

Addressing the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) Epidemic in Yuba County

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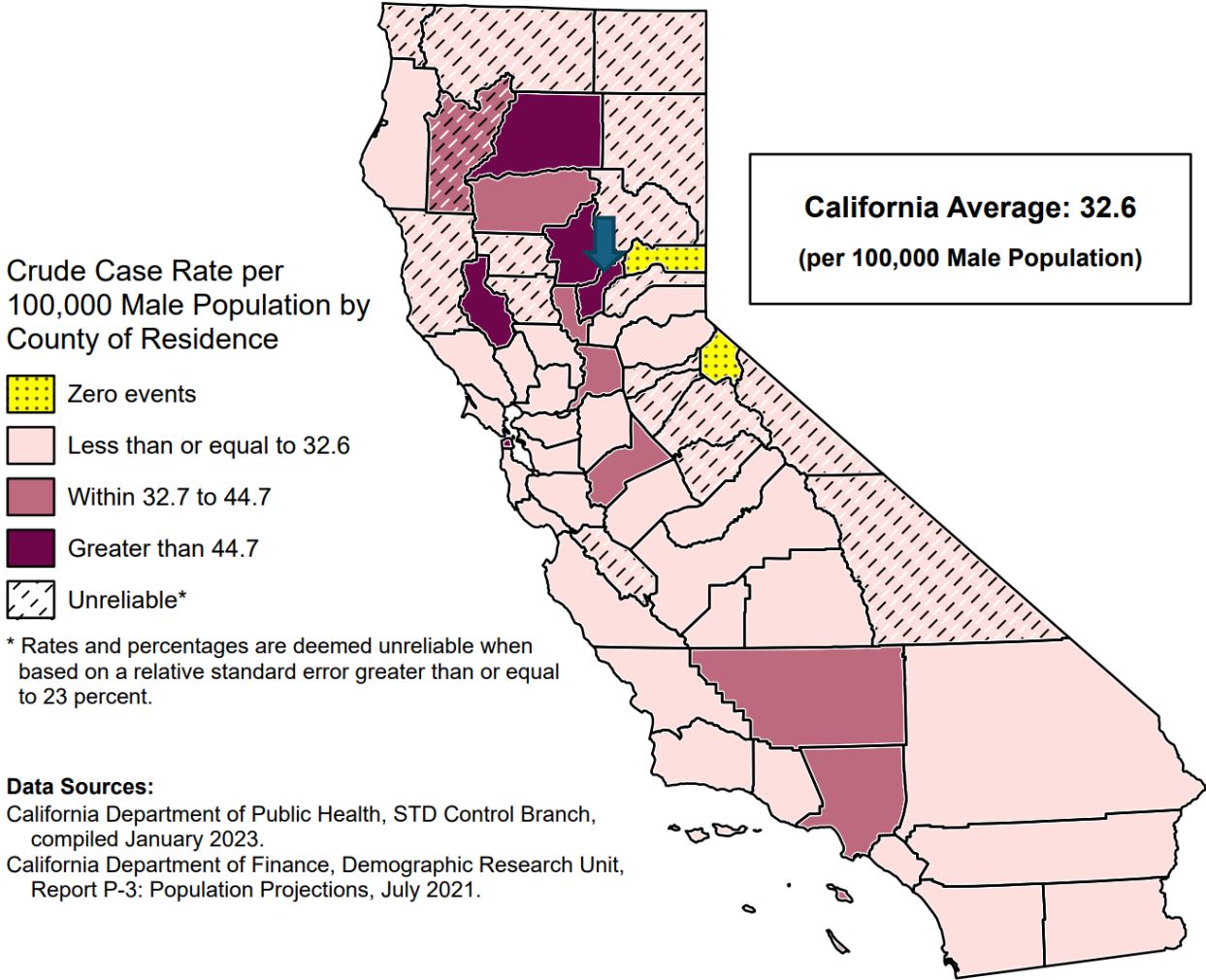


When I got hired in Yuba County (and Sutter County) in 2020 – the Yuba County Public Health Deputy Director at the time told me:

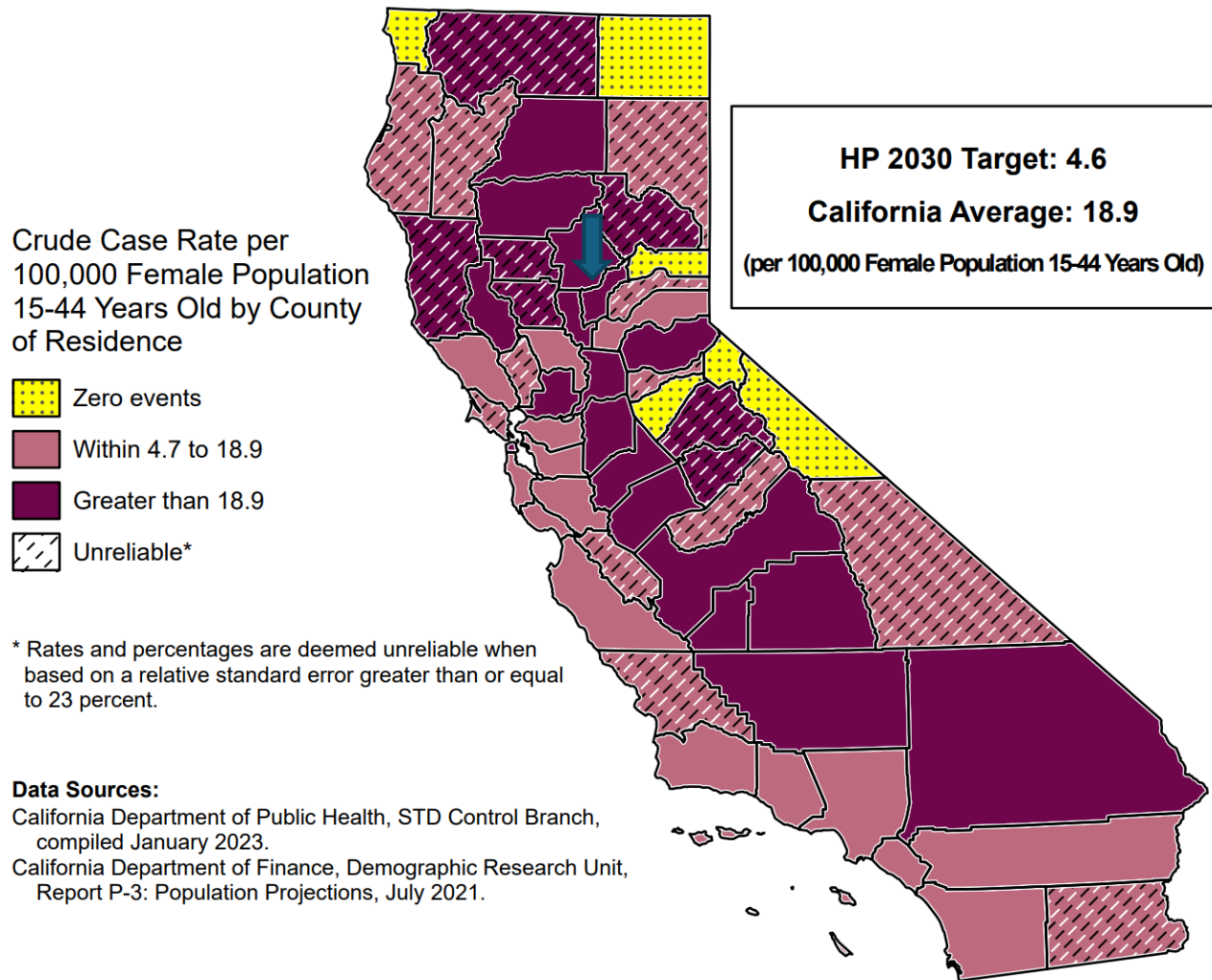


“We have a huge syphilis problem.”

