



HARM REDUCTION DIVERSION

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WHAT IS HR-DIVERSION?

- Diverting individuals arrested for low level drug possession (personal use quantity) and public intoxication offenses out of the Criminal Justice System.
- By referring those individuals to Health and Humans Services.
- Testing the hypothesis that addicted individuals do not belong in the Criminal Justice System and that results will improve through a pure treatment approach.
- Effective January 1, 2021, for a one year pilot.

WHY HR-DIVERSION?

- Over the last several years, criminal consequences for drug possession and use offenses have been consistently lessened.
 - Prop 36 and Prop 47

PILOT PROGRAM POLICY & PROTOCOL

- This pilot program is focused on personal drug-use and alcohol use cases.
- These cases often arise during an investigation into some other unrelated crime and the individual is found in possession of drugs, paraphernalia or is under the influence.
- Participants are given two separate opportunities (cases) in a 12 month period to voluntarily engage in treatment with HHSA. DA files charges on 3rd violation.
- A treatment referral letter is sent by the DA to the offender with a copy sent to HHSA, who then takes over all treatment oversight and responsibility.

GOALS

- To treat low-level drug and public intoxication crimes conceptually similar to other public health issues.
- To divert thousands of low-level recreational drug/alcohol uses out of the criminal justice system and into the health care system.
- Reduce the strain on our office and the courts preventing us from dedicating resources to serious and violent cases.
- Reduce the strain on law enforcement who serve meaningless warrants and suppression hearings instead of protecting the community.
- To address racial and class disparities within the current system.

YOLO COUNTY REALITY

- Since 2014, drug court participation has decreased by 86%;

- * Prop 47 was enacted in November 2014

YOLO COUNTY REALITY BEFORE THIS PILOT

(2019 SNAPSHOT OF DRUG
POSSESSION PROSECUTIONS)

- 792 drug-related cases filed by DA.
- 390 dismissed as part of 'multiple case' plea bargain or otherwise (49%), 56 resulted in conviction (7%).
- 17 of those convicted received jail time (avg. 27 days).
- 316 pending (39%) as Fail to Appear in Court or unresolved.
- 29 (3.6%) accepted court-supervised drug diversion

FIRST 6 MONTHS — JANUARY TO JUNE 2021

- HHSA was referred 323 unique individual names by the DA:
 - 48 people contacted the access line for screening or were already in treatment (14.9%);
 - 35 ended up in treatment or continued their treatment (10.8%);
 - The remaining 13 who contacted the access line did not end up being treated;
 - 11 did not complete screening and two contacted the access line because of a mental health crisis and not a substance use disorder.

SYSTEMS ARE COMPLICATED!

Client Experience:

- Insurance
- Housing/Homelessness
- Behavioral Health Needs
- Food
- Transportation
- Criminal Justice Involvement
- Vocational/Job Training

