



# 2024 Priority Admissions Recommendations & Legislation

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1. Immediately begin to increase DCT capacity and access
  - Repurposing of CARE – St. Peter to psychiatric beds in the Forensic Mental Health Program
2. Joint Incident Collaboration
  - Legislation not required to implement
3. Approve exception to priority admissions law for 10 civilly committed individuals waiting in a hospital to be added to the waitlist
  - Enacted
4. Create and implement new priority admissions criteria to DCT facilities
  - Enacted

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5. Increase access to services provided in the community
  - MA payment for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) and Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS)
  - Engagement Services Pilot Grants
6. Administer medications in jails
  - County correctional facility long-acting injectable antipsychotic medication pilot –
  - 2-year county correctional support pilot
7. Relieve counties of certain DNMC costs
  - Cost of care changes for Anoka Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC) and Community Behavioral Health Hospitals (CBHHs)
  - Debt forgiveness and reimbursements for Beltrami and Todd Counties

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8. Expedite section 1115 waiver application for individuals in custody
  - DHS is required to apply to federal HHS to implement a medical assistance reentry demonstration
9. Increase forensic examiner accessibility
  - No legislation

# 2024 Priority Admissions Legislation

- Other related legislative action:
  - Mentally Ill and Dangerous Civil Commitment Reform Task Force
  - Report on Inpatient Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Beds
  - Legislative approval for DCT facility closures in certain circumstances
  - Priority admissions review panel



