MHSA Survey Aggregate Data Overview

System-wide, nearly 1,000 individuals (251 juvenile / 712 adult) are involved in the criminal justice system. The majority have a pending court case, with nearly as many being either on diversion or probation. Of those whose charge status was reported (700), nearly 400 have been charged with no greater than a misdemeanor.

- For individuals whose location was reported (397), 198 are in the community.
- 124 individuals are reported as incompetent to stand trial; for 45, it is due to mental health.
- Of the ~100 identified individuals, over 2/3rds are eligible to receive training in the community and are so served.
- Competency training methods include: 1:1 training in community, facility, and/or county jail;
 Slater Method; curriculum from Florida State Hospital; MCAT Program; Bloom Taxonomy
 (developed at Stockton DC); neurocognitive memory enhancement training; Evaluation for
 Competency to Stand Trial Revised (ECST-R); Competence Assessment For Standing Trial for
 Defendants with Mental Retardation (CAST-MR); Mental Competency Evaluation Scale (MCES);
 McArthur; Cass MR; CAI-R; vendor-developed curriculum; and CPT.
- Responding centers generally report having 1 or 2 vendorized competency trainers, serving both
 juveniles and adults, and are generally satisfied with their work. The courts, while generally
 satisfied, have questioned the outcomes of competency status, the reports, curriculum for
 juveniles, assessment tools, and trainer qualifications. Ideal skills include those specific to
 competency training, anger management and sexuality training, differentiation between
 juvenile and adult needs, and familiarity with multiple types of training.
- 38 individuals are reported in PDC, 36 on the waitlist, and 24 denied entry. Jail, CPT, College Hospital, electronic monitoring, Patton, Atascadero, and SLS were utilized alternatives, with severity of charge or lack of capacity being listed rationales for denial.
- Of 47 clients reported in jail, 36 are not receiving competency training, with police refusal of entry, lack of trainers in the area, or a pending competency status being listed reasons.
- 16 clients are on a §6500, and lack appropriate housing.
- Competency restoration in the past 24 months:

While in jail: 9At PDC: 10

o In the community: 10

o Elsewhere: 6

Trainer shortages are not uncommon. Placement options remain an extant need. Another intervening issue is clients' unwillingness or inability to engage with competency training.