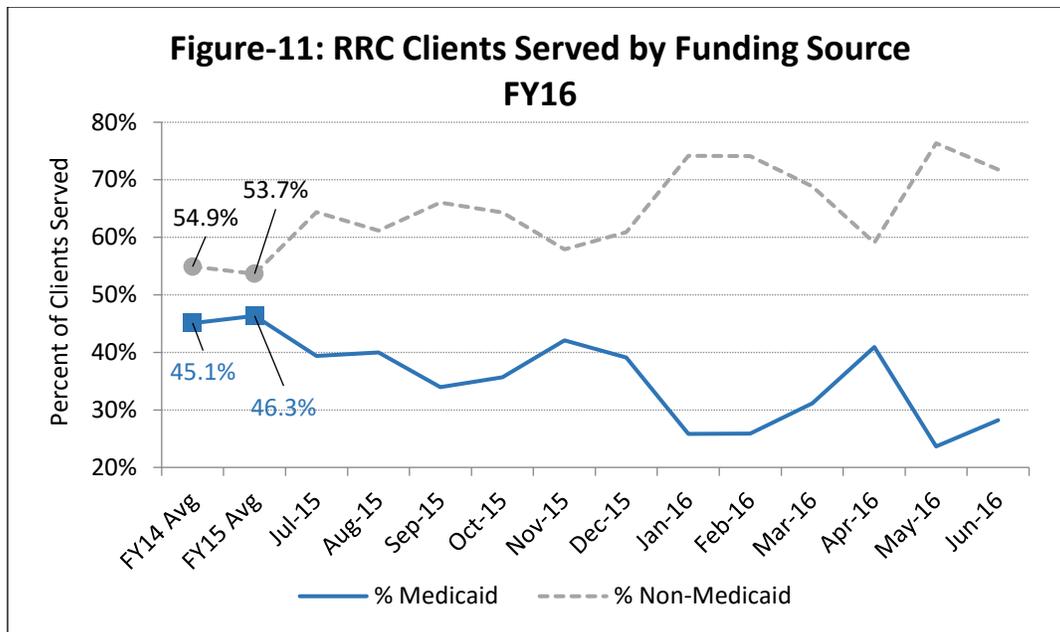
<sup>11</sup> The Newark RRC has not been operating long enough to produce meaningful data.



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390 very high, tending to be in the high 80% to low 90% range. Diversion rates from the Ellendale RRC  
 391 have tended to be in the mid- to high-70% range, but have been dropping significantly during the 2016  
 392 Fiscal Year, an outcome that the State and the provider are now carefully examining. The availability  
 393 of performance data has not only allowed the State and the provider to become aware of changes in the  
 394 program’s diversion rate, but will also enable them to track the impact of corrective actions that are now  
 395 underway.

396 Mobile Crisis and Crisis Walk-In Center Services are available to anyone, regardless of whether they  
 397 have commercial insurance, are covered by Medicaid, or have no insurance and are funded via DSAMH.  
 398 The State’s Medicaid program covers services provided at its Crisis Walk-In Centers and the RRC is in  
 399 the process of becoming approved for such reimbursement. Figure-11 presents the State’s tracking of  
 400 the Medicaid status of individuals being served at the RRC. Although trending lower this fiscal year,  
 401 about 45-46% of individuals served in the past two fiscal years have been covered by Medicaid. Over  
 402 50% of people seen in those years have either commercial insurance or are uninsured, and this group is  
 403 increasing in Fiscal Year 2016.



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405 The RRC maintains detailed data about service utilization. Table-4 provides an example of some of the  
 406 data it captures, presenting the source of referrals received during June, 2016. The overwhelming  
 407 number of referrals—74.2% —come from general hospital emergency rooms, a finding that is consistent  
 408 with the UPenn data presented earlier. Ideally, individuals in mental health crises would come directly

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Referral Source	Count	Percent
General Hospital Emergency Room	121	74.2%
Law Enforcement	14	8.6%
Self or no referral	10	6.1%
Mobile Crisis Team	8	4.9%
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	3	1.8%
Outpatient community mental health provider	3	1.8%
Family/friend	2	1.2%
Case Management (not Recovery Innovations)	1	0.6%
Residential Facility (less than 24 hour)	1	0.6%
Total:	163	

410 to a Crisis Walk-In Center and would not go to a hospital emergency department. On the one hand, this  
411 is a positive finding important because direct transfers from hospital emergency rooms to IMDs—where  
412 stays are lengthier and considerably more expensive—used to be the norm and there had been little  
413 opportunity for diversion from psychiatric hospitalization. The State is encouraging direct utilization of  
414 the Crisis Walk-In Centers by emergency responders (e.g., via the trainings referenced above). Again,  
415 its access to data such as this (and Figure-3, which shows increasing emergency room use by the target  
416 population) enables the State to monitor the impact of these trainings and other efforts to reduce  
417 unnecessary use of hospital emergency departments for individuals in mental health crises.

418 As has been discussed in prior Monitor reports, the State has taken important measures to differentiate  
419 evaluations occurring pursuant to 24-hour mental health holds (a part of the civil commitment process)  
420 from actual hospital admission and treatment. The RRC reported that in the month of June, 2016, 119  
421 (about 66% of those referred) were on such involuntary status when they came to the program. The RRC  
422 carried out this function outside of a hospital where, as was noted in past Monitor reports, inpatient  
423 admission has been a virtual certainty. 50.4% of these individuals were ultimately hospitalized  
424 involuntarily in June, 2016 (as presented in Figure-10, the diversion rate has historically been higher,  
425 and the hospitalization rate has been lower). RRC’s data submission does not clearly show how many—  
426 if any—of the remaining individuals were hospitalized on a voluntary basis. As this practice continues  
427 in southern Delaware and becomes routine in the new northern Delaware RRC, it may show a  
428 significant impact in reducing hospital use by people with SPMI.

429 The RRC maintains data relating to 30-day recidivism to its program. The rate reported in June, 2016  
430 was 11.46% (18 readmissions).

431 Without question, the Ellendale RRC has become a significant resource to Kent and Sussex Counties  
432 and, as its “living room” model becomes operational statewide<sup>12</sup> with the recently opened New Castle  
433 County program, Delaware will have access to important data about the impact of this model—both  
434 from the quantitative perspective of reducing hospital use by people with SPMI, and also qualitatively in  
435 terms of its non-traumatizing, recovery-oriented focus. Such information can drive further

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<sup>12</sup> While living room model walk-in centers exist in some other localities in other states, Delaware is apparently the first state where this service is statewide.

436 programmatic and systemic refinements and should be incorporated into the State's ongoing Quality  
437 Assurance/Performance Improvement efforts.

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#### 439 **IV. Crisis Stabilization Services**

440 *Substantial Compliance.*

441 Section III.D of the Agreement includes targets with respect to Crisis Stabilization Services:

442 1. By July 1, 2012 the State will ensure that an intensive services provider meets with every  
443 individual receiving acute inpatient crisis stabilization services within 24 hours of  
444 admission in order to facilitate return to the community with the necessary supports and  
445 that all transition planning is completed in accordance with Section IV.

446 2. By July 1, 2013 the State will train all provider staff and law enforcement personnel to  
447 bring people experiencing mental health crises to crisis walk-in centers for assessment,  
448 rather than to local emergency rooms or IMDs.

449 3. By July 1, 2014 the number of annual State-funded patient days in acute inpatient settings  
450 in the State will be reduced by 30% from the State's baseline on the Effective Date of the  
451 Settlement Agreement as determined by the Monitor and the Parties.

452 4. By July 1, 2016 the number of annual State-funded patient days in acute inpatient settings  
453 in the State will be reduced by 50% from the State's baseline on the Effective Date of the  
454 Settlement Agreement as determined by the Monitor and the Parties.

455 The Agreement defines Crisis Stabilization Services as acute inpatient psychiatric care lasting 14 days or  
456 fewer that is directed towards resolving mental health crises and preventing long-term psychiatric  
457 hospitalization. The State faced significant procedural and administrative obstacles in coming into  
458 compliance with the Crisis Stabilization and acute bed use provisions. In response, the parties  
459 negotiated revised measures with respect to the targets for reductions in inpatient bed days (Sections

460 III.D.3-4). Delaware has made significant improvements, particularly over the past year, and in the  
461 May, 2015, Monitor’s report, it was rated as “Moving Towards Substantial Compliance”—as is  
462 explained later, mostly because revised measurement strategies that were agreed to by the parties were  
463 not yet sufficiently in place. At this time, the State has made progress to the point that it can now be  
464 rated as being in Substantial Compliance with the Agreement’s Crisis Stabilization requirements.

465 A. Community Provider Involvement

466 Section III.D.1 requires that by July 1, 2012, an “intensive services provider” meet with an individual  
467 within 24 hours of admission to a psychiatric hospital in order to facilitate a timely return to the  
468 community. Section II.D.2 defines “intensive support services” as Assertive Community Treatment  
469 (ACT), Intensive Case Management (ICM), and Case Management (which the State refers to as  
470 Targeted Care Management, or “TCM”). To briefly summarize the course of implementing this  
471 provision, early on the State required that service providers operating under contract with DSAMH (i.e.,  
472 the programs providing ACT, ICM, and TCM) meet with individuals whom they were serving and that  
473 TCM be available to meet with newly referred individuals, both at DPC and in the IMDs. One problem  
474 was that, particularly in the IMDs, very large numbers of individuals who were diagnosed with SPMI  
475 upon admission and were covered by Medicaid (and were therefore, putative members of the target  
476 population) did not have intensive service providers affiliated with them and, furthermore, might not be  
477 determined upon discharge to have SPMI.<sup>13</sup> Ultimately this issue was resolved when the State adopted  
478 specific triggers for referring individuals for intensive support services.<sup>14</sup>

479 In addition, in evaluating the impact of involvement by community providers, the State recommended  
480 that for hospitalized individuals who were already receiving community services, far more urgent than  
481 contact with a case manager from an intensive support service provider was communication between the  
482 community psychiatrist and the hospital psychiatrist (which could take place via telephone).  
483 Accordingly, DSAMH required that such communications occur and they were adopted as a part of  
484 measuring compliance with III.D.1. Figure-12 presents data on the statewide averages for timeliness of  
485 community provider consultations—including doctor-to-doctor communications—when an individual is

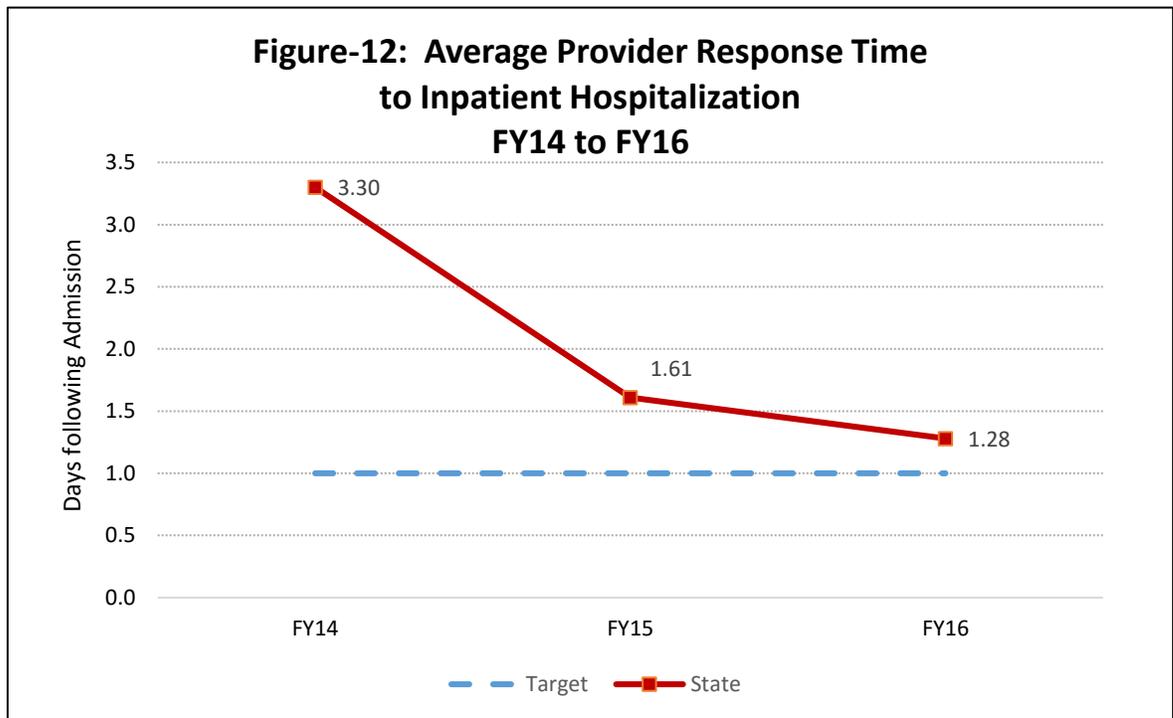
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<sup>13</sup> This was not the case with people already being served by DSAMH, who had well-established SPMI diagnoses.

<sup>14</sup> This is discussed later in the section “Provisions Relating to Reductions in Acute Care Bed Days,” specifically the subsection “Engagement in Community Services.”

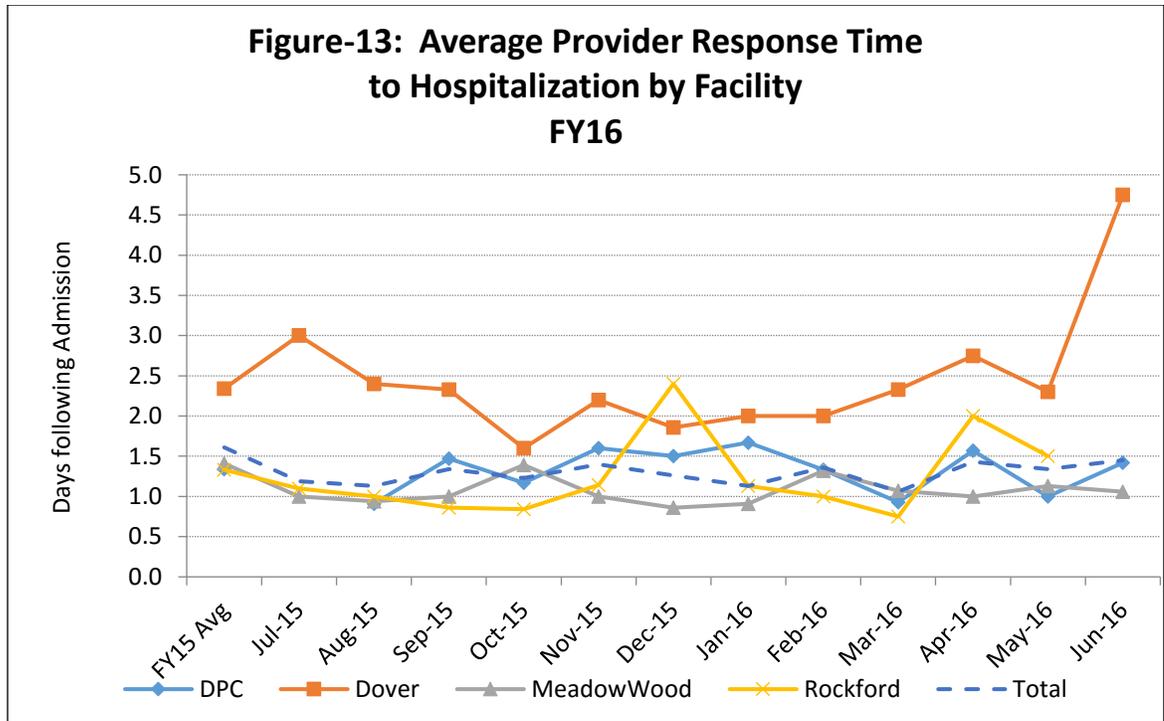
486 hospitalized. Incorporating clearer processes for addressing individuals who do not have community  
487 providers (e.g., applying triggers for referral to specialized services) and doctor-to-doctor consultations,  
488 the State has not only improved the quality of these contacts, but it has dramatically improved their  
489 timeliness.

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492 The State’s data system allows it to analyze differences in the timeliness of provider involvement at each  
493 of the IMDs and at DPC, which can reflect not only the responsiveness of the community providers, but  
494 also the diligence of hospital staff in seeking their consultation. Figure-13 presents these data. Most  
495 significantly, consultations tend to be less timely at Dover Behavioral Health, which serves the southern  
496 counties. The State is closely monitoring the issue and has tentatively determined that at least a part of  
497 this trend reflects the fact that there are far fewer community psychiatrists in Southern Delaware, and  
498 their availability for consultation may be more limited than in other parts of the state. In any event, as is  
499 reflected in Figure-12, the trajectory for the State’s overall compliance with the requirements of III.D.1  
500 is favorable to the point that it can be considered to be in Substantial Compliance with this provision.



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503 B. Stakeholder Training

504 Section III.D.2 requires that the State train providers and law enforcement staff in the utilization of the  
 505 Crisis Walk-In Centers for assessment. Its compliance with this provision is incorporated in training  
 506 that occurs pursuant to Section III.B.2, which was discussed above. The State is in Substantial  
 507 Compliance with provision III.D.2.

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509 C. Provisions Relating to Reductions in Acute Care Bed Days-

510 Sections III.D.3-4 of the Agreement require reductions in the number of inpatient bed-days used by the  
 511 target population and paid for in whole or part with State funds. These provisions are important; their  
 512 essential intent was to measure the collective impact of the array of community services and reforms  
 513 resulting from the State’s efforts to meet its *Olmstead* obligations to people with SPMI in not only  
 514 diverting them from unnecessary hospital admissions, but also averting crises that put them at risk of

515 institutionalization. In other words, the rationale was that if the State systems serving people with SPMI  
516 were working in accordance with the Agreement, greater numbers of these individuals would be living  
517 stably within the community and the demand for acute care would drop accordingly. For a number of  
518 reasons, the State has not been able to achieve this goal, at least when measured in terms of the criteria  
519 contained in Sections III.D.3-4. Previous Monitor reports covering the past five years have described in  
520 detail the various factors and developments that have affected the State's failure to meet the targets  
521 contained in the Agreement, as originally constructed. The most significant among them are  
522 summarized as follows:

- 523 • For most of the Agreement's implementation period, responsibility for oversight and monitoring  
524 psychiatric hospitalizations of the target population was convoluted and diffuse, spread across  
525 DSAMH, DMMA, and the MCOs. The State had shown progress in reducing acute  
526 hospitalizations among individuals receiving specialized mental health services via DSAMH and  
527 when DSAMH managed their inpatient care. In general, however, bed-days relating to acute  
528 psychiatric hospitalizations among individuals diagnosed with SPMI whose care had been  
529 managed through DMMA and the MCOs tended to increase, rather than decrease.
- 530 • PROMISE not only expanded Medicaid coverage for community services critical to the target  
531 population, but also entailed collaborative agreements and new processes intended to address  
532 gaps and inefficiencies that had affected hospital use by the target population. While the State  
533 has been moving aggressively to implement PROMISE since it was authorized by the federal  
534 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, this is a complex initiative and the full array of  
535 covered services is not yet fully available. As such, while it is very likely that PROMISE—once  
536 fully operational—can and will reduce psychiatric hospital use by the target population (and  
537 have other important benefits relating to *Olmstead* compliance, as well), realistically it will be  
538 some time before its impact is demonstrated in hospital bed-use decreases.
- 539 • Multiple informants from several stakeholder groups (including providers and MCOs, and also  
540 substantiated by the Monitor's clinical record reviews) have suggested that, due to limited  
541 information at the time of an individual's hospital admission or perceptions by IMD providers  
542 that authorization for Medicaid reimbursement would be more certain, individuals who likely did  
543 not have SPMI when entering the IMDs were nevertheless given SPMI diagnoses. Accordingly,

544 perhaps a significant number of individuals who were hospitalized, so diagnosed, and included  
545 on the TPPL, have inflated the true numbers of hospital bed-days affecting the population to  
546 which the Agreement is actually directed.

- 547 • The number of individuals prone to such misdiagnosis increased due to an epidemic of substance  
548 use in Delaware (and elsewhere). In addition, perceptions about Medicaid coverage and  
549 reimbursement rates for substance use treatment, and a shortage of substance use treatment beds  
550 further contributed to a climate whereby individuals were questionably diagnosed with SPMI,  
551 psychiatrically hospitalized, and counted with respect to Sections III.D.3-4 compliance.

552 In light of these and other factors, it became clear to the Monitor and the parties that, notwithstanding  
553 the State's success in meeting—and, in some instances, surpassing the requirements of the Agreement  
554 with regard to developing comprehensive community services, as well as its efforts (e.g., via PROMISE)  
555 to address some of the structural issues affecting hospital bed use by the target population, realistically it  
556 would not be able to meet the targets contained in Sections III.D.3-4 any time soon. Accordingly, the  
557 Monitor, DOJ and the State held a series of discussions to explore how—without compromising the  
558 underlying intent of the Agreement's bed-day measurements—alternative approaches might be  
559 established to document the State's efforts to reduce psychiatric hospital bed use by people with SPMI.  
560 In February, 2016, the parties agreed that the State's compliance with Sections III.D.3-4 would be  
561 evaluated not only with regard to acute hospital bed-day counts, but also with regard to a comprehensive  
562 set of additional measures reflecting hospital use, hospital diversion activities, and measures to address  
563 critical risk factors.

564 The State is in Substantial Compliance with Sections III.D.3-4, based upon this expanded set of  
565 measures. Because they are now incorporated in the State's Quality Assurance and Performance  
566 Improvement (QA/PI) program, detailed discussion of the State's findings and actions relating to the  
567 revised set of measures is presented in the QA/PI section of this report (Section XIII).

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569 **V. Crisis Apartments**

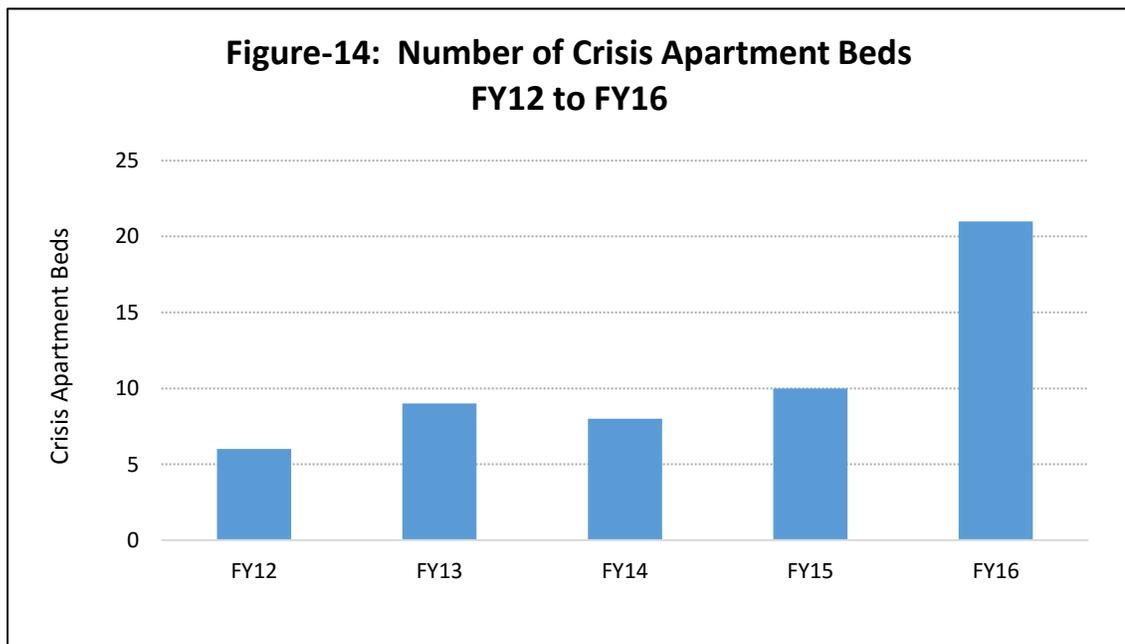
570 *Substantial Compliance.*

571 Section III.E of the Agreement includes provisions relating to crisis apartments:

572 1. By July 1, 2012 the State will make operational two crisis apartments.<sup>15</sup>

573 2. By July 1, 2013 the State will make operational a minimum of two additional crisis  
574 apartments, ensuring that the four apartments total are spread throughout the State.

575 Crisis apartments are an important community alternative for individuals with SPMI who are at risk of  
576 hospitalization. They are staffed by trained mental health peers; clinical and other services are provided  
577 by ACT teams, TCM, and other providers. The State has been found to be in Substantial Compliance  
578 with the Agreement’s requirements relating to Crisis Apartments since September, 2012, and it remains  
579 so today. In fact, it has consistently—and significantly—exceeded the targets contained in the  
580 Agreement. In Fiscal Year 2016, the State operated in 7 Crisis Apartment units, which exceeds the  
581 requirements of Section III.E.2 by 75%. As is represented in Figure-14, in Fiscal Year 2016, DSAMH’s



<sup>15</sup> The Agreement does not define the number of beds required in each Crisis Apartment, nor does it include a standard for occupancy rates.

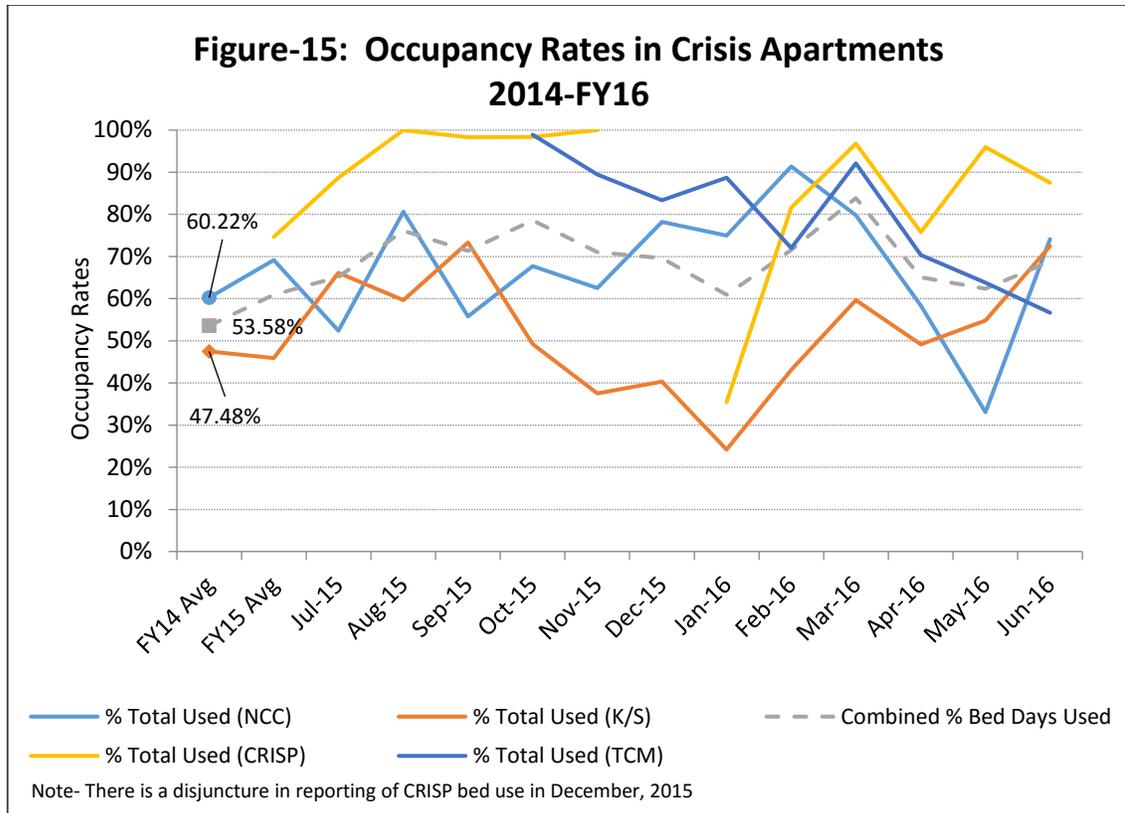
582 Crisis Apartment program has 21 beds available statewide. The program includes Restart Respite  
583 Apartments, which are operated by Recovery Innovations (the provider that also operates the RRC  
584 Crisis Walk-In Centers), with locations in both the northern and southern parts of the state. It also  
585 includes 4 beds that are affiliated with the CRISP program (discussed in the section relating to Assertive  
586 Community Treatment) and 9 beds associated with the Targeted Care Management program.

