



Forensic Competency Restoration – Waiting List Reduction

- Forensic growth a national challenge - many states experiencing waiting lists
- Utah has experienced **500%** growth in demand for Forensic services since 1985
Bed capacity has grown from 30 beds in 1985 with no waiting list to 100 beds in 2014, and approaching 50 individuals on the waiting list
- Wait List has doubled each year for the past three years (FY13=15; FY14=26; FY15=56)
- Utah wait times for admission have increased from 30 days to 180 days in past 3 years
- District courts ordered evaluations for 392 individuals in FY14 (94% for competency – 368)
- Not Competent to Proceed referrals from courts to USH for restoration has increased 68% (FY09=102; FY12=121; FY14=149)
- Increasing trend in numbers served at USH FY10 = 176; FY14 = 194
- USH median length of stay = 175 days

Options to Address Forensic Growth Listed by Cost

- USH jail-based visits to begin Competency Restoration (\$300K)
- Contract for jail-based Competency Restoration programming (\$2M per Jail)
- Step-down Unit USH 30 Additional Beds (\$4M)
- Build additional beds - USH Forensic building designed for growth (need estimate)
- Review Utah Competency Standards (UCA 77-16) which are more stringent than other states
- Review alternatives for those who commit misdemeanor crimes

Current Request

- Funds will be used to provide jail-based restoration services - most cost effective of all options
- This will not eliminate the waiting list, but it is an immediate and sustainable intervention that will begin addressing the problem while other options are actively considered

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	Measure Target	Measure FY 12	Measure FY 13	Measure FY 14
The Joint Commission (TJC) accreditation is current	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adult SOQ (Severe Persistent Outcome Questionnaire) score improvement from admission to discharge	>10	24	15	21
Restoration Rate	>70	77%	66%	69%