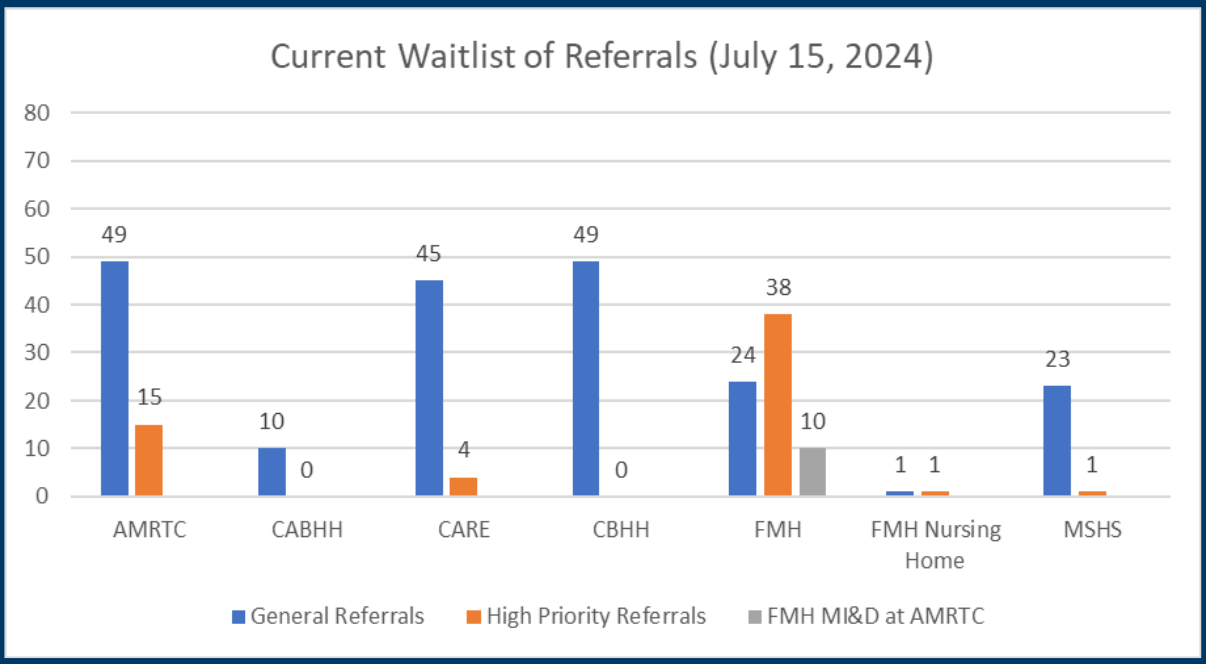
## DHS/DCT Progress to Date



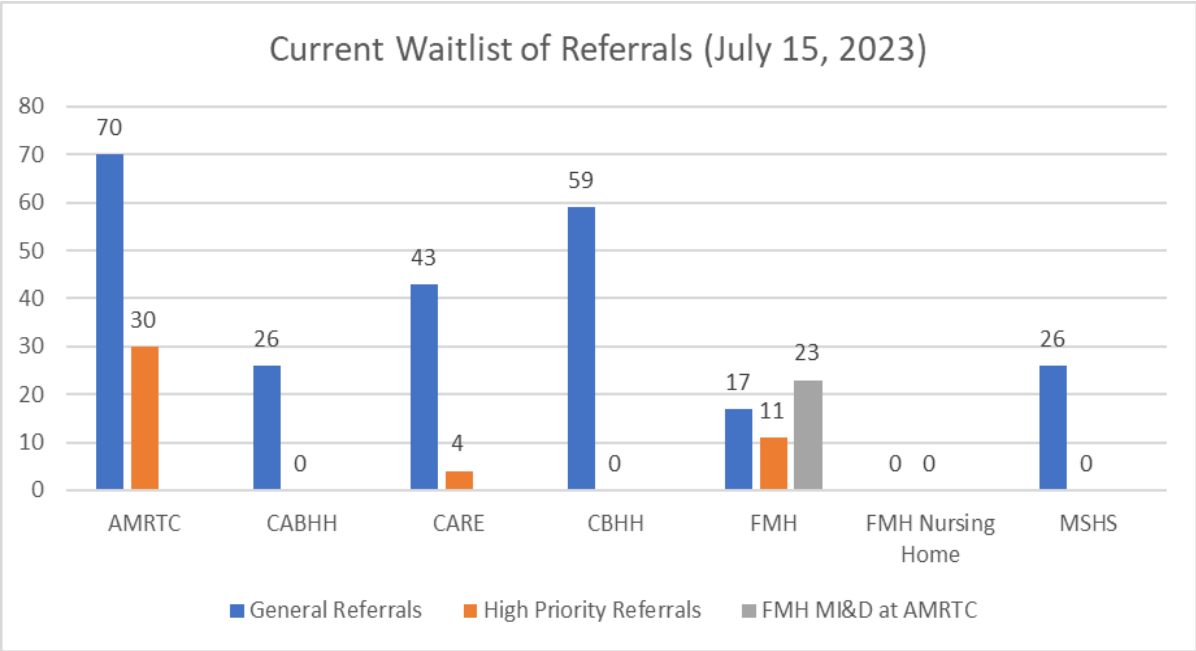
- Opening of Ironwood Unit at Forensic Mental Health
  - Unit re-opened on June 3.
  - Census as of this week is 12. Hope to increase by 2 next week.
  - Forensic Mental Health has accepted 14 patients from AMRTC since January; 7 since June.
  - 11 remain at AMRTC and 2 at CBHHs.

# DCT Waitlist Update

Current Waitlist of Referrals (July 15, 2024)



