

THE NEXT NORMAL IN SACRAMENTO
COUNTY: INNOVATION AND CHALLENGES
AFTER COVID-19 FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLIENTS

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April 15, 2021
12:00 - 1:30 PM

OVERVIEW:

Sacramento County has implemented a range of innovations and programs to reduce the jail population with behavioral health needs, as well as better connect justice-involved clients to services in the community. These changes were underway before COVID-19 created challenges in so many areas, but what comes next? How can the county learn from its experiences of 2020, and adapt to the realities of 2021? The next normal is going to be different. It will not mean going back to 2019.

County leaders from Sacramento's behavioral health, judiciary, and the public defenders's offices will talk about the challenges of treating, linking to, and staying connected to clients during COVID. They will also talk about new programs and efforts implemented during the pandemic as well as the changing environment they face locally as the justice system and behavioral systems start to return to pre-pandemic services.

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The Next Normal in Sacramento County:
Innovation And Challenges After COVID-19
For Justice-Involved Behavioral Health
Clients

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Agenda



- ✓ Sacramento County 2020 Context
- ✓ Perspectives on Adaptation and Innovation during COVID from:
 - ✓ Behavioral Health
 - ✓ Public Defender
 - ✓ Judiciary
- ✓ Group Discussion On What Comes Next



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Sacramento County 2020 Context

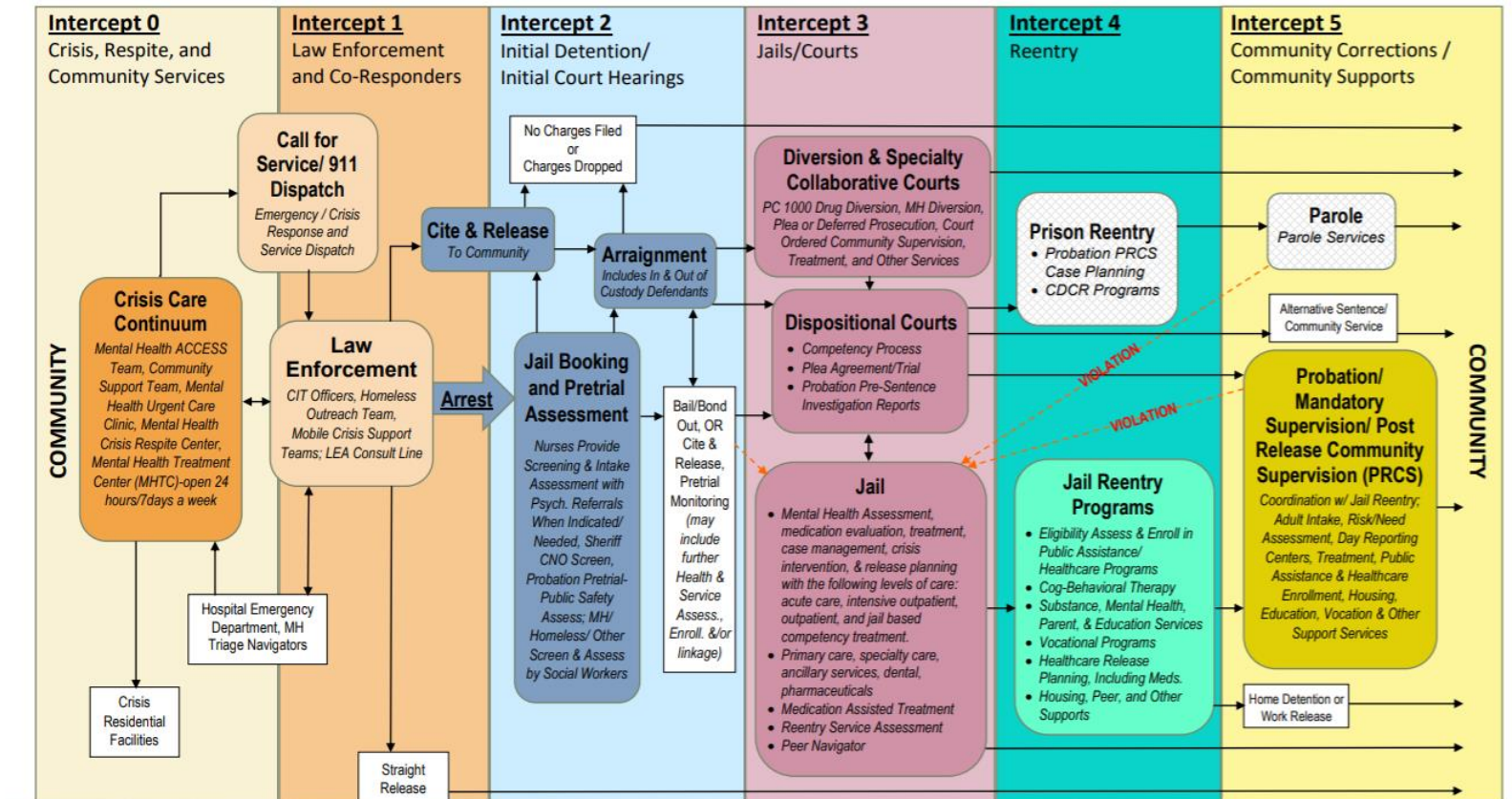
Sacramento County's Efforts To Improve Services And Outcomes For The Justice System Focuses On 5 Things:

1. Enhancing pretrial diversion opportunities
2. Using validated screening and assessment tools to inform decisions
3. Increasing cross-system partnerships for connections to services
4. Providing levels of supervision or monitoring and services that are “evidence-based”
5. Using data to inform decisions across justice and behavioral health systems

Sacramento is using data across Sequential Intercept Model To Improve And Enhance Programs

November 2020

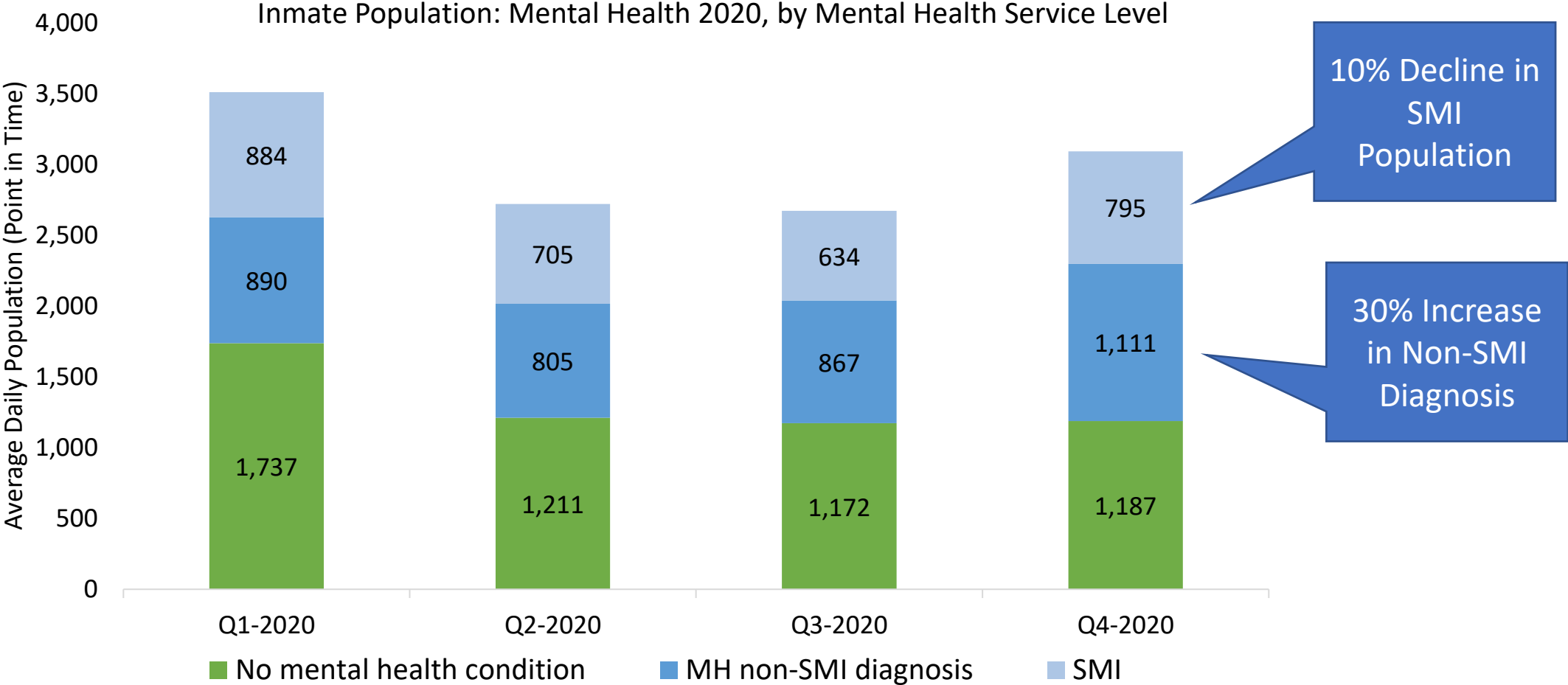
Sacramento County Adult Sequential Intercept: Criminal Justice-Behavioral Health Partnerships



