



SUICIDE WATCH OVERVIEW

Suicide is a leading cause of death in America's jails

National Institute of Corrections

Inmate suicides are 3 times more likely than the general public

SUICIDE PREVENTION IS SAVING LIVES

Suicides in Multnomah County's jails
have **dropped**

From **1-2** suicides **every year**
to only **1** in **4 YEARS**

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Why?

- ✓ **Suicide prevention training**
- ✓ **Physical plant modifications**

SUICIDE PREVENTION IS A TEAM EFFORT

Suicide Screening Process

ALL inmates assessed for suicide risk at:

- ✓ **Booking**
- ✓ **RECOG**
- ✓ **Classification**
- ✓ **Medical Intake**

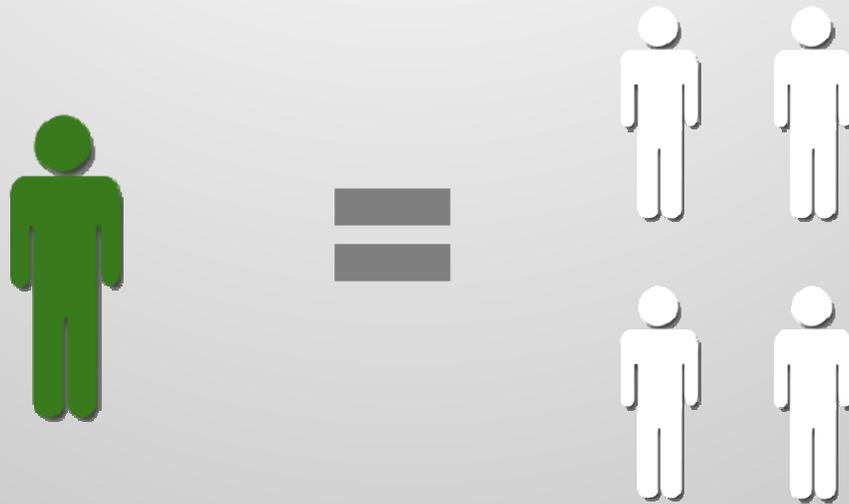
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Constant Suicide Watch



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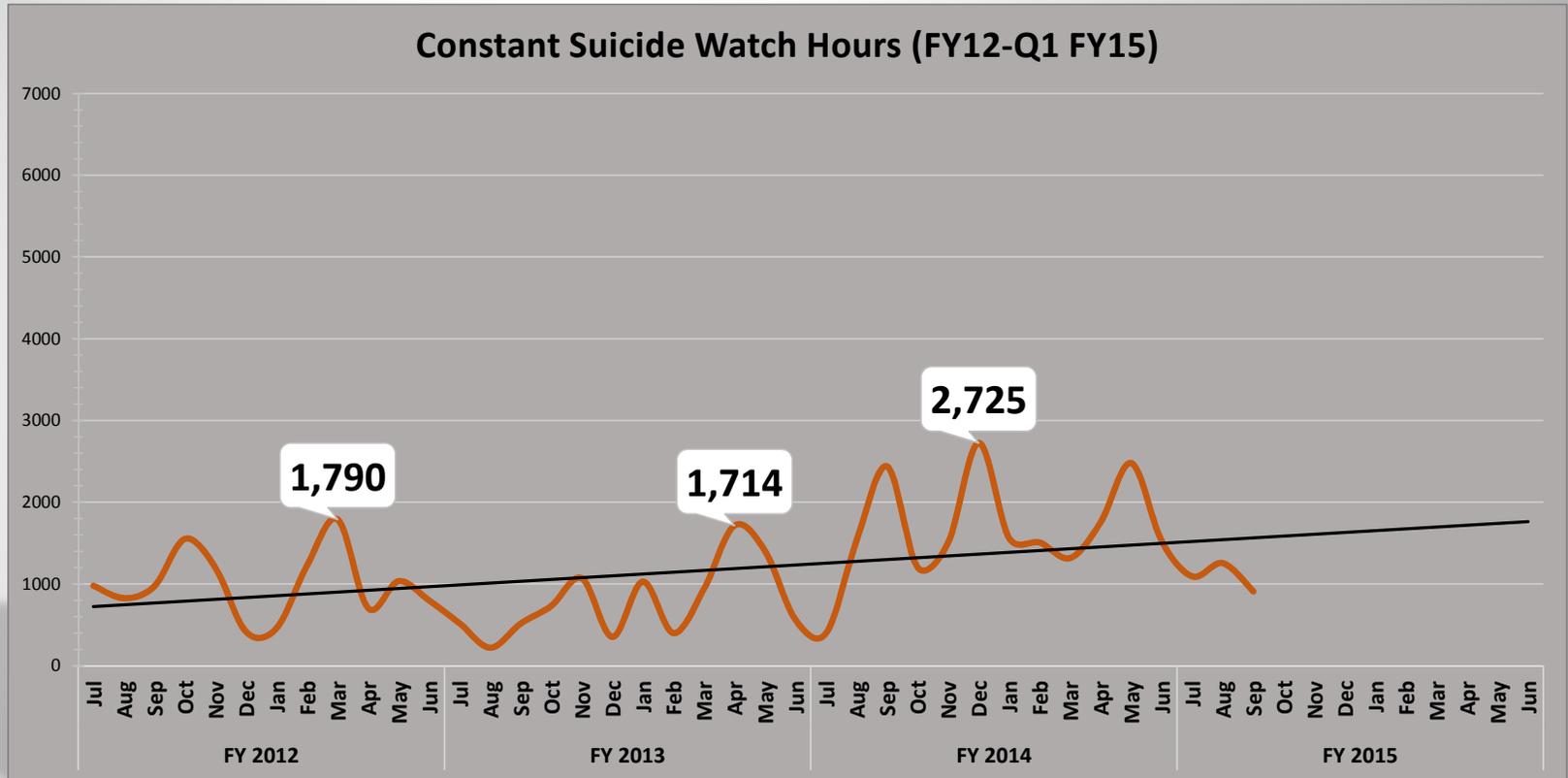
Active Suicide Watch



