

# A SYSTEM LEVEL VIEW: PUBLIC HEALTH'S CRITICAL ROLE IN IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY



# POPULATION POLICE SEE...

- Usually high system utilizers
  - EMS
  - Behavioral Health
  - Detox
  - Hospitals
  - Jails
  - Etc.
- **In Theory – Public Health is our Community’s “Safety Net”**
- Ideally it is viewed as a “System” with Coordination and Integration of various partners including Medicaid and Local Entities (city, county state, other government’)
  - Rarely the case...usually quite fractured & inefficient

# EFFECTIVE CRISIS RESPONSE KEY TO LAW-ENFORCEMENT'S PARTNERSHIP IN PUBLIC HEALTH DIVERSION

- From the Law Enforcement Perspective
- Goal – Diversion from CJ to BH System when appropriate
- Early Intercepts are key to healthy communities, improved health outcomes, reducing suicide, reducing use jail, ER, crime, etc.
- Not just “Quality” Services but key Concept “Accessibility”



# ANYTIME THE POLICE ARE DIVERTING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM - POSITIVE SIGN

- Common concerns/questions
  - ✓ Time BH wants us to stay - “gotta go”
  - ✓ Getting the “hot-potato”
- Law-Enforcement’s Perception of Behavioral Health’s Role in the Interaction
  - ✓ You’re the helping people/experts



# EFFECTIVE CRISIS RESPONSE REMOVE THE BARRIERS!

- **3 Main Elements** — Services & Accessibility based on “Customer Service” as defined by the Needs of the Cops
  - 1. No Wrong Door Philosophy** (they can enter anywhere, and BH can move amongst their system)
  - 2. Expedient** – Quick Turn Around
  - 3. If Mobile Response** – Quick & Certain Responses (not “triage”)



# EFFECTIVE CRISIS RESPONSE

- **Needs to be faster & easier than jail**
- **Long-Term positive or implications**
  - ✓ **Police are not “required” to do this**
  - ✓ **You have the power to reinforce or undo – “No UM” Please 😊**
  - ✓ **2001 Experience**
  - ✓ **Path of least resistance – sidewalks, etc.**
- **Different “barriers” in Rural than Urban due to density, etc., but the same “culture” should apply regardless of demographics, etc.**
  - ✓ **Blended Funding**
  - ✓ **Achieving Trip Aim Outcomes**
  - ✓ **Patient Experience, Improved Outcomes. Cost Savings**

## PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS....

- Many Public Health Systems are fragmented
  - Not only Physical and Behavioral but also by payer source
  - Crisis frequently not integrated or coordinated with the long-term treatment/outpatient side
    - Acerbated with lack of coordination of Physical Health Care.
  - Directly ties into Public Safety Concerns
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# EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT COSTS

- Average ER visit cost **\$2,000**
- Average ER visits by chronically homeless SMI **7/year**
- Roughly **4,000** chronically homeless SMI recipients in Greater Phoenix Area
- **\$56,000,000/year** in ER costs alone
- If each of the **38** emergency departments in the Greater Phoenix area saw **1** chronically homeless SMI recipient per day
  - Annual cost: **\$27,740,000**



# TREATMENT VS. INCARCERATION COSTS

- Annual cost per inmate
  - \$22,794/year
- The average cost for drug treatment per year is:
  - \$1,800 for outpatient care
  - \$2,500 for intensive outpatient treatment
  - \$3,900 for opiate replacement therapy
  - \$4,400 for short-term residential care
  - \$6,800 for long-term residential care

# MACRO SYSTEMS

- THINK BIG!!!
  - To Work effectively requires integration and accountability at the Payer Source(s) Level
  - SAMHSA White-paper
  - Example
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# WHAT DOES A CRISIS CONTINUUM LOOK LIKE?

- Minimum SAMHSA Model:
    1. Crisis Hotline/Warmline
    2. Mobile Crisis Services
    3. 23-hour Stabilization/ Observation Beds
    4. Short-Term Crisis Residential/Stabilization
    5. Advanced Directives
    6. Peer Crisis Services
  - Ideally even more community based options.
  - All need to operate with “No-Wrong Door” Philosophy!
  - Done correctly drives “stakeholders” to most appropriate and least costly level of care.
  - No “single” funder can provide all, Integrated dollars key to sustainability
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# ACCOUNTABILITY

- Integrated funding whether by design or by collaboration
  - Equally Important – Provider/System Accountability...
  - Bridging Silos...
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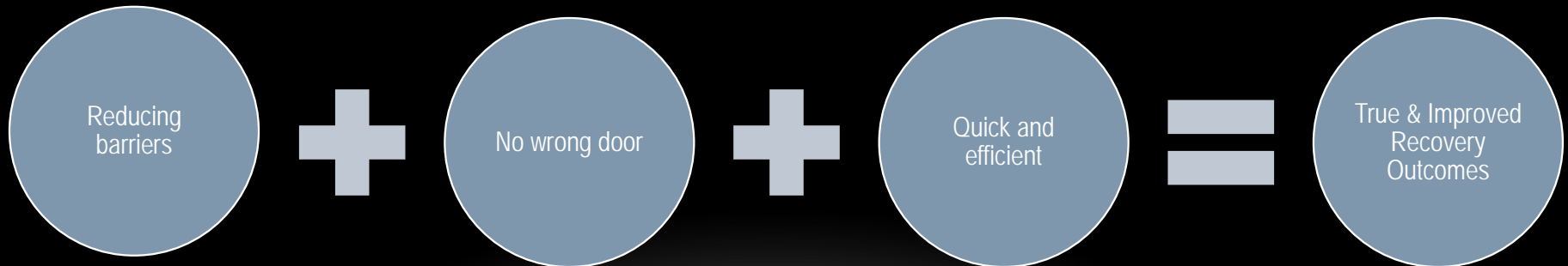
# CRISIS SERVICE PACKAGE

- 24/7 Crisis Line (20,000 calls per month)
- 24/7 Mobile Crisis Teams (1,600 dispatches per month)
- Two Psychiatric Urgent Care Centers (24/7)
- Two Substance Abuse/Detox Centers (24/7)
- Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Services
- Hospital-Based Rapid Response (Mobile Teams)
- Peer-Operated Warm Line (4,000 calls per month)
- Two Behavioral Health Access Facilities (24/7)
- Two Behavioral Health Transition Facilities (24/7)



# JAIL DIVERSION & IMPROVED MEMBER OUTCOMES – WHILE SAVING PUBLIC SYSTEM MONEY!!!

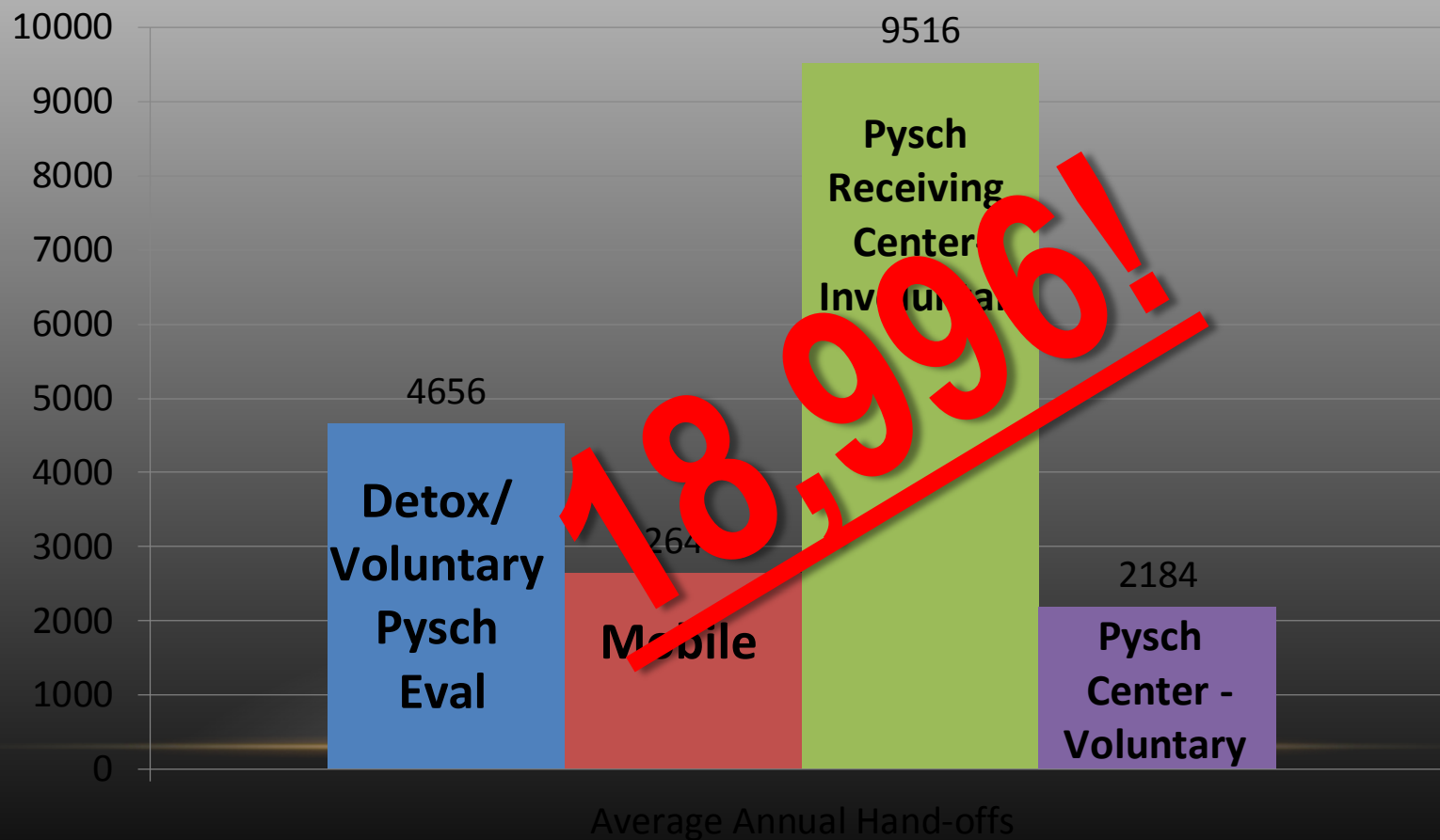
- This new access and utilization can result in countless reductions in incarceration, ED Utilization, linkages to critical long-term treatment opportunities and criminal justice and Public Health cost savings.



# “BIG PICTURE/LASTING EFFECTS”

WE'RE ENCOURAGING PHILOSOPHY SHIFT & FAR REACHING CONSEQUENCES

## ANNUAL PHOENIX METRO PD HANDOFFS TO THE CRISIS SYSTEM



# APPENDIX

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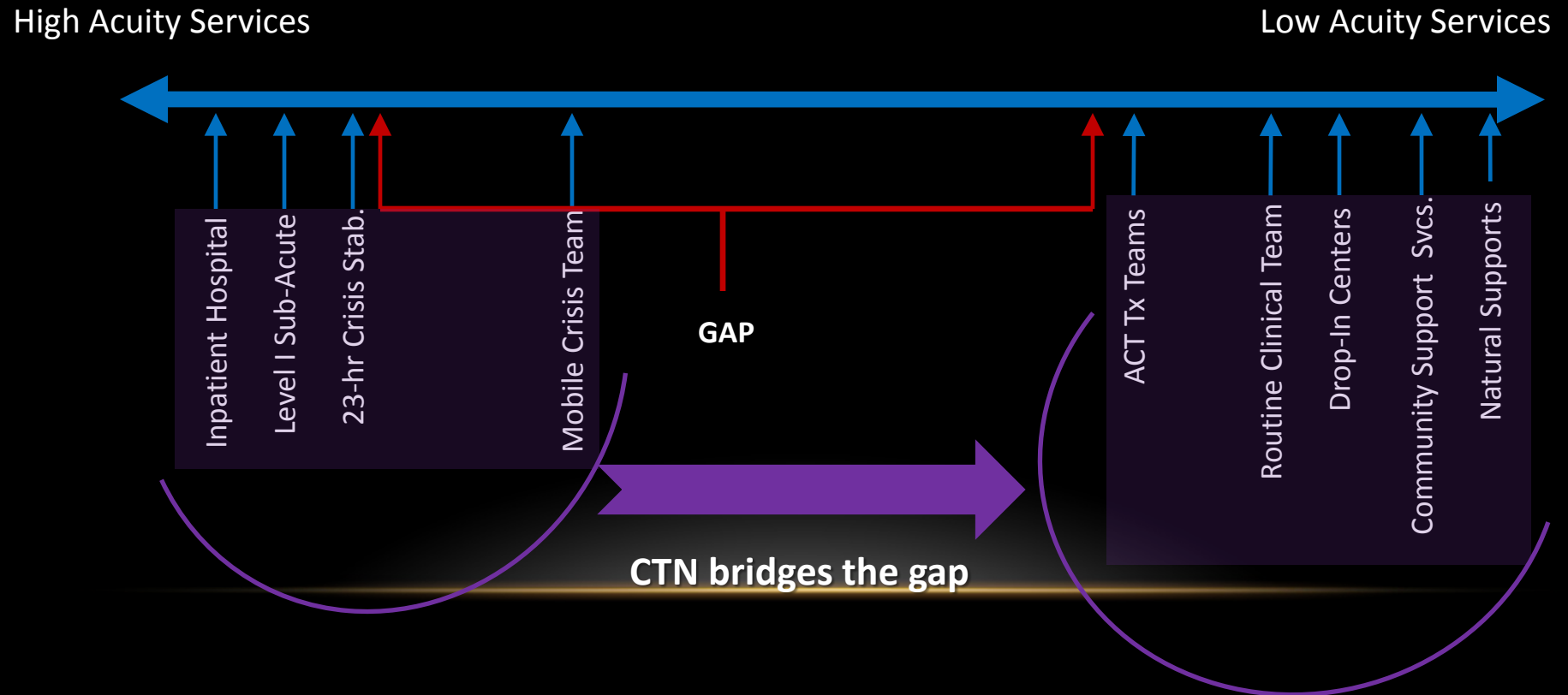
# CRISIS MOBILE TEAM

- Roughly 80% Of all Mobile Team Responses Stabilize individuals in their “Community”
  - I.E. 18,000 Times a Year (Less than 1,800 required a Police Response)
- Law-Enforcement Requested Mobile Teams
  - I.E 3,000 Times a Year
  - Approximately 70% Individuals Stabilized in their Community
  - Approximately 27% Transported to Psychiatric/Substance Community Based Receiving Center
  - Less than 3% Transported to Med/Surge E.D.

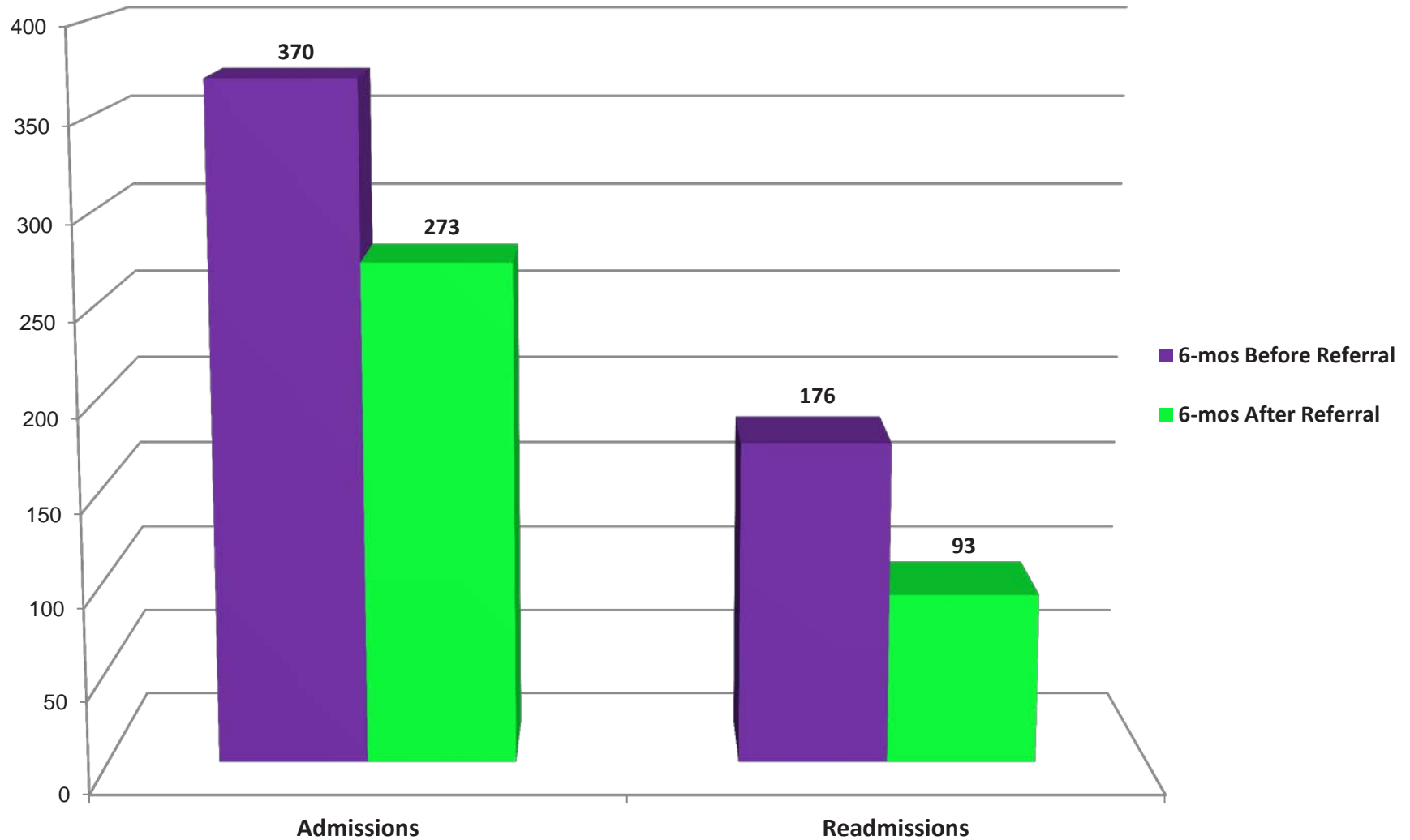
# CRISIS TRANSITION NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

## SYSTEMIC GAP

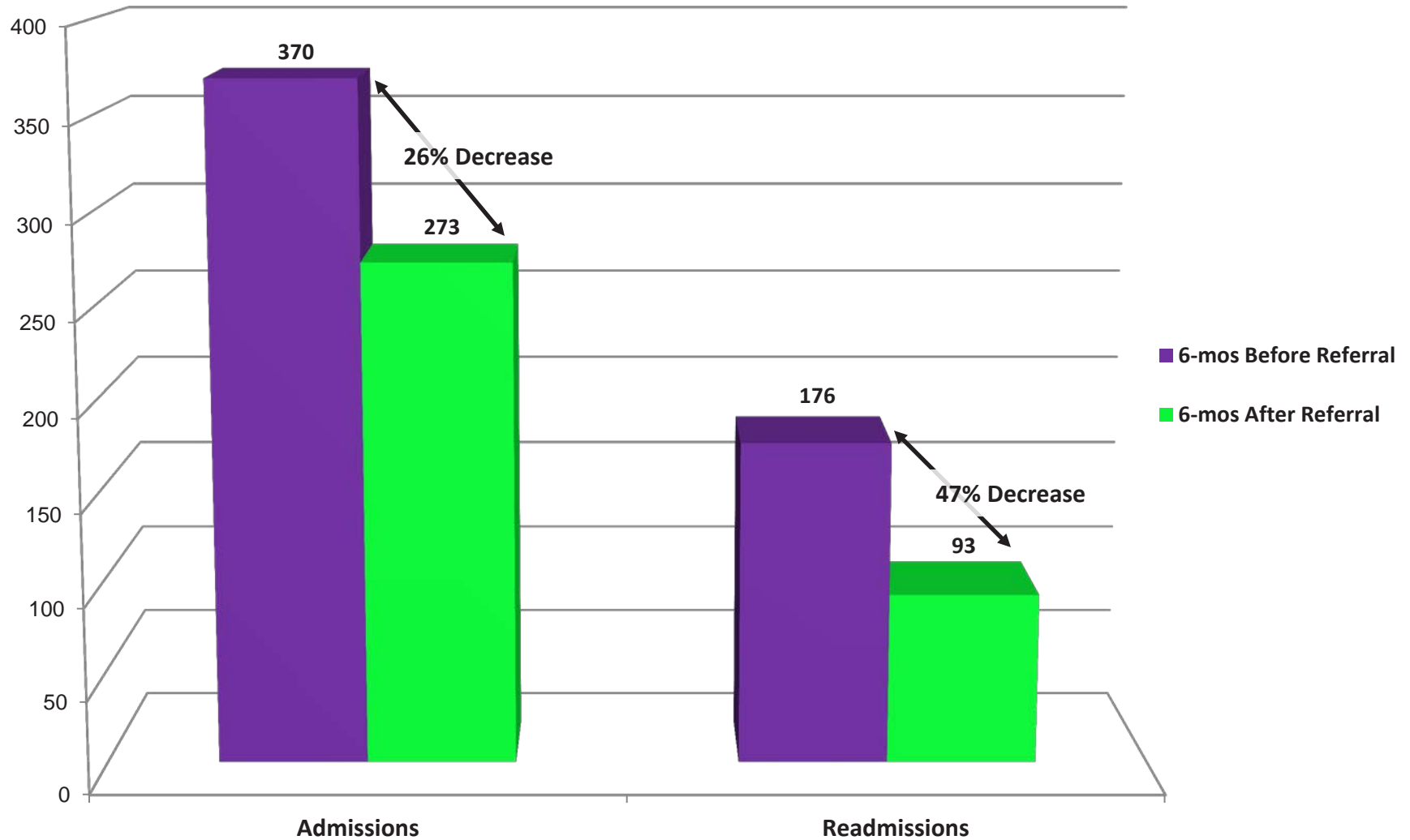
- There is a systemic gap between routine care, inpatient and crisis services