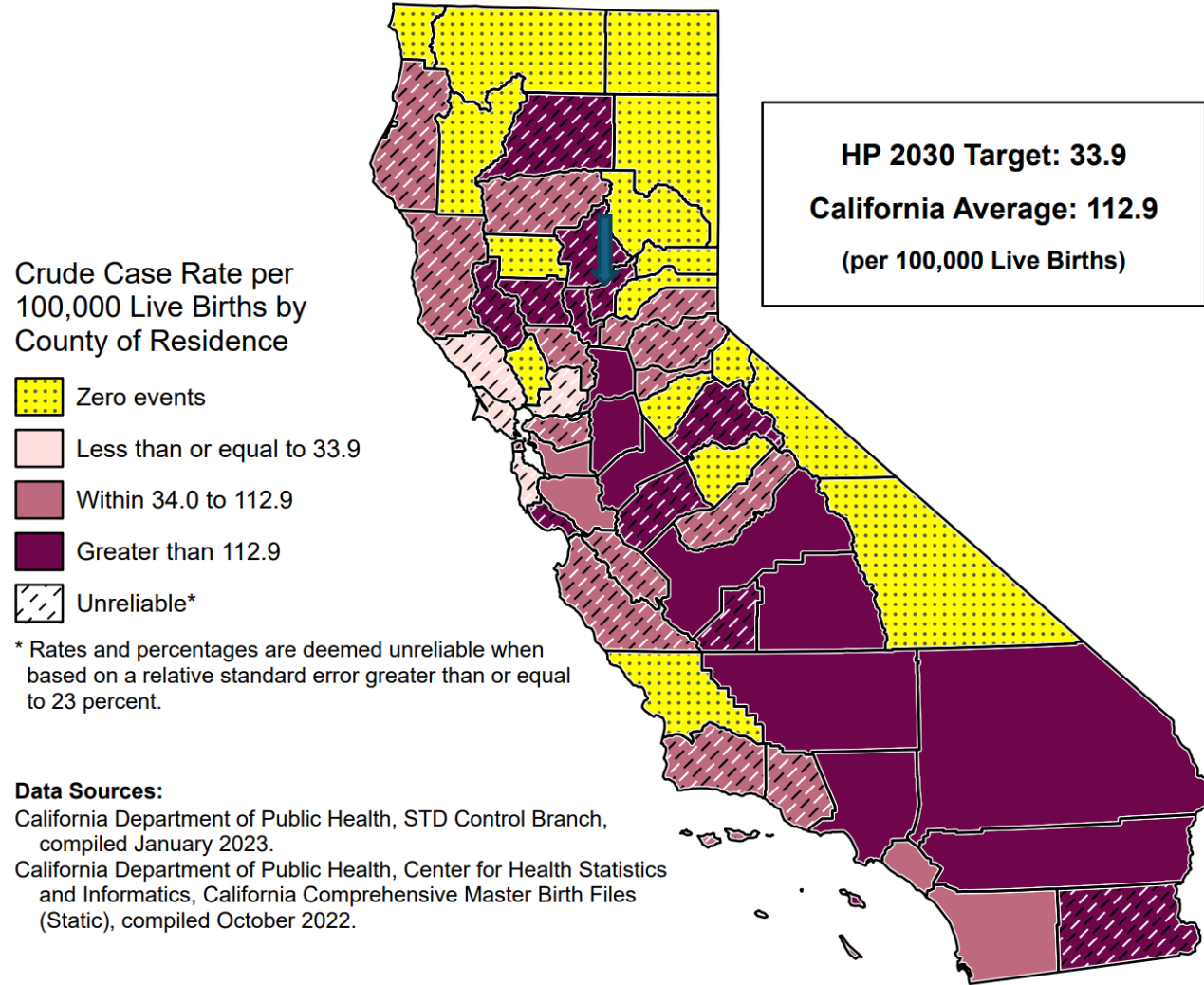
**REPORTED INCIDENCE OF PRIMARY AND
SECONDARY SYPHILIS AMONG MALES ALL AGES, 2019–2021**



REPORTED INCIDENCE OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SYPHILIS AMONG FEMALES 15 TO 44 YEARS OLD, 2019–2021



REPORTED INCIDENCE OF CONGENITAL SYPHILIS, 2019–2021



Go where the STIs cases are → Our Jail

- In California, the communities most impacted by HIV, HCV, and/or STIs include:
 - People of Color, especially Blacks/African Americans, Latinx, & Indigenous people
 - Young people (ages 15-29 years)
 - Gay and bisexual men, and other men who have sex with men
 - People who are trans or gender non-conforming
 - People who use drugs, including people who inject drugs
 - People experiencing homelessness
 - People who are incarcerated
 - People who exchange sex for drugs, housing, and/or other resources
 - People who can become pregnant
 - Migrant and immigrant communities, including people who are undocumented

Proposed program to Jail
Commander and WellPath (Jail
Medical Provider)

Early 2021

Sought approval from CDPH to use STD
Collaborative Grant funding for project –
got DENIED!

