



DBHDS Updates

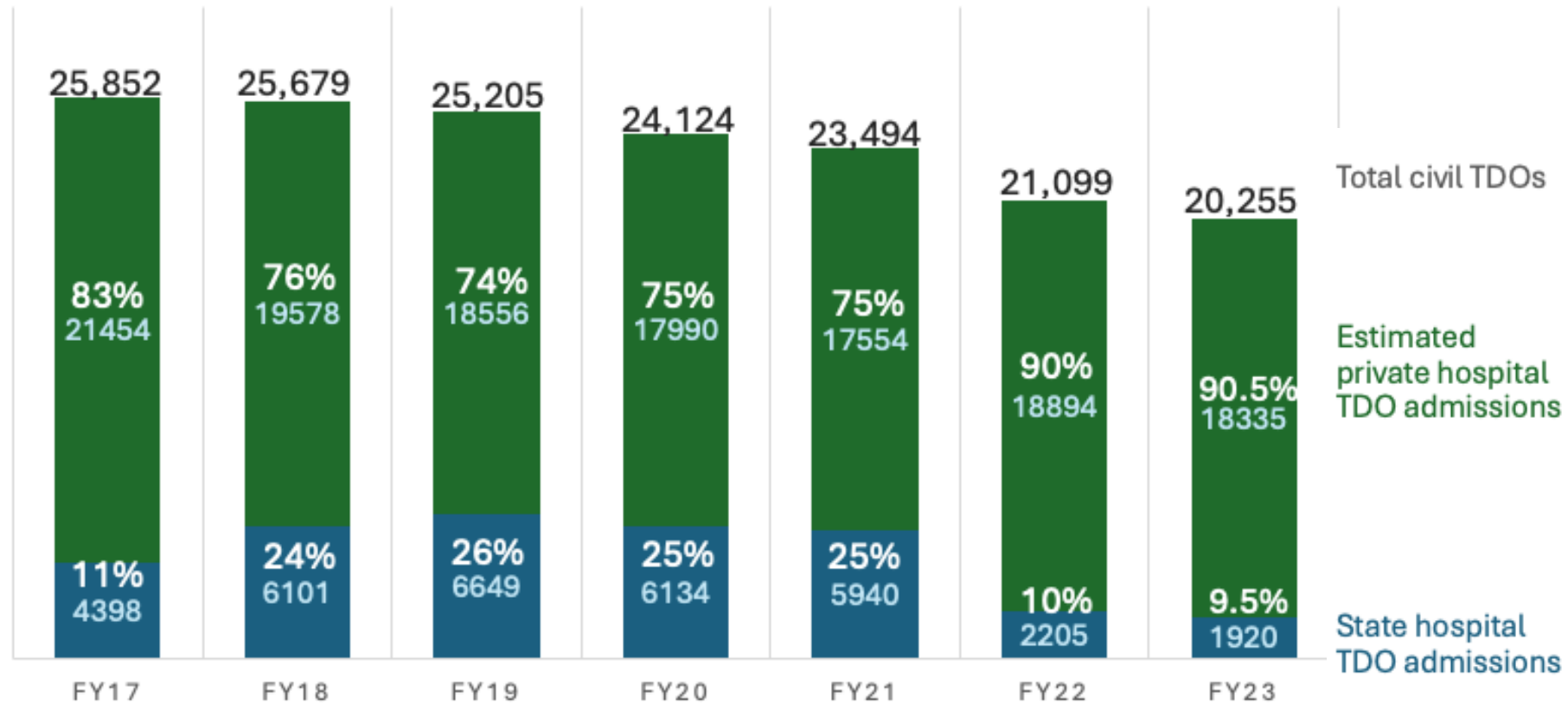
VACSB Emergency Services Conference

Nelson Smith, Commissioner
Department of Behavioral Health &
Developmental Services