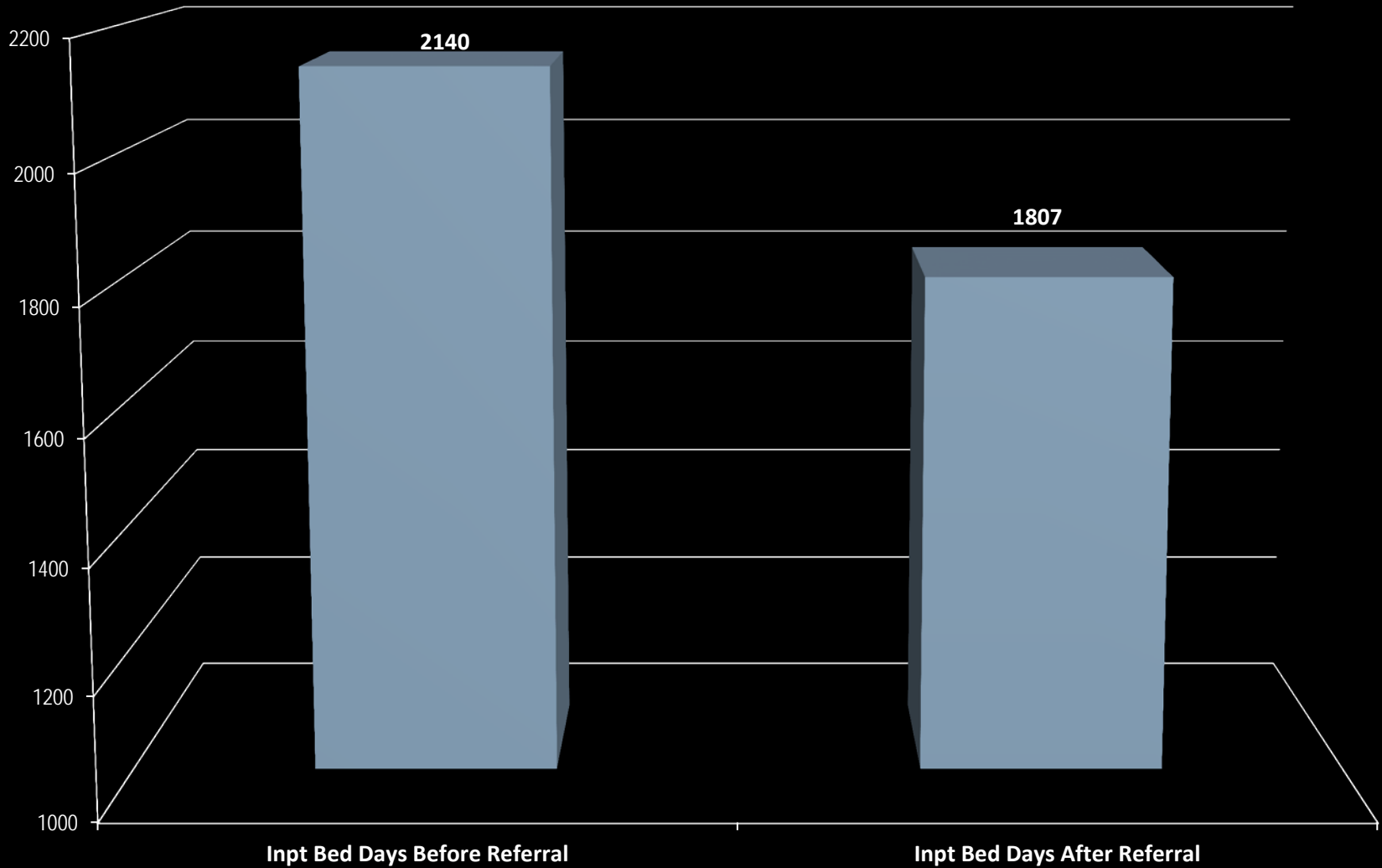
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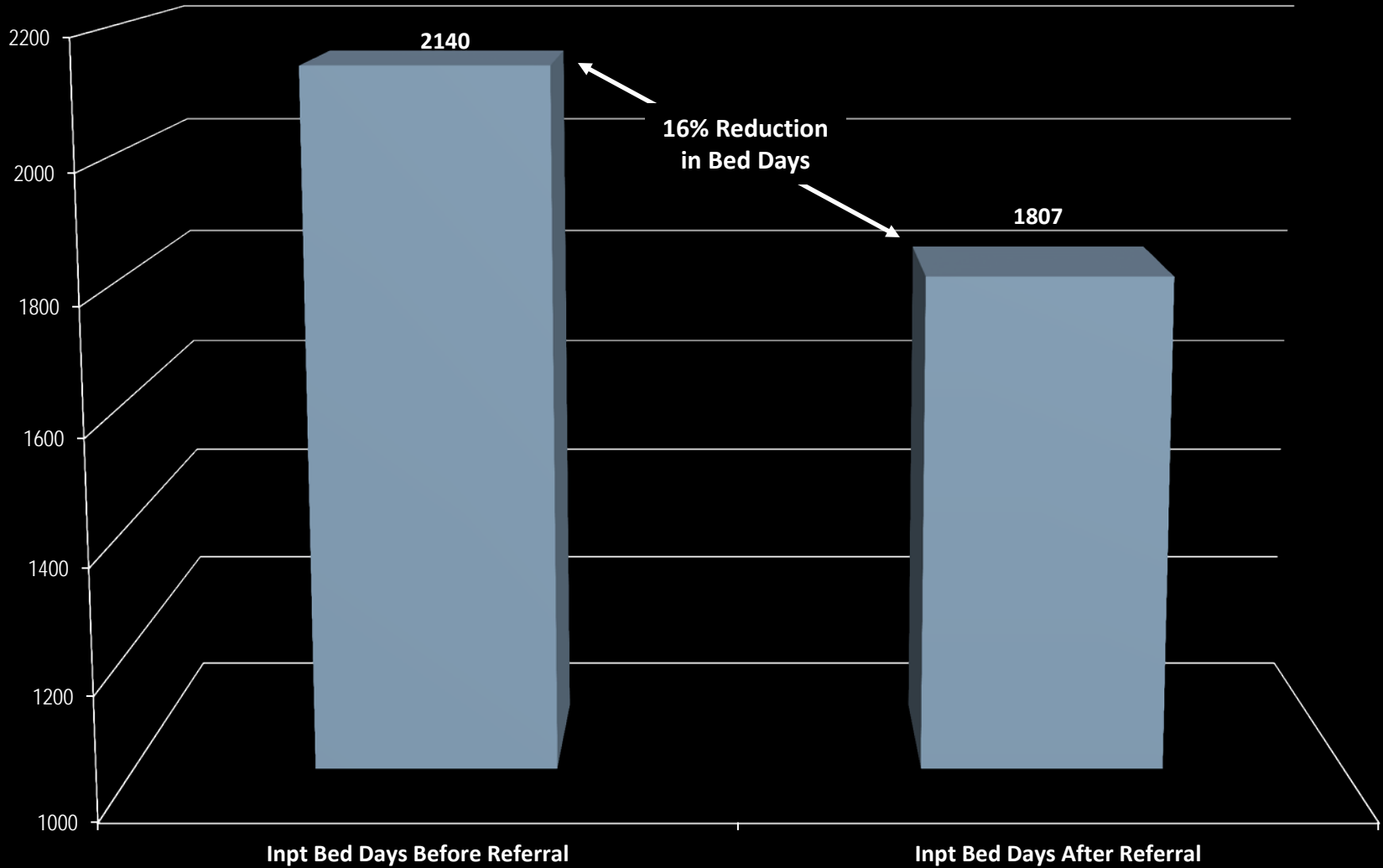
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# TOTAL INPATIENT BED DAYS



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# PROJECT H3 “UNOFFICIAL OUTCOMES”

- ✓ 300 Formerly Chronically Homeless Individuals Housed
- ✓ Most were homeless for nearly 10 years
- ✓ Nearly all have a behavioral health and/or medical need
- ✓ After one year after housing Reduction in Recidivism of nearly 80%!\*  
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- ✓ Nearly 70% Reduction in ER Utilization

\*Sampling is based on available data of 18 H3 Participants who have been housed 12+ months. Total cohort data is an extrapolated rate from sample group across the entire cohort. Data extrapolated to include “anticipated” arrests over an annualized period.