

HOMELESS, MENTALLY ILL AND INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS: INCARCERATION AND STABILIZATION SERVICES

**A Cost Comparison Analysis for the
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors**



BACKGROUND

- Grand Jury Report
- The Board's October 4th Response & Request
- Recommendation 1 – Comparing annual:
 - Incarceration costs
 - Stabilizing service costs



HOMELESS, MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS

- Vulnerability factors – Six months + other markers
- Range of disorders – Severe to self-coordinating
- Co-occurring = 72% for the severe population
- Spent time in jail = 77%
- Resources available:
 - GR = \$91 per month max and maybe
 - CalFresh = \$200 per month max or
 - SSI = \$625 – 938 per month

ANNUAL STABILIZING SERVICE COSTS



- \$11,460 – Supportive housing services
- \$18,600 – Mental health evaluation/treatment
- \$ 3,500 – Medical treatment & medications

**\$33,560 per person
stabilizing services costs**



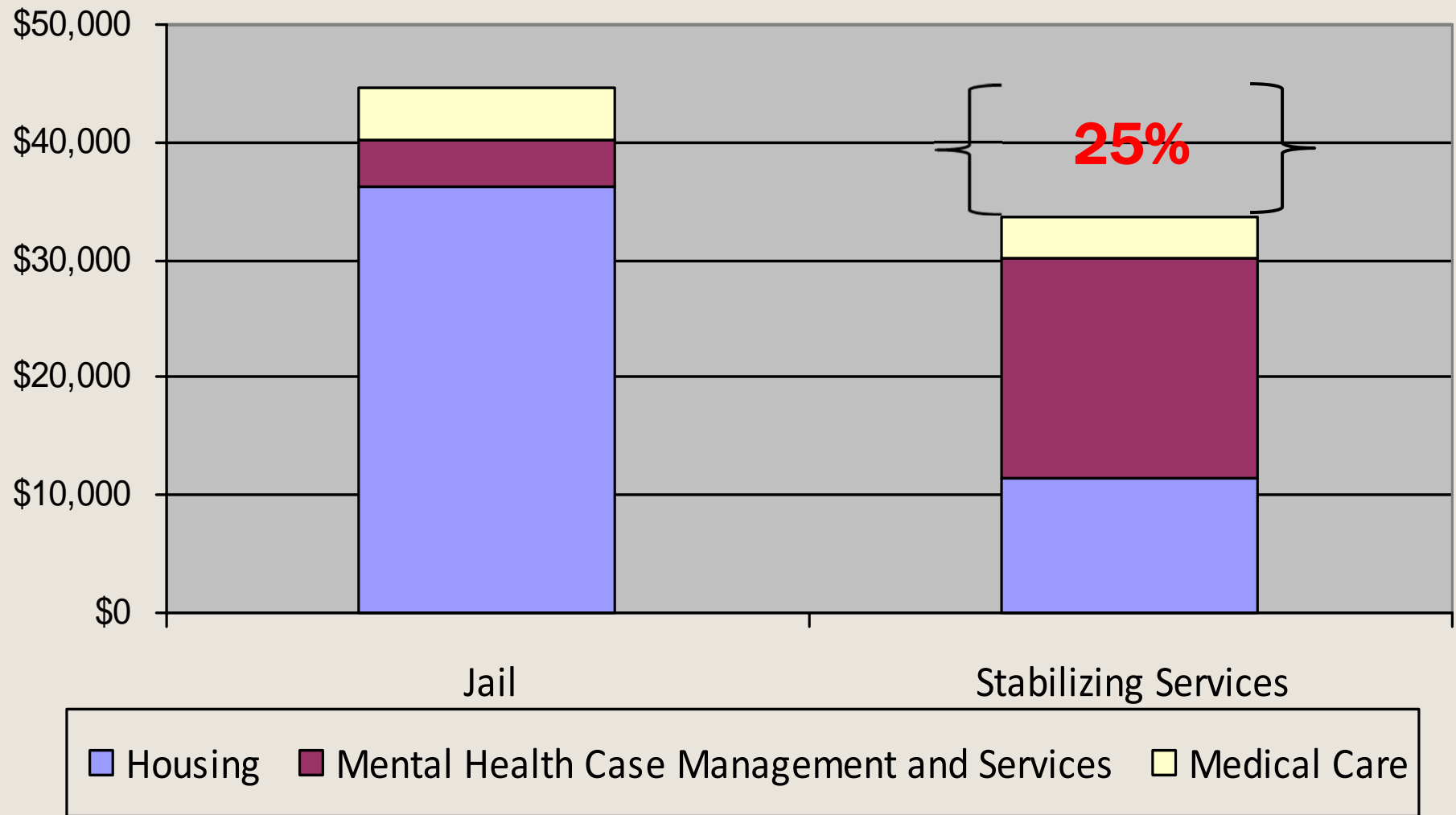
ANNUAL INCARCERATION COSTS

- \$36,272 – Housing, security & other services
- \$ 4,030 – Mental health evaluation/treatment
- \$ 4,270 – Medical treatment & medications

**\$44,572 per person
incarceration costs**



COST COMPARISON





COST COMPARISON CHALLENGES

- Limited housing capacity
- Service effectiveness
- Transition planning and execution



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Accept and file the staff report
- Authorize the Chair to sign letter to the Presiding Judge & Foreperson of the Grand Jury
- Provide possible further direction