

SAFE POINT SAN DIEGO CLEAN SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT
FY 12



PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

- Inform the Council and the Public
- Comply with State Reporting Requirements
- Highlight Successes, Concerns, Trends

WHY SYRINGE EXCHANGE?

- **Scientifically Proven Public Health Program to Reduce HIV/AIDS and HCV**
 - Numerous respected institutions endorse
 - SD 3rd highest AIDS rate in CA
 - 2000+ HCV diagnoses last year in SD
- **Prevent Re-use of Syringes and Spread of Infection Among Injection Drug Users**
 - Second leading cause of HIV transmission
 - #1 cause of HCV transmission

WHY SYRINGE EXCHANGE?

- Protect the public, police, emergency and environmental services personnel from infection from syringes improperly discarded in trash, parks, beaches
- A gateway for referral to drug treatment, HIV counseling, health care, and other services

SAFE POINT SAN DIEGO

- Mobile unit operated by Family Health Centers
 - Downtown and North Park
 - 3 hours Thursday evening and Friday morning
- 2001 – 2005 bi-weekly emergency declaration
- 2006 – State law changes to permit establishment through a single legislative act. July 06 Council resolution.

SAFE POINT SAN DIEGO

Initial Visit

- 2 syringes
- Identification card
- Demographic data
- Harm reduction and health kits
- Referrals

