



# *What Successes Have We Seen?*

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# SINCE 2010

- ▶ CLOSED 2 HOSPITALS AND A NURSING HOME
  - ▶ NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL
    - ▶ (268 beds in 2010)
  - ▶ SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL
    - ▶ (246 beds in 2010)
  - ▶ CRAIG NURSING HOME @ CENTRAL STATE
    - ▶ (205 beds in 2010)

THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PROMPTED A  
MASSIVE EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY  
SERVICES.

THIS ALLOWED THE SYSTEM TO MOVE ITS FOCUS  
TO

- MEANINGFUL LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY AND
- RECOVERY.

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

## **ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT TEAMS**

Pre-Settlement Agreement - 0 with fidelity

Required - 22 with fidelity

Now - 22 with fidelity

## **COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAMS (ACT LITE)**

Pre-Settlement Agreement - 0

Required - 8

Now - 10

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

## **INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT TEAMS**

Pre Settlement Agreement - Not enough

Required – 14

Now – 16

## **CRISIS SERVICE CENTERS**

Pre Settlement Agreement – 0

Required - 6

Now - 12

# CRISIS HOTLINE



Pre-Settlement Agreement the Crisis Line  
was limited in scope.

It is now statewide 24/7 with clinical  
support.

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

## CRISIS APARTMENTS

Pre-Settlement Agreement – 0

Required – 18

Now – 19

## CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING (CIT)

- General training is mentioned in the Settlement Agreement.
- In 2016 Governor Deal, signed a law dramatically expanding CIT training for law enforcement personnel statewide.

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS



## **CRISIS STABILIZATION**

Pre-Settlement Agreement – not enough

Required – 3

Now – 22

## **MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS**

Pre-Settlement Agreement – small pockets,  
disorganized

Required- statewide

Now – statewide, with reach to all counties

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS



## **SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT**

Pre-Settlement Agreement – 0 with fidelity

Required – serve 550 people

Now – well over 1,000 people served

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS



Required – Capacity to serve 9,000 people in the target population

There is significantly more supported housing as a result of the Settlement Agreement.

The state has provided Georgia Housing Vouchers (state only dollars) to 4,467 people. Estimated current capacity is approximately 2,000 - 2,600.

# PEER SERVICES

- ▶ No specific number required by Agreement
- ▶ ACT Teams must contain a Peer to meet fidelity standards.
- ▶ Over 1,700 Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) trained
  - ▶ CARES (Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist)
  - ▶ CPS - Youth (18-26)
  - ▶ CPS - Parent
  - ▶ CPS - Forensic

# IDD IMPROVEMENTS



## HUGE REDUCTION IN IDD BEDS

- ▶ October 2010  
1,142 IDD state hospital beds
- ▶ Now  
237 IDD state hospital beds

# IDD IMPROVEMENTS



## **SERVICES MOVING TO THE COMMUNITY**

Waiver services have gone to 4,050 people to move to out-of-institutional settings or to prevent institutionalization.

1,075 waiver slots were required to prevent institutionalization. It appears the state had met that requirement.

# COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS FROM STATE HOSPITALS INCREASED

FY 2011 – 191

FY 2015 – 16

FY 2012 – 167

FY 2016 - 27

FY 2013 – 80

FY 2017 - 28

FY 2014 – 46

FY 2018 through mid April - 31

**TOTAL 586**

# IDD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS



- Family support has increased from \$3.1 M in 2010 to \$8.39 M appropriated for FY 2019.
- 6 Mobile Crisis Units were required. There are now 12.
- The requirement for 12 Crisis Apartments (4 beds each) has been met.

# IDD IMPROVEMENTS



Vast majority of people with IDD who transitioned from hospital now live in integrated settings.

- own home or family home
- host home (2 people or less)
- small group home (4 people or less)

Almost all are scattered site.