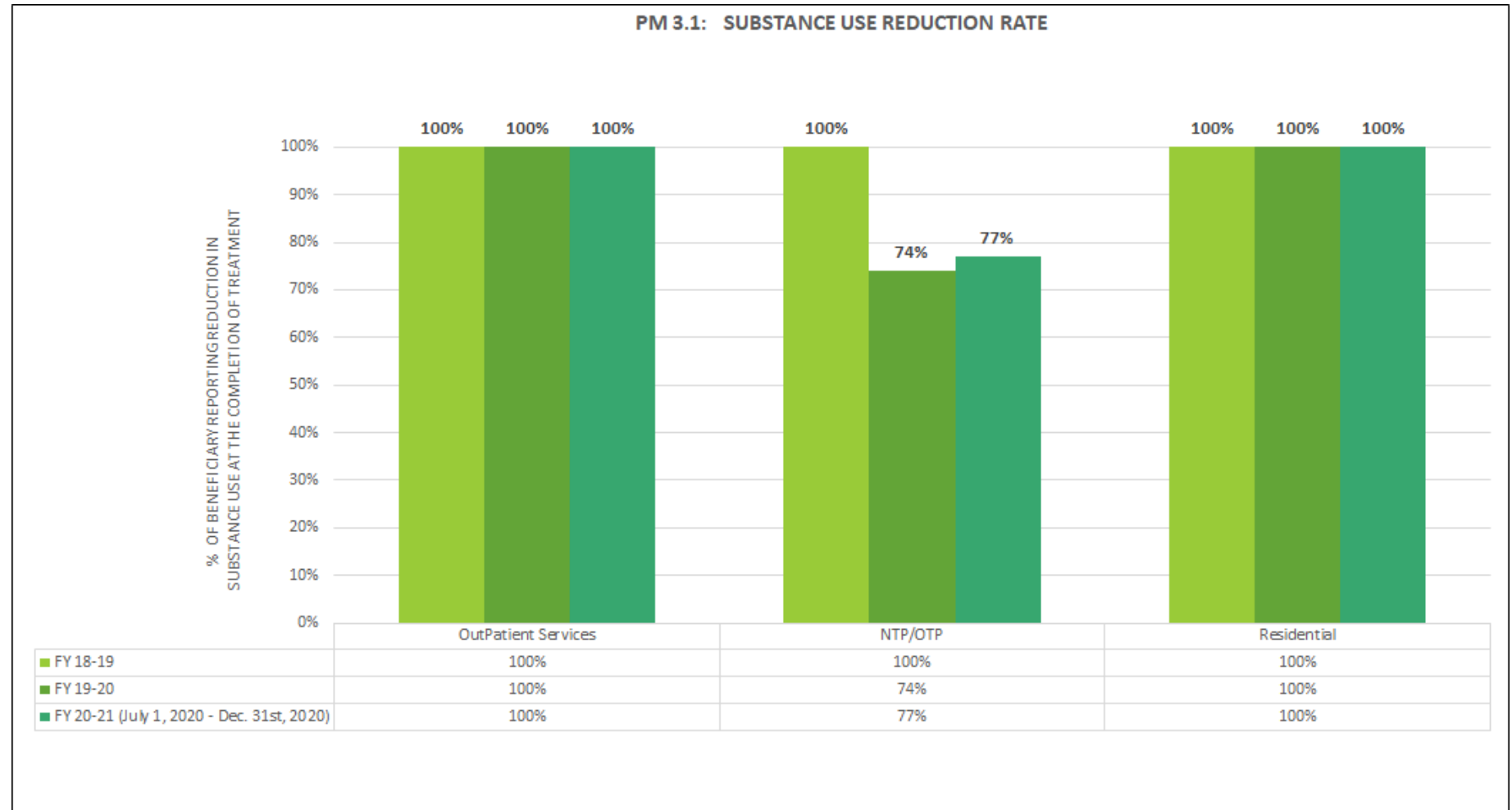
LESSONS LEARNED

- Stigma about substance use remains and is exacerbated when criminal justice system is involved.
- Letters and phone numbers are not enough.
- Support to navigate clients is critical because of system and life factors.
- Open doors are not enough.
- We know treatment works if we get can get clients there.

