



# ***Licensed Psychiatric Hospital Beds: Commonwealth of Massachusetts***

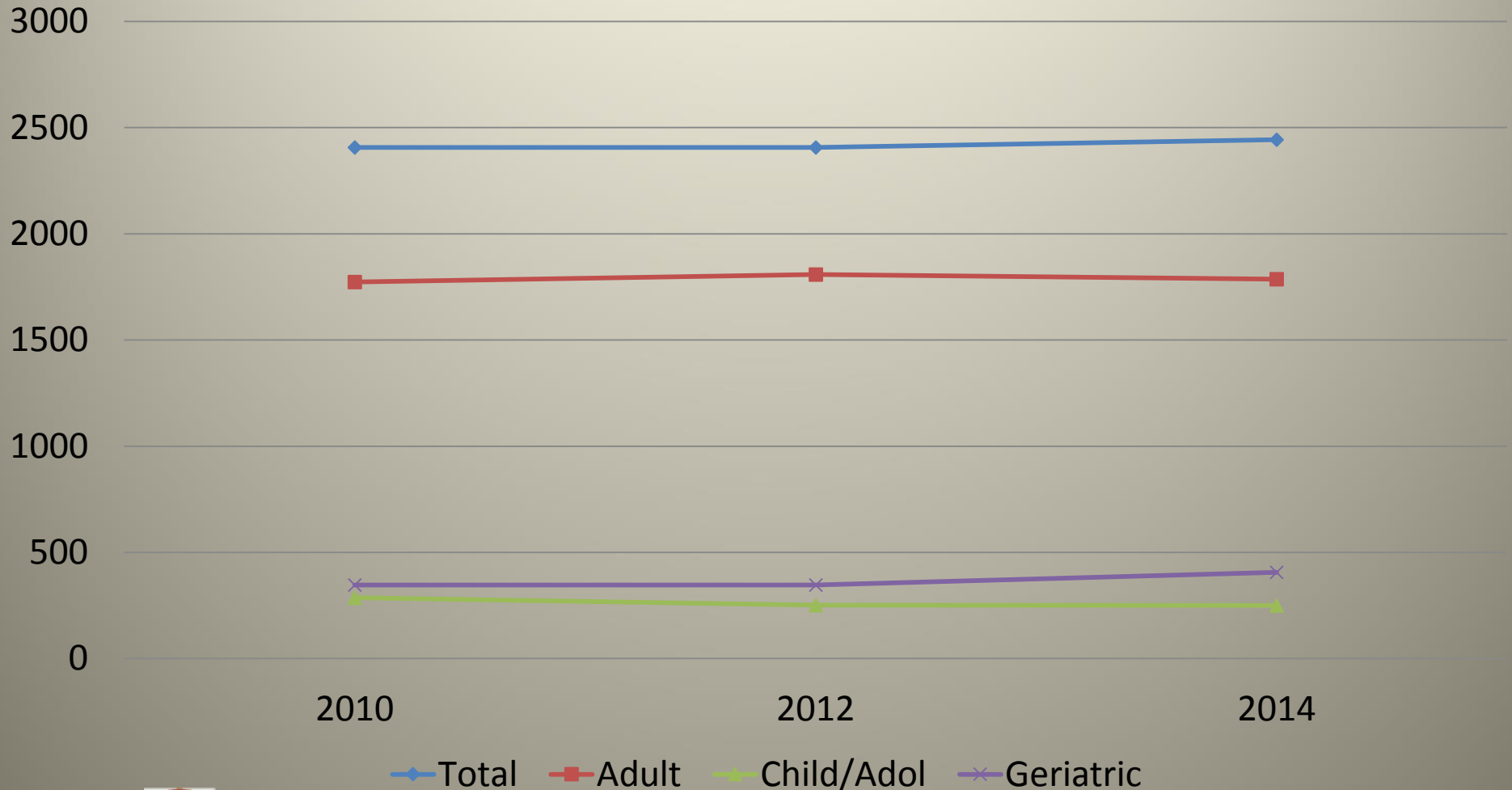
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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts Licensed Psychiatric Inpatient Beds: 2010 - 2014

2010-2014



# What is the impact?

- 4 years, little overall change in total psych inpatient capacity
  - 14 beds or 1% increase in adult
  - 59 beds or 17% increase in geriatric
  - Loss of 27 beds or 13% in child/adolescent



# What are the *real* issues?

## Availability

- Stigma
- Reimbursement
  - Across all payors: Commercial and Public

## Access

- Geographic and age distribution inequity
- Psychiatric emergency room boarding
- Lack of robust, assertive community services