Mid-2021

Jail Commander
concerned about
another provider
coming into the Jail

Late 2021

What
now?

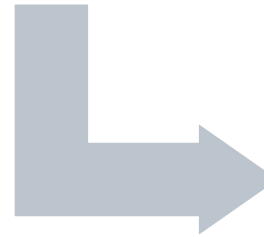
Asked each of the three FQHCs and one hospital to confirm that they are declining to contract

Late 2021



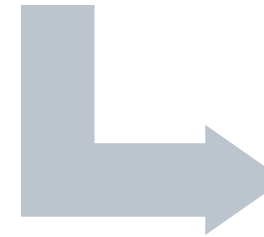
Submitted back to CDPH an accountability attestation that all local non-profits declined

Early 2022



CDPH STD Branch submitted our proposal to CDPH Legal and we finally got approval!

Mid-2022



Contract signed with WellPath September 2022 to start program!

Inmate comes into Jail



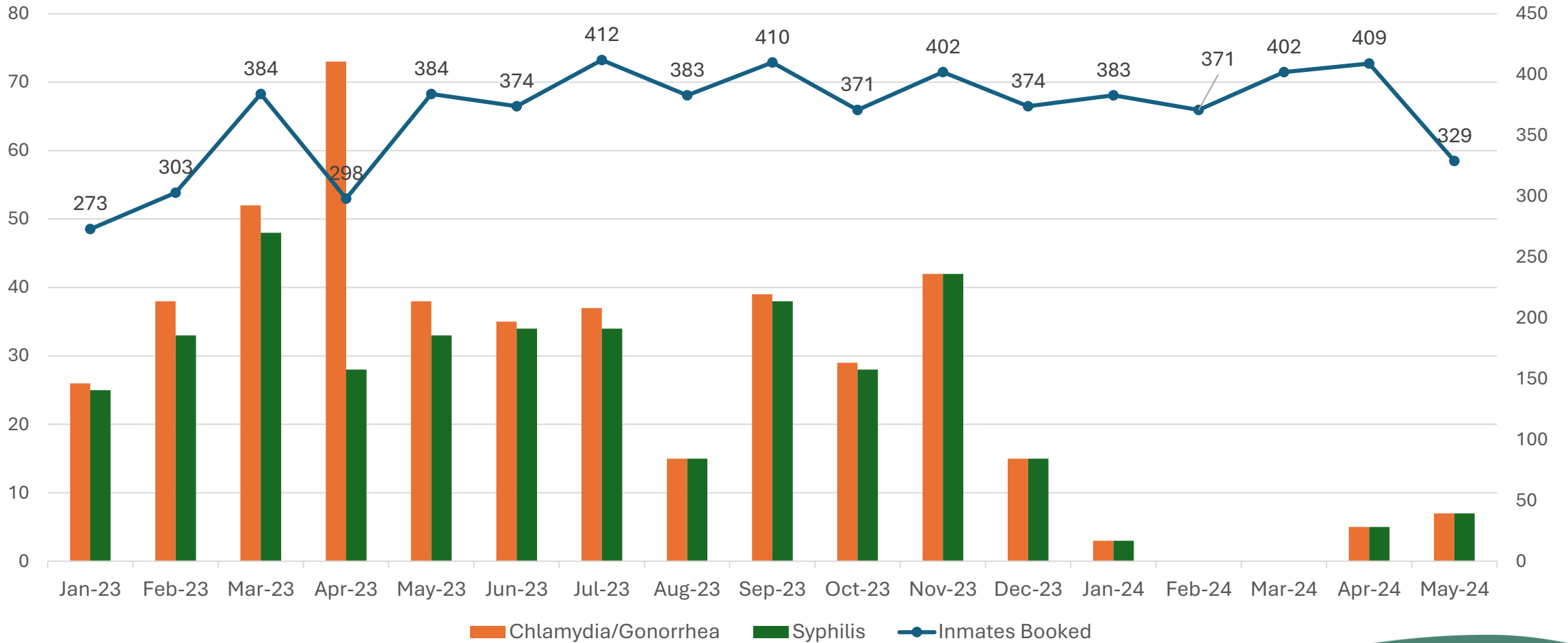
Offered Syphilis, Gonorrhea, and Chlamydia Testing at Booking – if Positive, treated by WellPath

WellPath refers inmates who would like to talk to social workers for social services linkages

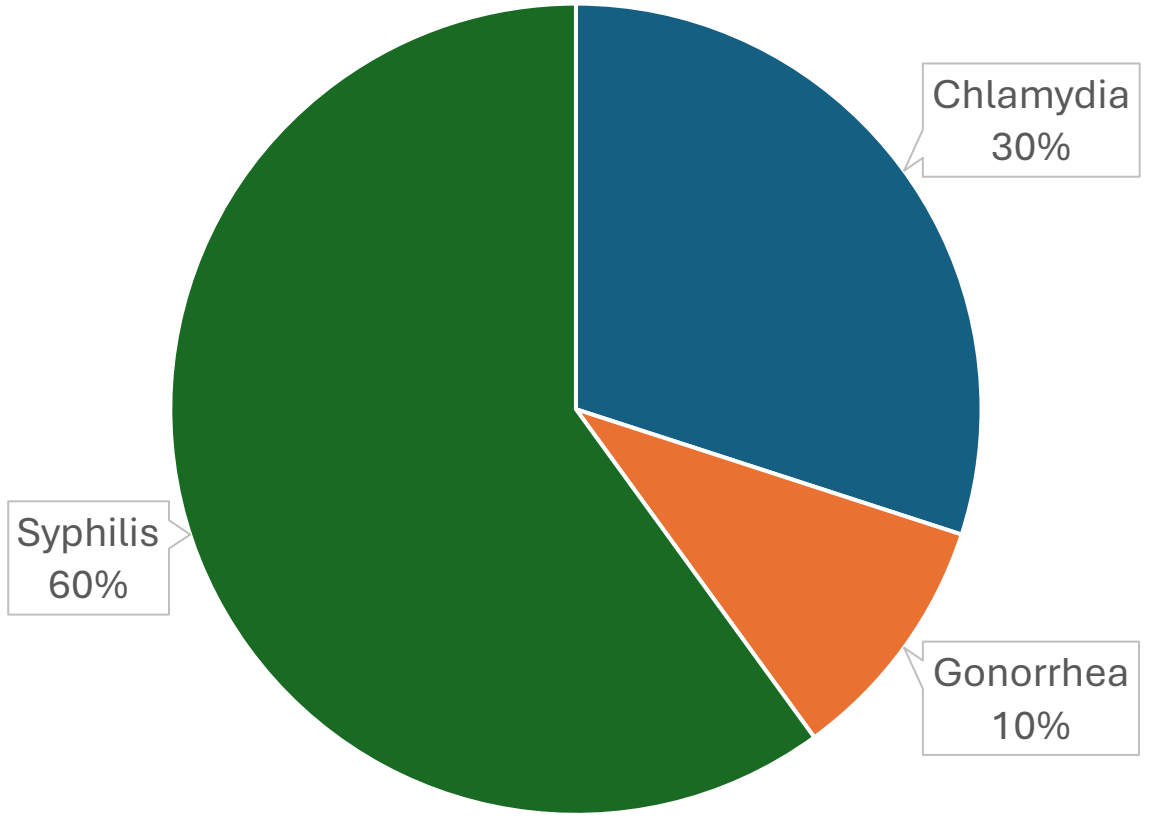
WellPath refers inmates who would like to talk to RN for medical/behavioral health linkages



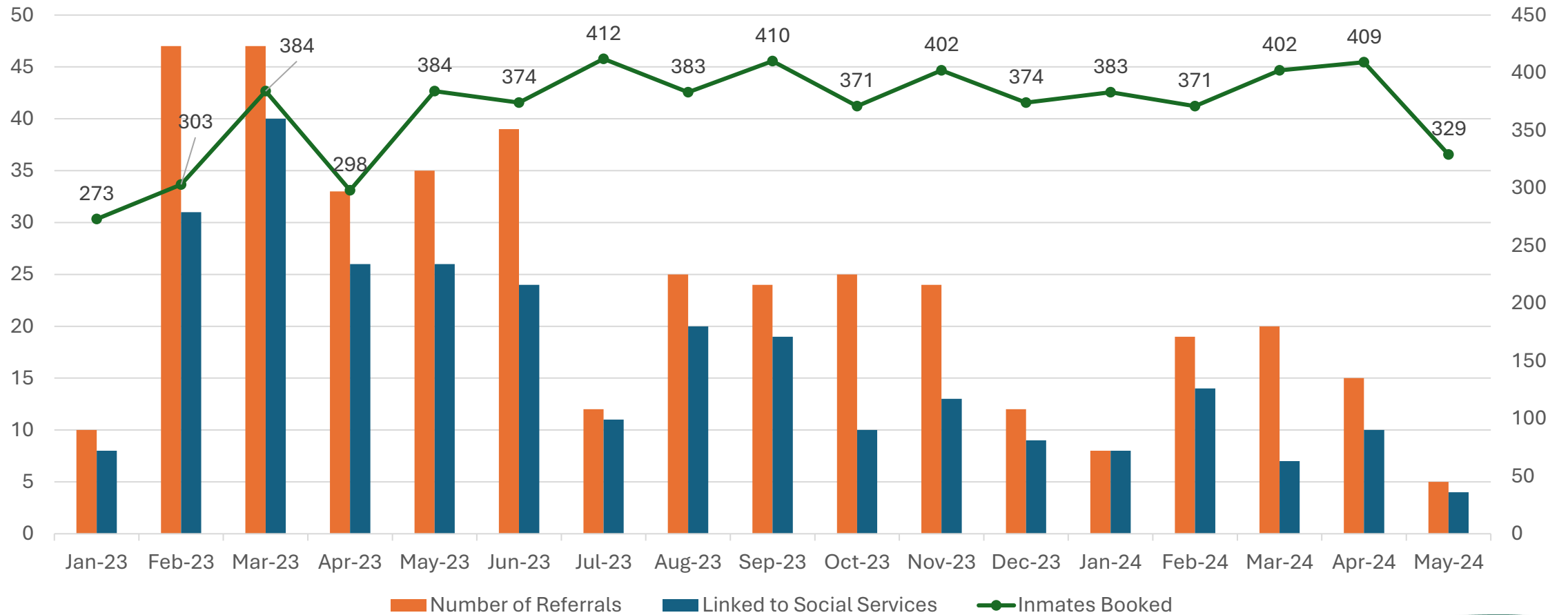
Phase I: Inmate Bookings vs. STD Screening Participation, 2023-2024 (n=6,262)



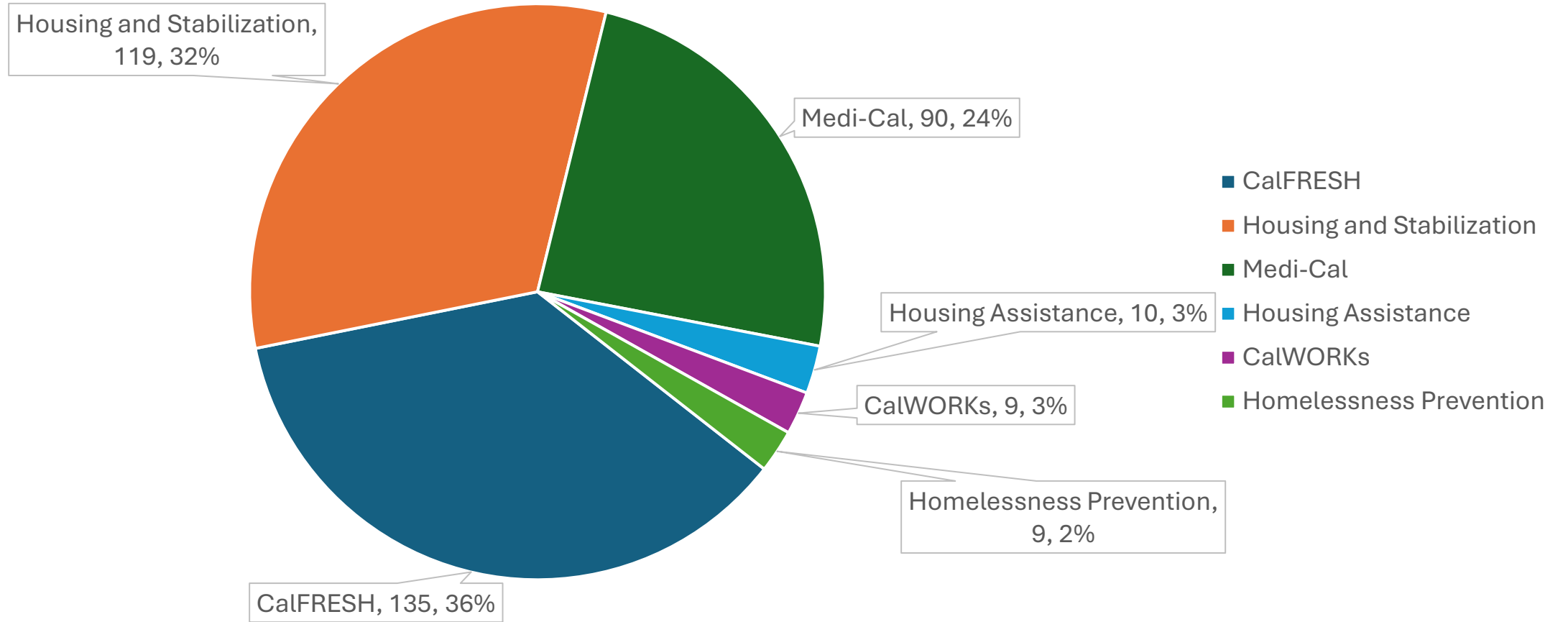
Phase I: STI Positive Screenings, 2023-2024 (n=100)