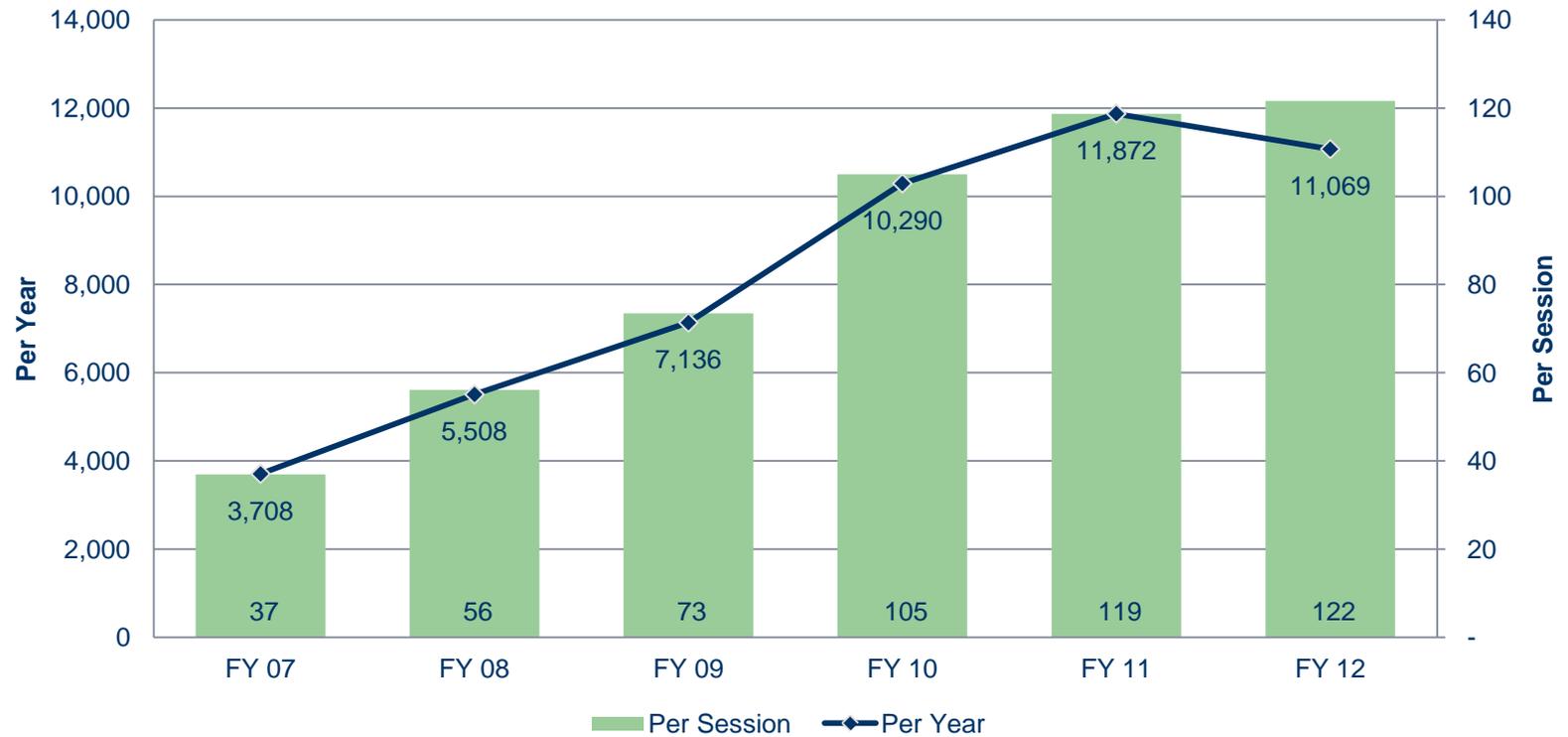
Ongoing

- One for one exchange up to 30
- Harm reduction and health kits
- Referrals

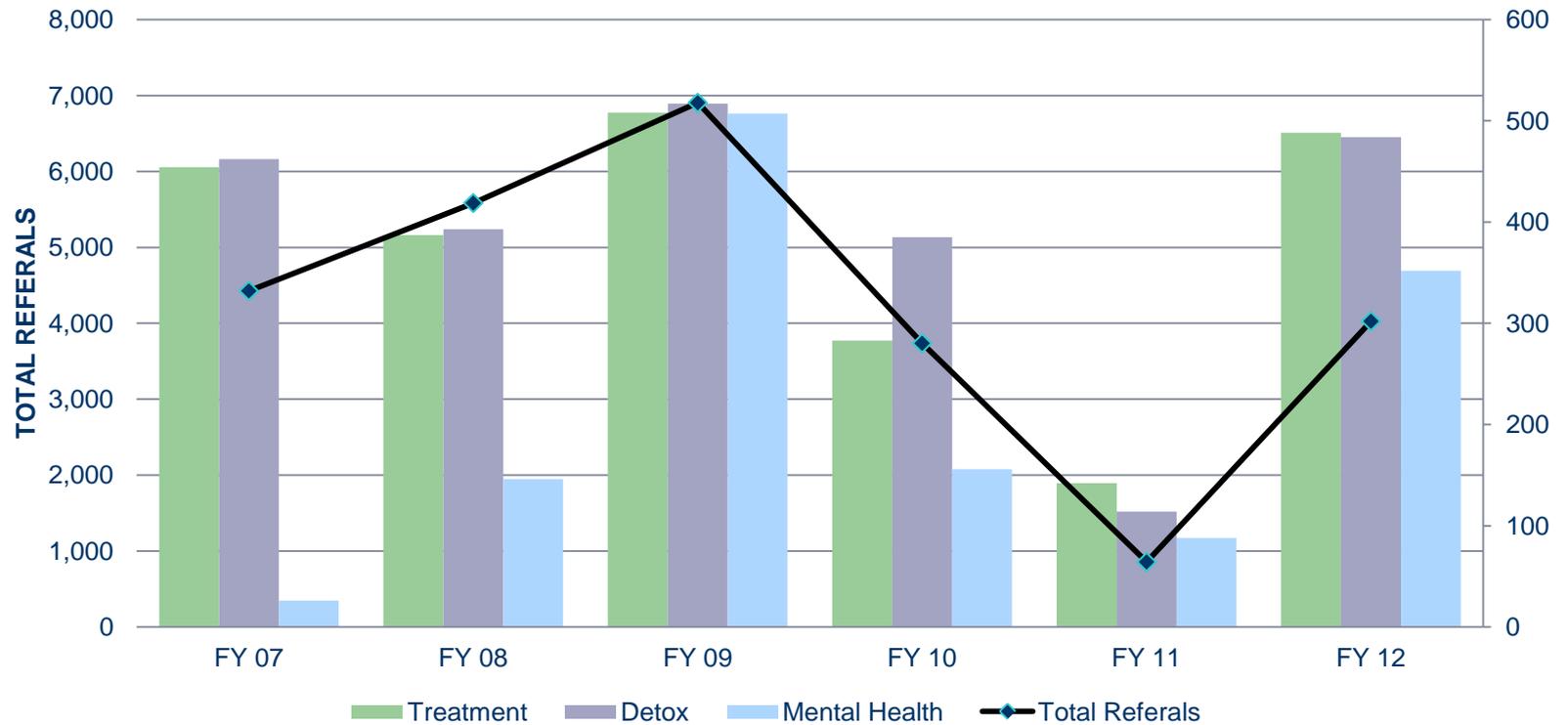
FISCAL YEAR 2012

- 3% increase in clients per session
- 369% increase in referrals
- 16,373 more syringes received than disbursed
- 265,971 syringes disposed of properly