## *Real issues: part 2*

### Financial disincentives

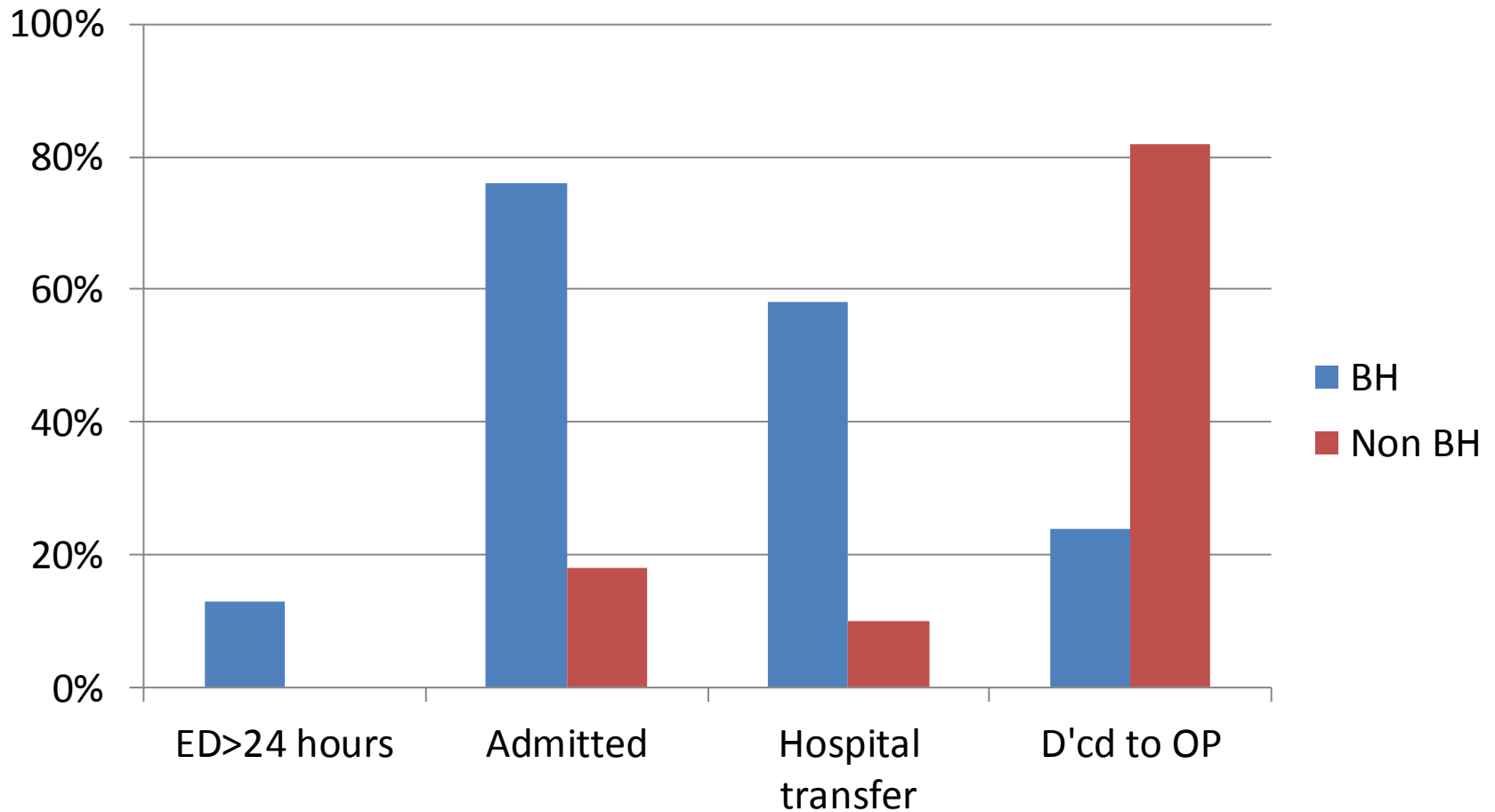
- Reimbursement does not cover cost of inpatient bed
  - (nor contribute to unit and/or hospital overhead)
- Perverse insurance incentive for emergency room utilization

### Quality

- High rate of recidivism
- Lack of evidence based community services



# Emergency room experience of behavioral health and non behavioral health patients



# Challenges and Opportunities

## Challenges:

- Mental Health advocacy needs to find a common voice and priorities
- Lots of talk the talk....we need to walk the walk
- It is an election year

## Opportunities:

- It is an election year
- Our voices: Enough is enough

