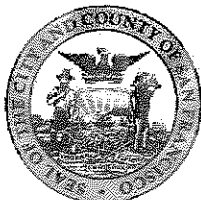


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MEMO TO: Kyle Patterson, Project Manager, Office of the Controller
FROM: Kate Monaco Klein, Director, Forensic AIDS
RE: Clarification of Mental Health Population in *Jail Needs Assessment*

It appears that the numbers concerning the mentally ill as reported in the *Jail Need Assessment* issued by the Controller's Office have caused some confusion. The table on page 13 reports that "71% of jail prisoners have an open mental health case". It is easy to assume from this framework that 71% of the San Francisco county jail population is mentally ill. In fact, the number of inmates presenting with mental health issues in the San Francisco County Jail is 33% and not 71 %.

Behavioral Health Services (previously know as Jail Psychiatric Services), a program of the Department of Public Health Jail Health Services division, provides a wide array of services to county jail prisoners. In addition to treating the mentally ill, conducting mental status evaluations, providing medication planning, placement services and group therapy, Behavioral Health Services also offers individual support and treatment for pregnant women, post-partum women, prisoners in jail for the first time, prisoners with serious ("heavy") charges and incarcerated elders. Over the years, Behavioral Health Services has stepped in to meet the assorted needs of a constantly shifting, culturally diverse population of adult San Franciscans.

The open cases reflected in the Controller's report represent *all* of the inmates coming through the facilities over the course of the month, not just the snapshot provided by the daily census count.

Following are actual figures for 2012:

2012

5,103 inmates were seen by Jail Psychiatric Services and there were 60,869 contacts (units of service) provided.

Behavioral Health Services is seeing slightly fewer people than in years past, but the people they are following require substantially more care.

Cc: Sheriff Ross Mirakatimi
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