587 The Agreement contemplates that individuals will stay in Crisis Apartments for up to seven days, but in  
588 practice many people utilizing these beds have unstable housing; they remain longer than that as  
589 permanent living arrangements are put into place.

590 The State has been monitoring utilization of Crisis Apartment beds because they represented a new  
591 resource for the system and it was unclear what the demand and needed capacity would be. Initially, the  
592 Crisis Apartments had significant vacancy rates, but the State took measures to better integrate the  
593 program with its community service structure—for instance, notifying Mobile Crisis Teams of bed  
594 availability—and utilization has been trending upward. Figure-15 presents the State’s detailed trending  
595 of bed utilization by program, with annual averages for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015, and monthly  
596 trending for Fiscal Year 2016. CRISP and TCM Crisis Apartments were not counted until 2015.

597 In summary, the State has exceeded the requirements of the Agreement with respect to Crisis  
598 Apartments. The program is well integrated with its larger crisis system (e.g., Mobile Crisis and the  
599 Crisis Walk-In Centers), and the beds affiliated with Targeted Care Management allow ready access for  
600 individuals who are just becoming linked to specialized mental health services and who may be living in

601 very unstable living environments. It is monitoring this program and its relationship to other services to  
602 ensure that it is being appropriately utilized and that capacities align with service needs. The program is  
603 in Substantial Compliance with Section III.E.



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606 **VI. Assertive Community Treatment & Intensive Case Management**

607 *Substantial Compliance.*

608 Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) and Intensive Case Management (ICM) are among the elements  
 609 of the Intensive Support Services that are defined in Section II.D of the Agreement. Sections III.F and  
 610 III.G lay out specific targets in terms of the number of teams required for ACT and ICM, respectively.

611 **Section III.F**

- 612 1. By July 1, 2012 the State will expand its 8 ACT teams to bring them into fidelity with  
 613 the Dartmouth model.
- 614 2. By September 1, 2013 the State will add 1 additional ACT team that is in fidelity with  
 615 the Dartmouth model.

- 616 3. By September 1, 2014 the State will add 1 additional ACT team that is in fidelity with  
617 the Dartmouth model.
- 618 4. By September 1, 2015 the State will add 1 additional ACT team that is in fidelity with  
619 the Dartmouth model.

620 Section III.G

- 621 1. By July 1, 2012 the State will develop and begin to utilize 3 ICM teams.
- 622 2. By January 1, 2013 the State will develop and begin to utilize 1 additional ICM team.

623 The State has been in Substantial Compliance with both ACT and ICM requirements consistently since  
624 September, 2012. As has been discussed in prior Monitor reports, though, some modifications of these  
625 provisions have been proposed and agreed to by the parties. First of all, early on the State requested that  
626 in place of the Dartmouth fidelity standards, the Tool for Measurement of Assertive Community  
627 Treatment (TMACT) be used because it more closely aligns with the recovery orientation that DSAMH  
628 is promoting in its programs. TMACT fidelity monitoring has taken place throughout the  
629 implementation period.

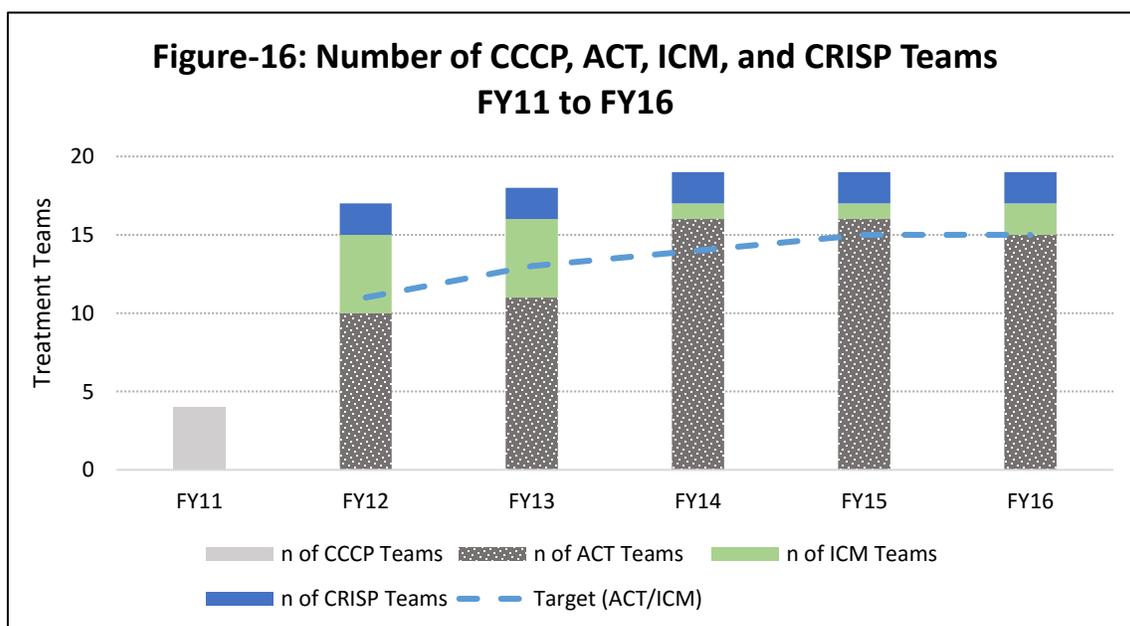
630 Secondly, the State has met and sometimes surpassed the requirements of the Agreement with respect to  
631 ACT, but it has also found that ICM—which is a less intensively staffed level of service—was not  
632 always meeting the needs of the individuals actually assigned to the program. Accordingly, with  
633 agreement by the Monitor and DOJ, it upgraded some of its ICM teams to ACT levels, essentially  
634 providing services to some of the ICM population at an intensity beyond what Section III.G requires. It  
635 has since made further adjustments—to higher and lower levels of service—based upon the assessed  
636 needs of individuals being served.

637 Finally, although not required by the Agreement, in 2012 the State initiated the CRISP program  
638 (Community Reintegration Support Project), which was directed at individuals with levels of need  
639 beyond what was available through ACT. Many such individuals were clinically stable, but remained in  
640 DPC because no program could provide the needed services. CRISP programs are reimbursed on a  
641 capitated basis, which allows providers to use funds innovatively to meet the needs of the people served,  
642 including clinical and other services, rental costs, transportation, and other expenses. CRISP programs

643 are also liable for inpatient psychiatric expenses, and are thus incentivized to create alternatives (such as  
 644 the CRISP Crisis Apartments). They operate similarly to ACT programs and are an important part of  
 645 DSAMH’s service array.

646 In summary, ACT, ICM, and CRISP are all intensive programs that are directed at individuals who have  
 647 SPMI and the highest levels of disability. These programs provide mobile, out-of-office services and  
 648 are available on a 24-hour basis. Each of them enables members of the target population to live in  
 649 ordinary housing and to pursue mainstream employment. Sections III.F and III.G differentiate ACT  
 650 from ICM; they do not address CRISP even though it entails similar levels of service. Furthermore, the  
 651 shifts between ACT and ICM and the additional resources that the State has dedicated to these intensive  
 652 services have made it extraordinarily complicated to reconcile the services being provided with the  
 653 Agreement’s numerical targets. For all of these reasons, and with agreement by the parties, the  
 654 evaluation of compliance with Sections III.G and III.F is being consolidated and CRISP services are  
 655 being incorporated in consideration of the State’s fulfillment of these provisions’ requirements.

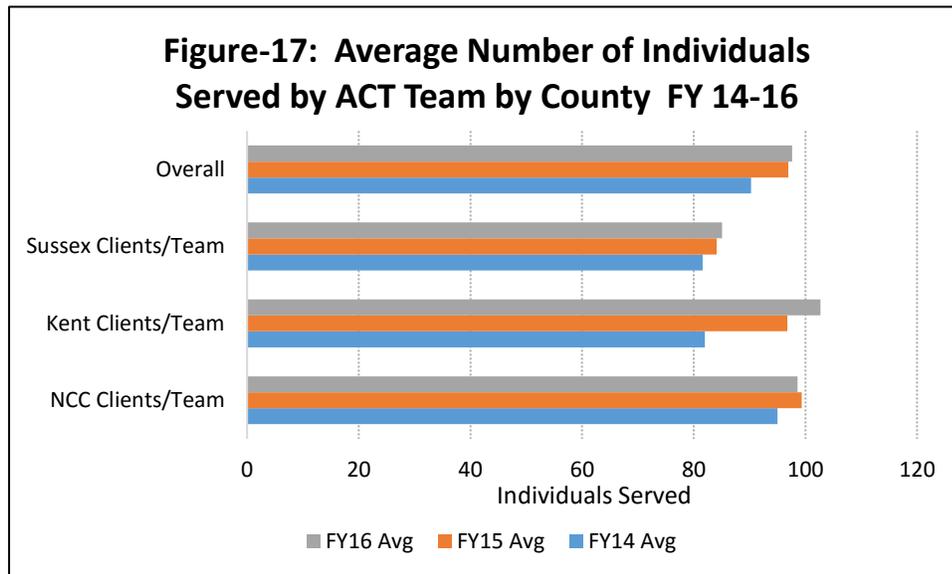
656 Figure-16 presents the number and configuration of ACT, ICM, and CRISP teams from Fiscal Year  
 657 2012 through Fiscal Year 2016. For comparison, it also includes the number of intensive service teams  
 658 (called CCCP) that were operating in Fiscal Year 2011, at the outset of implementation. The dashed line



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660 labelled as “Target” indicates the combined number of treatment teams per sections III.F and III.G that  
 661 were required for each year the Agreement has been in effect. As is reflected in this Figure, the State  
 662 has consistently exceeded the Agreement’s requirements. In Fiscal Year 2016, it had operational 15  
 663 ACT teams, 2 ICM teams, and 2 CRISP teams.<sup>16</sup>

664 ACT services have been heavily utilized and vacancies are relatively rare. The State monitors the  
 665 number of clients served by teams in the three counties, as is presented in Figure-17. Teams are  
 666 designed to serve approximately 100 individuals, although in Sussex County the State has configured  
 667 teams to serve fewer individuals to accommodate the realities of travel for out-of-office services in that  
 668 rural area.



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670 In Fiscal Year 2016, the State operated two ICM teams, a team in Sussex County serving on average 177  
 671 individuals and a team in New Castle County that is building in size; during the year, it averaged 90  
 672 clients, but in June, 2016 it had increased to 134 clients.

<sup>16</sup> The CRISP teams had been operated by two providers, but they have since been consolidated under one provider, serving the same number of individuals.

673 In terms of the fidelity of ACT teams to program standards, the State conducts preliminary evaluations  
674 of new teams; these are not scored, but are intended to assist them in developing proficiency in the  
675 service model. Thereafter, teams are evaluated and scored on TMACT at least annually. As indicated,  
676 they establish corrective action plans which are monitored by the DSAMH and may entail outside  
677 consultation and training. During the period the Agreement has been in effect, there have been some  
678 circumstances in which the State determined that an ACT team was not appropriately meeting fidelity  
679 standards, even with corrective actions. In these instances, DSAMH closed the team and transferred  
680 responsibility to another provider. While this is unfortunate, it does reflect the State's seriousness in  
681 ensuring quality and using data to drive decision-making.

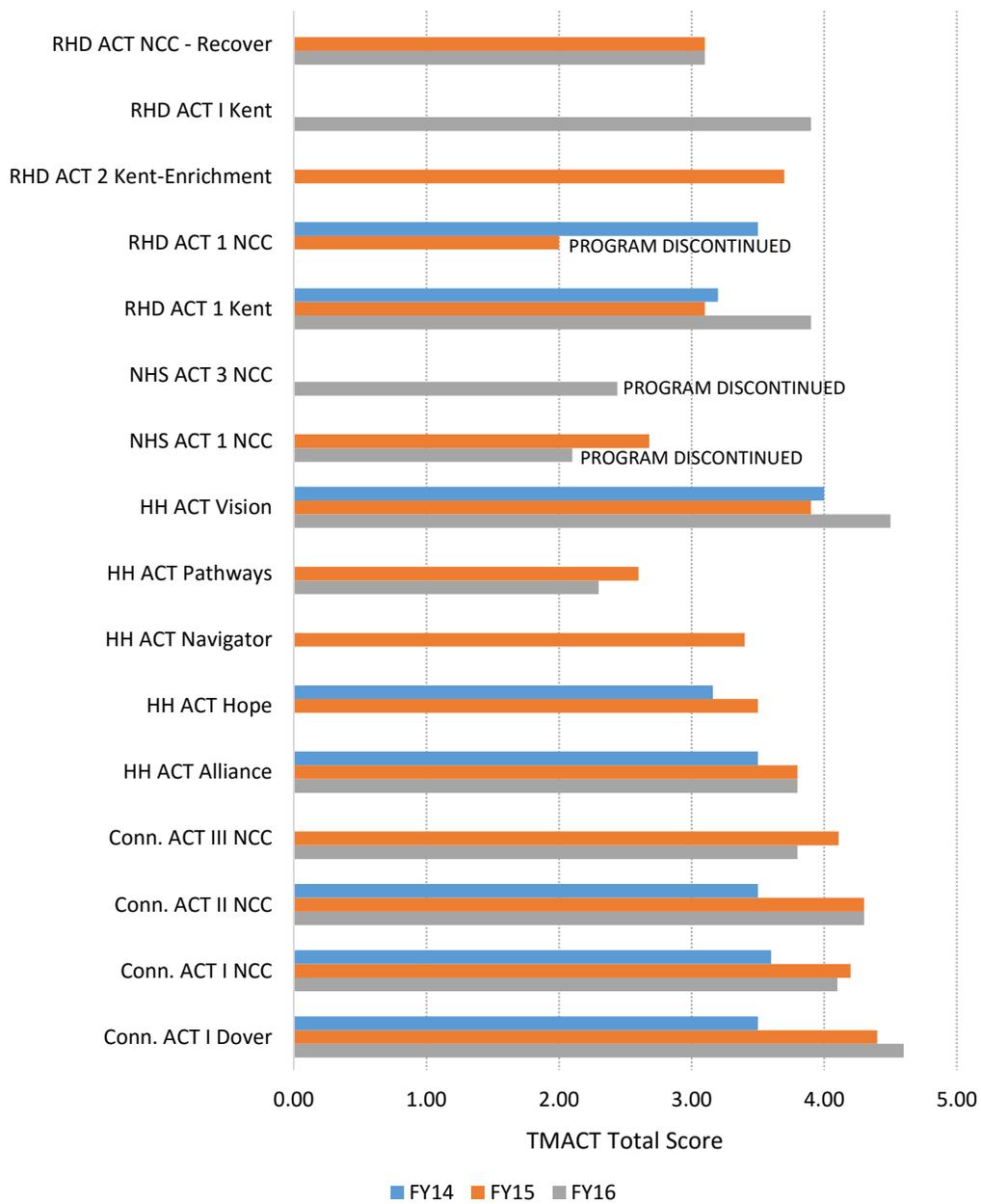
682 Figure-18 presents TMACT scores for the State's ACT teams from Fiscal Year 2014 through 2016. In  
683 some instances, reviews are not reported for Fiscal Year 2016 because they were still in process at the  
684 time of the State's final data submission for this report. In addition to the TMACT fidelity measures,  
685 which focus heavily on the mechanics of ACT teams, DSAMH also carries out extensive outcome  
686 measures of its ACT and ICM programs. These measures are a part of the State's Quality Assurance  
687 and Performance Improvement program, which is discussed later in this report, but they are included in  
688 this section because they are elements of DSAMH's performance monitoring of its ACT and ICM  
689 teams.

690 Figures 19 to 31, which follow, will not be discussed in terms of their specific implications, but they are  
691 presented here as evidence of the scope of the State's efforts to assure that these critically important  
692 services are producing outcomes that are consistent with the requirements of the Agreement and  
693 *Olmstead*. It is notable that one provider (NHS) not only performed poorly in terms of fidelity  
694 measures, but as is evident in the following figures, also tended to score high on negative performance  
695 indicators (e.g., homelessness) and low on positive indicators (e.g., employment). Based upon these  
696 data, the State ended that program.

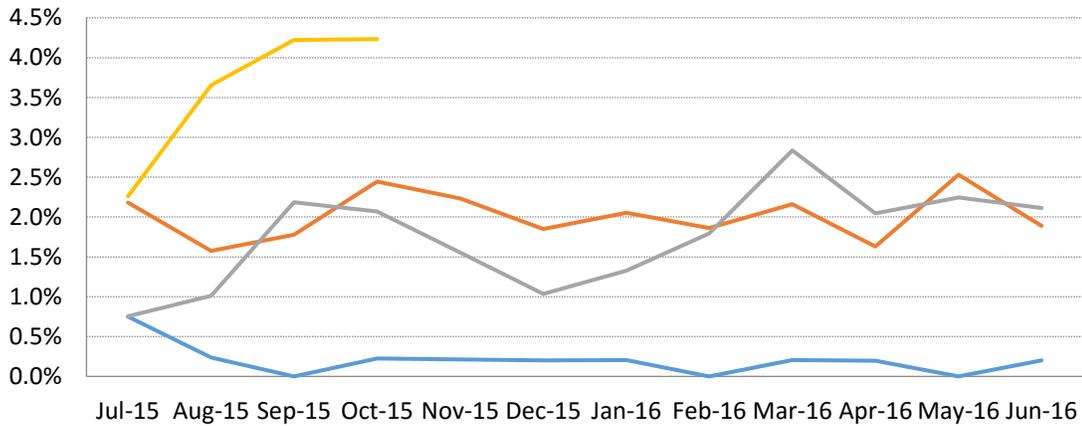
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**Figure-18: ACT Team TMACT Fidelity Scores  
FY14 to FY16**



**Figure-19: ACT/ICM Providers  
Average homeless for any night during the month**

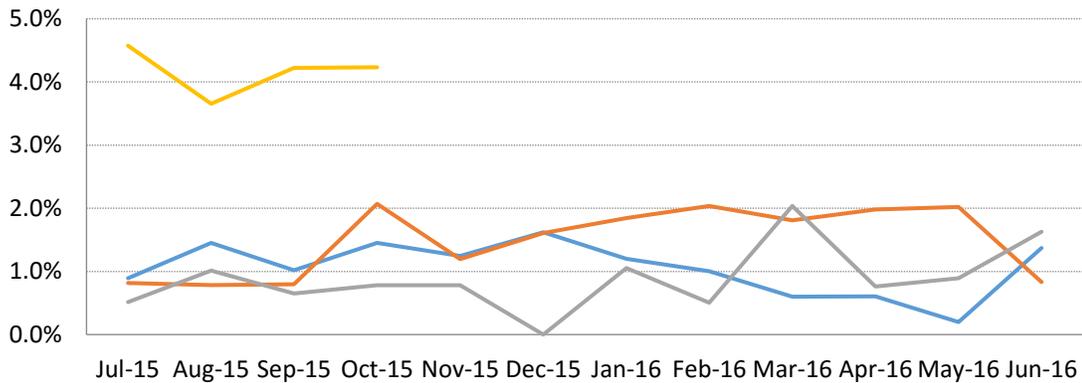


	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Conn	0.75%	0.24%	0.00%	0.22%	0.22%	0.20%	0.21%	0.00%	0.21%	0.20%	0.00%	0.20%
HH	2.18%	1.58%	1.78%	2.44%	2.23%	1.85%	2.05%	1.86%	2.16%	1.63%	2.53%	1.89%
RHD	0.76%	1.01%	2.18%	2.07%	1.55%	1.04%	1.33%	1.79%	2.84%	2.05%	2.25%	2.11%
NHS	2.26%	3.65%	4.22%	4.23%								

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**Figure-20: ACT/ICM Providers  
Average Consumers who spent at least one night in a motel during the month**



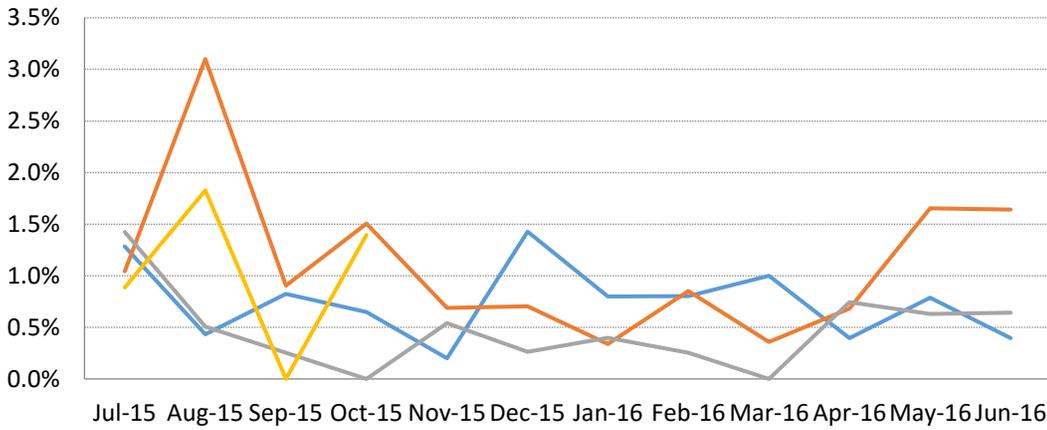
	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Conn	0.89%	1.45%	1.02%	1.45%	1.25%	1.62%	1.20%	1.00%	0.60%	0.61%	0.20%	1.37%
HH	0.82%	0.78%	0.79%	2.07%	1.19%	1.61%	1.85%	2.04%	1.81%	1.98%	2.02%	0.83%
RHD	0.51%	1.01%	0.65%	0.78%	0.78%	0.00%	1.05%	0.51%	2.04%	0.76%	0.89%	1.63%
NHS	4.57%	3.65%	4.22%	4.23%								

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<sup>17</sup> In this, and in the following 12 charts, NHS data is presented through October, 2015, at which point the program was discontinued and clients were transferred to other providers.



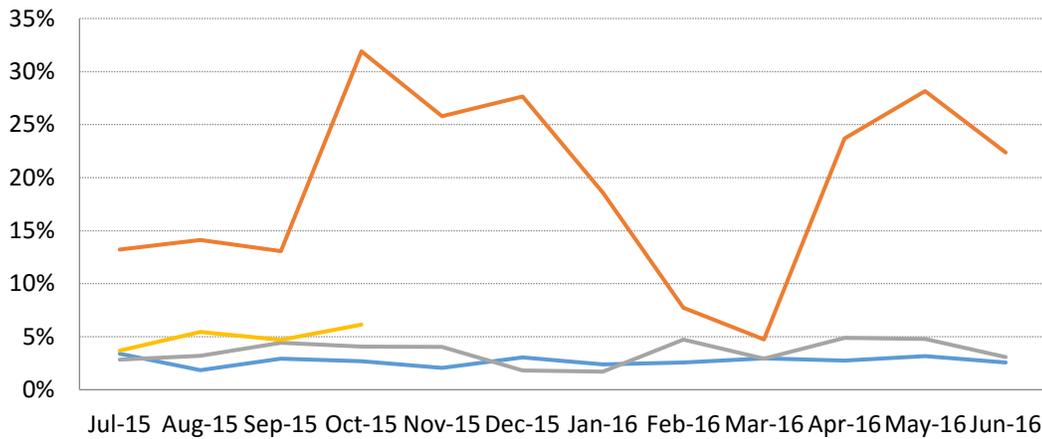
**Figure-21: ACT/ICM Providers  
Average of Consumers arrested**



	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Conn	1.28%	0.43%	0.82%	0.65%	0.20%	1.43%	0.80%	0.80%	1.00%	0.40%	0.79%	0.39%
HH	1.04%	3.10%	0.90%	1.51%	0.69%	0.70%	0.34%	0.85%	0.36%	0.68%	1.65%	1.64%
RHD	1.42%	0.51%	0.26%	0.00%	0.54%	0.26%	0.40%	0.25%	0.00%	0.74%	0.63%	0.64%
NHS	0.88%	1.83%	0.00%	1.39%								

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**Figure-22: ACT/ICM Providers  
Average of Consumers hospitalized in Psychiatric Hospital**



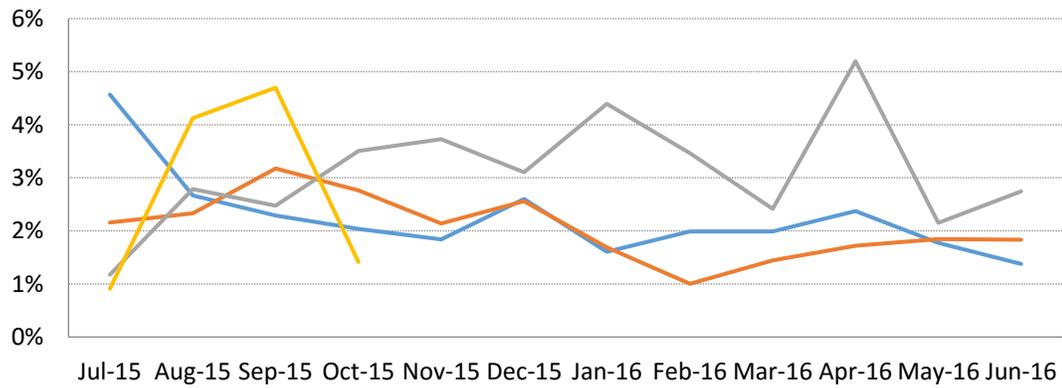
	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Conn	3.39%	1.85%	2.92%	2.69%	2.06%	3.04%	2.40%	2.56%	2.97%	2.75%	3.17%	2.57%
HH	13.21%	14.13%	13.08%	31.91%	25.79%	27.64%	18.59%	7.74%	4.74%	23.70%	28.17%	22.36%
RHD	2.83%	3.20%	4.42%	4.08%	4.05%	1.83%	1.71%	4.72%	2.94%	4.89%	4.78%	3.09%
NHS	3.69%	5.46%	4.70%	6.14%								

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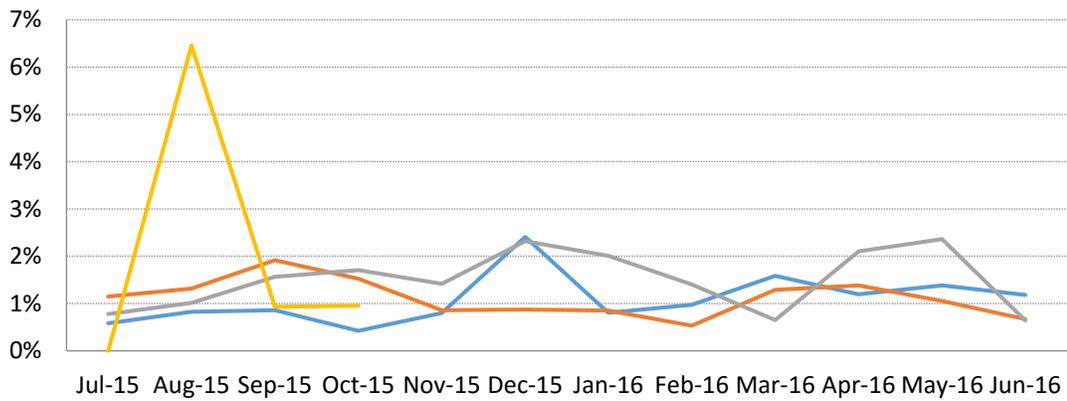
**Figure-24: ACT/ICM Providers  
Average of Emergency Department Visits**



