

# Duval Delegation Baptist Health Presentation

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# Increasing volume

- All mental health programs at full census
- # of patients holding for both pediatric and adult beds increasing exponentially over the last 6 months
- Dangerousness increasing with patient volume
- Continue to recruit staff and expand services, but demand is greater than supply of providers

# Recidivism

- Recidivism contributes to volume of acute psychiatric problems
- 3 main issues for adults that are co-related:
  - Schizophrenia
  - Homelessness
  - Substance abuse
- Upon discharge, nowhere to go for immediate follow up treatment, so relapse; no recovery

# Reducing Acute Psych Problems

- Create all day and evening clinic hours so people aren't turned away for meds
- Supportive housing for known recidivists
- Trauma responsive community
  - CIT to reduce unnecessary Baker Acts, increase compassionate treatment of mentally ill
  - SOAR to ensure ability to pay for care, improve access to providers
  - Care management resources to stabilize long term

# Building Service Capacity

- Problem of shortage of providers – how to recruit and retain clinicians?
- Baptist/UF Health psychiatry residency program
  - Hope to increase # of adult psychiatrists in NEFL
  - Need funding for 3 pediatric residency slots
- Nemours/Baptist psychology fellowship
  - Hope to increase # of psychologists in NEFL
  - Need funding for psychology internship program

# Let's Build a Safety Net

- People with means and connections are getting mental health care
- We need to build a safety net for people without means or connections
- We know how to do it
- We need the funding to be successful
- WHY DO IT? Because Everybody Matters!!