

CHAPTER 552: COMPETENCY CHALLENGES

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Competency in Missouri

- Across the nation, significant portion of public sector behavioral health beds are serving individuals who have been determined to be incompetent to stand trial
- Missouri, like all other states, has seen a significant increase in the number of commitments of those found incompetent to stand trial
- The DMH is continually at absolute bed capacity for competency restoration
- Efficient management of our resources is critical

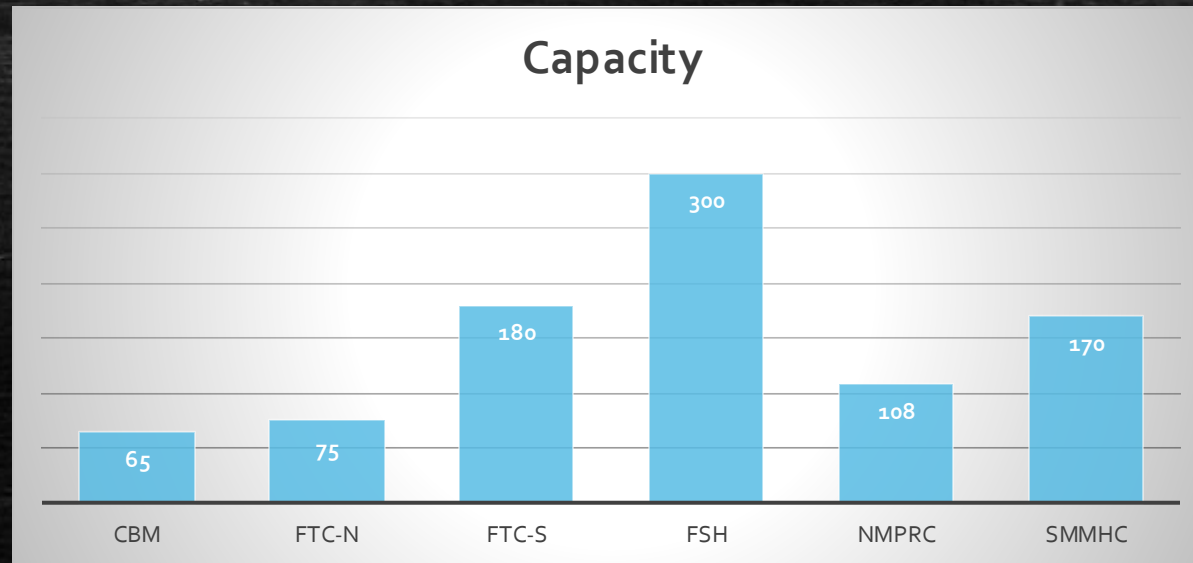
Evaluations

- Chapter 552 RSMo
 - Evaluations/IST/NGRI
- Increased number for pretrial evaluations requested/completed