	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Conn	4.57%	2.67%	2.29%	2.04%	1.84%	2.60%	1.60%	1.99%	1.99%	2.38%	1.77%	1.38%
HH	2.16%	2.33%	3.18%	2.76%	2.14%	2.56%	1.69%	1.00%	1.45%	1.72%	1.84%	1.83%
RHD	1.17%	2.79%	2.48%	3.50%	3.73%	3.10%	4.39%	3.47%	2.42%	5.20%	2.15%	2.75%
NHS	0.91%	4.12%	4.70%	1.41%								

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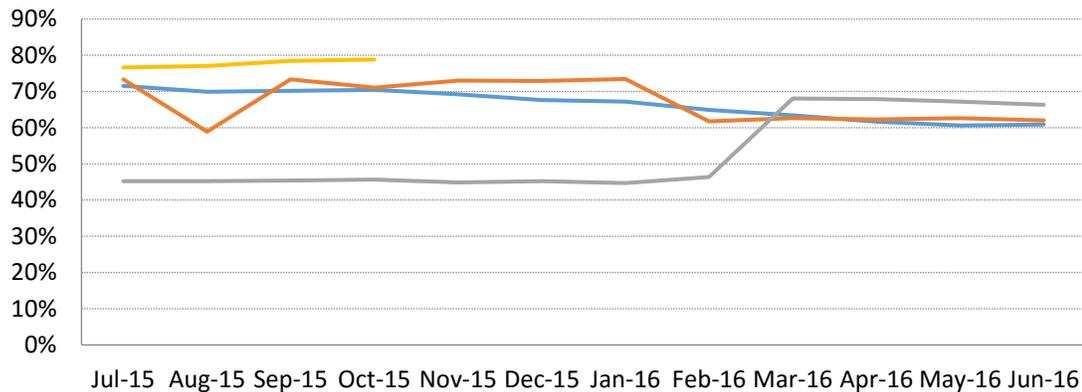
**Figure-25: ACT/ICM Providers  
Average Consumers admitted to a general hospital**



	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Conn	0.58%	0.82%	0.86%	0.42%	0.80%	2.41%	0.81%	0.97%	1.59%	1.20%	1.38%	1.18%
HH	1.15%	1.31%	1.92%	1.53%	0.86%	0.87%	0.85%	0.53%	1.29%	1.38%	1.05%	0.67%
RHD	0.78%	1.02%	1.57%	1.71%	1.42%	2.32%	2.01%	1.40%	0.65%	2.10%	2.36%	0.64%
NHS	0.00%	6.46%	0.93%	0.95%								

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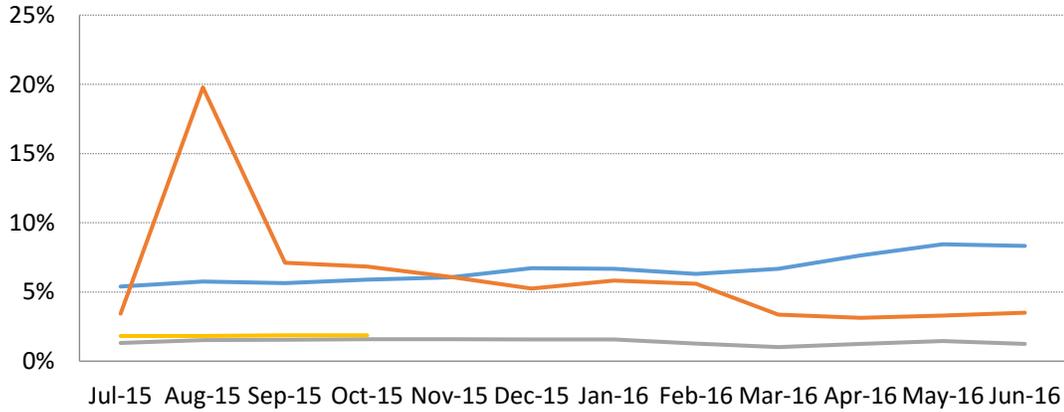
**Figure-26: ACT/ICM Providers  
Average Consumers unemployed for any period during the month**



	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Conn	71.53%	69.96%	70.22%	70.46%	69.17%	67.62%	67.15%	64.92%	63.43%	61.69%	60.60%	60.85%
HH	73.30%	58.90%	73.30%	71.09%	72.96%	72.89%	73.44%	61.71%	62.60%	62.28%	62.59%	62.02%
RHD	45.23%	45.22%	45.39%	45.63%	44.85%	45.26%	44.70%	46.40%	68.05%	67.88%	67.17%	66.31%
NHS	76.61%	76.99%	78.42%	78.82%								

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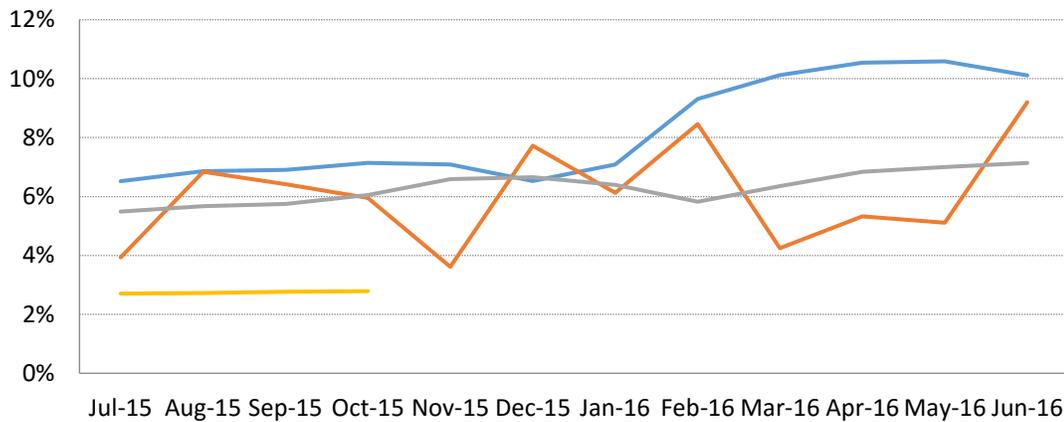
**Figure-27: ACT/ICM Providers  
Average Consumers competitively employed <10  
hrs./week:**



	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Conn	5.39%	5.75%	5.65%	5.88%	6.05%	6.71%	6.66%	6.30%	6.67%	7.64%	8.45%	8.32%
HH	3.44%	19.78%	7.11%	6.84%	6.11%	5.24%	5.82%	5.59%	3.36%	3.13%	3.28%	3.49%
RHD	1.32%	1.53%	1.56%	1.59%	1.59%	1.58%	1.56%	1.26%	1.02%	1.26%	1.47%	1.24%
NHS	1.82%	1.83%	1.86%	1.87%								

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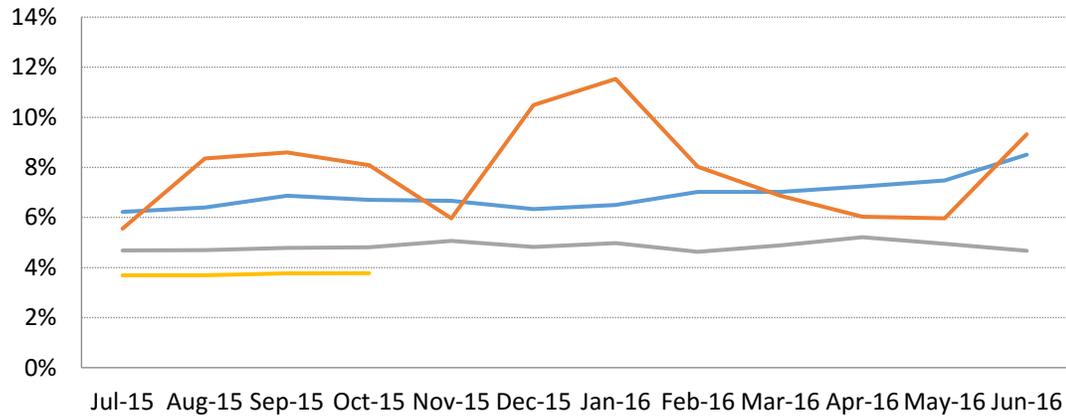
**Figure-28: ACT/ICM Providers  
Average Consumers competitively employed 10-20  
hrs./week**



	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Conn	6.52%	6.86%	6.91%	7.14%	7.09%	6.52%	7.08%	9.31%	10.12%	10.54%	10.59%	10.11%
HH	3.94%	6.84%	6.41%	5.96%	3.61%	7.73%	6.13%	8.46%	4.24%	5.33%	5.11%	9.20%
RHD	5.49%	5.67%	5.75%	6.04%	6.59%	6.65%	6.40%	5.82%	6.36%	6.83%	7.00%	7.14%
NHS	2.70%	2.72%	2.77%	2.79%								

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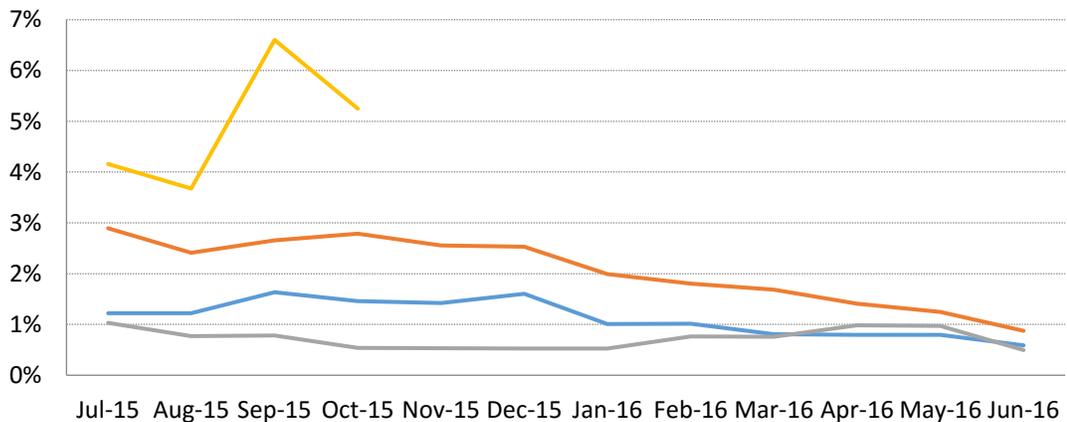
**Figure-29: ACT/ICM Providers  
Average of Consumers competitively employed 20+ hrs./week**



	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
— Conn	6.22%	6.40%	6.86%	6.70%	6.66%	6.34%	6.50%	7.02%	7.02%	7.23%	7.48%	8.51%
— HH	5.55%	8.35%	8.60%	8.08%	5.97%	10.49%	11.53%	8.02%	6.86%	6.03%	5.97%	9.32%
— RHD	4.68%	4.70%	4.78%	4.81%	5.06%	4.82%	4.97%	4.63%	4.88%	5.21%	4.95%	4.67%
— NHS	3.69%	3.70%	3.77%	3.77%								

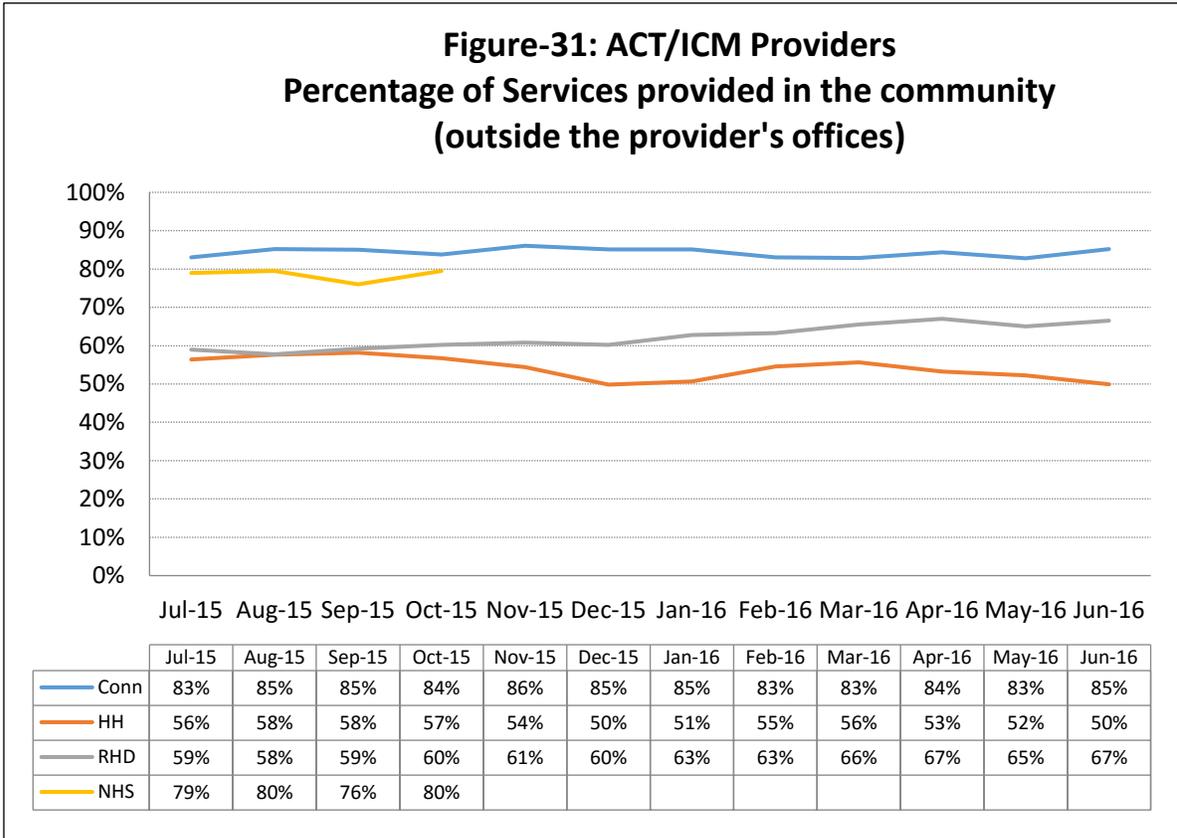
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**Figure-30: ACT/ICM Providers  
Percentage of Consumers on an Outpatient Commitment during the month**



	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
— Conn	1.22%	1.22%	1.63%	1.46%	1.42%	1.60%	1.01%	1.02%	0.81%	0.80%	0.80%	0.59%
— HH	2.89%	2.41%	2.65%	2.79%	2.55%	2.53%	1.99%	1.81%	1.68%	1.41%	1.24%	0.87%
— RHD	1.03%	0.77%	0.78%	0.54%	0.53%	0.53%	0.52%	0.76%	0.76%	0.98%	0.97%	0.50%
— NHS	4.16%	3.68%	6.60%	5.25%								

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714 In summary, the State’s ACT, ICM, and CRISP programs are important elements of the community  
 715 service system that enables people with SPM to live in and participate in their communities. In the  
 716 aggregate, the State is exceeding the Agreement’s requirements for the number of such teams and it has  
 717 in place rigorous and comprehensive systems to monitor and improve performance. It remains in  
 718 Substantial Compliance with relevant provisions of the Agreement.

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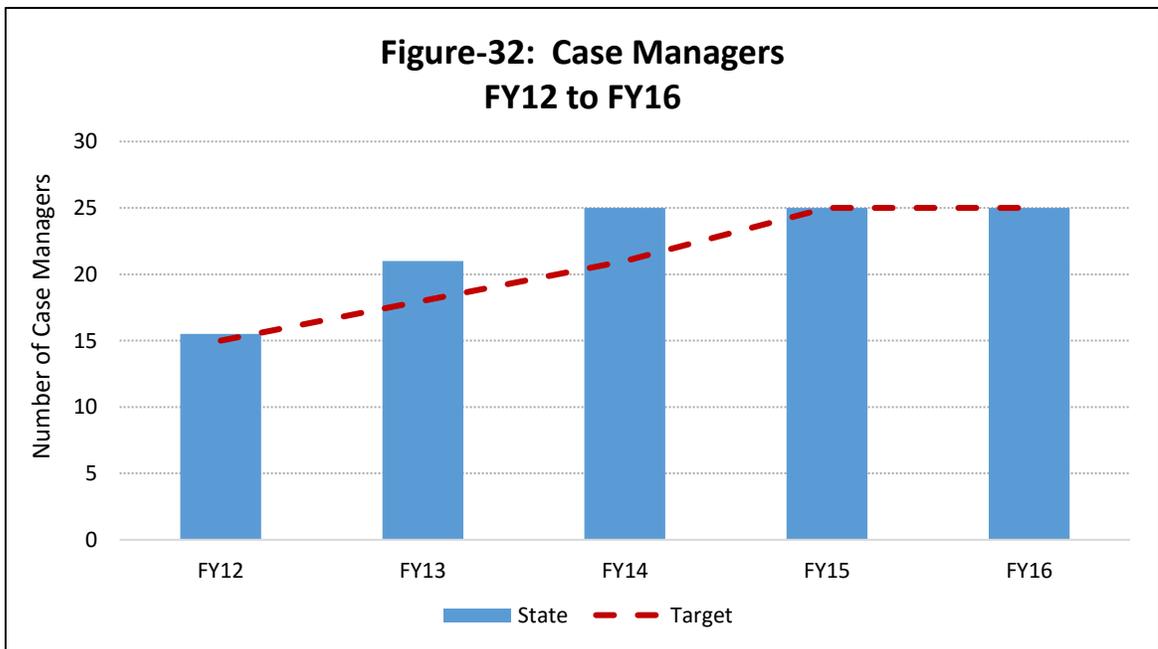
720 **VII. Case Management**

721 *Substantial Compliance.*

722 Section III.H of the Agreement sets requirements of case management services, which the State refers to  
 723 as Targeted Care Management (TCM).

- 724 1. By July 1, 2012 the State will train and begin to utilize 15 case managers.
- 725 2. By September 1, 2013 the State will train and begin to utilize 3 additional case managers.
- 726 3. By September 1, 2014 the State will train and begin to utilize 3 additional case managers.
- 727 4. By September 1, 2015 the State will train and begin to utilize 4 additional case managers.

728 The State has been in Substantial Compliance with these provisions since September, 2013. There are  
 729 three TCM teams. Two are operated by Recovery Innovations, which also operates the Crisis Walk-In  
 730 Centers and some of the Crisis Apartment sites. A third team is operated by the State, and has special  
 731 responsibilities for individuals who are hospitalized at DPC and are not yet engaged with community  
 732 providers. TCM is a very important service that assists individuals in accessing essential community  
 733 services. TCM works closely with Mobile Crisis Services in providing follow-up and linkage to  
 734 ongoing assistance following a mental health emergency. As is referenced elsewhere in this report,  
 735 TCM assists individuals who have been admitted to IMDs in qualifying for PROMISE services. And  
 736 TCM plays an important role in assisting individuals who have been identified as homeless via the  
 737 initiative at the IMDs discussed earlier and in helping them to secure appropriate housing and other



738 supports. Figure-32 presents the State’s history of meeting (and in some years, exceeding) the targets  
 739 delineated in the Agreement.

740 Section II.D.2.c.ii limits the number of individuals served by case managers to no more than 35,  
 741 however, the State has found that the level of need of individuals being served requires more intensive  
 742 involvement than this would allow. Table-5 presents data on the number of case managers, the average  
 743 number of individuals served at any point in time, as well as the average clients per case manager.

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<b>Table-5: Targeted Care Managers and Point-in-Time Averages of Individuals Served FY 14-16</b>				
		<b>FY14 Avg</b>	<b>FY15 Avg</b>	<b>FY16 Avg</b>
<b>State TCM</b>	# of Clients	61.1	58.8	93.3
	# of CMs	5	5	5
	Clients/CM	12.2	11.8	18.7
<b>RI - NCC</b>	# of Clients	123.5	107.5	111.4
	# of CMs	9	9	9
	Clients/CM	13.7	11.9	12.4
<b>RI - Ellendale</b>	# of Clients	104.7	119.6	106.7
	# of CMs	11	11	11
	Clients/CM	9.5	10.9	9.7
<b>Totals</b>	# of Clients	289.3	285.9	311.4
	# of CMs	25	25	25
	Clients/CM	11.6	11.4	12.5

745 The State continues to be in Substantial Compliance with respect to Case Management services.

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747 **VIII. Supported Housing**

748 *Substantial Compliance.*

749 Section III.I of the Agreement includes provisions with respect to Supported Housing for members of  
 750 the target population:

- 751 1. By July 11, 2011, the State will provide housing vouchers or subsidies and bridge  
752 funding to 150 individuals. Pursuant to Part II.E.2.d., this housing shall be exempt from  
753 the scattered-site requirement.
- 754 2. By July 1, 2012 the State will provide housing vouchers or subsidies and bridge funding  
755 to a total of 250 individuals.
- 756 3. By July 1, 2013 the State will provide housing vouchers or subsidies and bridge funding  
757 to a total of 450 individuals.
- 758 4. By July 1, 2014 the State will provide housing vouchers or subsidies and bridge funding  
759 to a total of 550 individuals.
- 760 5. By July 1, 2015 the State will provide housing vouchers or subsidies and bridge funding  
761 to a total of 650 individuals.
- 762 6. By July 1, 2016 the State will provide housing vouchers or subsidies and bridge funding  
763 to anyone in the target population who needs such support. For purposes of this  
764 provision, the determination of the number of vouchers or subsidies and bridge funding to  
765 be provided shall be based on: the number of individuals in the target population who are  
766 on the State's waiting list for supported housing; the number of homeless individuals who  
767 have a serious persistent mental illness as determined by the 2016 Delaware Homeless  
768 Planning Council Point in Time count; and the number of individuals at DPC or IMDs for  
769 whom the lack of a stable living situation is a barrier to discharge. In making this  
770 determination, there should be due consideration given to (1) whether such community-  
771 based services are appropriate, (2) the individuals being provided such services do not  
772 oppose community-based treatment, and (3) the resources available to the State and the  
773 needs of other persons with disabilities. Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 at 607 (1999).

774 Supported Housing is an extremely important service for individuals with SPMI, who often have  
775 extensive histories of institutionalization in hospitals, criminal justice settings, or congregate mental  
776 health residential facilities. In addition, a substantial number of these individuals have histories of

777 homelessness. Supported Housing is directed at not only providing individuals with stable living  
778 environments, but also at promoting the community integration that the ADA and *Olmstead* require.  
779 Because people with SPMI have a long history of being relegated to living situations such as nursing  
780 facilities, group homes, or apartment buildings restricted to residents with disabilities—settings that may  
781 be physically located in the community, but that actually perpetuate the segregation of people with  
782 SPMI from the community mainstream—the Agreement includes specific standards for new Supported  
783 Housing that is truly integrated into the community. Section II.E requires the State to support members  
784 of the target population living in their own homes with services that will:

- 785 a. Ensure that people with SPMI can live like the rest of Delawareans, in their own homes,  
786 including leased apartments, houses or living with their family;
- 787 b. Offer people choice regarding where they live and with whom;
- 788 c. Provide an array of supportive services that vary according to people’s changing needs and  
789 promote housing stability.

790 Section II.E.2.d and 2.e define minimum standards for integration in terms of what has come to be  
791 known in Delaware as the “20%/2-Person Rule;” housing created pursuant to the Agreement is required  
792 to be scattered-site—meaning that no greater than 20% of the units in an apartment building may be  
793 occupied by people known by the State to have a disability, and no greater than two individuals may  
794 occupy an apartment and each must have a private bedroom.

795 Needless to say, the Agreement’s Supported Housing standards represent a sea change from mental  
796 health systems (in Delaware and nationwide) whereby individuals with SPMI were routinely assigned to  
797 placement “slots” based upon the determination of clinical staff. The placements were mostly in settings  
798 where residents’ daily interactions were generally limited to staff and other individuals with SPMI,  
799 where individuals were assigned roommates and reassigned to different bedrooms per the decisions of  
800 staff, and where people were offered no choice around such basic issues as when and what to eat and  
801 what time to go to bed.

802 From the outset of Agreement, the State recognized the significance of Supported Housing in terms of  
803 the aims and requirements of the ADA and *Olmstead*, and this has been a very strong element of its  
804 implementation efforts. The vignettes presented at the beginning of this report document some of the

805 dramatic life changes that have occurred as a result of the State’s Supported Housing work. Not every  
806 story has been a success; Supported Housing is a relatively new service in public mental health and  
807 many members of the target population have significant and longstanding challenges associated with  
808 mental illness, co-occurring substance use, criminal justice involvement, and other social issues.  
809 Furthermore, many such individuals have little or no histories in fulfilling the responsibilities of tenancy,  
810 and years of institutional care have bred unnecessary dependence in such areas as food preparation and  
811 housekeeping. Notwithstanding these challenges, the State has worked diligently and innovatively to  
812 develop a successful Supported Housing program that essentially did not exist prior to the Agreement.

813 The development of its Supported Housing program required more than simply funding rental subsidies  
814 and an assortment of in-home community services. It entailed changing the culture of how mental  
815 health professionals assess the housing needs of individuals and incorporate those individuals’ personal  
816 preferences in their service approaches. Section IV.A.1.b (relating to transition planning from hospitals  
817 to the community) delineates an important requirement that gets to the heart of this culture change:

818           Discharge assessments shall begin with the presumption that with sufficient supports and  
819           services, individuals can live in an integrated community setting.

820 In Delaware and nationwide, individuals with SPMI were routinely evaluated in terms of “levels of  
821 care”—essentially assigning them to housing based on a menu of predetermined segregated housing  
822 options that vary in the intensity of services they provide, for instance from several levels of specialized  
823 group homes to nursing facility care. Commonly, acceptance of the services provided was a prerequisite  
824 for entering community housing. The Agreement requires something different; that assessments be  
825 based on the individuals’ personal goals, and that the services, supports, and specific housing  
826 arrangements be designed accordingly. Furthermore, rather than being regarded as occupying  
827 “placement slots,” the Agreement requires that individuals have tenancy rights and that, with needed  
828 support services, they assume the responsibility of being good tenants.

829 To promote assessments that meet these requirements, in the first year of implementation the State  
830 developed the Community Living Questionnaire to structure interviews with individuals about their  
831 housing preferences and their perceptions about what services and supports they will need to live

832 successfully in their preferred living arrangements, and to reconcile these with staff perceptions of the  
833 individual's service needs. This was helpful in reorienting both staff and consumers, both groups having  
834 been accustomed to the level-of-care model. The Community Living Questionnaire is included in  
835 Appendix-B.

836 In an important effort to make integrated housing the "default" consideration, DSAMH also required  
837 that treatment teams prepare written justification when they recommend housing for an individual in a  
838 non-integrated setting, i.e., a setting that does not meet the requirements of the "20%/2-Person Rule."  
839 These detailed analyses encourage treatment teams to think carefully and critically about utilizing non-  
840 integrated housing. Such requests are reviewed by DSAMH to ensure that individuals are being  
841 appropriately afforded opportunities to live in Supported Housing. In some instances, teams have  
842 requested approval of living arrangements as alternatives for nursing home placements, for instance,  
843 approval for three individuals with medical care needs to occupy a first floor apartment with an on-site  
844 staff apartment.