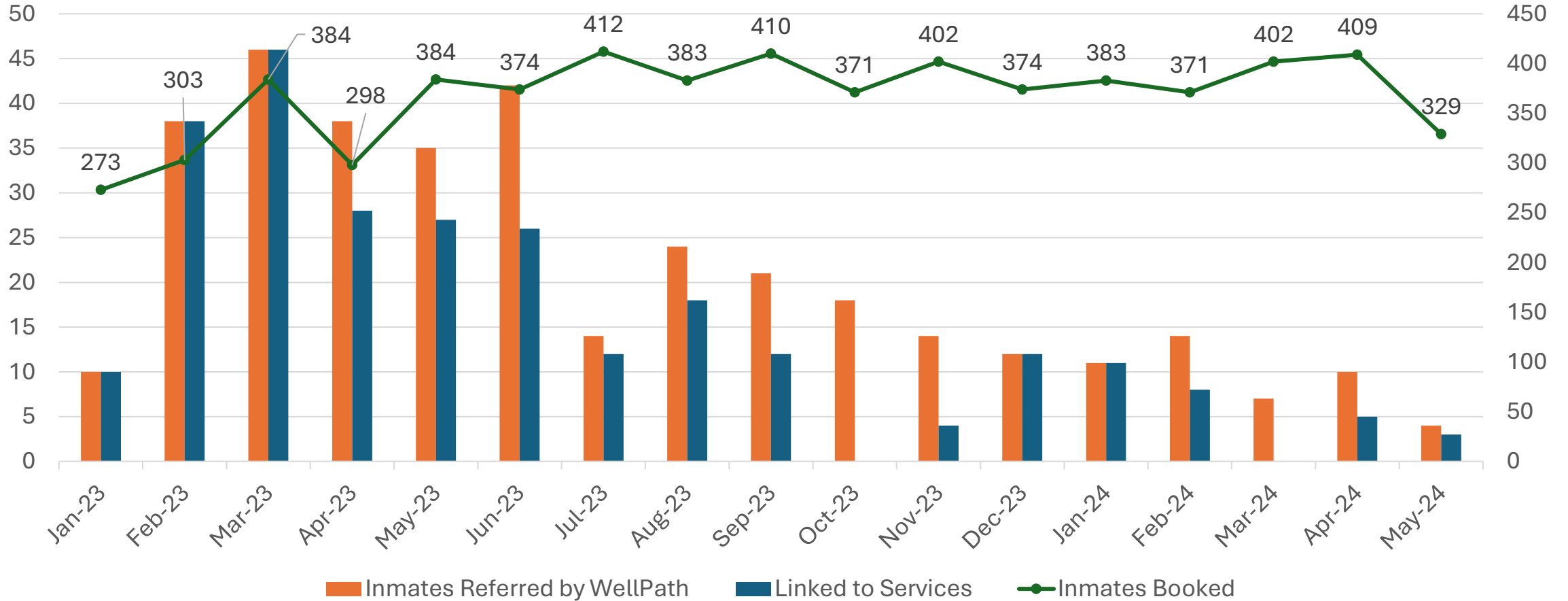
Phase II: Participants referred to Yuba County HHS vs. Linked to Social Services, 2023-2024 (n=354)