Retention Rate

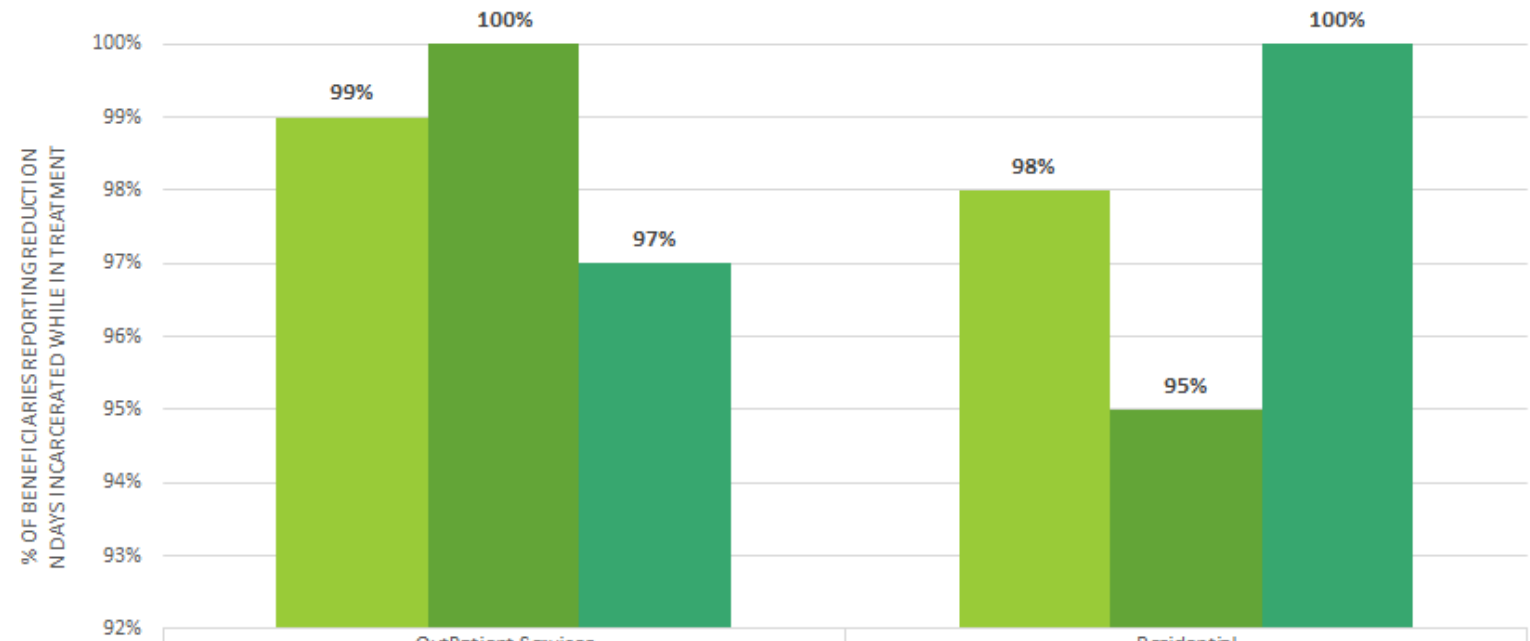


Substance Use Reduction Rate



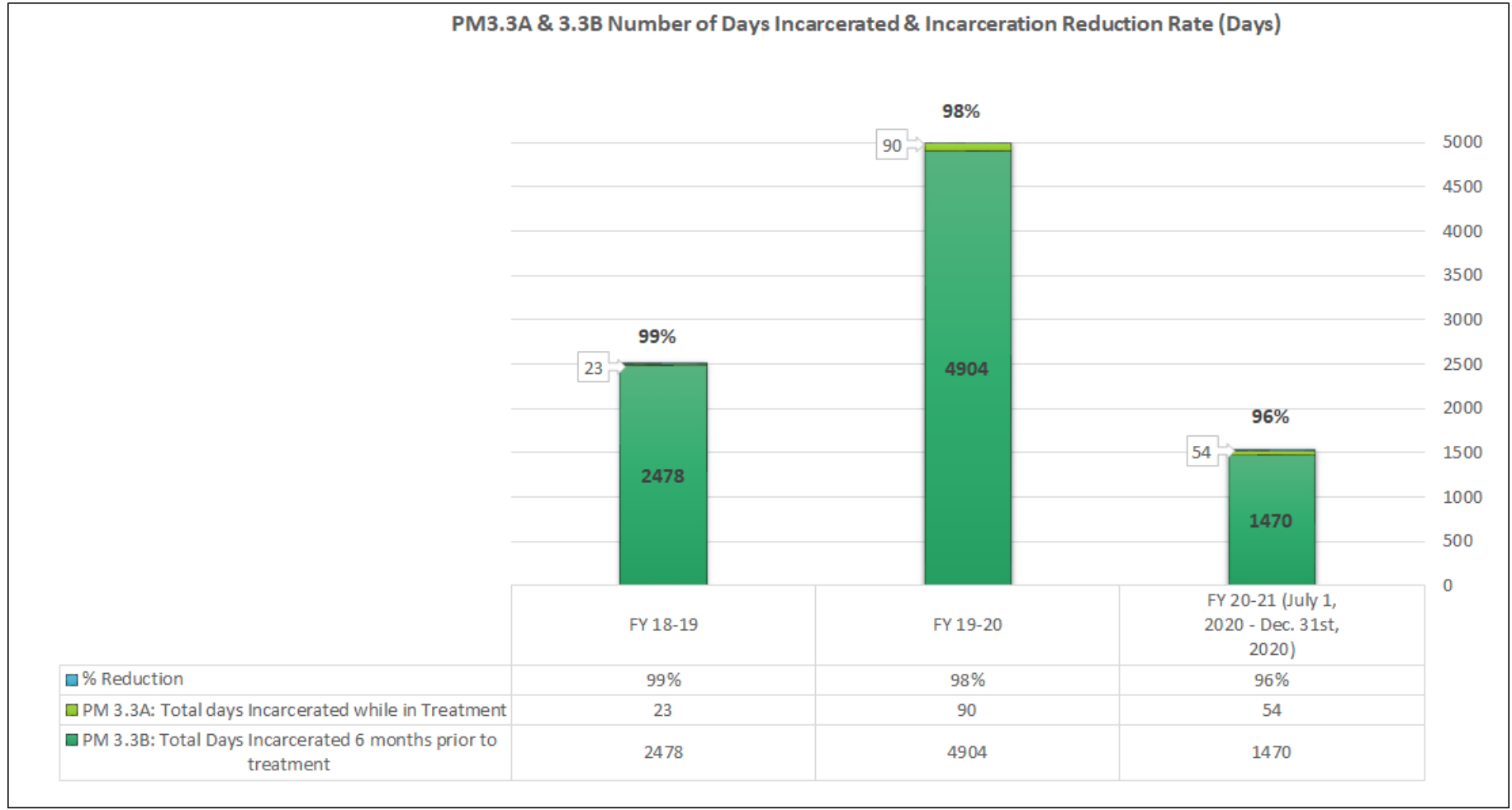
Incarceration Reduction Rate (Beneficiary)

PM 3.2: INCARCERATION REDUCTION RATE (BENEFICIARY)



	OutPatient Services	Residential
FY 18-19	99%	98%
FY 19-20	100%	95%
FY 20-21 (July 1, 2020 - Dec. 31st, 2020)	97%	100%

Number of Days Incarcerated & Incarceration Reduction Rate (Days)



BEST PRACTICES - TRUST AND DIRECT HELP (NOT MORE “REFERRALS”)

Peer
Advocates

Navigators
within systems

Direct
Transportation

Direct to
client funds

Warm Hand-
offs



SABG ARPA/CRRSAA Funding

- More peers
- More transportation options
- More housing/recovery residence options



Community Corrections Partnership Funding

- Increased substance use services
- Residential and Recovery Residences
- Re-Entry Opportunities
- Vocational/Job Training Opportunities



SOR2 – System of Care Project

- 24 month TA process for SUD Ecosystem
- Implement recommendations
- Build capacity

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES