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Presentation
to
Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board

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History/Background of 8-505 and 8-507 Services

- **Health-General §8-505 and Health-General §8-507 was initially enacted in 1989; revised in 2007** to ensure that DHMH gave notice to the Court that the defendant was receiving appropriate treatment and that he/she could benefit from treatment as a condition of their release after conviction or at any other time that the defendant voluntarily agreed to participate.
- **Effective October 1, 2017**, as a part of the 2016 Justice Reinvestment Act, **DHMH is required to place individuals in Court-ordered treatment within 21 days.**
- **H-G §8-505** was designed as a structured approach for the Court to divert individuals with a substance use disorder from jail/prison to treatment. This was especially important in cases where it appeared the crime committed was a result of the person's addiction.
- **H-G§8-507** requires DHMH to facilitate treatment services for those who have been assessed as needing treatment.



Health-General §8-505

- Health-General §8-505 allows for a criminal court to order a substance use disorder evaluation at any point during a trial or after sentencing, pursuant to the defendant's motion for such an order.
- Evaluations are conducted via DHMH Office of Forensic Services, usually through the relevant Local Health Department.
- Assessments and level of care determinations are based on the American Society of Addiction Medicine Criteria ("ASAM Criteria").

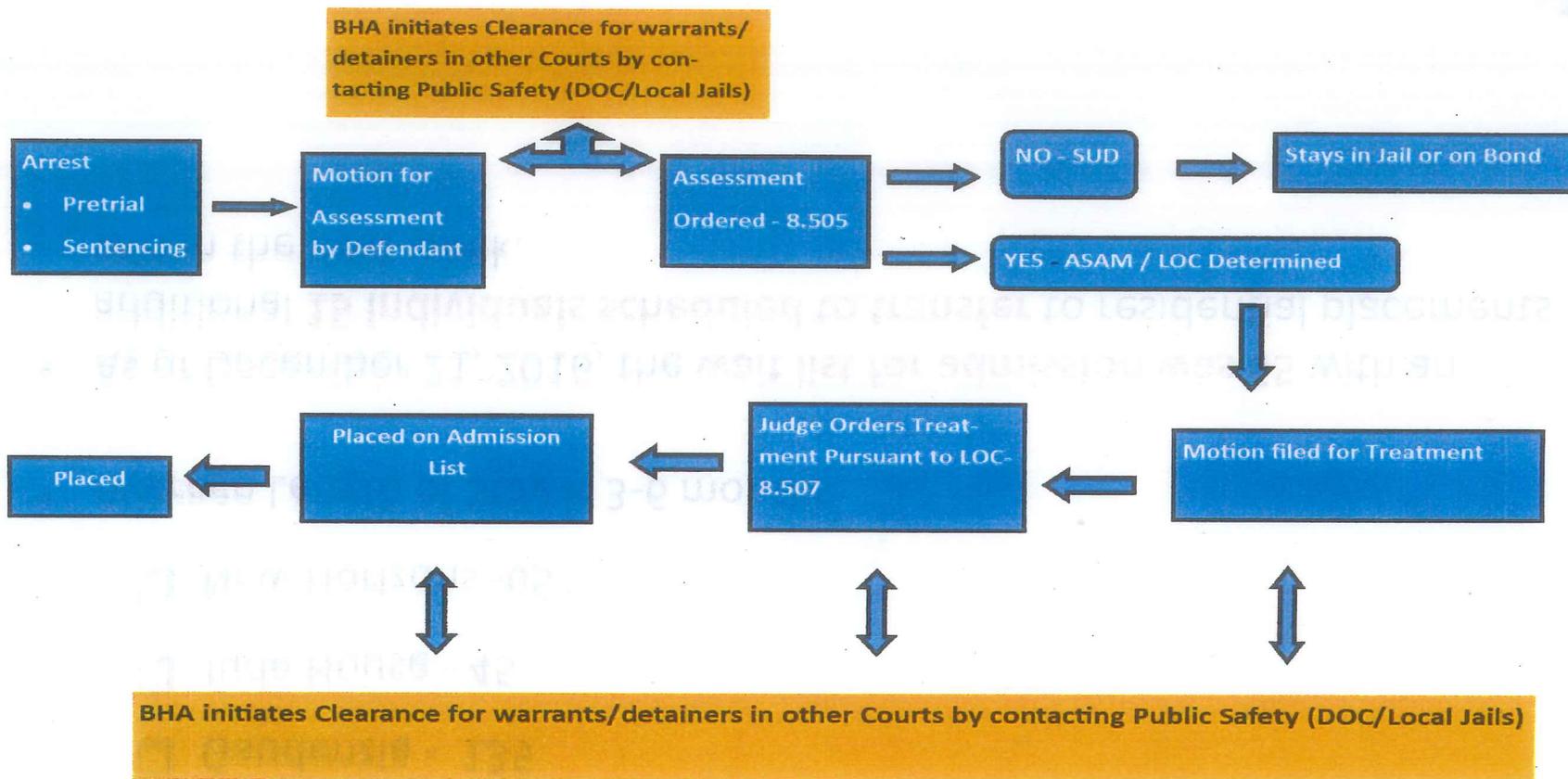


Health-General §8-507

- Where an evaluation conducted under 8-505 results in a recommendation for treatment, that treatment may be ordered by a court, also pursuant to defendant's motion for such an order.
- Residential treatment is currently funded through grants managed by DHMH/BHA's Office of Forensic Services.
- Non-residential treatment may be funded by Medicaid or private insurance.



Referral and Placement Process



Residential Treatment Programs

- BHA Contracts with 3 programs for **245 residential treatment slots**
 - ❑ Gaudenzia - 135
 - ❑ Jude House - 45
 - ❑ New Horizons -65
- Average Length of Stay is 3-6 months
- As of December 21, 2016, the **wait list for admission was 65** with an additional **15 individuals scheduled to transfer** to residential placements within the next week.



BHA Substance Use Disorder Services

- Inpatient detoxification
- Alcohol and/or drug assessment
- Individual therapy
- Group therapy
- Intensive outpatient program services
- Partial hospitalization
- Ambulatory detoxification
- Opioid maintenance therapy for individuals 18 and over
- Laboratory services

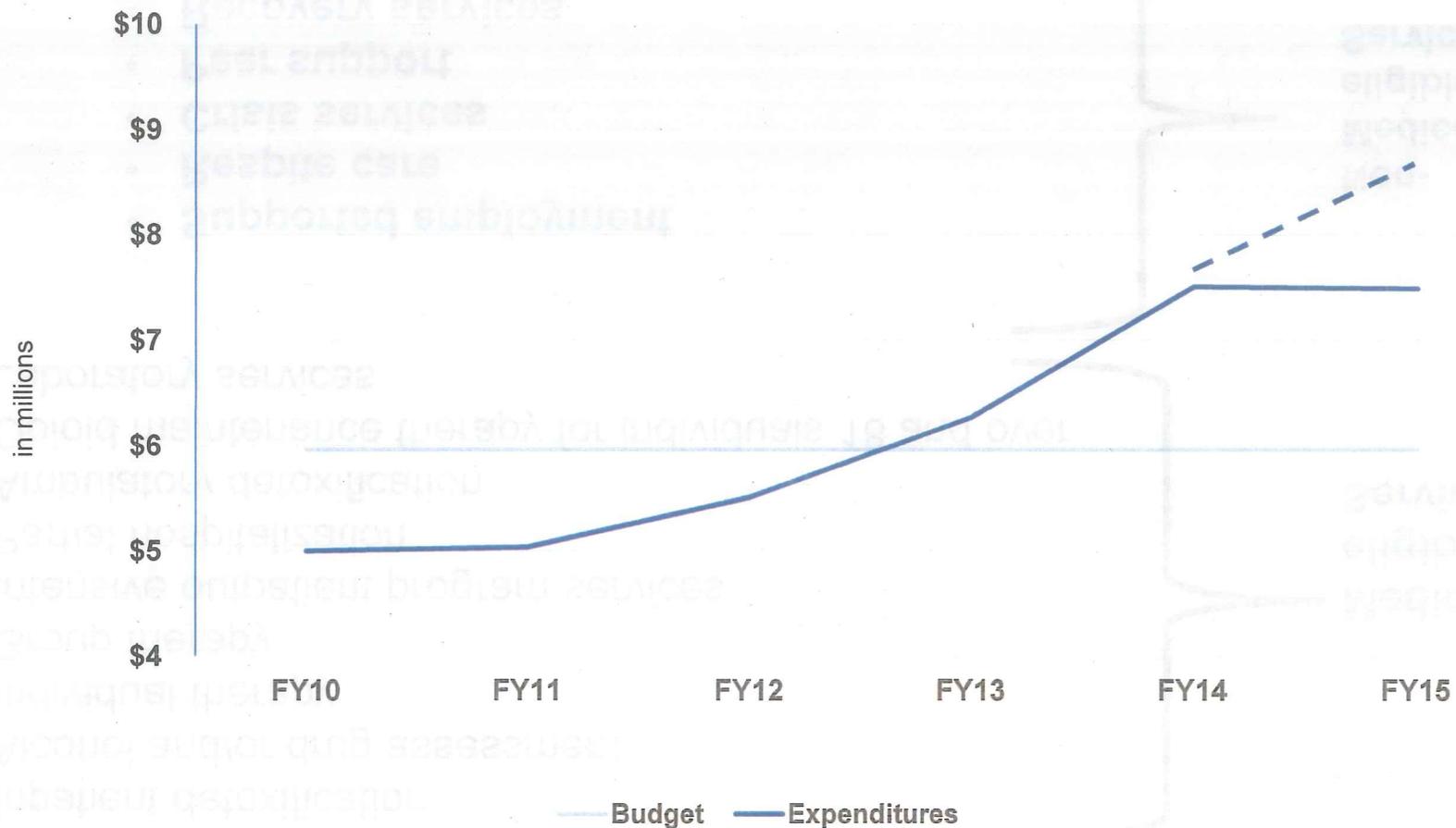
Medicaid-eligible Services

- **Supported employment**
- **Respite care**
- **Crisis services**
- **Peer support**
- **Recovery services**
- **Residential rehabilitation programs**

Non-Medicaid-eligible Services



Funding for residential placements



Number of Forensically-Involved Individuals Served Annually

- Individuals Receiving Health-General §8-505 Assessments – 1,200
- Individuals Receiving Health-General §8-507 Assessments - 400
- **Wait time for placement** can be **from 1 week to 6 months** depending upon the defendants willingness to enter treatment and clearance for warrants, detainers and other court orders.



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BHA Office of Forensic Services Webpage

<http://bha.dhmf.maryland.gov/Pages/Forensics.aspx>

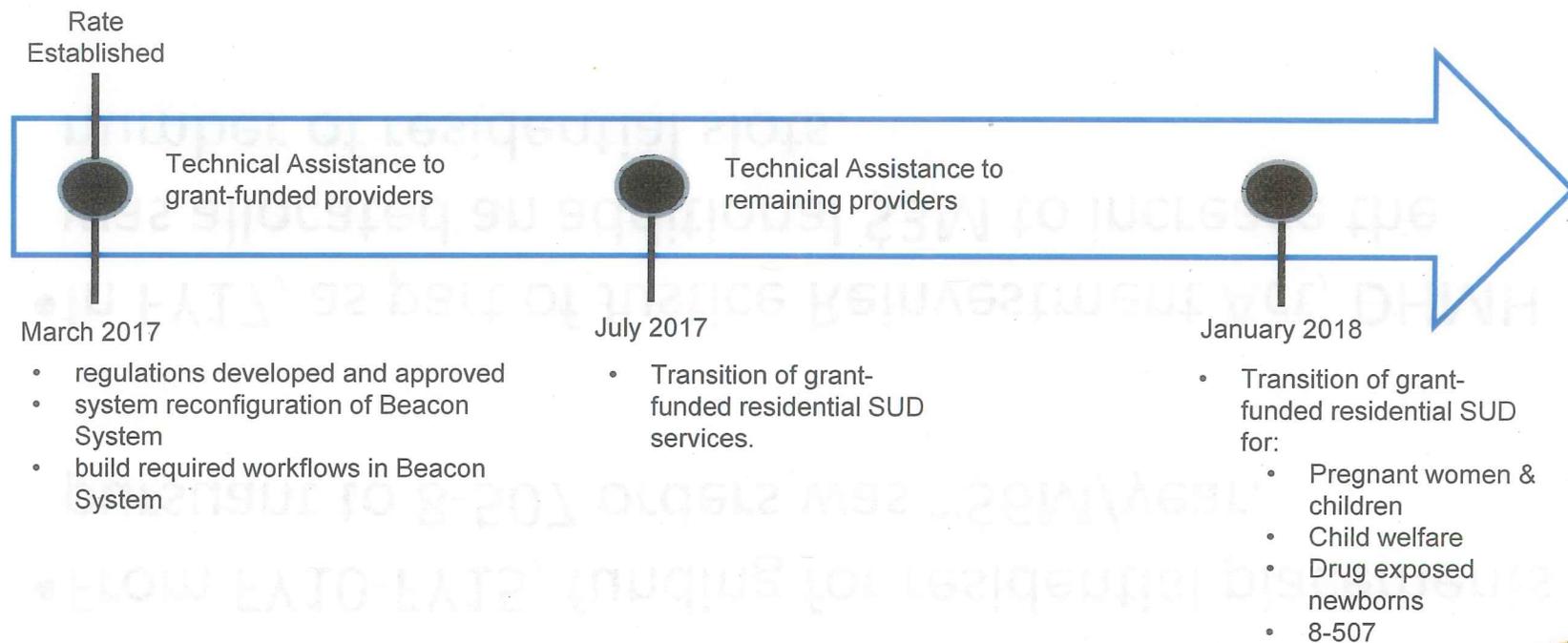


Funding for residential placements

- From FY10-FY15, funding for residential placements pursuant to 8-507 orders was ~\$6M/year.
- In FY17, as part of Justice Reinvestment Act, DHMH was allocated an additional \$3M to increase the number of residential slots.



Transition of Residential Substance Use Disorder Services to Fee-for-Service



Questions?



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