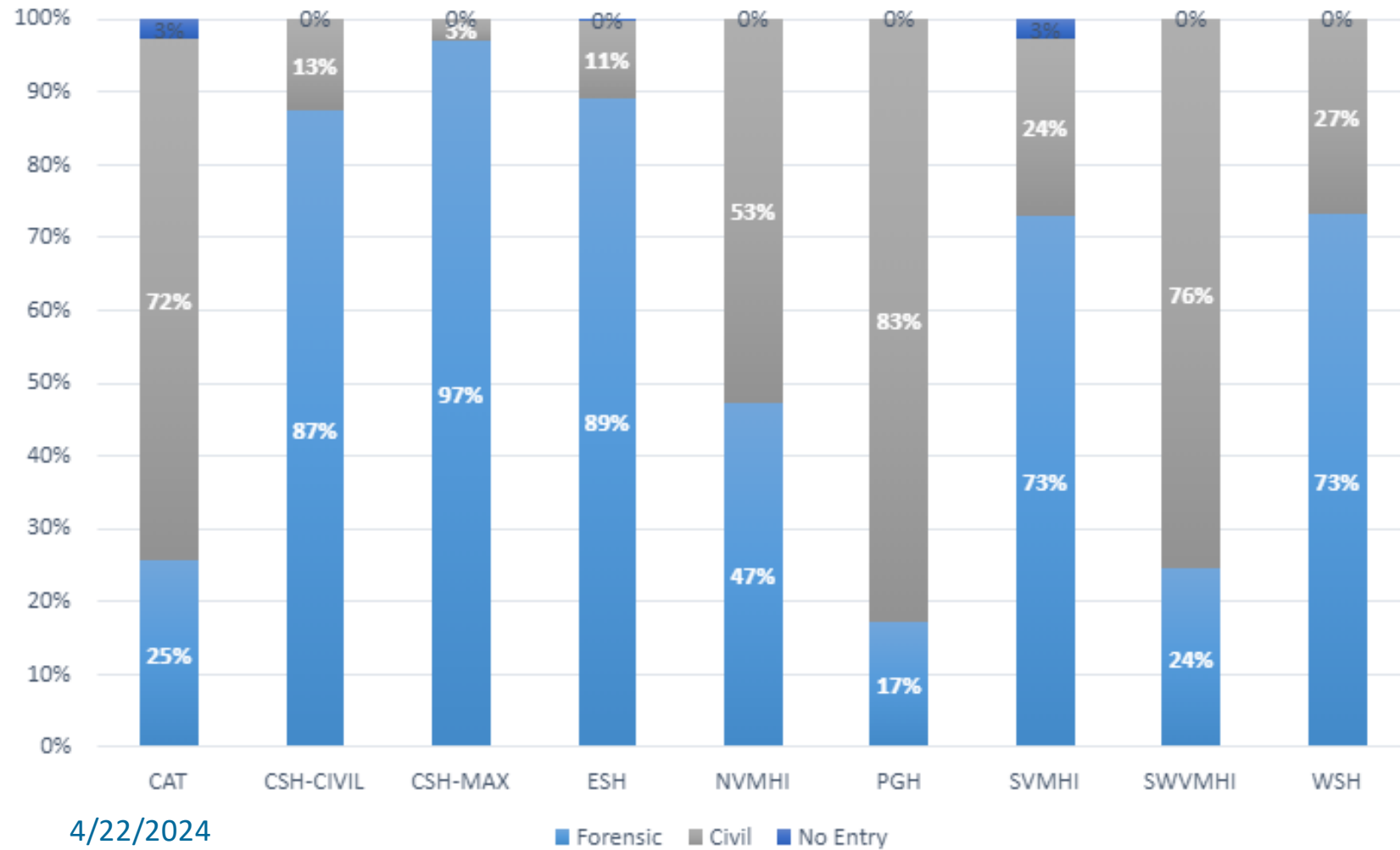


- TDO numbers skyrocketed in 2014 with new Bed of Last Resort laws, but % of private TDO admissions dropped.
- Staffing crisis in the pandemic caused many state hospital beds to close.
- Since wait times for TDO beds began increasing, total numbers of TDOs has declined.
- Private hospitals average 18,265 TDO admissions over the last 5 years.
- Reduction of state hospital civil TDO admissions, but forensic admissions increased **93%** from FY14 – FY23.