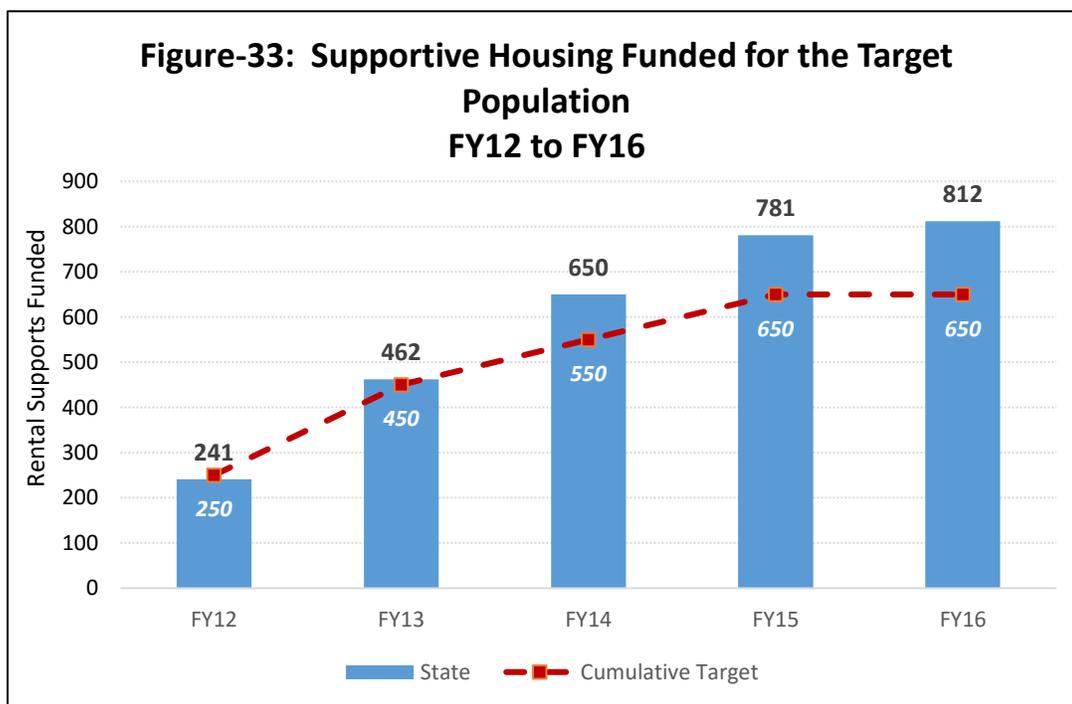
845 For many members of the target population, the Delaware State Housing Authority's (DSHA) State  
846 Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) pays rental costs in Supported Housing. SRAP funding for these  
847 individuals is administered through a close coordination between the Housing Authority and DSAMH.  
848 For hospitalized individuals (and others in special circumstances) with pending SRAP applications,  
849 DSAMH has the capacity to provide immediate bridge funding for rent and other costs so that  
850 movement into Supported Housing can proceed without delay.

851 Prior to individuals moving into Supported Housing, DSAMH conducts an inspection to ensure that it  
852 meets basic quality standards and it also completes a DSAMH Integrated Community Certification to  
853 affirm that the scattered-site requirements of the Agreement are met or, if not, that a waiver of this  
854 requirement has been approved, as discussed above. Such certifications are also used by DSAMH to  
855 maintain data about apartment complexes that have reached the 20% limit of tenants known to have  
856 disabilities, as well as those that are available to members of the target population without a need for  
857 special approval based upon this limit not having been reached. In addition, to help broaden the choices  
858 available when providers and clients are exploring housing options, DSAMH housing staff reaches out

859 to landlords to inform them about the SRAP program and the scope of services that are available to  
860 assist individuals to be successful tenants.

861 DSAMH and DSHA have conducted several landlord outreach meetings, including reaching out to state  
862 and local landlord associations. In addition, DSAMH developed a brochure on housing supports for case  
863 managers to share with their clients and potential landlords. The State has in place programs to train key  
864 stakeholders in the availability of SRAP supports and how to access this resources. These programs  
865 have included group trainings by DSAMH and DSHA staff, as well as more individualized consultations  
866 with peer specialists, ACT teams, and other providers.

867 Figure-33 presents data on the number of rental supports (through SRAP and other sources) that the  
868 State has funded for the target population for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016, as well as the targets  
869 required per the provisions of Section III.J. The Figure shows that, with the exception of Fiscal Year  
870 2012, the State has exceeded the requirements of the Agreement for each year of implementation  
871 (targets are shown in italics; the number of rental supports funded is shown in bold).

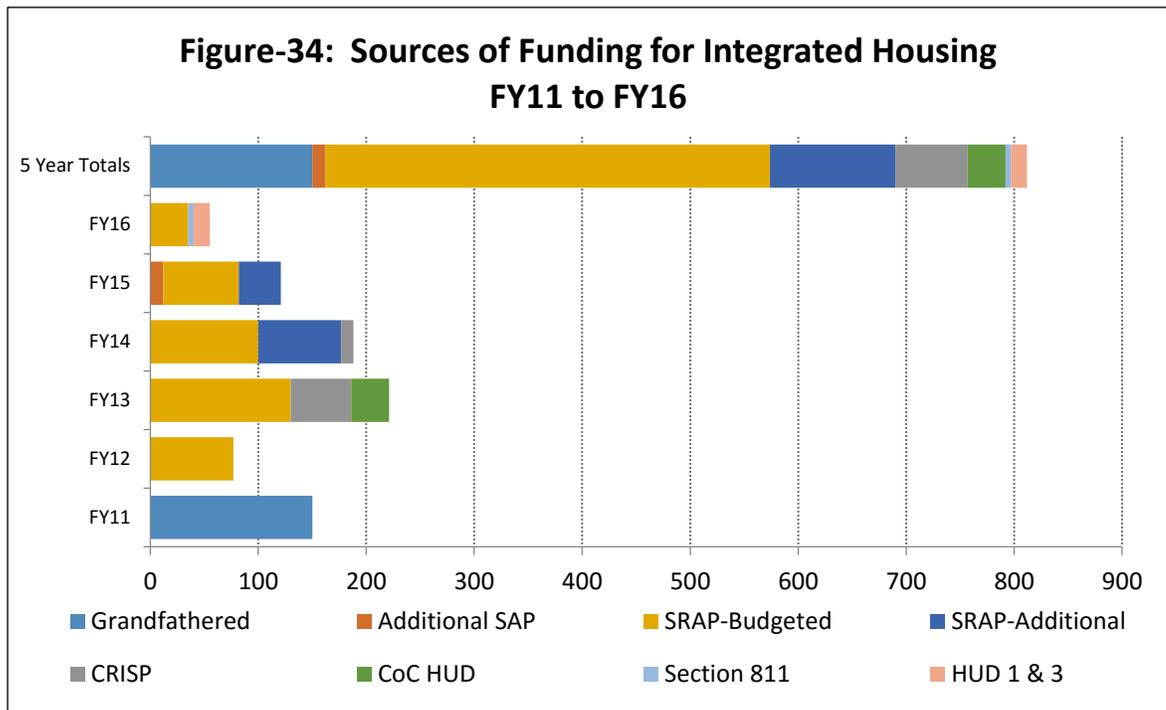


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873 Figure-34 presents the breakdown of how these housing supports were funded for each fiscal year, and  
874 for the 5-year overall total. The “Grandfathered” figure relates to Section III.I.1, while the remaining

875 funding sources reflect a combination of State funds (e.g., SRAP and CRISP) and federal dollars (e.g.,  
 876 HUD).

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879 In Fiscal Year 2016, the State had funding available for 812 individuals. But in practice, the number of  
 880 housing supports funded for a year does not equal the number of individuals in Supported Housing at  
 881 any point in time. For instance, most individuals in the Supported Housing program are successful, but  
 882 some do not succeed as tenants (most often due to substance use and attendant issues). Others leave  
 883 their apartments for other living arrangements. There are also instances where individuals with rental  
 884 vouchers through SRAP transfer to federally funded voucher programs. Vouchers that become unused  
 885 in these ways are “backfilled.” And to ensure that vouchers are available throughout the fiscal year  
 886 (particularly for individuals being discharged from hospitals), the State intentionally does not release all  
 887 vouchers at the beginning of the year. For all of these—and other—reasons, voucher use is complex and  
 888 fluid. As of July 1, 2016, for instance, the State had funded up to 528 SRAP vouchers and 461 had been  
 889 issued. 40 individuals with vouchers were actively looking for apartments and 15 SRAP applications  
 890 were in process.

<b>Table-6: SRAP Applications and Prioritization of the Waiting List</b>				
<b>Group</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Total Applications Received 9/2011 – 5/2016</b>	<b>On Waiting List as of 5/31/16</b>	<b>Percent of Total on Waiting List</b>
<b>HIGHEST PRIORITY</b>				
1	Clients exiting DPC, IMD's and DSAMH's Supervised Apartment Program (clients living in SAP housing who can move to more independent housing are included in this category) and who have a diagnosis of SPMI	259	0	27.8%
2	Clients who have been hospitalized within the last two years ( <i>24 mos.</i> ) and are eligible for or receiving services from an ACT/ICM team and have a diagnosis of SPMI	164	7	
3	Clients from IMDs, ACT/ICM teams (and/or receiving State-funded services such as Medicaid) that meet the federal definition of chronically homeless and have a diagnosis of SPMI.	183	4	
4	Clients receiving services from a DSAMH-funded community mental health program (who are not enrolled in ACT or ICM services and who meet the definition of chronic homeless and have a diagnosis of SPMI).	94	44	
<b>MEDIUM PRIORITY</b>				
5	Clients receiving services from a DSAMH-funded community mental health program such as (TASC, ACT and CMHCs) and who have a diagnosis of SPMI	444	110	55.6%
<b>LOWER PRIORITY</b>				
6	Clients receiving services from a community mental health provider that is not receiving funds from DSAMH.	46	20	16.7%
7	Clients from a Community Service Provider that is not receiving funds from DSAMH	22	13	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Remains on Waiting List</b>	<b>1212</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>16.3%</b>

892 Table-6 presents the State’s approach to prioritizing members of the target population for rental  
893 supports, as well as the number of applications received from September, 2011, through the end of May,  
894 2016, and the number of individuals on a waiting list for housing supports as of the end of May, 2016.  
895 Highest priority is afforded individuals in DPC, an IMD, or the Supervised Apartment Program (the  
896 intent with regard to Supervised Apartments is to free up those beds for other high-risk individuals), for  
897 those recently hospitalized and in need on intensive services (i.e., ACT/ICM), and those who are  
898 homeless. These individuals account for 27.8% of the housing waiting list and they tend to remain on  
899 the waiting list only briefly. Among them, no individuals exiting hospitals or the supervised apartments  
900 (Group 1) were on the waiting list as of the date shown. Other individuals in the highest priority  
901 categories are homeless or are living in unstable housing. Individuals in Groups 5-7 account for 72.2%  
902 of the individuals on the waiting list. They are assigned lower levels of priority because they have stable  
903 housing and are not in hospitals, but their housing may not be integrated.

904 Section III.I.6 of the Agreement is lengthy, but it essentially requires the State to be able to demonstrate  
905 that its Supported Housing program not only meets the targets established in Sections III.I.1-5, but also  
906 that it makes reasonable efforts to expand its housing program to accommodate the needs of the target  
907 population, particularly hospitalized or homeless individuals. Table-7 summarizes the State’s data with  
908 respect to subgroups of the target population that are referenced in this Section. As many as 232  
909 individuals who may be covered by the Agreement meet one or more of the factors identified in Section  
910 III.I.6. The largest group—132 individuals counted in the Delaware Homeless Planning Council in its  
911 Point in Time study—is based upon a one-night snapshot of individuals in shelters, those who are  
912 unsheltered, and other sources. This study does not collect individuals’ names, so it is unknown if some  
913 of the individuals counted are already being served by DSAMH, and it is possible that they may be  
914 counted in other categories within this table. Furthermore, their mental health status is based upon self-  
915 report and whether they meet criteria for SPMI is not known. As such, this category is a very blunt  
916 measure of need with respect to the Agreement. As is discussed elsewhere in this report, though, if  
917 these individuals come to be psychiatrically hospitalized, or if they come into contact with DSAMH  
918 programs, they will be referred for housing evaluations. With respect to the other categories presented  
919 in the table, the discussion above describes the State’s prioritization of high-risk individuals for housing

920 supports. And individuals awaiting discharge from DPC because of housing issues<sup>18</sup> are not awaiting  
 921 supported housing, but rather have special needs (particularly medical needs).

<b>Table-7: Estimates of Housing Needs per Section III.1.6 of the Agreement</b>	
<i>(Individuals counted by the Homeless Planning Council may be duplicated in other categories)</i>	
The number of individuals in the target population who are on the State's waiting list for supportive housing as of 5.31.16	48
The number of homeless individuals with severe mental illness as determined by the 2016 Delaware Homeless Planning Council in the Point in Time count	132
Total number of individuals at DPC or IMD's whom for the lack of a stable living situation is a barrier to discharge, as of 6.15.16	52
Awaiting Supported Housing or Supervised Apartment	0
Awaiting ACT or CRISP services	16
Awaiting Group Home or Nursing Facility	26
Awaiting resolution of legal issues	6
Discharge imminent	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>

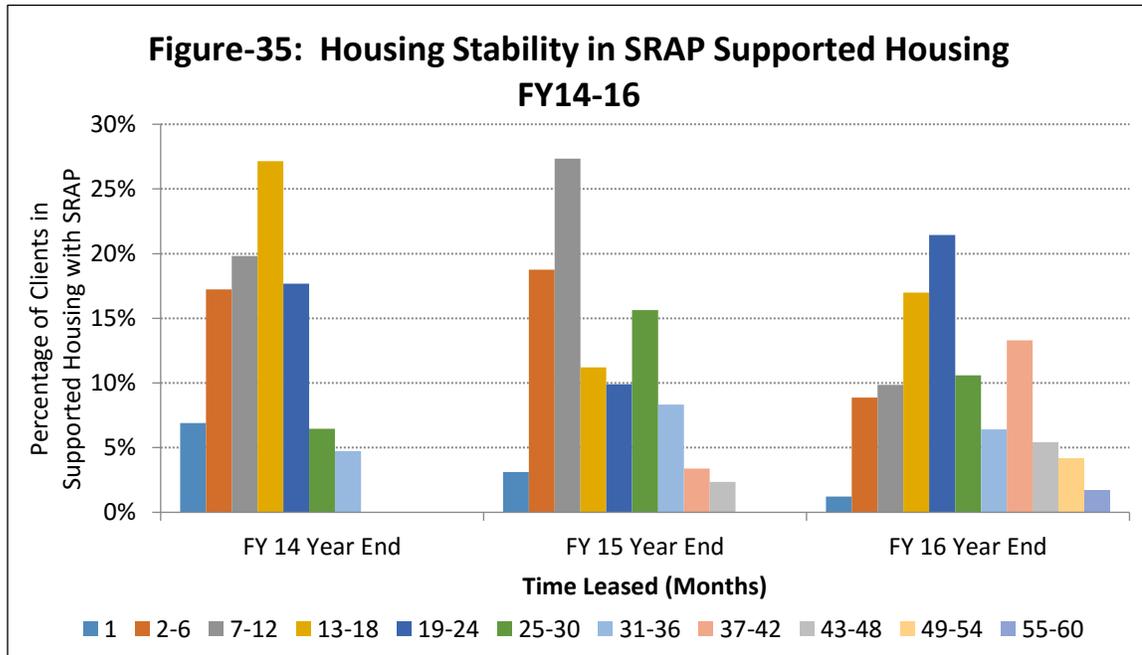
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923 Figure-35 presents data on the length of tenancy of the target population in Supported Housing and how  
 924 the distribution of tenancy has changed between Fiscal Year 2014 and 2016. In 2014, individuals had  
 925 been tenants in Supported Housing from one month to 36 months, with the highest category of tenancy  
 926 being from 13-18 months (27%). By 2016, the distribution had changed significantly; tenancy ranged  
 927 from one month to five years (60 months), and the category into which individuals most frequently fell  
 928 into was longer (19-24 months). In other words, notwithstanding the “churning” referenced above,  
 929 whereby some individuals are unsuccessful as tenants or otherwise leave supported housing, the overall  
 930 profile of the State’s Supported Housing program is that individuals are remaining permanently housed

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<sup>18</sup> The number of such individuals at IMDs is small, if any. They would either be referred to TCM or, if clinically unstable, transferred to DPC.

931 for longer periods of time. Whereas in 2014, 11.2% of the target population receiving SRAP support  
 932 had lived in their apartments for two years or longer, by 2016, that proportion had increased to 41.6%.



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934 Monitor reports have rated the State to be in Substantial Compliance with the Agreement’s Supported  
 935 Housing requirements since September, 2012, and it remains so. The State has developed an impressive  
 936 program that has not only met the annual targets of the Agreement’s provisions,<sup>19</sup> but it has also changed  
 937 the service culture for individuals who have SPMI and with respect to the requirements of *Olmstead*.

938 In regard to needs beyond what is required in Section III.I.1-5 (i.e., the requirements of Section III.I.6),  
 939 the State has already significantly exceeded the Agreement’s numerical targets for housing vouchers.  
 940 Furthermore, it has in place effective mechanisms to connect members of the target population with  
 941 housing, for instance for homeless individuals who are hospitalized at DPC or an IMD. As is discussed  
 942 in this, as well as prior Monitor reports, Supported Housing is a critical factor in achieving community  
 943 integration for individuals who have SPMI and it is among the strongest elements of the State’s  
 944 implementation efforts.

<sup>19</sup> 2012 showed a minor deviation from that year’s target.

945 **IX. Supported Employment**

946 *Substantial Compliance.*

947 Section III.J of the Agreement includes provisions relating to Supported Employment services to the  
948 target population.

- 949 1. By July 1, 2012 the State will provide supported employment to 100 individuals per year.
- 950 2. By July 1, 2013 the State will provide supported employment to 300 additional  
951 individuals per year.
- 952 3. By July 1, 2014 the State will provide supported employment to an additional 300  
953 individuals per year.
- 954 4. By July 1, 2015 the State will provide supported employment to an additional 400  
955 individuals per year.
- 956 5. In addition, by January 1, 2012 all individuals receiving ACT services will receive  
957 support from employment specialists on their ACT teams.

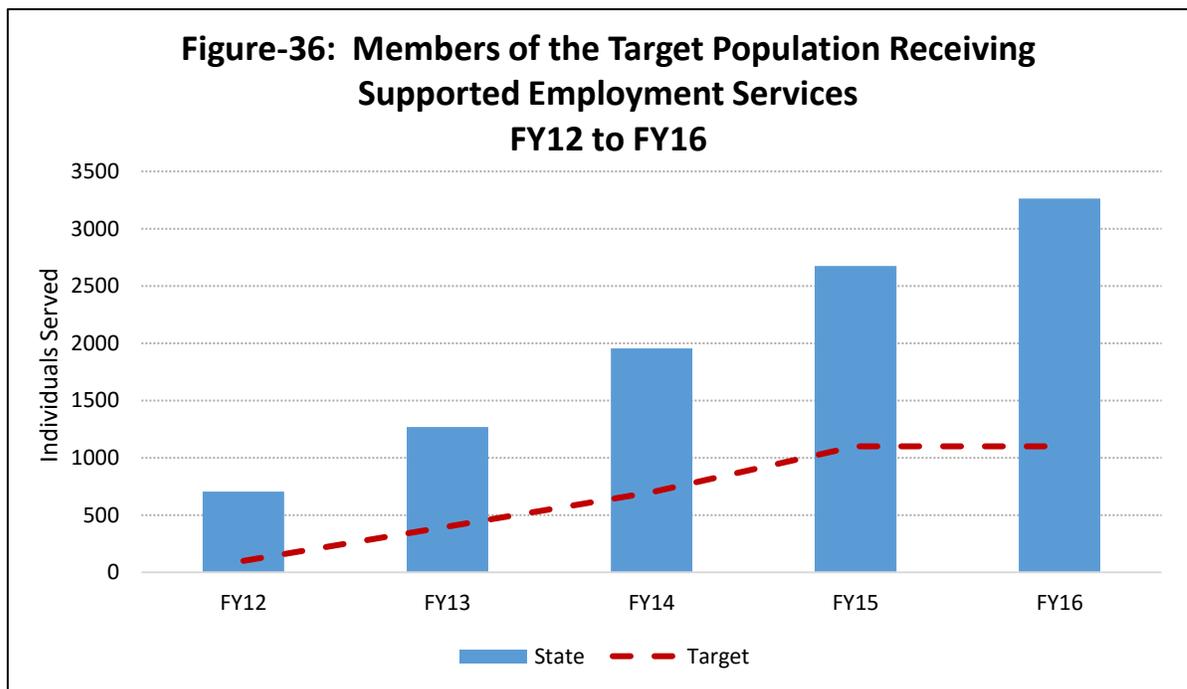
958 Like Supported Housing, Supported Employment is a critically important service with respect to  
959 *Olmstead* compliance in that it is specifically directed at enabling individuals with SPMI to participate  
960 in the community mainstream. Employment is not only a means of achieving self-sufficiency, but it is  
961 also an important aspect of an adult’s social identity and role in the community. Historically, people  
962 with SPMI have been excluded from the workforce or relegated to “sheltered” work programs that  
963 segregate people with disabilities. Following hospitalization, many such individuals were assigned the  
964 identity of “former mental patient” by the community. Supported Employment changes that. It allows  
965 people with SPMI to pursue their personal employment goals and to hold competitive, ordinary jobs  
966 alongside people who do not have disabilities.

967 The State’s Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) has a long history of close collaboration with  
968 DSAMH to promote mainstream employment for people with SPMI. A part of this collaboration has  
969 been to support ACT teams in assisting the individuals they serve in entering the workforce.  
970 Nationwide, vocational rehabilitation services that receive federal funding (as does DVR) have  
971 limitations in providing ongoing services to individuals once they secure employment. Recognizing that

972 individuals with SPMI often require employment services that extend beyond these limits, the State’s  
973 PROMISE program includes Medicaid coverage of Short-Term Small Group Supported Employment  
974 and ongoing Individual Employment Supports. As PROMISE becomes more fully operational, these  
975 employment services have the potential to significantly increase the number of individuals in the target  
976 population entering the mainstream workforce, as well as the number that approach or reach full-time  
977 employment.

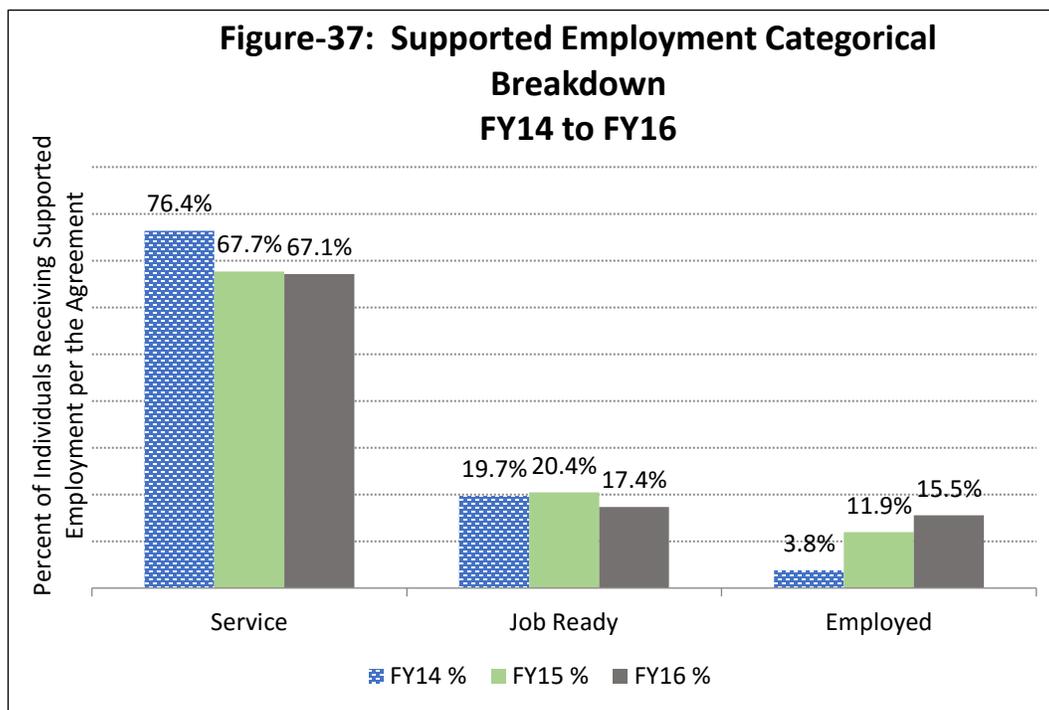
978 The State has been rated as being in Substantial Compliance with the Agreement’s Supported  
979 Employment requirements since September, 2012 and it remains so. Figure-36 presents the number of  
980 individuals within the target population who are receiving Supported Employment services, meaning  
981 that they have active employment plans or are at some level of service beyond this, including to the  
982 point of holding a job. As Figure-36 indicates, the State has exceeded the Agreement’s numerical  
983 targets for each year of implementation.

984 The target population has special challenges in entering the mainstream workforce. Beyond the  
985 employment discrimination that the ADA and other laws seek to overcome, many individuals lack work  
986 skills and histories of stable employment. Anecdotally, several individuals who are living in their own  
987 apartments following long histories of institutionalization have expressed the feeling to the Monitor that



988 they are not yet ready to pursue employment and that they need to concentrate upon fulfilling the daily  
 989 demands of maintaining their homes, shopping, and so on. Figure-37 presents data on the movement of  
 990 members of the target population who are receiving Supported Employment services from initial work  
 991 on employment plans (such as basic work skills) to job readiness (seeking employment) to actual  
 992 employment. It shows that there has been a significant increase in the proportion of people who actively  
 993 employed—about a fourfold increase since Fiscal Year 2014. Furthermore, because the population of  
 994 individuals receiving supported employment is increasing yearly (per Figure-36), the absolute numbers  
 995 of individuals represented by these proportions is increasing as well.

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998 **X. Rehabilitation Services**

999 *Substantial Compliance.*

1000 Section III.K of the Agreement includes requirements for Rehabilitation Services:

- 1001 1. By July 1, 2012 the State will provide rehabilitation services to 100 individuals per year.

1002 2. By July 1, 2013 the State will provide rehabilitation services to 500 additional individuals  
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1004 3. By July 1, 2014 the State will provide rehabilitation services to an additional 500  
1005 individuals per year.

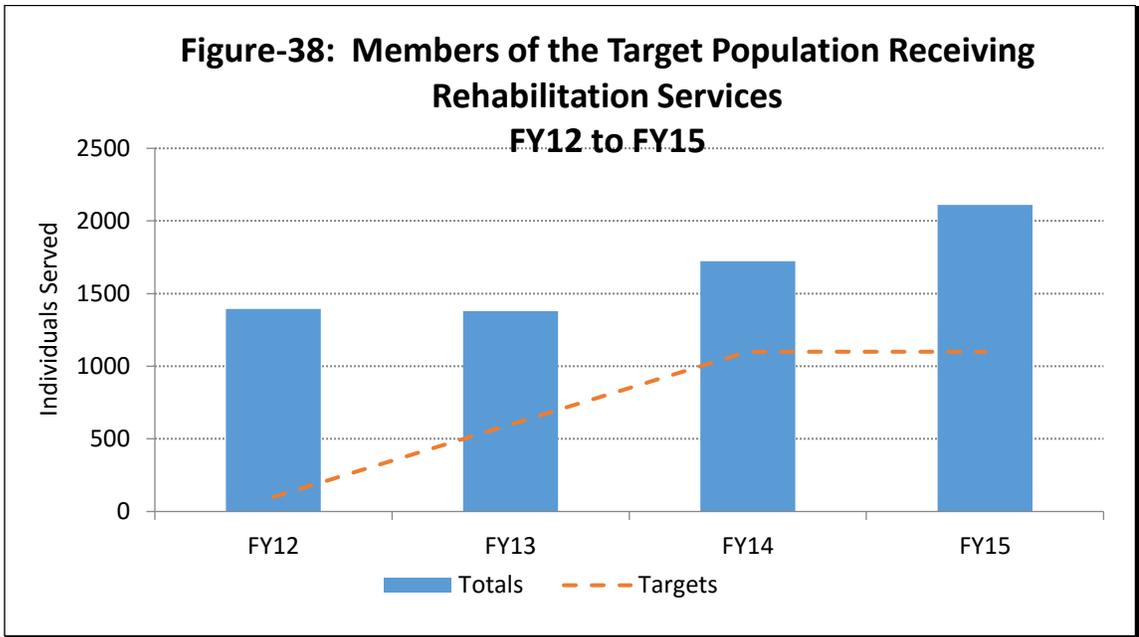
1006 Rehabilitation Services include a broad array of activities, such as education, substance use disorder  
1007 treatment, recreation, training in functional skills, and other activities that promote community  
1008 integration. Because they are embedded in so many of the services provided under the Agreement, early  
1009 in the Agreement the parties agreed that Rehabilitation Services would be quantified for purposes of  
1010 evaluating the State's compliance by counting:

1011 1) Any ACT or ICM client receiving one of the services below at least twice a month in any six  
1012 months of the fiscal year:

- 1013 a) Psycho-Social Rehabilitative Services
- 1014 b) Psycho-Social Group Services
- 1015 c) Family Psycho-Social Education

1016 2) Any individual on the Target Population Priority List who also appears on DSAMH's  
1017 substance use treatment database and is thus receiving services for co-occurring substance use  
1018 problems.