Mental health workgroup is one source of collaboration

- Monthly collaborative meeting of agency stakeholders, under the Criminal Justice Cabinet
- Develop a common understanding of programs and systems
 - *Jail Utilization and Correctional Health*
 - *Short Stays in Custody*
 - *Probation clients' connections to Behavioral Health and the Impacts of AB1950*
- Targeted policy and program analysis
 - *Reentry Program Analysis*
 - *Mental Health Diversion*
 - *Mental Health Court*
 - *Pretrial Service Connections and Early Identification of MH Needs*
- Planning for long term data-integration and more precise understanding of service needs and engagement

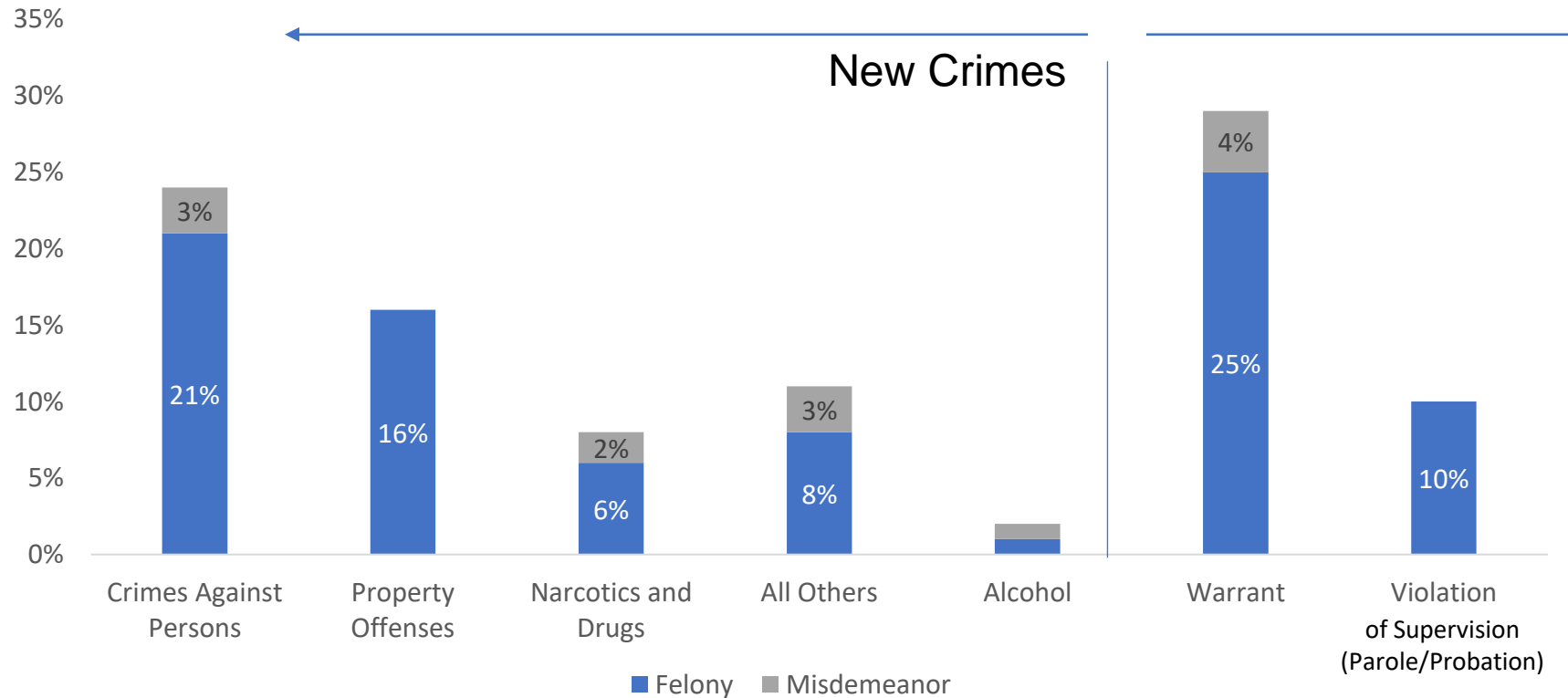
Jail Inmate Population During 2020



Source: Data Driven Recovery Project - Data from Sheriff's Office and Department of Health Services

The Circumstances Of Justice Involvement Can Help Inform Options And Scale Partner Resonances

Percent of Total Jail Bed Days, SMI Population, by Crime Severity and Highest Charge Type



Source: Data Driven Recovery Project - Data from Sheriff's Office and Department of Health Services

Collaborative COVID Responses

- Expanded the homeless court (loaves and fishes calendar)
- Remote LPS conservatorship and capacity hearings in mental health facilities
- Expungement and record modification in partnership with project room key
- Coordinated jail discharge support to maintain CDC guidelines and public safety
- Increased use of technology for court proceedings and case processing



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Thank You!

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