# MASSIVE NEW INVESTMENT

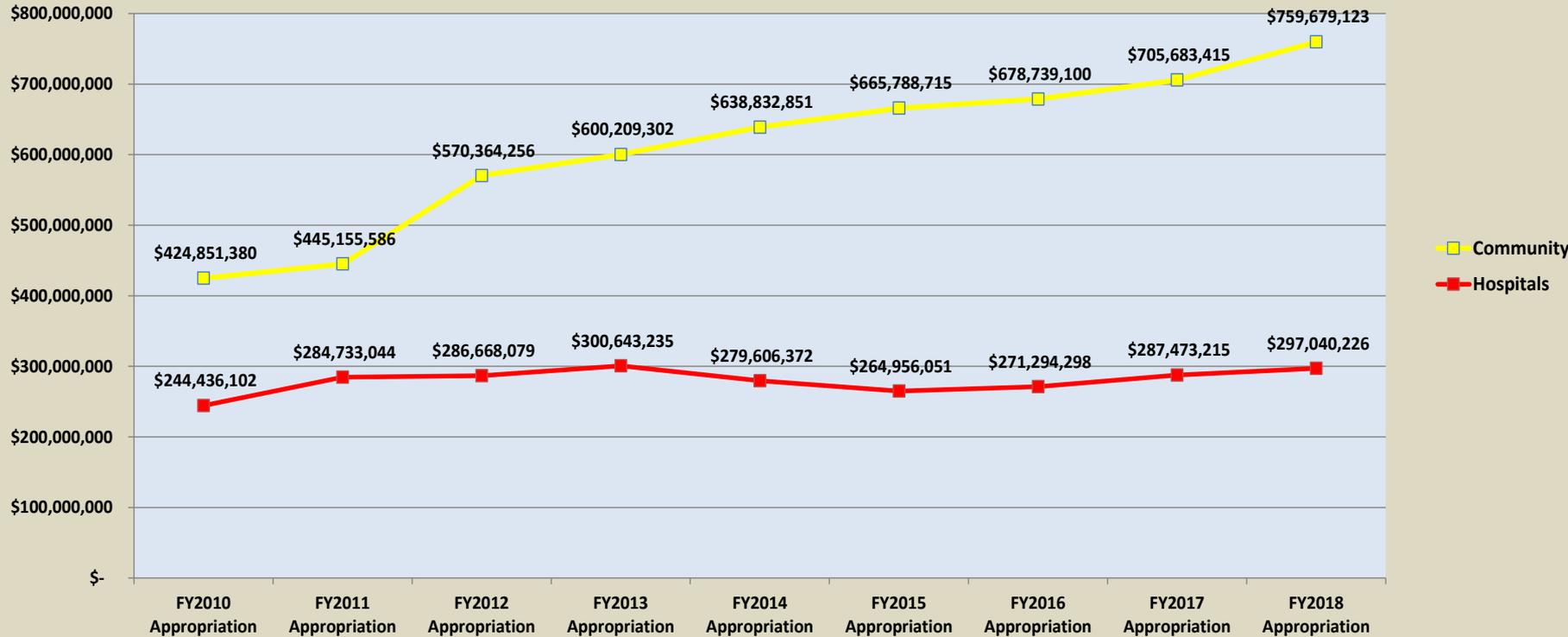


The state reports that it now spends about

**\$314 M more**

on BH and IDD community services  
each year than it did in FY 2011.

# Community & Hospital Budgets State Funds Appropriation FY2010 - FY2018



# CREDIBILITY WITH LEGISLATORS

- ▶ FY 2019 budget

- Maintenance of effort

- Plus **NEW MONEY** for FY 19

- \$5.7 M in new Supported Housing funding and Bridge funding

- \$9.1 M for IDD waivers



# MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

Mobile Crisis Teams - \$14.9 M annually

ACT/ACT LITE - \$14.5 M annually

BH Crisis Apartments - \$1.3 M annually

IDD Waivers approved for FY 19 - \$100 M

By comparison, in FY 12 only \$14 M was spent

# WE'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY!



- ▶ State dollars to implement Settlement Agreement in FY 12 - \$60 M.
- ▶ State dollars approved for FY 19 - \$260 M.

# THE REAL STORY IS PEOPLES' LIVES



- Hundreds of people moved from hospital to community.
- 4,850 people received bridge funding to enable them to get housing in the community.
- About 1,700 people are currently served by ACT teams.
- BH Mobile Crisis Teams respond to calls statewide in an average of 54 minutes.

# OUR WORK IS NOT DONE



The system is improved BUT there is more to do.

- Supported housing requirements
- IDD requirements

Advocacy continues to be needed.



To relieve the pressure on the crisis system  
EARLY INTERVENTION is needed.

LET'S INSIST ON IT!