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1021 The State has been in Substantial Compliance with the Agreement’s Rehabilitation Service requirements  
1022 since September, 2012 and, as is indicated in Figure-38, it continues to exceed the numerical targets  
1023 contained in Section III.K.

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1025 **XI. Family and Peer Supports**

1026 *Substantial Compliance.*

1027 Section III.L of the Agreement includes provisions relating to Family and Peer Supports.

1028 1. By July 1, 2012 the State will provide family or peer supports to 250 individuals per year.

1029 2. By July 1, 2013 the State will provide family or peer supports to 250 additional  
1030 individuals per year.

1031 3. By July 1, 2014 the State will provide family or peer supports to an additional 250  
1032 individuals per year.

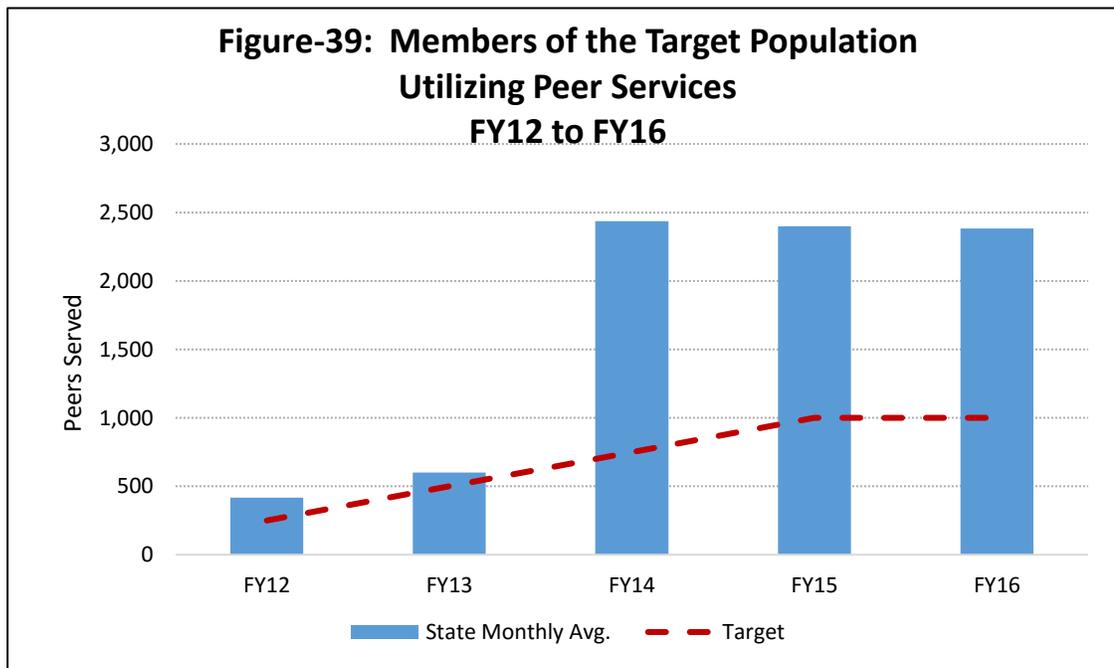
1033 4. By July 1, 2015 the State will provide family or peer supports to an additional 250  
1034 individuals per year.

1035 Family Supports entail training and consultation that enable family members to play an active role in  
1036 individuals’ recovery process. Peer Supports are services provided by individuals who, themselves,  
1037 have mental illness and who have direct experience in recovery and in addressing many of the  
1038 challenges confronting members of the target population.

1039 The State provides both Family Supports and Peer Supports to the target population, but it maintains the  
1040 best data with regard to Peer Supports; these data have been included in Monitor reports throughout  
1041 implementation. Peer services have flourished through the course of the implementation period to the  
1042 point that what was once a narrow aspect of DSAMH services has now become ubiquitous. Trained  
1043 peers are embedded as critically important elements of services in ACT, ICM, Crisis Apartments, Crisis  
1044 Walk-In Centers, and other programs. They play a very significant role in handling consumer  
1045 complaints. Peers orient individuals upon their admission to DPC, assist them during the course of their  
1046 hospitalization, and provide tote bags with toiletries and other essentials upon discharge to the

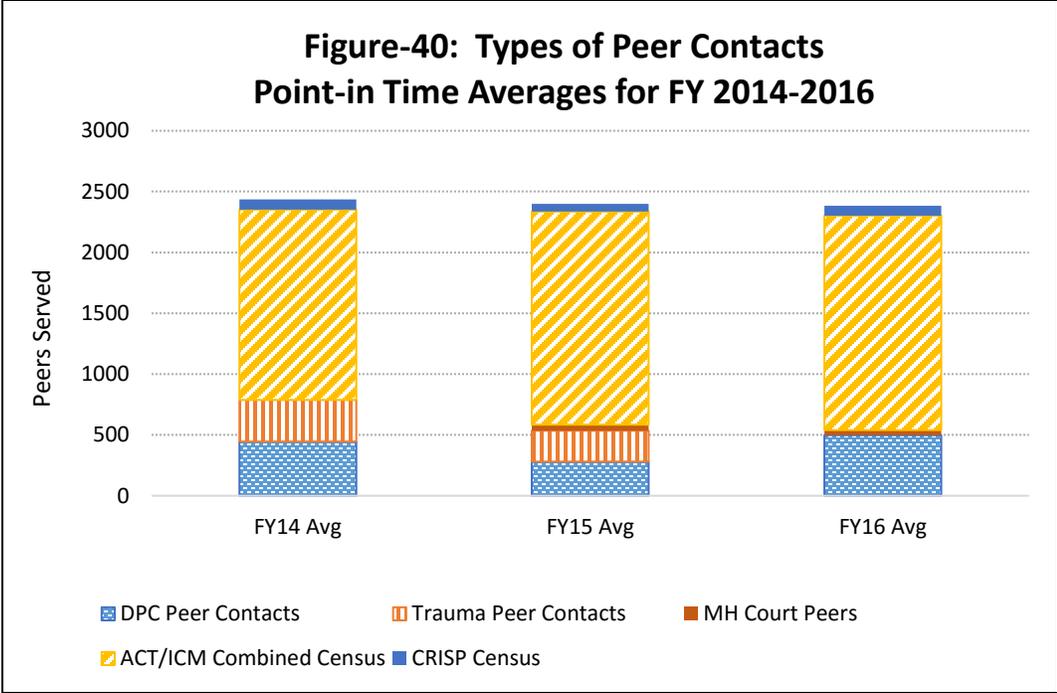
1047 community. Peers operate drop-in centers in the northern and southern parts of the State (the Rick  
1048 VanStory Center and the ACE Center, respectively), as well as an art gallery (the Creative Vision  
1049 Factory) in downtown Wilmington featuring the artwork of people with SPMI. Recently, peers helped  
1050 to create a monument as a part of the restoration of a graveyard that had been used over the decades for  
1051 patients of DPC. Peers played an important, substantive role in reforming Delaware’s mental health  
1052 laws and will be members of the oversight subcommittee established through Senate Bill 245. Peers  
1053 have been trained as research assistants who helped to construct and implement the quality reviews of  
1054 ICM and CRISP services discussed later. Peers conduct certification trainings that enable the services of  
1055 peer specialists to be reimbursable under the PROMISE program. And, finally, throughout the course of  
1056 implementation, peer specialists and the people they assist have been invaluable sources of information  
1057 and education for the Monitor.

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1060 In short, Peer Support services and the larger peer movement in Delaware have become a vibrant  
1061 component of the service system for people with SPMI, and in multiple ways—beyond the requirements  
1062 of Section III.L, they have helped move the State towards compliance with the Agreement and



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1064 *Olmstead.* Figure-39 demonstrates that, for each year of implementation, the number of individuals  
 1065 receiving Peer Supports has exceeded—and, for the last three years, far exceeded—the Agreement’s  
 1066 requirements.

1067 Figure-40 presents a breakdown of the types of peer contacts occurring during the past three years. In  
 1068 2016, federal funding for an important peer program addressing trauma ended. In 2015, peers began  
 1069 providing mentoring services in the New Castle County mental health court.

1070 In summary, the promotion, systemic integration, and meaningful utilization of peer services is another  
 1071 important accomplishment of the State in implementing the Agreement.

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1073 **XII. Transition Planning**

1074 Section IV.B of the Agreement includes requirements with respect to Transition Planning for members  
 1075 of the target population in DPC or an IMD. The subsection that is currently relevant is as follows:

1076 4. The State shall have as its goal that where a transition team determines that a  
1077 community placement is the most integrated setting appropriate for an individual  
1078 currently in DPC or an IMD, that individual will be discharged to the community  
1079 with necessary supports within 30 days. Between July 1, 2014 and July 1, 2015, the  
1080 State shall meet this goal for at least 75% of people transitioning from DPC or an  
1081 IMD. Between July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016, the State shall meet this goal for at least  
1082 95% of people transitioning from DPC or an IMD.

1083 The intent of this provision is that once an individual who is hospitalized has been determined to be  
1084 ready for discharge, transition arrangements should proceed in a timely way and that individual should  
1085 be released in less than 30 days with appropriate community services and supports. While this is a  
1086 straightforward requirement, its meaningful application is less so. As has been discussed earlier, the  
1087 overwhelming majority of hospitalizations among the target population occur within IMDs, where the  
1088 length of inpatient care averages fewer than seven days and only about 5% of the discharges exceed 14  
1089 days of hospitalization. Thus, for the population receiving Acute Care in IMDs (which, by definition  
1090 lasts 14 days or fewer) and where MCOs' approvals of benefits tend to be for 6-7 days of hospital care, a  
1091 standard requiring that once an individual has become clinically stable, discharge occur within 30 days  
1092 is not very meaningful.

1093 In DPC, it is somewhat of a different story. DPC admits individuals directly from the community for  
1094 acute care and, while their lengths of stay are a bit longer than in the IMDs, by definition, their  
1095 discharges occur within 14 days. DPC also accepts transfers from the IMDs of individuals who have  
1096 complex needs and cannot be stabilized within the Acute Care period; the hospitalizations of these  
1097 "blended" admissions tend to extend into the Intermediate Care categories, which may last up to 179  
1098 days. Other individuals are directly readmitted to DPC when in need of hospital care because they have  
1099 extensive psychiatric histories; they are known to the facility and tend to require extended inpatient care.  
1100 Finally, although the State's success in linking this group with intensive community services has  
1101 reduced their hospitalization rates dramatically, there are still individuals at DPC receiving Long Term  
1102 Care, which can extend from 180 days to decades. With the exception of the Acute Care group, it is  
1103 possible that transition arrangements for other patients at DPC (i.e., those receiving Intermediate or

1104 Long Term Care) *could* have exceeded 30 days beyond a determination that hospital care is no longer  
 1105 needed, and it is for this group that the requirements of Section IV.B.4 are most meaningful.

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<b>Table-8: Inpatient 30-Day Post-Stabilization Breakdown</b>						
	<b>FY15</b>			<b>FY16</b>		
	<b>DPC</b>	<b>IMD</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>DPC</b>	<b>IMD</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Number of Discharges (Acute, Intermediate, and Long Term)	154	2,815	2,969	375	2,554	2,929
Number of Discharges within 30 Days of Psychiatric Stabilization	126	2,807	2,933	303	2,546	2,849
<b>% of Discharges within 30 Days of Psychiatric Stabilization</b>	81.8%	99.7%	98.8%	80.8%	99.7%	97.3%

1107 Table-8 presents data from Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 on the timeliness of discharge following a  
 1108 determination that hospitalization is no longer needed in DPC, in the IMDs, and in the aggregate. It  
 1109 shows that the State’s overall success in these years in discharging individuals within 30 days is 98.8%  
 1110 and 97.3%, respectively.

1111 In DPC, the success rate with respect to the 30-day standard is lower; 81.8% in Fiscal Year 2015 and  
 1112 80.8% in Fiscal Year 2016. Table-9 provides a snapshot of individuals at DPC awaiting discharge at  
 1113 three points in time. These figures reflect both individuals whose discharges exceed 30 days beyond  
 1114 stabilization and individuals whose discharges are proceeding within this time frame, but they give a  
 1115 sense of the factors that impede transition from the hospital. First of all, the number of individuals  
 1116 reflected in each of the discharge barriers listed is small, fewer than 20. The barriers most frequently  
 1117 occurring relate to Group Home or Nursing Facility waiting lists (these individuals tend to have complex  
 1118 medical issues and would have been exempted from Supported Housing in the process discussed  
 1119 earlier), and to waiting for an opening in ACT or CRISP services. With regard to the latter, DSAMH is  
 1120 aware that this has become a factor delaying discharge from DPC and it is now examining whether  
 1121 individuals are appropriately moving through these programs when they no longer require such intense  
 1122 services. It is working with providers in this regard. DSAMH believes that addressing this issue could  
 1123 significantly help in freeing up services for individuals who remain hospitalized.

<b>Table-9: Point-in-Time Breakdown of Discharge Barriers at DPC</b>						
	<b>FY15 (6/30/15)</b>		<b>FY16 (12/31/15)</b>		<b>FY16 (6/30/16)</b>	
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Number of Clients Ready for Discharge</b>	56		45		52	
Provider Active/Currently Discharging	16	28.6%	11	24.4%	4	7.7%
Group Home List	12	21.4%	8	17.8%	19	36.5%
Nursing Home/DDDS List	8	14.3%	5	11.1%	7	13.5%
Legal Barriers	4	7.1%	3	6.7%	2	3.8%
ACT/CRISP List	2	3.6%	3	6.7%	16	30.8%
Other (Medicaid pending, Level of Care determination, etc.)	14	25.0%	15	33.3%	4	7.7%

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1125 In addition to the information presented above, the State maintains extensive additional data that it uses  
 1126 to monitor the timeliness of discharge and the factors that impede individuals' timely return to the  
 1127 community. Although the timeliness measures at DPC do not meet the standard established in Section  
 1128 IV.B.4, relatively small number of individuals—many of whom require medical care services—are  
 1129 affected. Furthermore, the State is taking appropriate actions to address delays that relate to openings in  
 1130 programs such as ACT and CRISP. Finally, when all hospitalizations are considered, including stays at  
 1131 the IMDs that are, by design, of very short duration and very rarely extend to anything near 30 days, the  
 1132 State is meeting the plain language of this provision. For all of these reasons, the State is rated as being  
 1133 in Substantial Compliance with Section IV.B.4.

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1135 **XIII. Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement**

1136 *Substantial Compliance.*

1137 Section V.A of the Agreement requires that the State have in place a Quality Assurance and  
 1138 Performance Improvement (QA/PI) system that ensures that services are of appropriate quality and that  
 1139 they are achieving the goals of community integration, independence, and self-determination that the

1140 Agreement requires. The extensive data on which this report is based is evidence that the State, indeed,  
1141 has such a system in place. Furthermore, as was discussed with respect to the State's establishment of a  
1142 new Crisis Walk-In Center or the discontinuation of some ACT teams, the State uses performance data  
1143 to make decisions about expanding programs and program contracting. Figures-19 through -31  
1144 document that the State monitors the quality of its intensive service programs in terms of such important  
1145 dimensions as arrest rates, emergency room use, and hours of competitive employment and that it can  
1146 analyze such outcomes either in the aggregate or on a program or team level.

1147 The Monitor's ninth report, which was issued recently (on 5/26/16) described how the State has greatly  
1148 increased the coordination of its QA/PI activities, in part by establishing the Quality Control Steering  
1149 Committee to serve as the hub of analysis and identification of new initiatives. That report summarized  
1150 an array of ongoing QA/PI activities that are relevant to the Agreement:

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- 1152 1. A Quality Process Review of ACT and ICM that has been ongoing since 2015 (Figures-19  
1153 through -31).
  - 1154 2. An investigation, which was initiated in 2015, of how homelessness affected lengths of stay  
1155 among members of the target population who were hospitalized at DPC.
  - 1156 3. A study of rates of court commitment for inpatient or outpatient treatment, which shows the  
1157 systems impressive move towards voluntary treatment (Discussed below, see Figure-48).
  - 1158 4. Monthly QA meetings between DSAMH and the IMDs to resolve problems in care,  
1159 including coordination and information sharing between hospital and community providers
  - 1160 5. An investigation of the needs of individuals living in community housing who have complex  
1161 challenges, particularly with respect to addressing Activities of Daily Living. This program  
1162 was initiated in 2015.
  - 1163 6. A Client Death Review investigation focusing on deaths occurring outside of hospital  
1164 settings. This study is a component of DSAMH's risk management activities.

1165 7. An initiative to incorporate into practice data from the evaluation of DSAMH’s CRISP  
1166 program that reflects the ongoing partnership between the State and the University of  
1167 Pennsylvania.

1168 Some of the initiatives cited above will be discussed more fully in the section below relating to QA/PI  
1169 activities relating to the new Crisis Stabilization measures. As an example of a QA/PI initiative that  
1170 does not relate to these measures, the CRISP initiative (#7 above) is a longitudinal project that is now at  
1171 the point where the State can analyze data on individuals with SPMI who had been hospitalized at DPC  
1172 for protracted periods of time and who are now living in integrated settings with support services  
1173 pursuant to the Agreement. As a part of this multifaceted study, peers were trained as research assistants  
1174 in interviewing consumers annually to gather information about their functioning and perceptions about  
1175 their lives. The interview protocol, which was designed with the input of peers, is included in  
1176 Appendix-C. Table-10 summarizes some of the data from these interviews. The table shows the  
1177 percentages and raw numbers of individuals who report positive outcomes relating to community living  
1178 during an initial (Baseline) interview and a follow-up interview one year later. The final two columns  
1179 indicate for each factor the percentage and number of individuals whose reports indicate positive change  
1180 over the year and those indicating no change. The greatest gains were found with regard to consumers  
1181 reporting that they have treatment goals that *they* direct (27.5%), that they feel control over their life  
1182 (18%), that they are abstaining from tobacco use (15.9%), and that they have positive feelings of self-  
1183 worth (15%). These outcomes reflect well on the system’s overall efforts to promote recovery.

1184 It is notable that the CRISP population includes individuals with significant challenges. In fact, referrals  
1185 were made to the CRISP program in part based upon a finding that ACT services would not be sufficient  
1186 to support them in the community. The University of Pennsylvania study found that inpatient use  
1187 among the CRISP population was minimal, and that all individuals were able to remain in community  
1188 settings. Also interesting was the finding that, based upon a widely used measure of psychiatric  
1189 functioning,<sup>20</sup> individuals’ symptoms actually increased over the year (on average, by 16%), but this  
1190 evidently did not have an impact on their ability to live in integrated settings, nor did it affect the  
1191 positive self-reports summarized in the table below. All in all, the ongoing CRISP study is further

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<sup>20</sup> The Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale was used.

1192 evidence from the State’s extensive dataset that community services do work to the benefit of  
 1193 individuals with SPMI, including those with very significant challenges.

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<b>Table-10</b>				
<b>CRISP Consumer Self-Report Data</b>				
<b>DOMAIN</b>	<b>Baseline % +</b>	<b>12. mo. % +</b>	<b>% + change</b>	<b>% no change</b>
<b>Health Status</b> <i>Baseline (n = 46); 12 mo. (n = 45)</i>	80.4% (37)	71.1% (32)	11.1% (5)	73.3% (33)
<b>Control of Life</b> <i>Baseline (n = 48); 12 mo. (n = 44)</i>	79.2% (38)	79.5% (35)	18.2% (8)	63.6% (28)
<b>Satisfactory Housing</b> <i>Baseline (n = 48); 12 mo. (n = 43)</i>	87.5% (42)	83.7% (36)	11.6% (5)	72.1% (31)
<b>Feelings of self-worth</b> <i>Baseline (n = 46); 12 mo. (n = 43)</i>	73.9% (34)	69.8% (30)	15% (6)	65% (26)
<b>Abstinence from tobacco</b> <i>Baseline (n = 49); 12 mo. (n = 44)</i>	42.9% (21)	38.6% (17)	15.9% (7)	63.6% (28)
<b>Staff believe in consumer growth and recovery</b> <i>Baseline (n = 48); 12 mo. (n = 44)</i>	91.7% (44)	77.3% (34)	9% (4)	68.2% (30)
<b>Consumer directed treatment goals</b> <i>Baseline (n = 46); 12 mo. (n = 43)</i>	73.9% (34)	81.4% (35)	27.5% (11)	55% (22)
<b>Happy with friendships</b> <i>Baseline (n = 49); 12 mo. (n = 44)</i>	83.7% (41)	79.5% (35)	13.6% (6)	68.2% (30)
<b>Feeling a part of the community</b> <i>Baseline (n = 49); 12 mo. (n = 44)</i>	81.6% (40)	81.8% (36)	13.6% (6)	68.2% (30)

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1196 **QA/PI Activities Relating to Crisis Stabilization**

1197 As was referenced in Section IV, the parties negotiated a set of QA/PI measures to provide a fuller  
 1198 picture of the State’s efforts to reduce hospital use by members of the target population than was  
 1199 required in provisions III.D.3-4 of the Agreement. These measures represent the basis for important  
 1200 QA/PI activities—some ongoing and some to be launched in the future—and, for this reason, they are  
 1201 discussed here. The new measures are presented in Table-11. In addition to these, the parties agreed

1202 that the State would also focus some of its Quality Assurance activities on understanding and better  
 1203 addressing factors that may obscure its measurement of services, outcomes, and needs of people with  
 1204 SPMI who are served through State-funded programs, for instance, questionable diagnosing within the  
 1205 IMDs of individuals who may not have SPMI. Presented below are detailed data relating to the revised  
 1206 measures of compliance (Table-11), followed by a discussion of the State’s progress relating to these  
 1207 diagnostic challenges.

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<b>Table-11</b>	
<b>Revised Measures of Compliance</b>	
<b>with Crisis Stabilization Provisions III.D.3-4<sup>21</sup></b>	
<b>Bed Days</b>	
1a	Monthly Bed-Day Reports
1b	FY16 DPC Admissions from an IMD, by IMD and the Total LOS
1c	Mean, median, mode, and range of Days for 1b who have been discharged
1d	Clients whose lengths of stay have exceeded 14 days
1e	Direct admissions to DPC (i.e. not via an IMD)
1f	Mean, median, mode, and range of Days for 1e who have been discharged
1g	Removed <sup>22</sup>
1h	ALOS at DPC by LOS Type: 0-14, 15-49, 50-179, 180+ days
1i	Number of persons & length of time for each person on DPC ready to discharge list
<b>Crisis Walk-In Centers</b>	
2a	Number of individuals evaluated at RRC
2b	Diversion from hospitalization by RRC
2c	IMD admissions (from 1a) via Crisis Walk-In Centers
2d	IMD admissions (from 1a) not evaluated via Crisis Walk-In Centers
<b>Engagement in Community Services Comprised by the Settlement Agreement</b>	

<sup>21</sup> As agreed to by the parties on February 16, 2016. With minor differences, this table was included in the Monitor’s Ninth Report (Table-1).

<sup>22</sup> With the agreement of the parties, item 1g has been removed because it was duplicative of item 1d.

3a	Hospital admissions of people who are actively served by DSAMH/PROMISE
3b	DSAMH community provider participation in discharge planning of 3a at IMDs & DPC
3c	Hospital admissions relating to people NOT being served by DSAMH/PROMISE
3d	3c who were referred for specialized services
3e	3c approved for specialized services
3f	3c found ineligible for specialized services
3g	3c approved, but refusing specialized services
3h	Removed <sup>23</sup>
3i	Removed
3j	Timely engagement of community provider/TCM in discharge planning of 3c individuals
3k	State's progress on addressing the 454 high-risk consumers identified in 2014 <sup>24</sup>
<b>Co-Occurring Substance use</b>	
4a	IMD admissions with substance use as one of the discharge diagnosis
4b	4a receiving mental health services via DSAMH/PROMISE prior to admission
<b>Homelessness</b>	
5a	3a who are homeless
5b	5a who have been referred for housing (newly referred + already active)
5c	3c who are homeless and referred for DSAMH services
5d	5c who have been referred for housing
5e	3a who were discharged from hospital to shelters
5f	3c who were discharged from hospital to shelters
<b>Hospital Readmissions</b>	
6a	Persons discharged from DPC and each IMD in FY15
6b	30-, 90-, 180-, and 365-day Readmission Rates by LOS type

<sup>23</sup> Measures 3h and 3i related to participation in new PROMISE services. These measures have been removed because these services are still being developed. The State intends to incorporate monitoring of the use and impact of new PROMISE services in its Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement program once they are fully operational.

<sup>24</sup> The parties have agreed that Measure 3k will not be used in assessing the State's compliance because it has been subsumed by other actions the State is taking to engage high-risk individuals in services. Discussion of this measure is included for purposes of providing an update on the State's progress in addressing this issue, which was cited in previous Monitor reports.

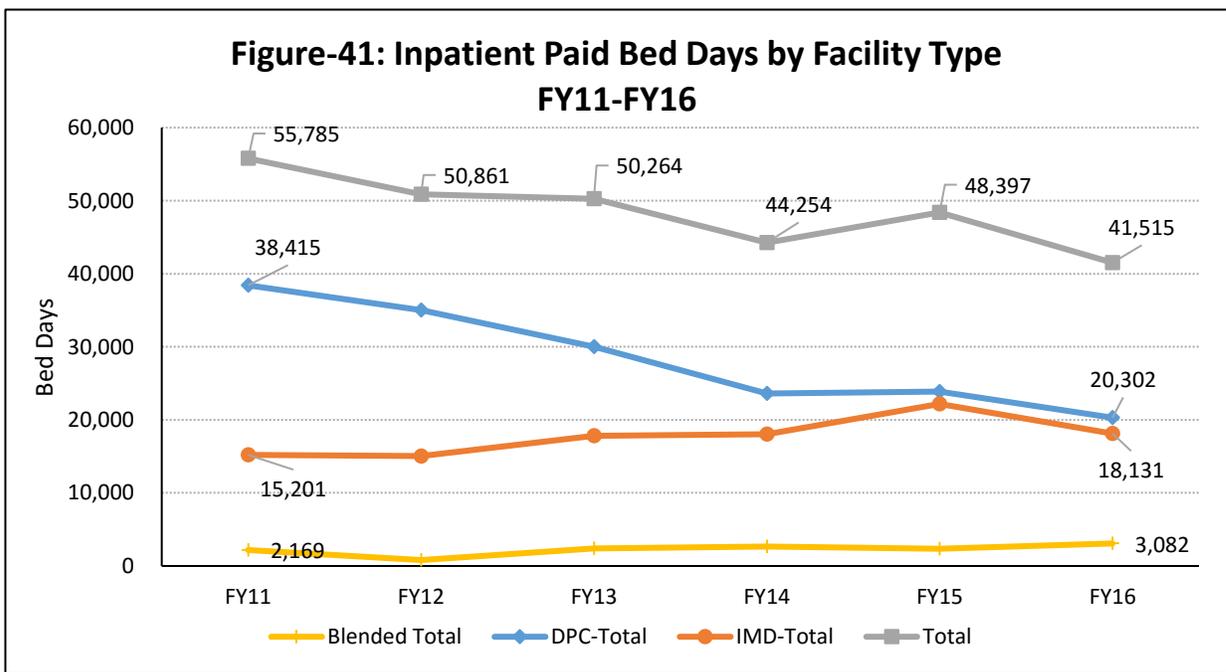
6c	1, 2, 3, or 3+ readmits to an IMD/DPC during a Fiscal Year
<b>Reliance Upon Court-Ordered Treatment</b>	
7a	Involuntary Outpatient Commitments FY11 to FY15
7b	Involuntary Inpatient Commitments FY11 to FY15
<b>DPC Average Daily Census Report</b>	
8	Data on Civil Units only

1209 As of the Monitor’s Ninth Report, the new approach to measuring the bed-day reduction provisions of  
1210 Crisis Stabilization Services had been in effect for only 2 ½ months. Although some of the measures  
1211 included in the above table had been a part of the State’s ongoing data collection, others were new.  
1212 Based upon the State’s substantial efforts to move forward on the quantitative and qualitative  
1213 components of the revised approach, the Ninth Report rated the State as “Moving Towards Substantial  
1214 Compliance” with respect to Crisis Stabilization. As is documented below, the State is now in  
1215 Substantial Compliance with the Agreement’s Crisis Stabilization provisions, as well as with provisions  
1216 relating to QA/PI. The tables and figures that follow detail the State’s status with respect to each  
1217 measure included in Table-11.