Current Distribution of Civil vs. Forensic Status per Facility



Forensic admissions to state facilities increased nearly **93%** from FY14 – FY23

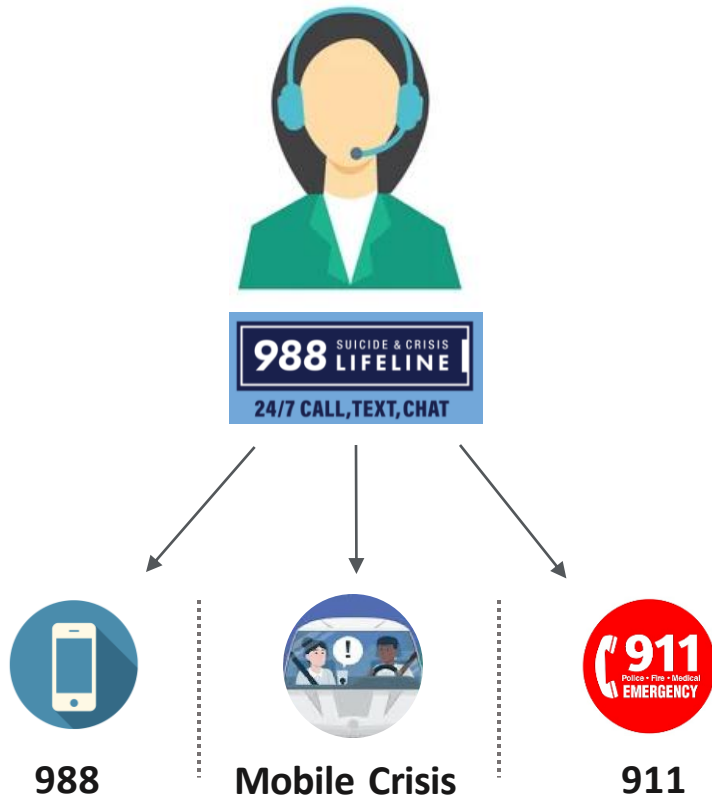
The primary driver in forensic admission increases is **restoration orders**, which increased over **143%** from FY14 – FY23

Consequences include only 30 state civil beds in Region 5 as of 4/22/24

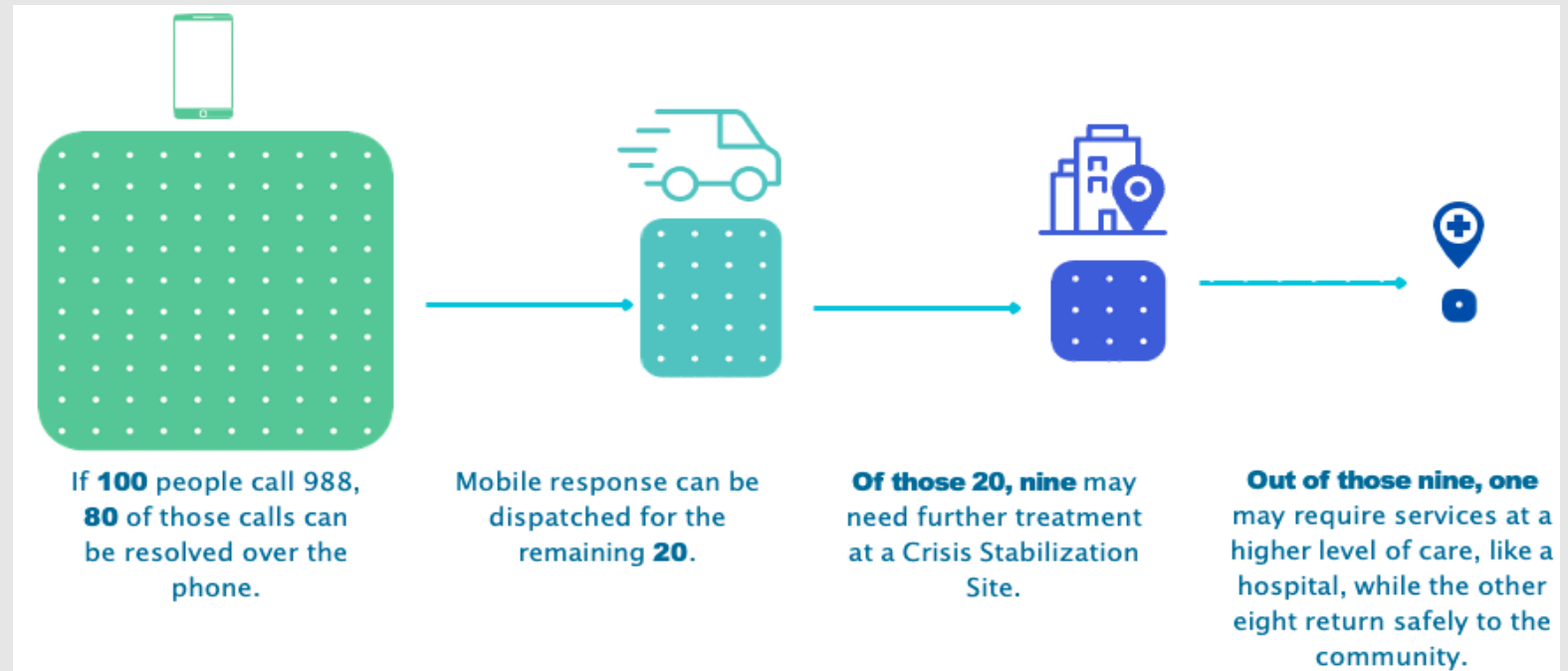
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1) Someone to talk to **2) Someone to respond** **3) A place to go**
988 *Mobile Crisis* *Crisis Centers*





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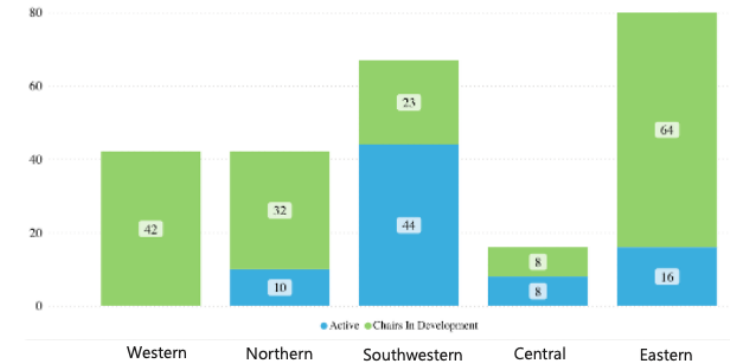
- **New [988va.org](https://www.988va.org) website**
- 988 is like 911 for mental health
- Anyone in mental distress can call or text 988 and trained crisis call center staff will help right away.
- About 8,000 calls per month
- About 80% of calls to 988 can be resolved on the phone
- National and Virginia marketing is underway

Mobile Crisis



- Teams are deployed by 988 or regions to race directly to people in crisis.
- Mobile crisis teams can resolve 70% of the cases they handle
- Virginia now has 98 mobile crisis teams.
- The goal is 140 teams across Virginia

Crisis Receiving Centers/ Crisis Stabilization Units



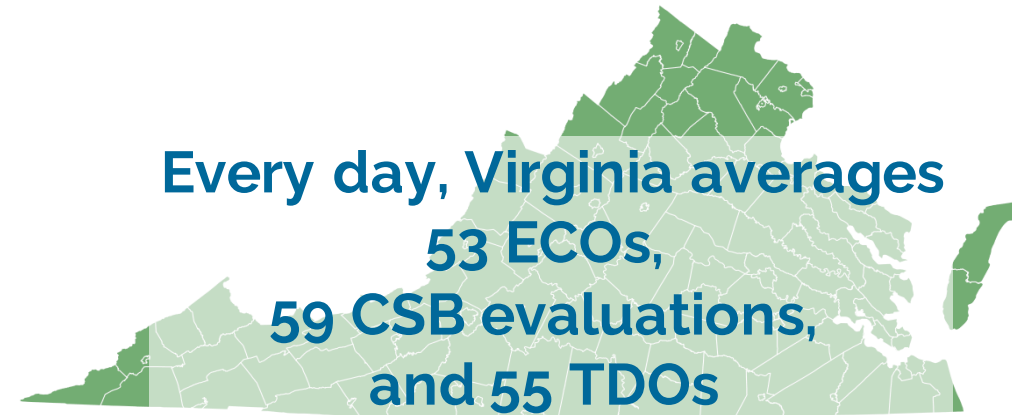
- Community stabilization of mental health crises for walk-ins, ambulance, fire and police drop-offs
- Stabilize crises and safely discharge about 65% of individuals without needing longer-term inpatient care
- Virginia currently has 236 active beds and chairs, with 307 more in development
- More projects underway later in 2024



New River Valley CIT

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We were pleased to be able to provide CIT training to personnel from [Steadfast Security Solutions, LLC](#) who will be piloting an alternative custody and transportation initiative in portions of southwest Virginia as a vendor for the [Virginia Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services \(DBHDS\)](#). We appreciate their willingness to serve the Commonwealth in this important initiative.



Alternative Custody

- Special Conservators of the Peace (SCOP) Pilot
- Off-Duty Deputy Program (DCJS)

Alternative Transportation

- Availability
- Higher acuity transports
- Discharge Transportation