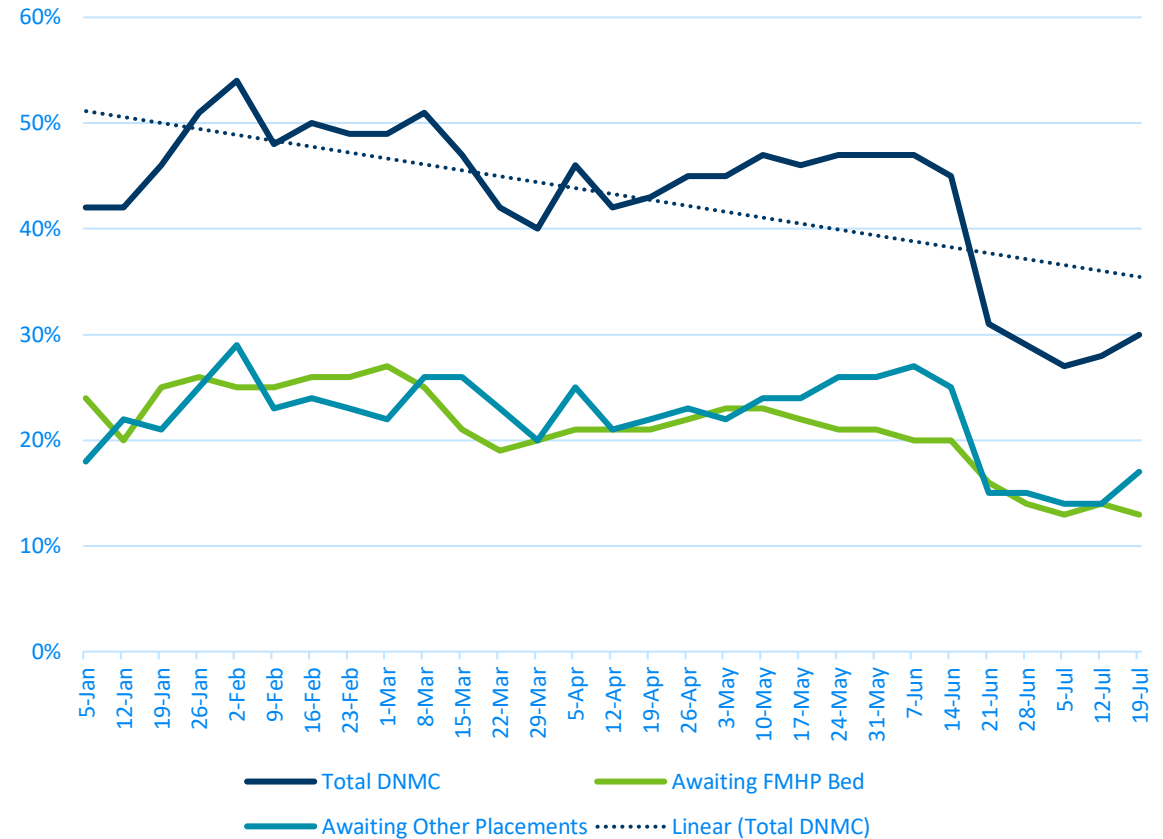
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# Executed Strategies and Achieved Results

- Standardizing best practices in treatment planning and agency wide training
- Improving cohesion of the treatment team – which includes focus on tribal and county partners
- Enhancing county reports to include barriers to discharge
- Increasing diversion efforts and pre-admission review to ensure effective utilization of bed
- Leveraging relationships with community providers to improve referral effectiveness
- Increased ability to get microgrants to community providers through ADSA to remove barriers to discharge
- Percentage of patients who do not meet criteria continue to trend down (*see chart*)
- CY25 YTD AMRTC admissions +12% over LY

Percentage of AMRTC Patients who are DNMC by Week  
January 1, 2024-July 19, 2024



# Key Ongoing Continuous Improvement Strategies

- Development of a standardized training on DNMC practices for DCT staff and county partners
- Clarification of roles and responsibilities between state and county staff
- Ongoing PSDA to increase efficiencies in the referral process
- Weekly performance improvement meeting meetings with Hennepin and Ramsey counties--focused on two key initiatives:
  1. Standardizing and streamlining funding and eligibility processes to reduce timelines and assure everybody was working efficiently and collaboratively together to support discharge.
  2. Assuring alignment between DCT and the county on the discharge plan and refinement of escalation processes

# Admissions Framework Implementation

- New factor prioritization
- Notification processes
- Future steps and needs
- 10 patient exception
- Recent examples (2 recent admissions from hospitals)

# County Correctional Facility Support

- Mental Health Medication Pilot Program
- DCT County Correctional Facility Support Pilot Program
  - Working on getting positions posted and hired.
  - Survey and pilot site selection

# Requirements of this Panel

- Evaluate the 48-hour timeline for priority admissions and submit a report to the Legislature by February 1, 2025 (new this legislative session)
- Advise the DHS Commissioner on the effectiveness of the new framework and about priority admissions generally (Task Force Recommendation)
- For one year following the implementation of the new framework, the panel must review deidentified data quarterly to ensure the framework is implemented and applied equitably (task force recommendation)

# Questions?