1218 *1. Bed Day Measures*

1219 The first set of measures relates to individuals with SPMI who have been hospitalized in DPC or one of  
1220 the IMDs with State funding, their lengths of stay, and timeliness of discharge. The State has been  
1221 monitoring total bed days used by the target population since the Agreement went into effect in Fiscal  
1222 Year 2011. Figure-41 presents the bed days used for each of the five years of implementation for DPC  
1223 and, combined, for the three IMDs. It also includes a small number of “Blended” hospitalizations,  
1224 relating to individuals who were admitted to an IMD and who were subsequently transferred to DPC for  
1225 continuing inpatient care because they were not stabilized within the relatively short treatment periods to  
1226 which IMD care is directed. The bed-day figures include individuals categorized as receiving Long  
1227 Term Care (in excess of 180 days), Intermediate-II Care (50-179 days), Intermediate-I Care (15-49  
1228 days), and Acute Care (14 days or fewer). DPC serves individuals falling into each of these categories.  
1229 Bed use in the IMDs overwhelmingly falls within the Acute Care category; very few hospitalizations  
1230 extend into either of the Intermediate Care categories, and none extend into Long Term Care. As is

1231 depicted in Figure-41, comparing FY 2011 with FY 2016, DPC has reduced the number of bed days<sup>25</sup>  
 1232 used by the target population by 47.2%, from 38,415 to 20,302. These reductions have mostly occurred  
 1233 with regard to Long Term Care (a 55.3% reduction from FY 2011), but were also realized in  
 1234 Intermediate Care-I and -II and Acute Care (8.7%, 4.4%, and 4.5% reductions, respectively). Care  
 1235 within the IMDs, which is mostly for 14 days or fewer, increased significantly between 2011 and 2015.  
 1236 Possibly reflecting some of the early effects of PROMISE and other improvements that the State has  
 1237 made in coordinating services between DSAMH, DMMA, the MCOs, and the IMDs, the number of bed  
 1238 days used by the target population in the IMDs dropped during the past year, from 22,179 in FY 2015 to  
 1239 18,131 in FY 2016. This is the first time this figure has declined in five years of the Agreement’s  
 1240 implementation.



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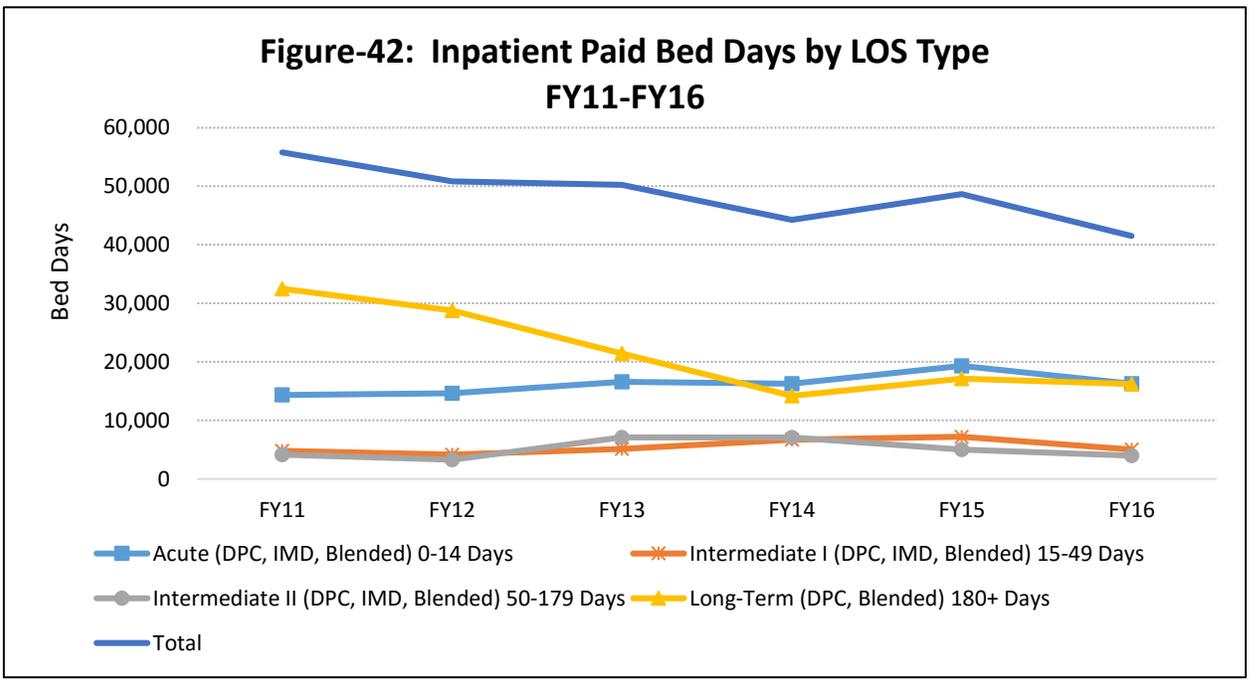
1242 Nevertheless, as of the end of FY 2016, IMD bed days were 19.3% higher than they were in FY 2011.  
 1243 Moving forward, it will be important for the State to closely monitor whether, in fact, FY 2016 showed  
 1244 the beginning of a new downward trajectory and, with the prospect of a new IMD opening in Sussex

<sup>25</sup> Only non-forensic bed-days are counted.

1245 County, whether it can continue to reduce acute care hospitalizations for people with SPMI. Figure-41  
 1246 shows the so-called Blended hospitalizations, which reflect the total of initial hospital days in an IMD  
 1247 followed by hospital days in DPC, as being relatively flat over the course of implementation. All told,  
 1248 the bed days from DPC, the IMDs, and Blended hospitalizations that entail both DPC and an IMD have  
 1249 dropped from 55,785 in Fiscal Year 2011 to 41,515 in Fiscal Year 2016, a 25.6% reduction.

1250 Figure-42 combines hospitalizations among all facilities and presents aggregate data based upon length  
 1251 of stay for each year of implementation. It shows that Long Term hospitalizations dropped significantly  
 1252 between Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2014, a period during which the State was developing its  
 1253 array of intensive community services (such as Assertive Community Treatment) and Supported  
 1254 Housing. Since 2014, Long Term Care has pretty much leveled off. Both categories of Intermediate  
 1255 Care have remained relatively stable during the implementation period. Acute Care in the IMDs and  
 1256 DPC has increased and, consistent with the discussion above, appears to begin to drop in Fiscal Year  
 1257 2016.

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1260 Table-12 provides additional information about the episodes of hospitalization for people transferred to  
 1261 DPC from an IMD; it responds to Measure 1c in Table-11. Table-12 shows DPC discharges during  
 1262 Fiscal Year 2016, including from blended hospitalizations where IMD transfers may have occurred  
 1263 during that year or earlier. Twenty-two such discharges following a blended hospitalization took place,  
 1264 with combined IMD and DPC hospital episodes ranging from 9 days to a high of 966 days. The Mean  
 1265 and Median data for these hospitalizations show that these extremes are, in fact, outliers. On average,  
 1266 blended hospitalizations lasted 134.9 days and the median number of days—that is, the number of days  
 1267 that 11 of these 22 individuals were hospitalized—is 59.0. By either measure, these are long  
 1268 hospitalizations, an outcome that is consistent with the premise that individuals who are transferred from  
 1269 IMDs to DPC have complex clinical issues that are not amenable to being resolved within the Acute  
 1270 Care periods to which IMD services are oriented.

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<b>Table-12: DPC Lengths of Stay by Admission Type FY16</b>				
<b>Admission Type</b>	<b>n of Discharges</b>	<b>Mean Bed Days</b>	<b>Median Bed Days</b>	<b>Range of Bed Days</b>
<b>Direct DPC</b>	199	132.1	25.0	2 - 6,470
<b>IMD Transfers Total</b>	22	134.9	59.0	9 - 966
<b>From Dover</b>	10	236.3	66.0	9 - 966
<b>From MeadowWood</b>	3	160.3	57.0	37 - 387
<b>From Rockford</b>	9	114.3	61.0	23 - 413
<b>Total</b>	221	132.4	27.0	2 - 6,470

1272 Table-13 concerns Measure 1d in Table-11, which relates to Blended hospital stays in which an  
 1273 individual is transferred from an IMD for longer term inpatient treatment a DPC. It shows that during  
 1274 Fiscal Year 2016, sixteen such individuals were transferred to DPC. The State calculates their lengths of  
 1275 stay as a single episode and, not surprisingly, virtually all of them (93.8%) remained hospitalized  
 1276 beyond the Acute Care period of fourteen days.

1277 Tables-12 and -13 include the data required in Measure 1b in Table-11, that is, the total number of  
 1278 individuals who were admitted to DPC from an IMD by IMD during Fiscal Year 2016 (16 individuals)  
 1279 and lengths of stay (which can only be determined once they are discharged—i.e., Table-12).

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<b>Table-13: Lengths of Stay beyond 15 Days for Direct DPC Admissions vs. IMD transfers FY16</b>			
<b>Admission Type</b>	<b>n of Admissions</b>	<b>n of Total LOS &gt;=15 Days</b>	<b>% of Total LOS &gt;=15 Days</b>
<b>Direct DPC</b>	193	128	66.3%
<b>IMD Transfers Total</b>	16	15	93.8%
<b>From Dover</b>	6	5	83.3%
<b>From MeadowWood</b>	3	3	100.0%
<b>From Rockford</b>	7	7	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	209	143	68.4%

1281 Table-14 presents data on how Blended hospital stays have trended during the course of the Agreement.  
 1282 Because the numbers are so small, calculations of changes from Fiscal Year 2011 to Fiscal Year 2016  
 1283 are not very meaningful for individual length-of-stay categories, but it is notable that there has been a  
 1284 27.5% reduction in the overall number of Blended hospitalizations during this period.

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<b>Table-14: Number of Blended Hospitalization Episodes by Length-of-Stay Category FY11- FY16</b>							
<b>Stay Type</b>	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>% Change (FY11- FY16)</b>
<b>Blended-Acute (0-14 Days)</b>	3	3	0	2	1	1	
<b>Blended-Intermediate I (15-49 Days)</b>	22	7	13	26	7	8	
<b>Blended-Intermediate II (50-179 Days)</b>	13	5	16	13	10	12	
<b>Blended-Long Term (180+ Days)</b>	2	2	4	4	9	8	
<b>Blended-Total</b>	40	17	33	45	27	29	27.5% Red.

1286 With respect to Measure 1e in Table-11, and as is presented above in Table-13, DPC reported a total of  
 1287 193 direct admissions during Fiscal Year 2016. These included individuals with complex needs and  
 1288 long histories of treatment at DPC who need additional hospital treatment, as well as individuals in need

1289 of Acute Care –particularly those who lack Medicaid or other insurance that would cover hospitalization  
1290 at an IMD.

1291 Table-15 presents data that responds to Measures 1f and 1h in Table-11, that is, statistics relating to  
1292 individuals who were directly admitted to DPC. Although the State maintains such data for other  
1293 periods as well, this table includes information for Fiscal Year 2016 only. 30.2% of individuals  
1294 discharged had durations of hospitalization that fell within the category of Acute Care (i.e., 14 days or  
1295 fewer). 42.7% had Intermediate-I lengths of stay (15-49 days), 14.1% had Intermediate-II lengths of  
1296 stay (defined as 50-179 days, but with a range of 51-170 days for these 28 individuals), and the  
1297 remainder had hospital stays in excess of 180 days.

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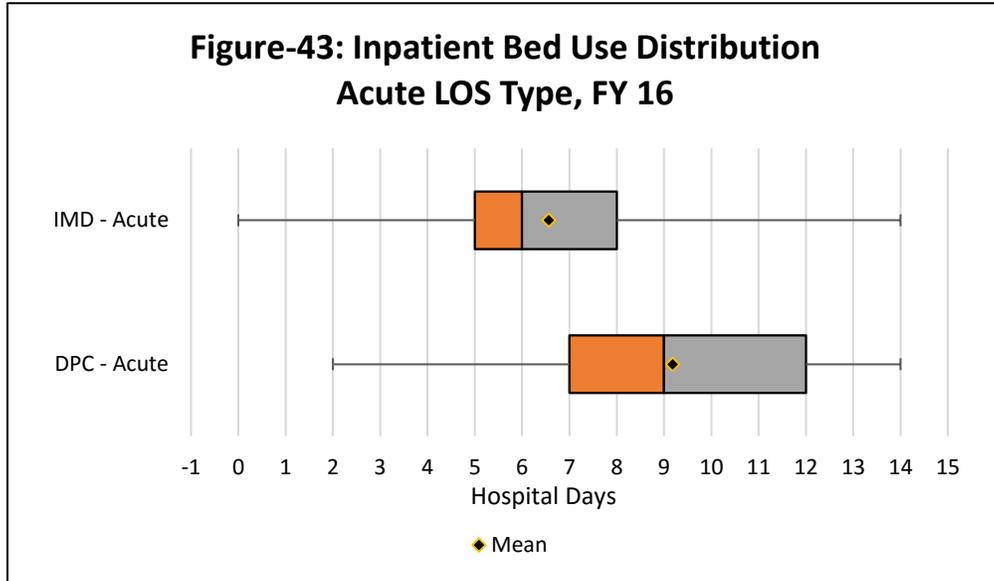
<b>Table-15: Discharges from DPC by Length of Stay Category (Direct Admissions Only) Fiscal Year 2016</b>				
<b>Admission Type</b>	<b>Number of Discharges</b>	<b>Mean Bed Days</b>	<b>Median Bed Days</b>	<b>Range of Bed Days</b>
<b>Acute</b>	60	9.2	9.0	2 - 14
<b>Intermediate I</b>	85	27.5	26.0	15 - 49
<b>Intermediate II</b>	28	86.3	70.5	51 - 170
<b>Long Term</b>	26	807.2	299.5	185 - 6,470
<b>Total</b>	199	132.1	25.0	2 - 6,470

1299 Figures-43, -44, and -45 clarify the meaning of these data. They present the distributions for lengths of  
1300 hospitalizations in DPC and the IMDs within the categories of Acute Care, Intermediate-I, and  
1301 Intermediate-II, respectively.<sup>26</sup> In each figure, the horizontal lines (sometimes called the “whiskers”)  
1302 show the range of bed days used during Fiscal Year 2016. The box represents the second and third  
1303 quartiles within this range, and the vertical line indicates the median (the length of stay reflecting 50%  
1304 of the individuals in the group). The mean, indicated by a diamond, is the average length of stay for the  
1305 group. As is shown in Figure-43, the mean and median for Acute Care discharges from DPC are about 9  
1306 days, or slightly longer than tends to be the case in the IMDs. It is likely that this difference is

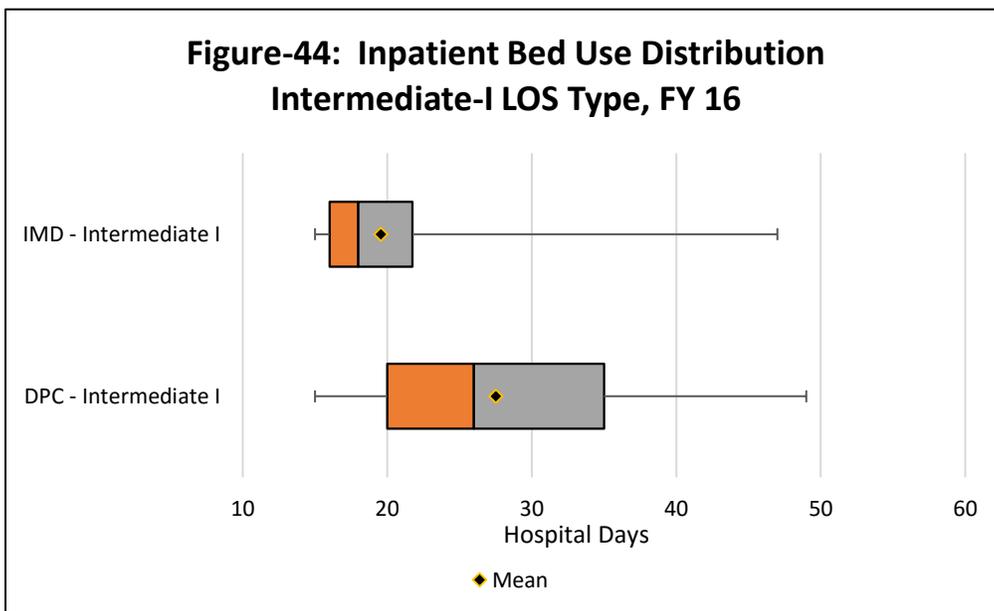
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<sup>26</sup> Long Term Care discharges were not included because there is no defined upper limit to this category.

1307 attributable to the fact that the admission and discharge processes at DPC, which entail multidisciplinary  
 1308 assessments and formal team meetings, are more involved than those utilized within the IMDs.



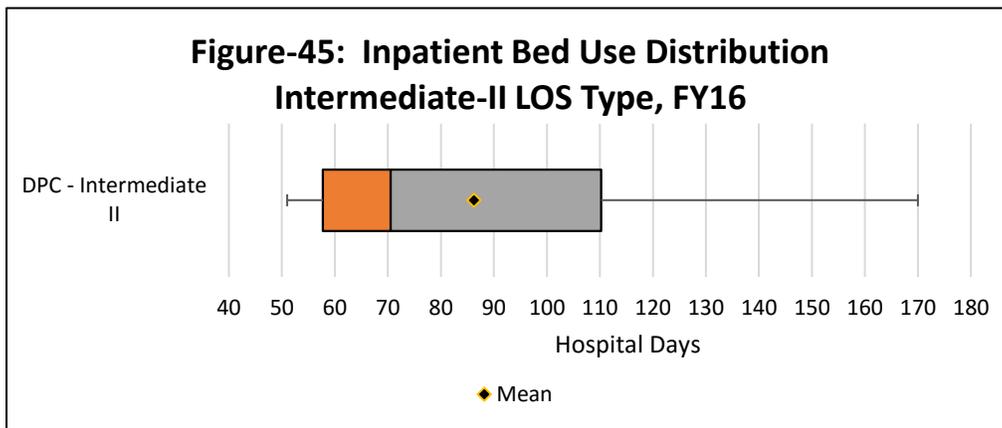
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 1310 Individuals with Intermediate-I lengths of stay represent only a small fraction of hospital discharges  
 1311 from the IMDs. The number of discharges from IMDs in Fiscal Year 2016—2,554—is almost thirteen  
 1312 times larger than those from DPC (199), and virtually all of the hospitalizations in IMDs (95%) were for



1313 Acute Care. Only about 5% of IMD discharges followed Intermediate-I lengths of stay. As is indicated  
1314 in Figure-44, they tend to last only a few days longer than Acute Care. Figure-44 shows that within  
1315 DPC, Intermediate-I hospitalizations tend to be around 26 or 27 days, and that three-fourths of the  
1316 hospitalizations in this category (the right-hand side of the box represents three quartiles) are between 15  
1317 and 35 days (49 days is the upper limit for this category).

1318 Intermediate-II lengths of stay (defined as from 50 to 179 days) are extremely rare in the IMDs. Only 2  
1319 such instances occurred in Fiscal Year 2016.<sup>27</sup> Figure-45 shows that three-quarters of the individuals  
1320 whose inpatient stays fell into the Intermediate-II category were discharged within 110 days.

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1323 Tables-16 and -17 present length-of-stay data for the IMDs similar to what was discussed above with  
1324 respect to DPC, and which is included in Figures-43 and -44. Notable in Table-17 is that the number of  
1325 hospitalizations extending beyond Acute Care is small, and that the Mean and Median of these  
1326 hospitalizations (19.6 and 18.0, respectively) are only a few days beyond what would be considered  
1327 Acute Care. Intermediate-II lengths of stay (beyond 49 days) is a rarity, reflecting only 0.1% of  
1328 discharges.

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<sup>27</sup> Because the number of Intermediate-II hospitalizations in IMDs is so small, their inclusion in the related distribution chart would not be meaningful.

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<b>Table-16: IMD Length-of-Stay Statistics by Facility FY16</b>				
<b>Admission Location</b>	<b>n of Discharges</b>	<b>Mean Bed Days</b>	<b>Median Bed Days</b>	<b>Range of Bed Days</b>
<b>IMD</b>	2,554	7.2	6.0	0 - 69
<b>Dover</b>	626	8.3	7.0	0 - 69
<b>MeadowWood</b>	911	6.1	5.0	1 - 37
<b>Rockford</b>	723	7.8	7.0	0 - 54
<b>IMD not identified</b>	294	7.3	7.0	2-36

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<b>Table-17: IMD Statistics by LOS Type FY16</b>					
<b>Admission Type</b>	<b>n of Discharges</b>	<b>Percent of Discharges</b>	<b>Mean Bed Days</b>	<b>Median Bed Days</b>	<b>Range of Bed Days</b>
<b>Acute</b>	2,426	95.0%	6.6	6.0	0 - 14
<b>Intermediate I</b>	126	4.9%	19.6	18.0	15 - 47
<b>Intermediate II</b>	2	0.1%	61.5	61.5	54 - 69
<b>Total</b>	2,554	100.0%	7.2	6.0	0 - 69

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2. Crisis Walk-In Centers

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The second set of measures relating to Crisis Stabilization concern the impact of the Crisis Walk-In Centers in evaluating individuals who are at immediate risk of hospitalization, providing crisis intervention and, as appropriate, diverting them from inpatient care. As is discussed in the section of this report dealing with provisions of the Agreement about Crisis Walk-In Centers, the State has an effective program operating in southern Delaware through the “living room model” of services, and it has just recently replaced its hospital-based walk-in center in northern Delaware with a parallel program. Because of the newness of the northern Delaware program, the State does not yet have data on its operations, but it does maintain and review comprehensive information about the Recovery Resource

1344 Center (RRC), which operates in Ellendale. Table-18 presents the State’s data relating to Measures 2a,  
1345 2b, 2c, and 2d in Table-11 for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 (it has not yet analyzed data for Fiscal Year  
1346 2016). It shows the increasing utilization of the RRC between these years, from 1,760 evaluations in  
1347 Fiscal Year 2014 to 2,183 in Fiscal Year 2015. For both years, the rate of diversion from hospitalization  
1348 has exceeded 70%.

1349 Dover Behavioral Health is the IMD serving southern Delaware. In past years, this and the other two  
1350 IMDs have had substantial numbers of direct admissions for State-funded care of individuals with SPMI  
1351 without prior screening and evaluation by a Crisis Walk-In Center. In some instances, such admissions  
1352 have been approved by DSAMH, for instance when an individual is at an immediate and serious risk of  
1353 self-harm that clearly cannot be addressed outside of a hospital. In other instances, individuals present  
1354 themselves at IMDs for admission or various emergency entities (such as police or emergency  
1355 departments of general hospitals) have initiated direct transfers. During the past year or so, the State has  
1356 taken steps to ensure that, unless circumstances dictate otherwise, individuals are afforded RRC  
1357 assessments before hospitalization occurs—particularly when such assessments are part of the civil  
1358 commitment process.

1359 As was discussed earlier, Delaware’s mental health law provides for a 24-hour hold to determine  
1360 whether an individual who is in crisis is in need of involuntary hospitalization and whether less  
1361 restrictive measures are appropriate. In the past, such 24-hour assessments have occurred within IMDs  
1362 where, for a variety of reasons, they virtually always culminated in hospitalization. By assigning this  
1363 function to the RRC, the State has appropriately sought to distinguish a 24-hour assessment period from  
1364 hospitalization itself, which increases opportunities for diversion. For this reason, Measures 2c and 2d  
1365 in Table-11 examine IMD admission with and without prior evaluation at the RRC. As is reflected in  
1366 Table-18, over 75% of IMD admissions in southern Delaware relating to members of the target  
1367 population were first evaluated and approved by the RRC. Of those hospital admissions not pre-  
1368 screened in this way, some direct admissions by IMDs were at DSAMH’s direction due to a risk of  
1369 imminent harm. These are important measures of performance that the State plans to extend to the new  
1370 RRC serving the northern part of the Delaware in that they provide opportunities to ensure that  
1371 individuals are afforded the least restrictive care appropriate (in keeping with State and federal laws) and  
1372 to drive further improvements in the system’s programs for early intervention and crisis prevention.

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<b>Table-18: Southern Delaware Referral and Diversion Breakdown</b>		
	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>
<b>Number of Individuals Evaluated at RRC Crisis Walk-In Center</b>	1760	2183
<b>Number Diverted from Hospitalizations</b>	1386	1627
<b>% Diverted</b>	78.75%	74.53%
<b>Number of Dover Behavioral Health IMD Admissions</b>	476	730
<b>Number of IMD Admissions Evaluated by RRC</b>	374	556
<b>% of IMD Admissions Evaluated by RRC</b>	78.57%	76.16%
<b>Number of IMD Admissions Not Evaluated by RRC</b>	102	174
<b>% of IMD Admissions Not Evaluated by RRC</b>	21.43%	23.84%

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1376 *3. Engagement in Community Services*

1377 The third set of new measures relating to Crisis Stabilization reflects the State’s efforts to reduce the risk  
 1378 of crises leading to hospitalization by engaging members of the target population in the network of  
 1379 community services comprised by the Agreement. Table-19 presents data on hospitalizations among the  
 1380 target population to an IMD or DPC during Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 based upon individuals’  
 1381 engagement in specialized community mental health services (through either PROMISE or DSAMH) at  
 1382 the time of hospital admission. The top half of the table presents data on all such hospital admissions  
 1383 during these periods; the lower half of the table reflects unduplicated data—that is, it takes into account  
 1384 that some individuals had more than one admission during a year. From either perspective, the findings  
 1385 of this analysis are striking. Individuals who are receiving specialized services have dramatically lower  
 1386 rates of admission than do those who are not receiving services such as ACT, Intensive Care  
 1387 Management, Supported Housing, and other services required by the Agreement. For instance, the  
 1388 unduplicated figures for Fiscal Year 2016 show that only 9.9% of hospitalizations involved individuals  
 1389 receiving specialized community services, 89.5% were not receiving these services, and a small number

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<b>Table-19: Hospitalizations of Individuals Based on Engagement with Specialized Mental Health Services</b>				
	<b>FY15 (Jan to Jun)</b>		<b>FY16 (Jul to May)</b>	
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Hospital Admissions</b>	1775		2696	
<b>Hospital Admissions Relating to DSAMH/PROMISE Clients</b>	247	13.9%	301	11.2%
<b>Hospital Admissions Not Relating to DSAMH/PROMISE Clients</b>	1528	86.1%	2395	88.8%
<b>Clients Admitted to Hospitals (Unduplicated)</b>	1339		1913	
<b>PROMISE Clients Admitted to Hospitals</b>	159	11.9%	189	9.9%
<b>Non-PROMISE Clients Admitted to Hospitals</b>	1173	87.6%	1712	89.5%
<b>Individuals Admitted to Hospitals both as non-PROMISE and PROMISE Clients</b>	7	0.5%	12	0.6%

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1392 (0.6%) were enrolled in specialized services during the course of the year.<sup>28</sup> Enrollment in PROMISE  
 1393 (or DSAMH) services entails a careful review by DSAMH of individuals’ clinical diagnoses and service  
 1394 needs. In other words, provider records of these individuals have been reviewed by DSAMH’s  
 1395 Eligibility and Enrollment Unit (EEU) to determine that, in fact, they have SPMI and that they have  
 1396 functional impairments that necessitate specialized services. That individuals with such documented  
 1397 levels of impairment represent such small numbers of hospital admissions—only 189 in Fiscal Year  
 1398 2016—reflects very positively on the overall effectiveness of Delaware’s programs to address the needs  
 1399 of inherently high-risk individuals, in keeping with the requirements and intent of the Agreement.