SUICIDE WATCH TRENDS

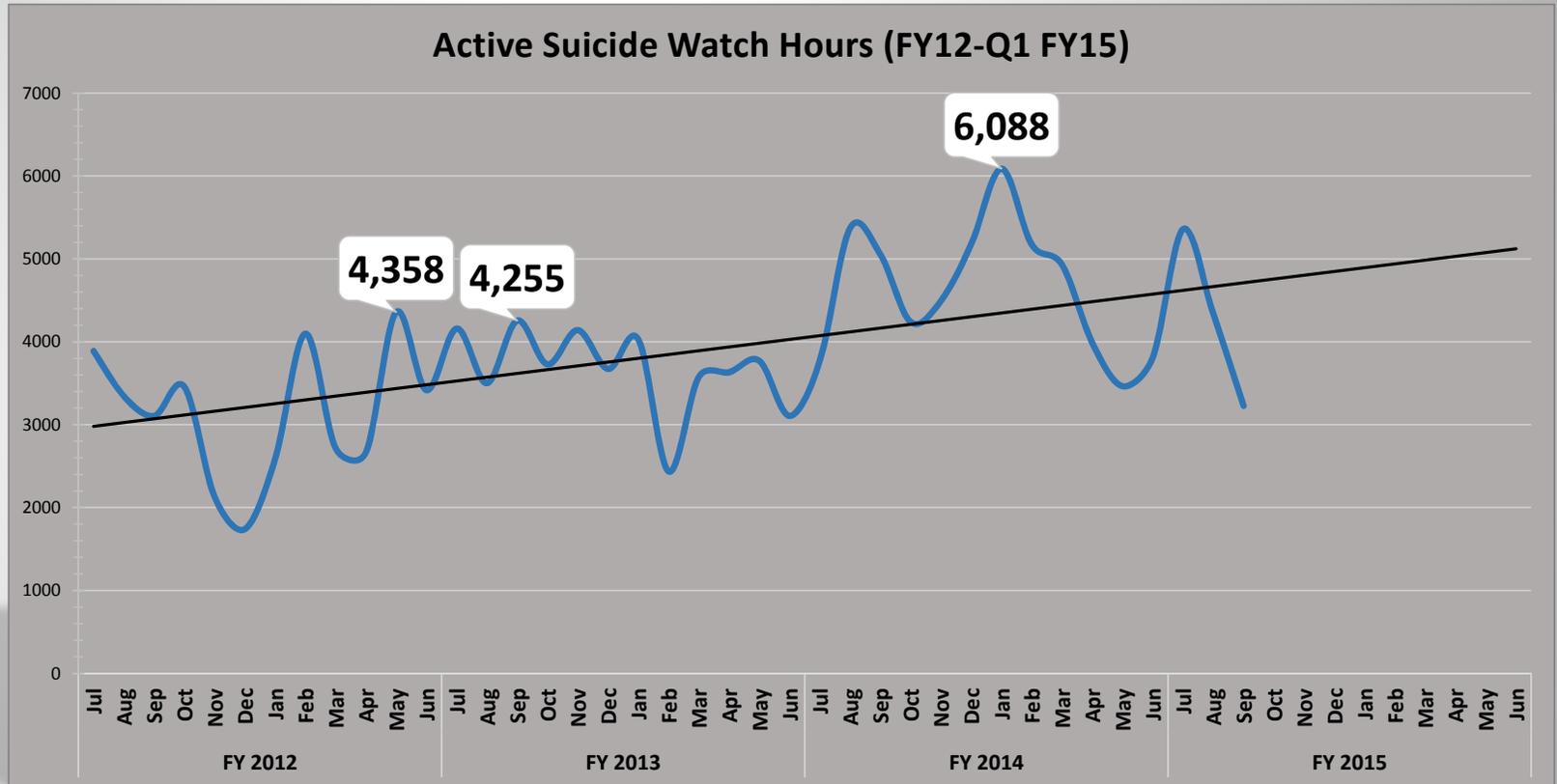
Watch Hours

■ Constant



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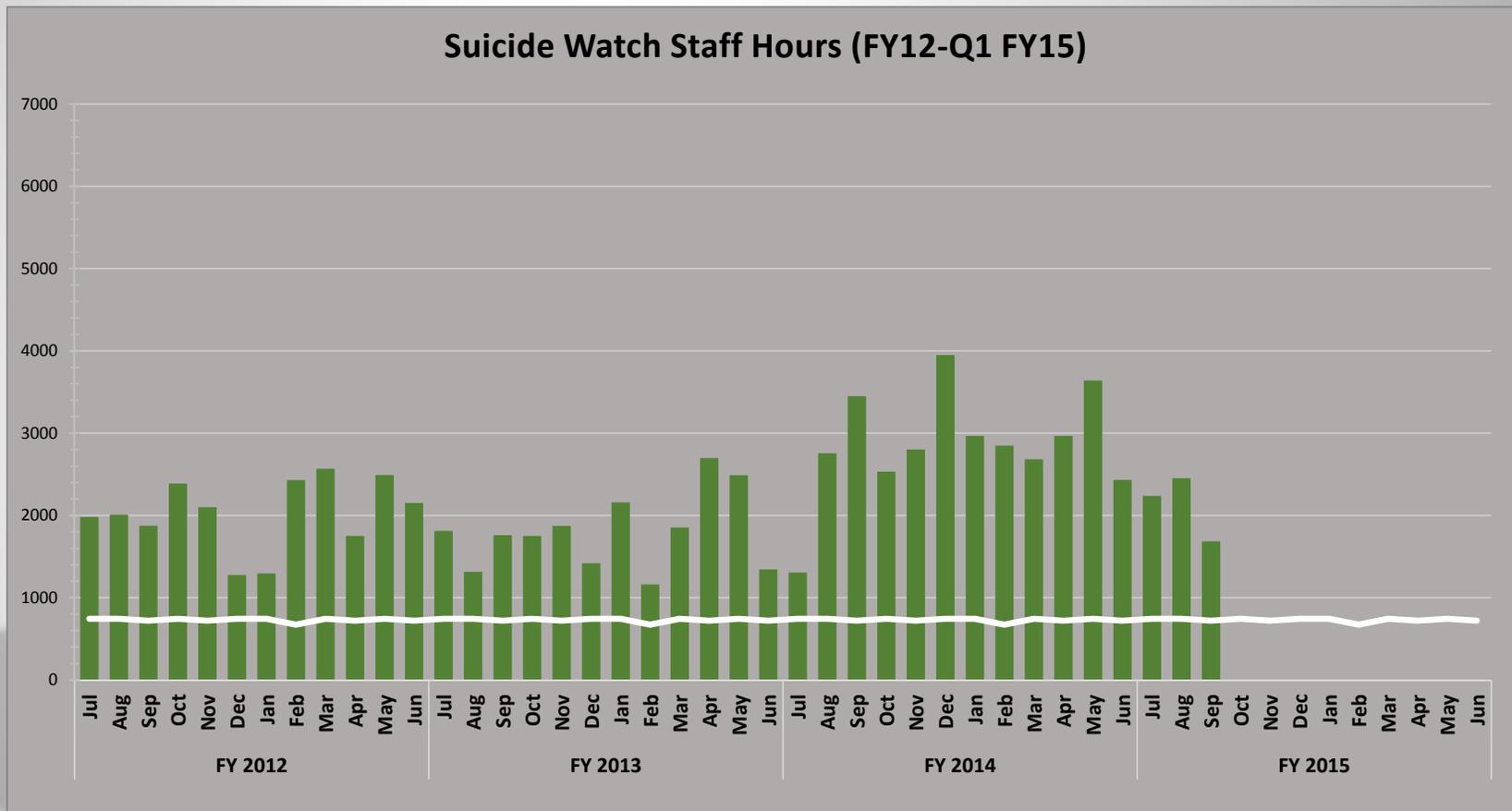
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SUICIDE WATCH TRENDS

Staff Hours

- Total Hours
- Budgeted



SUICIDE WATCH DURATIONS

< 48 Hours

79% of Active Watches

54% of Constant Watches

SUICIDE WATCH DURATIONS

> 10 Days

1% of Active Watches

7% of Constant Watches

*** Top 3 inmates in FY14 used 9,521 hours
costing an estimated \$558,000**

COST REDUCTION EFFORTS

- ✓ **Alternate staffing models**
- ✓ **Increased mental health staff**
 - *continued analysis will show the impact*

NEXT STEPS...

- ✓ Explore jail alternative programming
- ✓ Continue to explore prosecution alternatives
- ✓ Continue progress toward less costly staffing of suicide watch
- ✓ Collect data to ensure mental health funding has the intended impact on jail cost