Capacity

- Finite number of beds

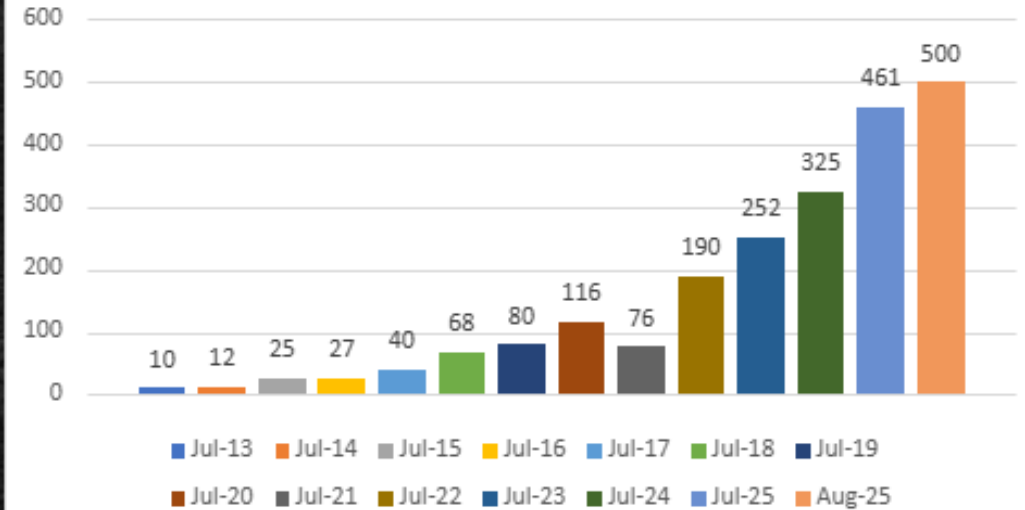


Evaluations/Admissions List

Pretrial Evaluations Completed



IST Waiting



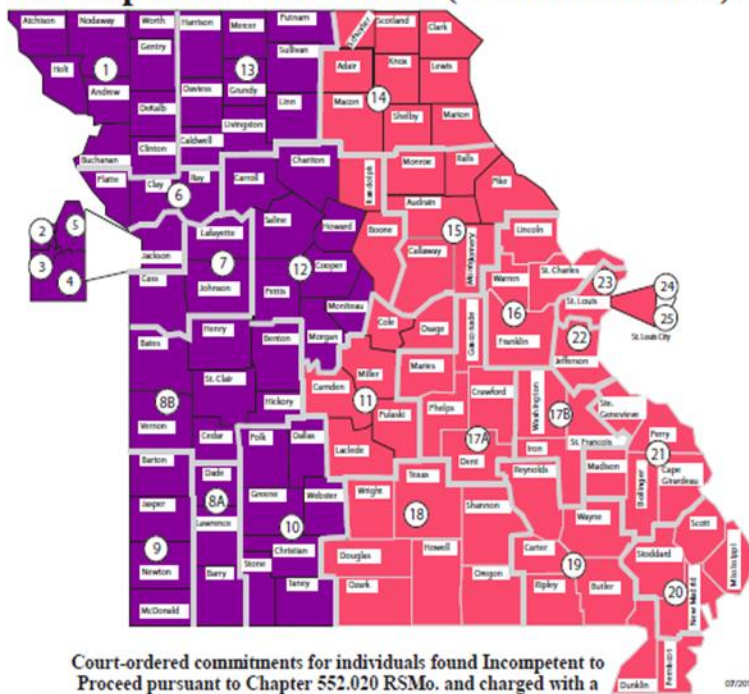
Call to action

- IST clients
 - Upon evaluation/admission
 - Acutely ill
 - Most not taking medication
 - Some willing to
 - Some not
- Clients remaining in the hospital longer
 - Level of acuity, SUD, & prior to admission—not receiving treatment
 - Treatment team concerns about client remaining on medication upon return to jail

Mobile Teams: East & West

- Provide treatment and supports for individuals in jail or community (if on bond)
 - Chapter 552 clients
- Team
 - Advanced practice nurse/Nurse practitioner
 - Conduct med/psych assessments, provide ongoing medication/medical consultation, supportive psychotherapy, prescribe medication
 - Diversion specialist/Social Worker
 - Provide Case management support, provide evidence-based treatment practices, warm handoff to ensure client is connected to a community behavioral health center
 - Community support nurse
 - Conduct nursing assessments and health assessment measures; provide evidence-based treatment practices

**Missouri Department of Mental Health
Forensic Services
Court-Ordered Admission Service Areas
Incompetent To Proceed (552.020 RSMo.)**



Court-ordered commitments for individuals found Incompetent to Proceed pursuant to Chapter 552.020 RSMo. and charged with a Dangerous Felony (556.061.8), Murder, or Sexual Assault will be admitted to the Maximum Security facility at Fulton State Hospital, Fulton, 573-592-4100. All others will be admitted as follows:

Center for Behavioral Medicine (Kansas City)
816-512-7000
Service Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 9, 10, 12 and 13

Metropolitan St. Louis Psychiatric Center (St. Louis)
314-877-0500
Service Areas 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17A, 17B, 18, 19,
20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25

Competency Restoration 2.0

- Jail-Based Competency Restoration
 - Remain in custody
 - Receive treatment from DMH Forensic Mobile Team and two CCBHO clinical staff
 - Medication
 - Competency education
 - Evidence-based treatment services
- Community Restoration
 - Individuals are released on bond by the Court
 - Individuals receive treatment from Certified Community Behavioral Healthcare Organizations (CCBHO)

Inpatient treatment remains an option if necessary and appropriate

Next Steps

- Jail-Based Restoration, City of St Louis
- Expand Use of Outpatient Restoration
- Explore/Expand Diversion
- Explore/Expand Competency Dockets
- Expand collaboration:
 - Court/Forensic CBHLs
 - Involuntary medication
 - Task Force on Criminal Justice, Competency Subcommittee

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