1400 Individuals not enrolled in PROMISE have been given diagnoses of SPMI (generally by IMDs), but  
 1401 either they have not been referred for PROMISE or the EEU has determined that they do not have SPMI  
 1402 or a need for specialized services. Monitor reports from past years noted that the State’s referral  
 1403 processes for specialized services was poorly coordinated and, in many respects, arbitrary. During the  
 1404 past two years, the State has made important improvements by creating clear triggers for referral,  
 1405 streamlining procedures for making referrals, and monitoring related quality indicators. Table-20

<sup>28</sup> Most likely, their hospitalizations triggered referrals for PROMISE services.

1406 presents the cumulative number of referrals for specialized mental health services since PROMISE was  
 1407 launched in January, 2015, totaling 3,059 as of the end of the 2016 fiscal year. As the State’s enrollment  
 1408 processes became fully operational, the number of referred individuals awaiting PROMISE  
 1409 determinations dropped from 36.6% in December of 2015 to only 1% in June of 2016. Cases closed,  
 1410 including reviews determining that individuals are ineligible, have increased to almost 30%.

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<b>Table-20: Breakdown of New PROMISE Referrals</b>						
	<b>Cumulative Referrals</b>					
	<b>As of 12/31/15</b>		<b>As of 4/30/16</b>		<b>As of 6/30/16</b>	
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Clients Referred for Specialized Mental Health Services</b>	2137		2877		3059	
<b>Clients Approved for Specialized Services</b>	873	40.9%	1808	62.8%	2117	69.2%
<b>Clients Closed (Ineligible, Refused, Moved, etc.)</b>	481	22.5%	713	24.8%	912	29.8%
<b>Clients Waiting Determination</b>	783	36.6%	356	12.4%	30	1.0%

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1413 Taken as a whole, Tables-19 and -20 document that the State is making significant progress in engaging  
 1414 individuals with SPMI with the intensive services they need to live in the community. These services  
 1415 for people determined to have significant disabilities appear to be effective in preventing their  
 1416 hospitalization. And, perhaps reflecting diagnostic practices in IMDs discussed earlier in this report,  
 1417 about 9 out of 10 hospitalizations occur with respect to people *not* receiving specialized services. While  
 1418 these individuals have been given SPMI diagnoses, either their diagnoses and service needs were not  
 1419 validated in EEU reviews, services were not implemented because of other factors (e.g., client refusal),  
 1420 or they were not referred. Because non-PROMISE clients account for about 90% of the State-funded  
 1421 hospital admissions (representing very significant public expenditures), and given the evident  
 1422 effectiveness of PROMISE services in preventing hospitalizations of individuals with SPMI, the State  
 1423 should redouble its efforts to understand why these admissions are occurring in such high numbers.

1424 Measure 3j in Table-11 concerns the timeliness of provider contact with members of the target  
1425 population who are hospitalized. This issue was discussed above in the section “Community Provider  
1426 Involvement,” and related statistics were presented in Figures-12 and 13.

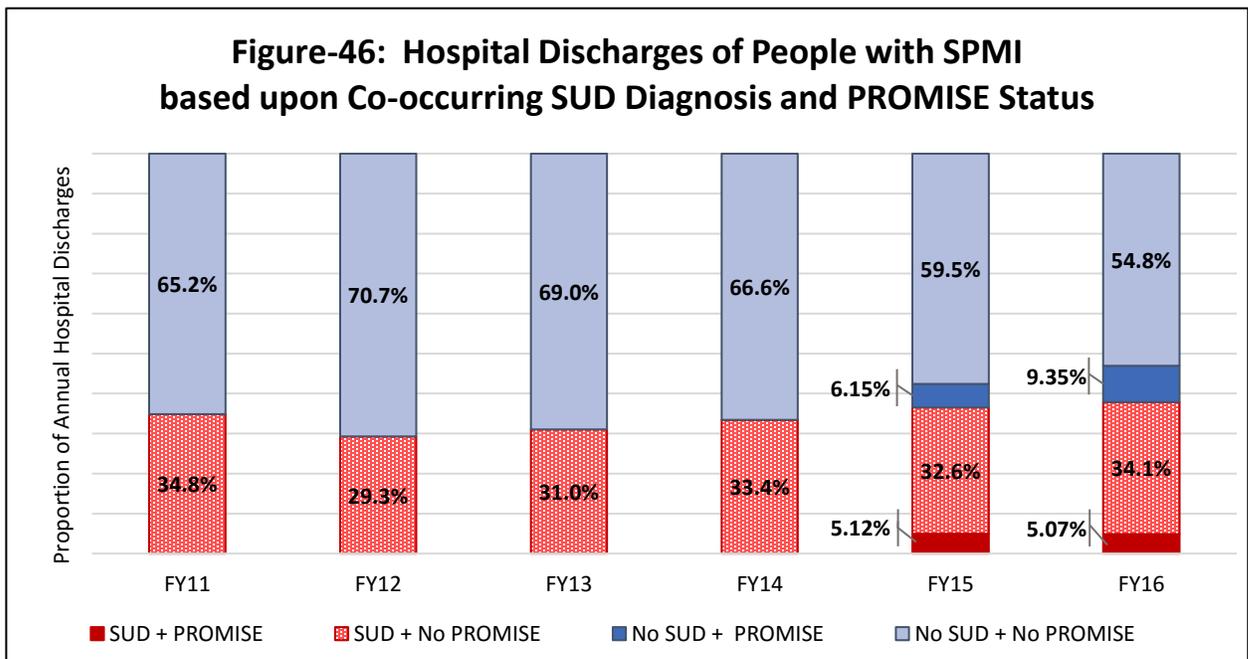
1427 Measure 3k in Table-11 relates to the State’s progress in referring for specialized mental health services  
1428 454 high-risk individuals, who were identified in 2014. As has been discussed in earlier Monitor  
1429 reports, these individuals, who had multiple psychiatric hospitalizations, appeared to have clear needs  
1430 for specialized mental health services but were not referred via the IMDs, MCOs, or another entity under  
1431 the arrangements that were in effect at the time of their hospitalizations. In response (and also as  
1432 discussed in past Monitor reports), the State launched an aggressive program of outreach and  
1433 engagement, although due to the time lag since the hospitalizations occurred, it had only mixed results.  
1434 As was discussed above, the State has since significantly improved its system for referring individuals  
1435 with SPMI for specialized services and, for instance, if they come to be hospitalized, a referral for  
1436 PROMISE is now assured. Furthermore, it has notified the MCOs of beneficiaries who were members  
1437 of this high-risk group so that engagement efforts can occur even absent hospital admission. In light of  
1438 these factors, Measure 3k in Table-11 is essentially subsumed by the other monitoring efforts discussed  
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1441 *4. Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorders*

1442 As was referenced earlier, many informants have indicated that individuals who primarily have  
1443 substance use disorders (SUD) were being admitted to IMDs and diagnosed with SPMI. While these  
1444 individuals may have a need for intensive services, psychiatric hospitalization may not be the most  
1445 appropriate course of treatment. Furthermore, for purposes of monitoring the Agreement’s provisions  
1446 with respect to psychiatric hospital bed use by the target population, such admissions may artificially  
1447 inflate inpatient numbers attributed to people with SPMI. With the intent of better positioning the State  
1448 to address this issue, measurements were included to reflect the determination (upon hospital discharge)  
1449 that individuals diagnosed with SPMI also have substance use issues. Figure-46 presents data from  
1450 Fiscal Year 2011 through Fiscal Year 2016 reflecting the breakdown of hospital discharges of the target  
1451 population with—and without—SUD diagnoses in addition to SPMI diagnoses. For Fiscal Years 2015  
1452 and 2016, Figure-46 also includes information on whether or not individuals were receiving specialized

1453 mental health services (via PROMISE).<sup>29</sup> It shows that SUD diagnoses represent increasing proportions  
 1454 of discharges between individuals with and without PROMISE, accounting for 37.7% of discharges in  
 1455 2015 (32.6% + 5.1%) and 39.2% (34.1% + 5.1%) in 2016. Furthermore, and in keeping with data  
 1456 discussed earlier, whether or not individuals have been diagnosed with SUD, individuals receiving  
 1457 PROMISE services account for only a small proportion of hospitalizations. In fact, for each of these  
 1458 fiscal years, only 5.1% of the hospital discharges related to individuals with SPMI (as vetted via the  
 1459 PROMISE eligibility process) and who also had SUD.



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1462 **5. Homelessness**

1463 Homelessness is an important risk factor for hospitalization, and is specifically referenced in the  
 1464 Agreement in defining priority populations for community services.<sup>30</sup> The Target Priority Population  
 1465 List identifies 905 individuals who have histories of homelessness. While they represent 7.1% of the  
 1466 total number of individuals on the list, because these numbers may well be inflated by individuals who  
 1467 do not have SPMI (e.g., due to the diagnostic practices referenced earlier), they likely represent a larger  
 1468 proportion of the population to which the Agreement is directed. For instance, the Monitor’s regular

<sup>29</sup> Enrollment information in DSAMH services predating PROMISE was not available.

<sup>30</sup> Section II.B.2.f

1469 meetings with members of the target population find that self-reports of prior homelessness are very  
 1470 commonplace. As was discussed earlier with respect to the Agreement’s Supported Housing provisions,  
 1471 the State has consistently met or surpassed its requirements for funding integrated mainstream housing  
 1472 that prioritizes homeless individuals. Furthermore, DPC has been diligent in ensuring that homeless  
 1473 individuals are linked with housing, and it is now extremely rare and indicative of special circumstances  
 1474 when homeless individuals are discharged to shelters.

1475 In part because of the past diffuse oversight of referrals of Medicaid-covered individuals for specialized  
 1476 mental health services, homelessness was not being appropriately addressed for many individuals  
 1477 diagnosed with SPMI who were not served through DSAMH. Past reports of the Monitor described  
 1478 numerous instances in which such individuals were repeatedly admitted to IMDs, identified as homeless,  
 1479 and discharged back into homelessness. The State has since moved to aggressively remedy this situation  
 1480 and, with oversight by DSAMH and the MCOs, homeless individuals with SPMI are now regularly

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<b>Table-21: IMD Housing Assessment Homelessness Breakdown</b>				
	<b>FY15 (Mar, Apr, Jun)</b>		<b>FY16 (Jul to Dec, Feb to Jun)</b>	
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Hospital Admissions for State Funded Clients</b>	947		2,524	
<b>Homeless</b>	47	4.96%	160	6.34%
<b>Receiving DSAMH Services</b>	9	19.15%	20	12.50%
<b>Referred for EEU/TCM</b>	11	23.40%	57	35.63%
<b>Referred for TCM Only</b>	19	40.43%	68	42.50%
<b>Discharged to shelters</b>	8	17.02%	14	8.75%
<b>Dover</b>	1	12.50%	13	92.86%
<b>MeadowWood</b>	1	12.50%	1	7.14%
<b>Rockford</b>	6	75.00%	0	0.00%

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1483 identified by the IMDs and referred for services, either via PROMISE or Targeted Care Managers.

1484 Because of the significant linkage between homelessness and the risk of hospitalization, a set of

1485 indicators relating to the identification of homeless individuals and their referral for housing and other  
1486 services was included in the revised format for measuring progress in reducing hospital bed use. Table-  
1487 21 presents data relating to Measures 5a through 5f,<sup>31</sup> as delineated in Table-11. With regard to the  
1488 individuals discharged from IMDs to shelters, all were offered alternative services, but declined those  
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1491 *6. Hospital Readmissions*

1492 In defining the priority service population, Section II.B of the Agreement identifies people with SPMI  
1493 and histories of psychiatric hospitalization as at high risk of unnecessary institutionalization. Measure  
1494 6a in Table-11 is the number of individuals within the target population who were discharged from DPC  
1495 or an IMD during Fiscal Year 2015, Measure 6b concerns their rates of re-hospitalization, and Measure  
1496 6c identifies the number of single and multiple readmissions during the year.

1497 Tables-22, -23 and -24 present the State’s analyses of discharges and readmission rates (i.e., Measures  
1498 6a and 6b) for the Fiscal Years 2011, 2014, and 2015, respectively.<sup>32</sup> The readmission rates are  
1499 differentiated by the categories of lengths of hospitalization (i.e., Acute Care, Intermediate, etc.), as well  
1500 as by the time periods since an individual’s date of discharge—1-30 days, 31-90 days, 91-180 days, and  
1501 181-365 days. The readmission rates are calculated based upon an individual’s re-hospitalization in any  
1502 facility, not necessarily the same facility in which earlier hospital care had been provided.<sup>33</sup>

1503 From year to year, there has been considerable variation in readmission patterns. In each year,  
1504 readmission rates of people who were hospitalized for 14 days or fewer were highest during the first  
1505 thirty days following discharge. Also notable, is that in every year the readmission rates of individuals  
1506 who receive Long Term Care are low. In fact, in 2014, there were no readmissions of individuals who

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<sup>31</sup> As is indicated, data for some months is missing because of incomplete submissions by the IMDs.

<sup>32</sup> Data for Fiscal Year 2016 was incomplete as of the time of this report.

<sup>33</sup> Delaware’s data includes both its state-operated facility (DPC) and private psychiatric hospitals (IMDs). The most widely used national norms are compiled by the Substance use and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services, but they relate to state hospitals only. The 2015 SAMHSA national adult readmission rates for 30 days following discharge from a state hospital were 8.4%, and for 180 days were 18.9%. Reporting on DPC only, Delaware’s rates as reported to SAMHSA were lower than the national norms, at 7.7% and 10.7%, respectively. But unlike the data presented in this report, which include hospitalizations and readmissions (with state funding) to any facility, SAMHSA’s data reflects discharges from, and readmissions to, state hospitals only. The Monitor is not aware of any national norms that are comparable to the data presented here.

1507 had been hospitalized for 181 days or longer. Among people discharged in Fiscal Year 2015, two  
 1508 individuals were readmitted within 30 days of discharge following Long Term Care at DPC,<sup>34</sup> and an  
 1509 additional readmission occurred between 31 and 90 days following discharge from DPC. No individuals  
 1510 who had received Long Term Care at DPC were readmitted that year following 91 days or beyond in the

<b>Table-22: Inpatient Readmissions FY11</b>									
	Number of Discharges (FY11)	1-30 Days		31-90 Days		91-180 Days		181-365 Days	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Acute</b>	<b>2334</b>	308	13.20%	222	9.51%	175	7.50%	200	8.57%
<b>Intermediate I</b>	<b>187</b>	31	16.58%	14	7.49%	17	9.09%	9	4.81%
<b>Intermediate II</b>	<b>51</b>	4	7.84%	6	11.76%	2	3.92%	7	13.73%
<b>Long Term</b>	<b>37</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	5.41%	1	2.70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2609</b>	343	13.15%	242	9.28%	196	7.51%	217	8.32%

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<b>Table-23: Inpatient Readmissions FY14</b>									
	Number of Discharges (FY14)	1-30 Days		31-90 Days		91-180 Days		181-365 Days	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Acute</b>	<b>2042</b>	349	17.09%	231	11.31%	204	9.99%	236	11.56%
<b>Intermediate I</b>	<b>238</b>	44	18.49%	25	10.50%	20	8.40%	31	13.03%
<b>Intermediate II</b>	<b>90</b>	8	8.89%	6	6.67%	5	5.56%	8	8.89%
<b>Long Term</b>	<b>27</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2397</b>	401	16.73%	262	10.93%	229	9.55%	275	11.47%

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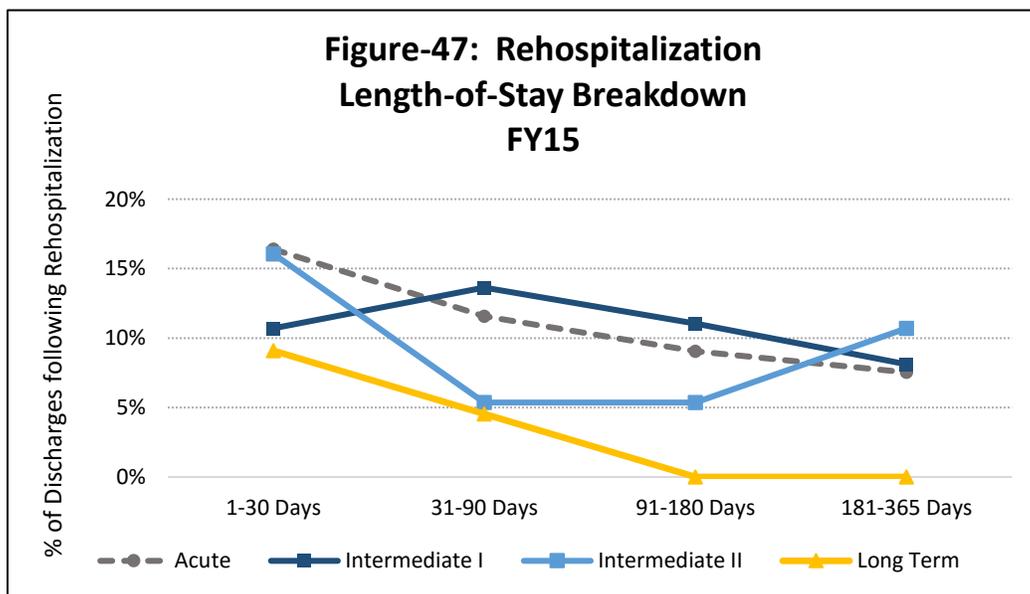
<sup>34</sup> As was indicated earlier, the IMDs do not provide Long Term Care so, although these tables do not identify the hospital, individuals readmitted following Long Term Care would have received that care at DPC.

Table-24: Inpatient Readmission FY15									
	Number of Discharges (FY15)	1-30 Days		31-90 Days		91-180 Days		181-365 Days	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Acute	2695	442	16.40%	312	11.58%	244	9.05%	203	7.53%
Intermediate I	308	33	10.71%	42	13.64%	34	11.04%	25	8.12%
Intermediate II	56	9	16.07%	3	5.36%	3	5.36%	6	10.71%
Long Term	22	2	9.09%	1	4.55%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3081</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>15.77%</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>11.62%</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>9.12%</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>7.59%</b>

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1514 community. As was referenced earlier, this is an important accomplishment because of the clinical and  
 1515 social challenges affecting individual who require extended hospitalizations. Figure-47 provides a  
 1516 graphic representation of the readmission inpatient patterns following each category of hospitalization  
 1517 where discharges occurred during Fiscal Year 2015.

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1520 Table-25 responds to Measure 6c in Table-11, presenting the number of single and multiple  
 1521 readmissions in Fiscal Years 2011, 2014, and 2015. DSAMH has a Quality Assurance initiative relating  
 1522 to individuals who have multiple readmissions, including those represented in this table. This study

1523 focuses on high-end users (at DPC and/or an IMD) with four or more hospitalizations, 30 days of  
 1524 inpatient care within a one-year period, or three hospital admissions within any 90-day period. The  
 1525 State’s scan of various data sources revealed that 41 individuals met one or more of these criteria within  
 1526 the 2015 calendar year (it regularly updates its list). DSAMH established a High-End User Review  
 1527 Committee that is monitoring the status of and treatment afforded to these individuals, and is guiding  
 1528 actions to reduce their use of inpatient care. The Committee, which meets monthly, has been evaluating  
 1529 aggregate data and solicited providers’ input as to strategies to mitigate the risk of readmissions. It will  
 1530 present its findings and recommendations to the DSAMH Steering Committee in September, 2016.

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<b>Table-25: Readmission Counts (All Hospitals)</b>			
<b>Number of Readmissions</b>	<b>FY11 Count</b>	<b>FY14 Count</b>	<b>FY15 Count</b>
<b>1</b>	330	381	392
<b>2</b>	137	169	185
<b>3</b>	67	74	71
<b>3+</b>	58	71	104

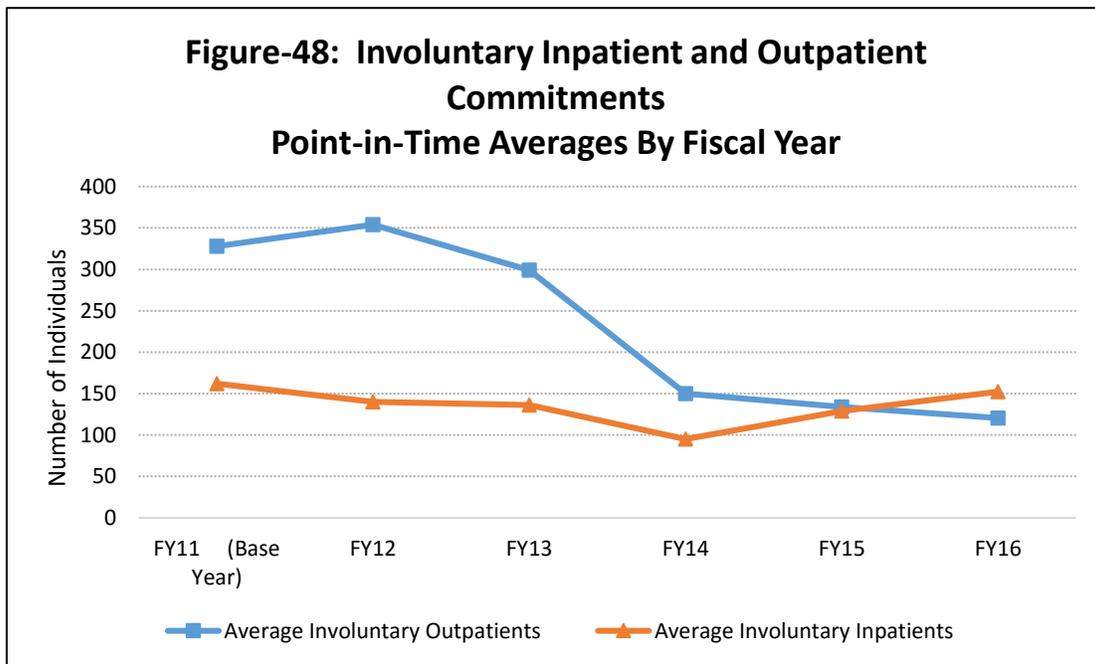
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1533 *7. Reliance Upon Court-Ordered Treatment*

1534 Early reports of the Monitor described an over-reliance on court-ordered treatment, both for hospital  
 1535 care and on an outpatient basis. Individuals were regularly committed to outpatient treatment in the  
 1536 absence of clear legal criteria and with court orders that were not specific with respect to what they were  
 1537 actually required to do. Nevertheless, if a mental health professional determined that such individuals  
 1538 were not being “amenable” to treatment, a warrant could be issued for them to be taken into custody and  
 1539 hospitalized—apparently, even if civil commitment criteria were not met.

1540 Even before the long-overdue revisions in the State’s mental health laws were finalized, the State took  
 1541 affirmative measures to correct such practices to ensure that the individuals who have SPMI that it  
 1542 serves are afforded treatment through the least restrictive means appropriate and that involuntary  
 1543 treatment was no longer used as a matter of routine or convenience, or to leverage access to services.

1544 Figure-48 documents the State’s significant progress in reducing its reliance on involuntary inpatient  
 1545 and outpatient services for people with SPMI. Between Fiscal Year 2011 (when implementation of the  
 1546 Agreement began) and Fiscal Year 2016, the number of individuals subject to involuntary outpatient  
 1547 commitment decreased by 63.3% (from 328 to 121). Aside from the striking percentage change, this  
 1548 finding is important on several levels. First of all, these decreases occurred without apparent adverse  
 1549 consequences and coincided with the State making significant expansions and improvements in its  
 1550 community-based services for people with SPMI. Secondly, as is discussed in the next section, during  
 1551 this period the State dramatically increased its community placement of individuals receiving long-term  
 1552 care at DPC—that is, individuals who tended to remain hospitalized because of the significant levels of  
 1553 their disability, their clinical complexity, their intense service needs, and often their persistent  
 1554 problematic behavior. Finally, the absolute numbers of people receiving court-ordered outpatient  
 1555 treatment reduced as the overall number of people being served in the public system increased, from  
 1556 5,469 individuals receiving some sort of DSAMH service in Fiscal Year 11 to 7,892 individuals  
 1557 receiving such services in Fiscal Year 2015—a 44% increase.<sup>35</sup> Thus, reductions in outpatient  
 1558 commitments as a percentage of individuals with SPMI being served is even more significant than is  
 1559 represented in Figure-48.



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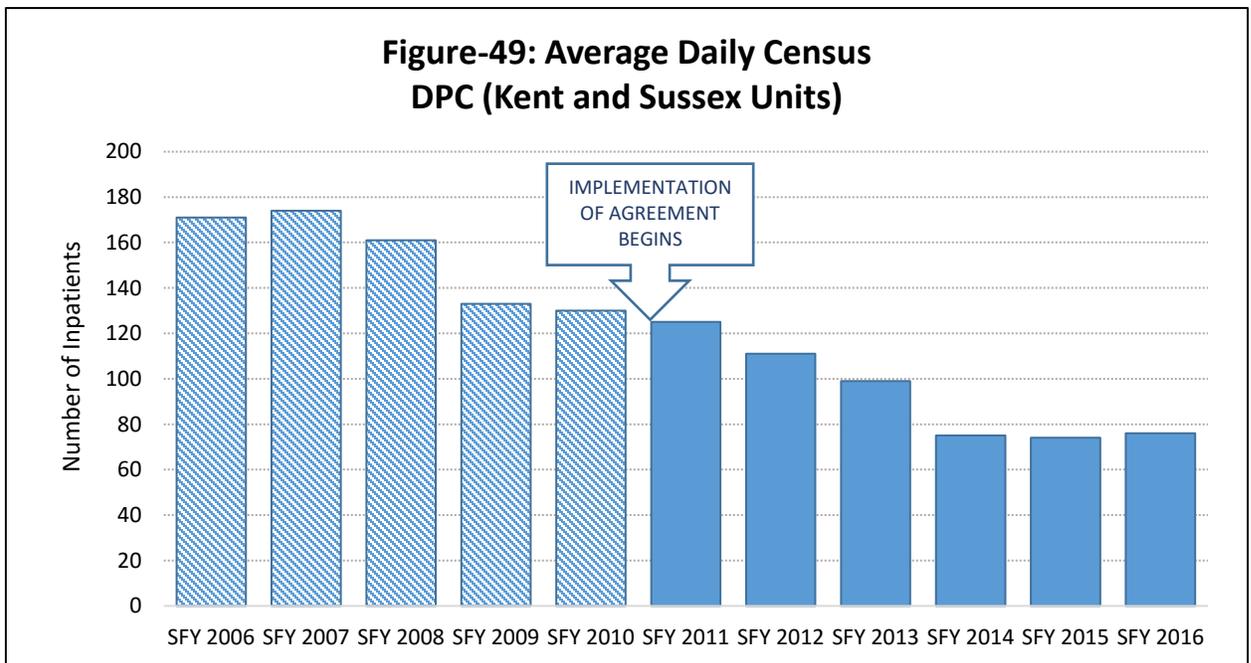
<sup>35</sup> University of Pennsylvania Service Use Rates

1561 Involuntary hospitalizations have reduced, as well, but not as consistently or dramatically as the  
1562 outpatient commitment rates. In Fiscal Year 2014, court ordered hospitalizations dropped by 41%  
1563 relative to the year 2011, but the rate has since ticked up again and, as of Fiscal Year 2016, there is only  
1564 a 6.1% reduction relative to the base year. The reasons for this are unclear, and given the State’s interest  
1565 in moving towards a more recovery-oriented, voluntary model of services, court-ordered hospitalization  
1566 rates should warrant further analysis and action. Overall, however, the State has made significant  
1567 progress in reducing its reliance on coercive treatment since implementation of the Agreement began.