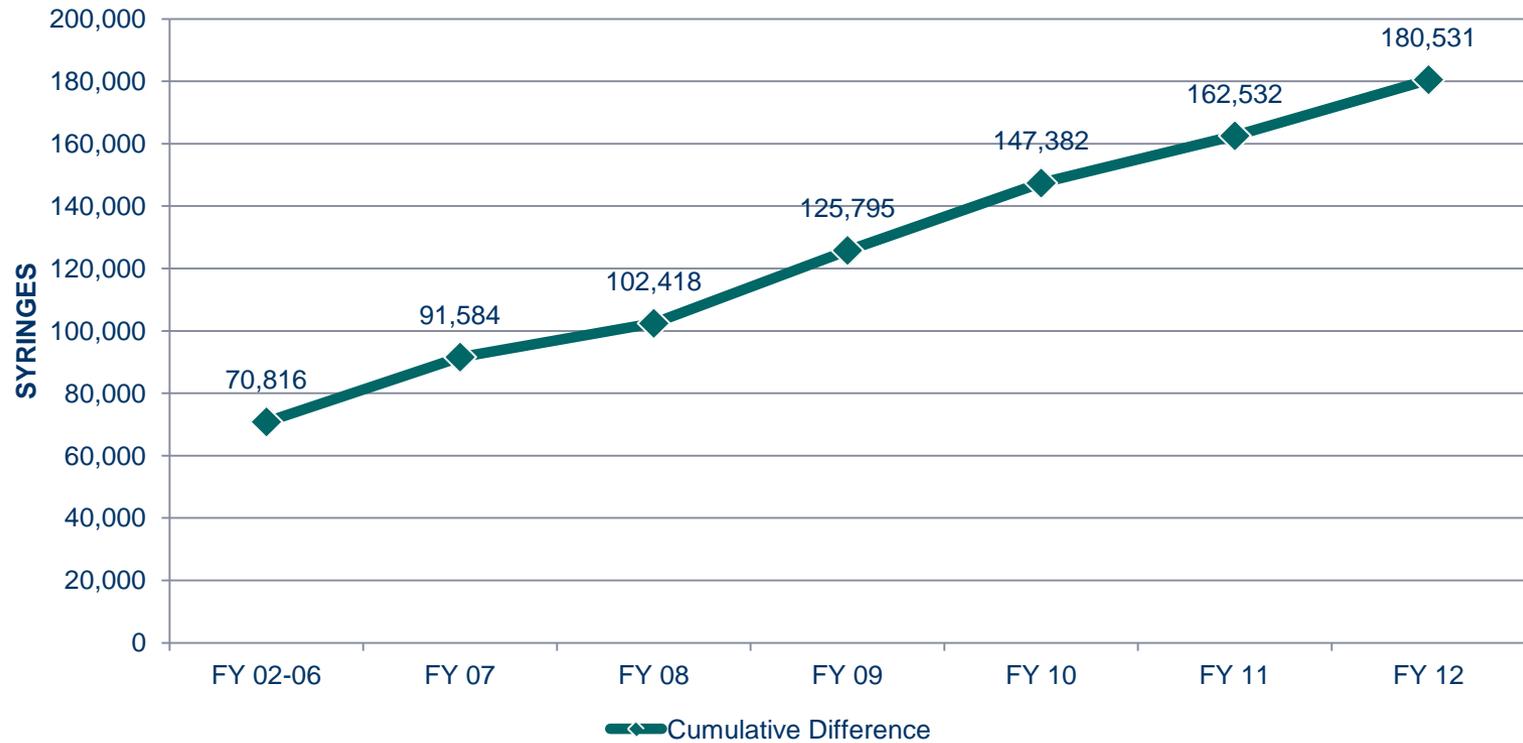
CLIENT VISITS



REFERRALS



RECEIVED VS DISBURSED



DEMOGRAPHICS

- 71% Male
- 74% White
- 75% High School or more
- 30% Employed
- Median age 34 (1st time up since FY 06)
- 46% have own place to live (Down from 62%)

TRENDS AND CONCERNS

Increased utilization

- Word of Mouth
- Economy?

Median Age

- First Increase since FY 06.

Increased Referrals

- Increased Use of Volunteers
- Streamlined Process

More Homeless Clients

- 26% increase in clients with no home.



FUNDING

- Alliance Healthcare Foundation
- No Federal, State, County Funding
- FHCSD Commitment
- Private Funders
 - Human Dignity Foundation
 - AIDS United
 - Comer Foundation (pending)
 - MAC AIDS Foundation (pending)
- City Council Funding
 - \$51,000 in CPPS Funding for FY 2012
 - \$75,000 in CDBG Funding for FY 2013

FACILITATION COMMITTEE

- 2006 Council Resolution called for it to be re-established. Members appointed by the Mayor.
- 7 Members and 2 Ex Officio Reps
 - Emergency Medical Services Director (Chair)
 - SANDAG
 - Private Foundation
 - 2 Public Health Experts
 - At Large Community Member
 - Program Operator
 - Police Department

FACILITATION COMMITTEE

- Review the status of the program and issues relevant to its operation;
- Approve recommendations to adjust or add days/hours of service
- Recommend new sites to City Council as needed

CONCLUSION

- A proven successful public health and safety strategy
- Improper disposal of more than 1.8M syringes prevented
- Need continues to increase
- Funding challenges continue