



Forensic Competency Restoration – Admission Referral List Reduction

- Forensic growth a national challenge - many states experiencing increased referrals
- Nationally, Non-Forensic resources are being used to address increased forensic needs
- Utah has experienced **500%** growth in demand for forensic services since 1985
- Utah's Forensic Court ordered referral list experienced a 100% growth doubling each year from 2012-2015. Projected growth of the referral list for FY16 is 25% despite a projected increase in referrals of 38%. This demonstrates the effectiveness of the Jail-based Outreach Initiative in managing the growth in the referral list.
- District courts ordered 999 evaluations for 382 adults in FY15
- Not Competent to Proceed referrals from courts to USH for restoration:
FY09=102; FY12=121; FY14=149; FY15=125
- Numbers served at USH FY14 = 194; FY15 = 190
- USH Forensic Unit median length of stay = 196 days

Current Recommendations to Address Forensic Growth

- Utah State Hospital (USH) Jail-based Outreach initiative works with individuals referred as “Not Competent to Proceed” to provide education related to Competency Restoration. Since the program began, USH has been successful at resolving 30 cases which no longer required admission.
- Request is for an additional \$400,000 to further address competency restoration needs.

Other Options

- Jail Based Restoration Programs
- Step-down Unit USH 30 Additional Beds
- Build additional beds - USH Forensic building designed for growth
- Review alternatives for those who commit misdemeanor crimes