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1569 8. DPC Census

1570 The final quantitative measure relating to hospital bed-days used by the target population concerns the  
1571 census at DPC. Figure-49 presents the average daily census for non-forensic patients at that facility for  
1572 Fiscal Years 2006 through 2016. In Fiscal Year 2016, the average daily census for these individuals was  
1573 76, which represent a 55.6% reduction from 2006 and a 42% reduction since 2010, just prior to  
1574 implementation of the Agreement.



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1576 The Agreement does not specifically require reductions in civil beds used at DPC, however, per the  
1577 ADA, *Olmstead*, and other laws, it does require that individuals not be segregated in hospitals when they

1578 can be served in the community instead. The State’s reduction in its Long Term Care bed use at DPC,  
1579 as well as its downsizing the number of civil beds reflect its own determination of hospital bed needs in  
1580 light of the array of community services that it has developed in accordance with the Agreement.

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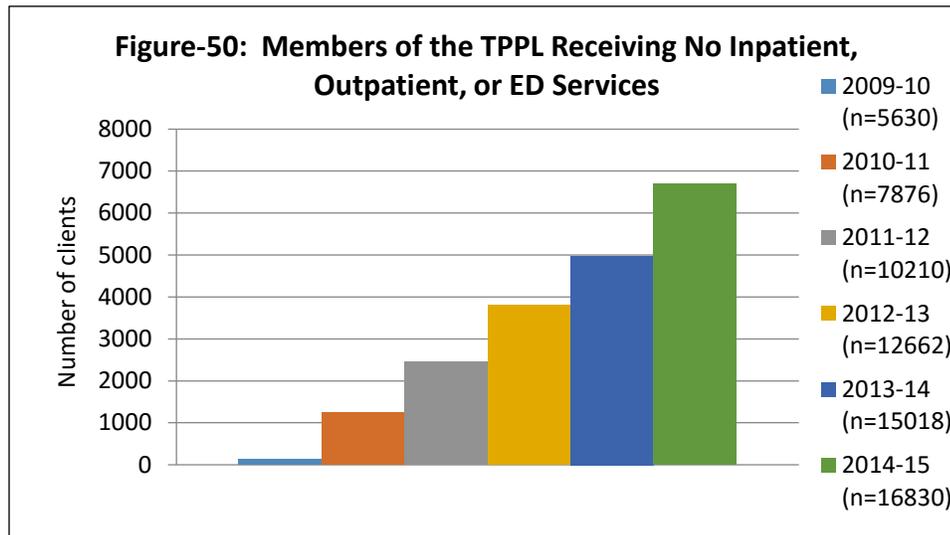
1582 9. Addressing Diagnostic Issues

1583 While individuals with SPMI can do well in the community (as is evidenced throughout this report),  
1584 they generally require an array of community services and supports and, even with these supports, some  
1585 may require brief re-hospitalizations. Recent data analyses from the University of Pennsylvania  
1586 researchers show a surprising number of individuals who have been diagnosed with SPMI (often in  
1587 association with hospitalization at an IMD), but then receive no subsequent treatment. Thus, although  
1588 receiving hospital care ostensibly for SPMI, they are not referred for specialized mental health services  
1589 through DSAMH, are not re-hospitalized, and do not receive generic mental health treatment through  
1590 Medicaid providers. As was discussed earlier, several sources have suggested that there may be a  
1591 significant population of individuals who are admitted to IMDs and misdiagnosed with SPMI when they  
1592 actually have issues attendant to SUD. They may not be receiving appropriate services and, both for  
1593 purposes of monitoring the Agreement and for the State’s QA/PI activities that will extend beyond the  
1594 Agreement, these individuals may be distorting important data relating to the needs and outcomes of  
1595 individuals who do, in fact, have SPMI. Accordingly, the State initiated a study of single-episode  
1596 hospital utilization, which is examining case records of a sample of individuals who have diagnoses of  
1597 SPMI upon discharge from an IMD, but who have no further encounters with the system for extended  
1598 periods of time.

1599 The researchers report that about 24% of individuals diagnosed with SPMI and included on the TPPL  
1600 have no treatment—inpatient, outpatient, or in an emergency department—in the two years following  
1601 their initial identification. Furthermore, as is presented in Figure-50, over five years, these individuals  
1602 account for almost 40% of the TPPL.<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> As was referenced earlier, the University of Pennsylvania and the State’s criteria for inclusion on the TPPL vary somewhat.



1604 Because these findings are not consistent with what would be expected for individuals who have SPMI,  
 1605 they are being used by the State to better understand how these individuals come to be admitted to IMDs  
 1606 and so diagnosed, and whether their service needs would be more appropriately addressed in other ways.  
 1607 A preliminary analysis of some individuals who were included on the TPPL in Fiscal Year 2011 (i.e.,  
 1608 2010-11 in the Figure above) and who had further treatment in the subsequent four years found that, co-  
 1609 occurring with SPMI diagnoses, 16.7% had primary discharge diagnoses of substance or alcohol use,  
 1610 40% had these as secondary diagnoses, and 33.3% had these as a third discharge diagnoses. All of these  
 1611 factors support the importance of the State continuing to evaluate whether in fact these individuals are  
 1612 being appropriately diagnosed and served and the degree to which they are distorting hospitalization  
 1613 rates (and costs) and other outcomes that are being attributed to individuals with SPMI. The State's  
 1614 initial approach was to identify a sample of these individuals and to conduct thorough reviews of their  
 1615 clinical records within IMDs and, as may be applicable, with other service providers involved in their  
 1616 hospitalization. The intent was to clarify the trajectory leading individuals to hospital care and to begin  
 1617 to identify opportunities for diversion accordingly. Unfortunately, the State encountered difficulties in  
 1618 accessing the sample's clinical records; it is now exploring alternative strategies for this important  
 1619 effort.

1621 As has been presented in this section, the State is carrying out extensive QA/PI activities and it is now  
1622 doing so in a comprehensive way, using the Quality Control Steering Committee as its coordinating  
1623 body. It is in Substantial Compliance with Section V.A of the Agreement (relating to a Quality  
1624 Assurance and Performance Improvement System), as well as with Contracting (Section V.C), Quality  
1625 Service Reviews (V.D), and Use of Data (V.E), which are closely related.

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1627 **XIV. Risk Management**

1628 *Substantial Compliance.*

1629 The ninth Monitor’s report found the State to be in Partial Compliance with regard to Risk Management,  
1630 but noted that it was taking steps to meet the requirements of the Agreement, as delineated in Section  
1631 V.B. The State’s essential problem was not so much that it lacks risk reduction programs, but that these  
1632 functions are spread across various agencies and have not had a clear mechanism for integrated analysis.  
1633 With respect to the Agreement, this has been a particular problem in the IMDs, where most of the  
1634 hospital admissions of the target population occur. Reporting of complaints and adverse events in IMDs  
1635 depends upon which agency has jurisdiction:

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- 1637 a. DSAMH receives reports for incidents which occur within an IMD for all individuals  
1638 who receive services through DSAMH, as required by its contracts with community  
1639 providers.
- 1640 b. DMMA, via its contracted MCOs, receives reports for incidents which occur within an  
1641 IMD for all individuals whose care is paid for by DMMA, as required by DMMA’s  
1642 contracts with the MCOs. DMMA also requires IMDs to provide incident reports  
1643 directly to the Division for those individuals receiving Medicaid on a fee-for-service  
1644 basis.
- 1645 c. The Division of Long Term Care Residents Protection (DLTCRP) receives reports from  
1646 IMDs related to incidents of abuse, neglect, mistreatment, or financial exploitation.

1647 Delaware law requires IMDs to report such incidents to the DLTCRP, and dictates the  
1648 DLTCRP's response.

1649 d. The Department of Public Health (DPH) conducts hospital surveys on behalf of the  
1650 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and receives reports from IMDs  
1651 when deaths occur due to the use of seclusion or restraint.

1652 What the State lacked was a central clearinghouse where analyses of risks and adverse events affecting  
1653 the target population could occur with the collective involvement of all responsible agencies and through  
1654 which patterns of risk could be identified and addressed systemically. As was discussed in the  
1655 Monitor's ninth report, in the Spring of 2016, the State put into effect memoranda of understanding  
1656 affecting DSAMH, DMMA, DLTCRP, and DPH to ensure information-sharing relating to risk  
1657 management. Furthermore, it is now convening Incident Review Meetings and Quality Control Steering  
1658 Committee Meetings where risk management information relating to the target population is being  
1659 consolidated and discussed with multi-agency input. The State has provided information and otherwise  
1660 taken appropriate action in accordance with the recommendations regarding risk management that were  
1661 included in the ninth Monitor's report. Finally, the Peer Review Subcommittee relating to Senate Bill  
1662 245, referenced early in this report, is charged with examining critical incident reports and root cause  
1663 analyses relating to the target population.

1664 In summary, the State has taken significant measures to unify its risk management processes relating to  
1665 the target population and, given that oversight of these functions by the Peer Review Subcommittee is  
1666 now enshrined in law, the improvements it has put into place are likely to continue. The State is rated as  
1667 being in Substantial Compliance with the Agreement's Risk Management requirements.

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#### 1669 **D. Conclusion**

1670 This report has detailed the State of Delaware's successful efforts to meet the requirements of the  
1671 Settlement Agreement it entered into with the U.S. Department of Justice in 2011 with the goal of  
1672 promoting recovery and community integration of individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness  
1673 whom the State serves. The Monitor's finding that the State is in Substantial Compliance with the

1674 Agreement is based not only upon the extensive data presented here, but also upon the self-reports of  
1675 individuals served by the Delaware’s public mental health system, such as those presented at the  
1676 beginning of this report.

1677 The Monitor’s first report, issued January 30, 2012, included the following observation with regard to  
1678 implementation of the Agreement:

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1680 It is obviously too soon to predict the ultimate success of this endeavor. Stakeholders  
1681 frequently remind the Monitor that they have witnessed a succession of prior  
1682 investigations, failed reform efforts, short-sighted decisions and unfulfilled promises  
1683 relating to Delaware’s mental health system. They express genuine interest in the  
1684 wellbeing of citizens with SPMI, tempered by some skepticism—perhaps, well-founded,  
1685 given these experiences—as to the ultimate meaning of this newest “fix”.  
1686 Overwhelmingly, their concern is not so much about whether the positive outcomes  
1687 required by the Settlement Agreement are achievable, but rather whether the effort will be  
1688 sustained, whether innovation will be encouraged, whether bureaucratic loopholes and  
1689 challenges will be corrected, and whether the resources needed to allow individuals with  
1690 SPMI to live and thrive in integrated community settings will remain available over time.<sup>37</sup>

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1692 As is discussed throughout this report, there is ample evidence that, over these five years, the positive  
1693 outcomes required by the Agreement (and the Americans with Disabilities Act, the *Olmstead* decision,  
1694 and other laws on which the Agreement is based) have been significantly achieved for people with  
1695 SPMI. Furthermore, the sustainability of these outcomes is supported by changes in the State’s laws,  
1696 administrative structures, reimbursement mechanisms, and service culture. It is also supported by a  
1697 large, engaged, and vocal constituency including individuals with SPMI who are served by the system,  
1698 their families and friends, Delaware’s peer movement, providers, and other stakeholders. The State’s  
1699 now impressive data systems allow these constituents to examine service outcomes, to hold public  
1700 programs accountable, and to recognize innovation and success. The State’s services for people with

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<sup>37</sup> Page 2.

1701 SPMI are not flawless, but there is increasing unity and momentum regarding the goal of enabling these  
1702 individuals to move from the social margins and to live as ordinary Delawareans as full members of  
1703 their communities.

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1706 Court Monitor

## **APPENDICES**

## Appendix-A

### Diagnoses Indicative of Serious and Persistent Mental Illness used in Constructing the Target Priority Population List

P-Dx Cde Formal	P-Dx Literal
F20.81	Schizophreniform disorder
F20.9	Schizophrenia
F20.90	Schizophrenia
F21	Schizotypal personality disorder
F21.0	Schizotypal personality disorder
F21.00	Schizotypal personality disorder
F22	Delusional disorder
F22.0	Delusional disorder
F22.00	Delusional disorder
F25	Schizoaffective disorder, Bipolar type
F25.0	Schizoaffective disorder, Bipolar type
F25.00	Schizoaffective disorder, Bipolar type
F25.1	Schizoaffective disorder, Depressive type
F25.10	Schizoaffective disorder, Depressive type
F29	Unspecified schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorder
F29.0	Unspecified schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorder
F29.00	Unspecified schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorder
F31	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode hypomanic
F31.0	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode hypomanic
F31.00	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode hypomanic
F31.11	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode manic, Mild
F31.12	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode manic, Moderate
F31.13	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode manic, Severe
F31.2	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode manic, With psychotic features
F31.20	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode manic, With psychotic features
F31.31	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode depressed, Mild
F31.32	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode depressed, Moderate
F31.4	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode depressed, Severe
F31.40	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode depressed, Severe
F31.5	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode depressed, With psychotic features
F31.50	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode depressed, With psychotic features
F31.73	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode manic, In partial remission
F31.74	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode manic, In full remission
F31.75	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode depressed, In partial remission
F31.76	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode depressed, In full remission
F31.81	Bipolar II disorder

F31.89	Other specified bipolar and related disorder
F31.9	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode hypomanic, Unspecified
F31.9	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode manic, Unspecified
F31.9	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode depressed, Unspecified
F31.9	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode unspecified
F31.9	Unspecified bipolar and related disorder
F31.90	Bipolar disorder
F33.1	Major depressive disorder, Recurrent episode, Moderate
F33.10	Major depressive disorder, Recurrent episode, Moderate
F33.2	Major depressive disorder, Recurrent episode, Severe
F33.20	Major depressive disorder, Recurrent episode, Severe
F33.3	Major depressive disorder, Recurrent episode, With psychotic features
F33.30	Major depressive disorder, Recurrent episode, With psychotic features
F33.41	Major depressive disorder, Recurrent episode, In partial remission
F33.42	Major depressive disorder, Recurrent episode, In full remission
F33.9	Major depressive disorder, Recurrent episode, Unspecified
F33.90	Major depressive disorder, Recurrent episode, Unspecified
F60	Paranoid personality disorder
F60.0	Paranoid personality disorder
F60.00	Paranoid personality disorder
F60.1	Schizoid personality disorder
F60.10	Schizoid personality disorder
F60.3	Borderline personality disorder
F60.30	Borderline personality disorder

**Appendix-B**  
**Community Living Questionnaire**

### COMMUNITY LIVING QUESTIONNAIRE

To be Filled Out By The Community Service Provider when the client first enters the public system either through a referral from a hospital or from the EEU, and then to be filled out annually and included in the EEU packet and submitted to the EEU.

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Care Manager Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

These questions are about things you would like considered when we think about you moving to your own place. We will talk about the neighborhood where you might live, the kind of housing you would like best, whether or not you want housemates, what kind of help you want and anything else that is important to you about where you live.

<input type="checkbox"/> I am adequately housed and not in need of a different location now. However, I have these concerns:  <input type="checkbox"/> Please see Housing Plan Assessment
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1. What are your feelings about moving to your own place, either on your own or w/another person?			
1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm eager to get my own place	<input type="checkbox"/> I have mixed feelings about getting my own place	<input type="checkbox"/> I have some worries about living in my own place	<input type="checkbox"/> I haven't given much thought to living in my own place
If you have some worries about moving into your own place, what are your concerns?			
How might we make things easier for you?			
Where were you living before you came here?			
When was the last time you lived in your own place?			

*As we fill out this form together, let's be sure that we think about where you'd like to live and how we can take care of anything that you may be worried about.*

2. How much choice would you like to have over the place you live?		
1	2	3
<input type="checkbox"/> No choice at all	<input type="checkbox"/> Some Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> A great deal of choice

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<b>3. How much choice would you like to have over the neighborhood where you live?</b>		
1 <input type="checkbox"/> No choice at all	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Some Choice	3 <input type="checkbox"/> A great deal of choice

<b>4. Please rate your community living choice, rating 3 as your top pick</b>			
<b>How much would you like to live...</b>	Not at all	Somewhat	A lot
By yourself in your own apartment or house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In a house or apartment with another person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you'd like to live with another person, do you have anyone in mind who you'd like as a housemate? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Name-		How do you know this person?
Something different from either one of these	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have something different in mind, what would it be:			
<b>5. How important is each of the following in making a choice about where you live?</b>	Not important at all 1	Somewhat important 2	Very important 3
Location is near or with people you like?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who are some of these people?	How do you know them?	Where do they live?	
Location is near your old neighborhood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where is your old neighborhood?			

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	Not important	Somewhat important	Very important
Location is near services, recreation and transportation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety of the neighborhood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You can move into this place right away—it's available now?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decorating and furnishing your home yourself	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having a pet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having someone else to take care of repairs and maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having a yard or garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having children around the place you live	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being able to have a car and parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What floor your place is on	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having privacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having people around that you can talk to	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other things that are important to you:			
<p>7. Do you need anything special to help you get around your house or apartment? Y / N</p> <p>If yes, what kind of things do you need: <input type="checkbox"/> No steps <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair ramp <input type="checkbox"/> Elevator <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Things to help you with seeing problems <input type="checkbox"/> Things to help you with hearing problems</p>			



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√	Service or Support	Frequency (per mth)	Duration (months)	Provider	Barriers/Comments	N/A
	<b>ADL</b>					
	1. Grooming – hair, mouth care, bathing, shaving					
	2. Dressing					
	3. Feeding self					
√	Service or Support	Frequency (per mth)	Duration (months)	Provider	Barriers/Comments	N/A
	4. Bathing					
	5. Need of assistance for tub/shower					
	<b>IADL</b>					
	1. Cleaning/housekeeping chores					
	2. Laundry					
	3. Shopping					
	4. Transit mobility – bus					
	5. Basic money exchange					
	6. Meal/food preparation					
	7. Going to the store					
	8. Durable medical mobility equip. – walker, cane, wheelchair, etc					
	9. Adult Protective Services					
	10. Case Mgt – generic					
	11. Case Mgt – intensive					
	12. Coaching – shopping					
	13. Chore/companion/home maker					
	14. Congregate meals/senior center					
	15. Family training					
	<b>Financial Management and Counseling</b>					
	1. How to budget					

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	2. Understanding guardianship or alternative payee					
	<b>Hearing Challenges</b>					
	<b>Friendly Visitor</b>					
	<b>Telephone Reassurance</b>					
	<b>Habilitation/Supported Employment</b>					
√	Service or Support	Frequency (per mth)	Duration (months)	Provider	Barriers/Comments	N/A
	<b>Home Delivered Meals</b>					
	<b>Home Health Rehabilitation</b>					
	1. Diabetes Mgmt					
	2. Psychotropic and/or medical Rx mgmt					
	3. Medical mgmt i.e. COPD, asthma, Hep C, early dementia					
	4. Speech					
	<b>Home Modification</b>					
	<b>Home Repairs/Weatherization</b>					
	<b>Legal</b>					
	<b>Mental Health Counseling</b>					
	<b>Medicine Refills/Clinics</b>					
	<b>Occupational Therapy</b>					
	1. In home OT services					
	2. OT consultant services					
	<b>Peer Supports</b>					
	<b>Visual Challenges</b>					
	<b>Physical Therapy</b>					
	1. In home PT services					
	2. Need for staff training					
	<b>Rental Assistance</b>					
	<b>Respite – Individual</b>					

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	<b>Respite – Caregiver</b>					
	<b>Substance Abuse Services</b>					
	<b>Transportation</b>					
	<b>Voc Rehab/Job Counseling</b>					
	<b>Wellness Checks/Health Maintenance</b>					
√	Service or Support	Frequency (per mth)	Duration (months)	Provider	Barriers/Comments	N/A
	<b>Referrals for Diabetes Management</b>					
	<b>Referrals for Smoking Cessation</b>					

Clinical Team Review	Printed Name	Signature	Date
<b>Person Served</b>			
<b>Nursing</b>			
<b>Psychiatry</b>			
<b>Social Work</b>			
<b>Psychology</b>			
<b>Occupational Therapy</b> (when applicable)			
<b>Physical Therapy</b> (when applicable)			
<b>Other/specify</b>			
<b>Community Provider</b>			
If client was unable to collaborate to help complete the form by required time frame, date and initial subsequent attempts to complete: _____/_____/_____/_____/_____/_____/_____/_____			

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Client / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Social Worker Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix-C**  
**CRISP Interview**



*DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES*

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Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

**CRISP Interview**  
**Revised 12/3/14**

**Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research**  
**University of Pennsylvania**

## **Interview Introduction**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am a peer specialist, which means that I have had personal experience with mental health problems in my lifetime. I am very pleased to be able to spend some time with you today. I am interviewing individuals who are in DPC, or have recently been in DPC who are planning to move into the community. We are attempting to find out what community services work the best for supporting individuals with mental health problems in the community. The information that I collect from you is confidential.

I will interview you today and contact you again in about 12 months to ask you for some updated information. If you decide to participate, myself or another peer specialist will follow-up and interview you annually for the next five years.

This interview will take about 30 minutes. Please let me know if you are uncomfortable with any of the questions or would prefer to not answer a specific question. I will stop the interview if you decide, for any reason, that you do not want to participate. Do you have any questions?



**CRISP INTERVIEW**

**Physical Health**

How would you rate your overall health right now?

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't Know
- Refused

Where do you receive your primary health care?

- Community health clinic
- Private provider in community
- CRISP provider
- ED (hospital)
- Don't know
- Refused

When did you last see your Primary Care Physician?

- Within 30 days
- Within 6 months
- Within 2 yrs.
- Over 2 yrs.
- Don't know
- Refused

Please indicate the answer that best describes your current health today.

**Mobility**

- I have no problems walking about
- I have some problems walking about
- I am confined to bed

**Self-Care**

- I have no problems with self-care
- I have some problems washing and dressing myself
- I am unable to wash or dress myself

**Usual Activities**

- I have no problems with performing my usual activities (e.g. work, study, housework, family or leisure activities)
- I have some problems with performing my usual activities
- I am unable to perform my usual activities

**Pain/Discomfort**

- I have no pain or discomfort
- I have some pain or discomfort
- I have extreme pain or discomfort

**Anxiety/Depression**

- I am not anxious or depressed
- I am moderately anxious or depressed
- I am extremely anxious or depressed

**Other Details about Physical Health:**

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**Mental Health**

How well you were able to deal with your everyday life **during the past 30 days.** Please indicate your disagreement/agreement with each of the following statements.

STATEMENT	RESPONSE OPTIONS						
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	REFUSED	NOT APPLICABLE
1. I deal effectively with daily problems.	<input type="radio"/>						
2. I am able to control my life.	<input type="radio"/>						
3. I am able to deal with crisis.	<input type="radio"/>						
4. I am getting along with my family.	<input type="radio"/>						
5. I do well in social situations.	<input type="radio"/>						
6. I do well in school and/or work.	<input type="radio"/>						
7. My housing situation is satisfactory.	<input type="radio"/>						
8. My symptoms are not bothering me.	<input type="radio"/>						

For each question below, please indicate how often you had the following feelings in the **past 30 days.**

QUESTION	RESPONSE OPTIONS						
	All of the Time	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	A Little of the Time	None of the Time	REFUSED	DON'T KNOW
<b><u>During the past 30 days,</u></b> about how often did you feel ...							
1. nervous?	<input type="radio"/>						
2. hopeless?	<input type="radio"/>						
3. restless or fidgety?	<input type="radio"/>						
4. so depressed that nothing could cheer you up?	<input type="radio"/>						
5. that everything was an effort?	<input type="radio"/>						
6. worthless?	<input type="radio"/>						

**Other Details about Mental Health:**

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**Substance Use**

The following questions relate to your experience with alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. Sometimes medications are prescribed by a doctor (like pain medications). I will only record prescription medications if you have taken them for reasons or in doses other than prescribed by your doctor.

QUESTION	RESPONSE OPTIONS					
	Never	Once or Twice	Weekly	Daily or Almost Daily	REFUSED	DON'T KNOW
<b><u>In the past 30 days</u></b> , how often have you used...						
1. tobacco products (cigarettes, chewing tobacco, cigars, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/>					
2. alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/>					
3. other drugs not prescribed by a doctor? (i.e. illegal drugs)	<input type="radio"/>					
4. drugs prescribed by a doctor but misused?	<input type="radio"/>					
5. over use of over-the-counter drugs such as sleeping aids or diet drugs?	<input type="radio"/>					

**Other Details about Substance Use:**

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**Trauma**

**Have you ever** seen or experienced violence or trauma such as physical assault, psychological or sexual mistreatment, natural disaster, terrorism, or neglect?

- Yes       No       Don't Know       Refused

**Other Details about Trauma:**

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**Perception of Care/Satisfaction**

Please tell me what you think about the services you received **during the past 30 days.**

STATEMENT	RESPONSE OPTIONS						
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Refused	Not Applicable
*Indicates key questions							
1. *Staff here believe that I can grow, change and recover.*	<input type="radio"/>						
2. I felt free to complain.	<input type="radio"/>						
3. I was given information about my rights.	<input type="radio"/>						
4. Staff encouraged me to take responsibility for how I live my life.	<input type="radio"/>						
5. Staff told me what side effects to watch out for.	<input type="radio"/>						
6. Staff respected my wishes about who is and who is not to be given information about my treatment. (i.e. staff members, family, friends)*	<input type="radio"/>						
7. Staff were sensitive to my cultural background (race, religion, language, etc.).	<input type="radio"/>						
8. Staff helped me obtain the information I needed so that I could take charge of managing my illness.	<input type="radio"/>						
9. *I was encouraged to use consumer run programs (support groups, drop-in centers, crisis phone line, etc.)*	<input type="radio"/>						
10. I felt comfortable asking questions about my treatment and medication.	<input type="radio"/>						
11. I, not staff, decided my treatment goals.	<input type="radio"/>						
12. I like the services I received here.	<input type="radio"/>						
13. *If I had other choices, I would still get services from this agency.*	<input type="radio"/>						
14. I would recommend this agency to a friend or family member.	<input type="radio"/>						

**Other Details about Perception/Satisfaction with Care:**

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**Social Connectedness**

Please indicate your disagreement/agreement with each of the following statements. Please answer for relationships with persons other than your mental health provider(s) **over the past 30 days.**

STATEMENT	RESPONSE OPTIONS					
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	REFUSED
1. I am happy with the friendships I have.	<input type="radio"/>					
2. I have people with whom I can do enjoyable things.	<input type="radio"/>					
3. I feel I belong in my community.	<input type="radio"/>					
4. In a crisis, I would have the support I need from family or friends.	<input type="radio"/>					

**Other Details about Social Connectedness:**

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**Housing**

<b><u>In the past 30 days</u></b> how many ...	Number of Nights/ Times	REFUSE!	DON'T KNOW
1. nights have you been homeless?	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. nights have you spent in a hospital for mental health care?	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. nights have you spent in a facility for detox/inpatient or residential substance abuse treatment?	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. nights have you spent in correctional facility including jail, or prison?	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What housing/living environment would you prefer?	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
5. Live in a place/home where staff are accessible 24 hrs/day, such as assisted living, supervised housing or group homes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Live in a place such as transitional or group home, where staff/advocate help you with personal care needs, such as shopping, using the telephone, taking medicine, managing your money, doing your laundry, helping with medical care and other activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Live in a place where staff/advocate can help you make a smooth transition to your own housing, such as supervised living (staff are not available 24 hours/day).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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| 8. Live in a place where staff provide activities and things to do in the community, such as bowling, movies, mall shopping, picnic, etc. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Live in a place by yourself where there is assistance with your physical health care only.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. Live by yourself.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 11. Live with your family.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. Live with friends.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Details about Housing:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Crime and Criminal Justice Status**

**In the past year**, how many times have you been arrested?

\_\_\_\_ # TIMES                       REFUSED     DON'T KNOW

**Other Details about Crime and Criminal Justice Status:**

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**Interview Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ (minutes)