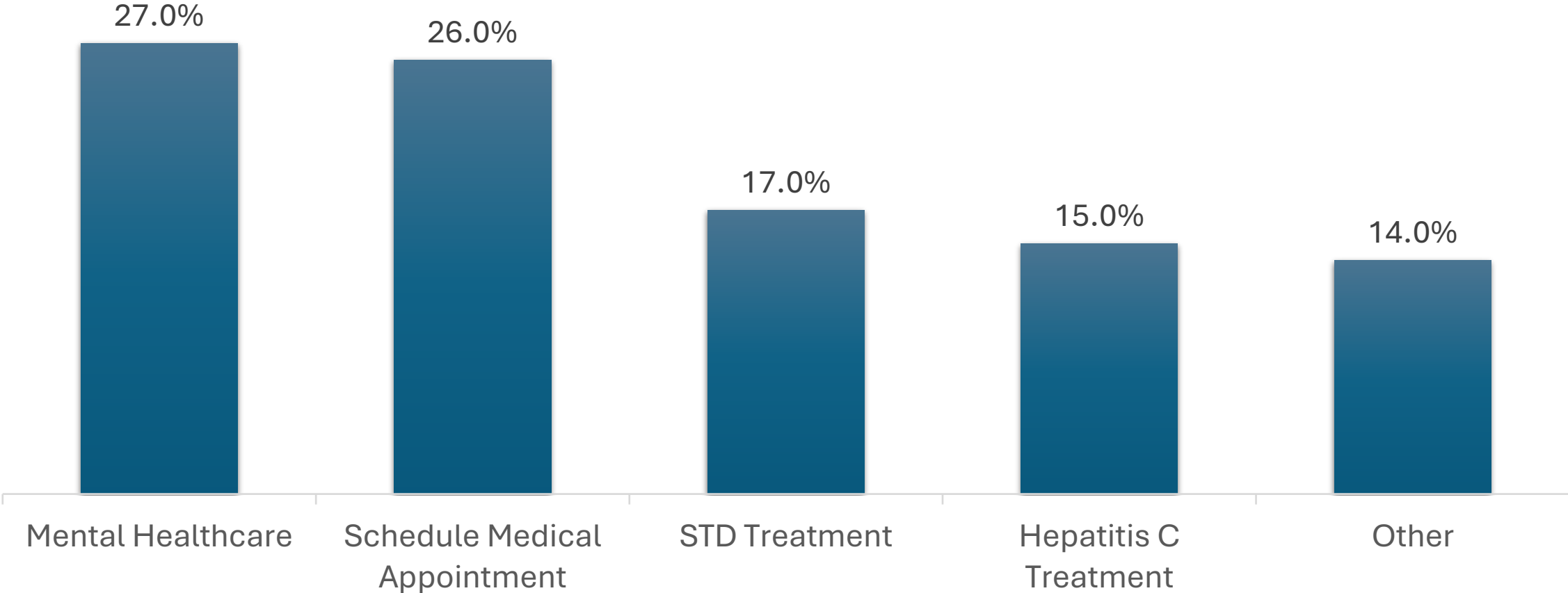
Phase II: Distribution of Social Services Provided to Referrals (n=372)



Phase II: Participants referred to Yuba County HHS vs. Linked to Medical/Behavioral Services, 2023-2024 (n=358)



Phase III: Health Services Provided to Participants, 2023 – 2024 (n=145)



So...Did we reduce the burden of STIs in Yuba County?



Yuba County Health Profiles

	2023 Crude Case Rate	2024 Crude Case Rate	Percentage Change
Chlamydia Incidence	450.1	407.9	-9.4%
Gonorrhea Incidence – Female 15-44 y/o	590.9	514.3	-13%
Gonorrhea Incidence – Male 15-44 y/o	529.5	494.3	-6.6%
Primary and Secondary Syphilis – Female 15-44 y/o	45.6	89.3	95.8%
Primary and Secondary Syphilis - Male	29.2	80.6	176.0%



CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative



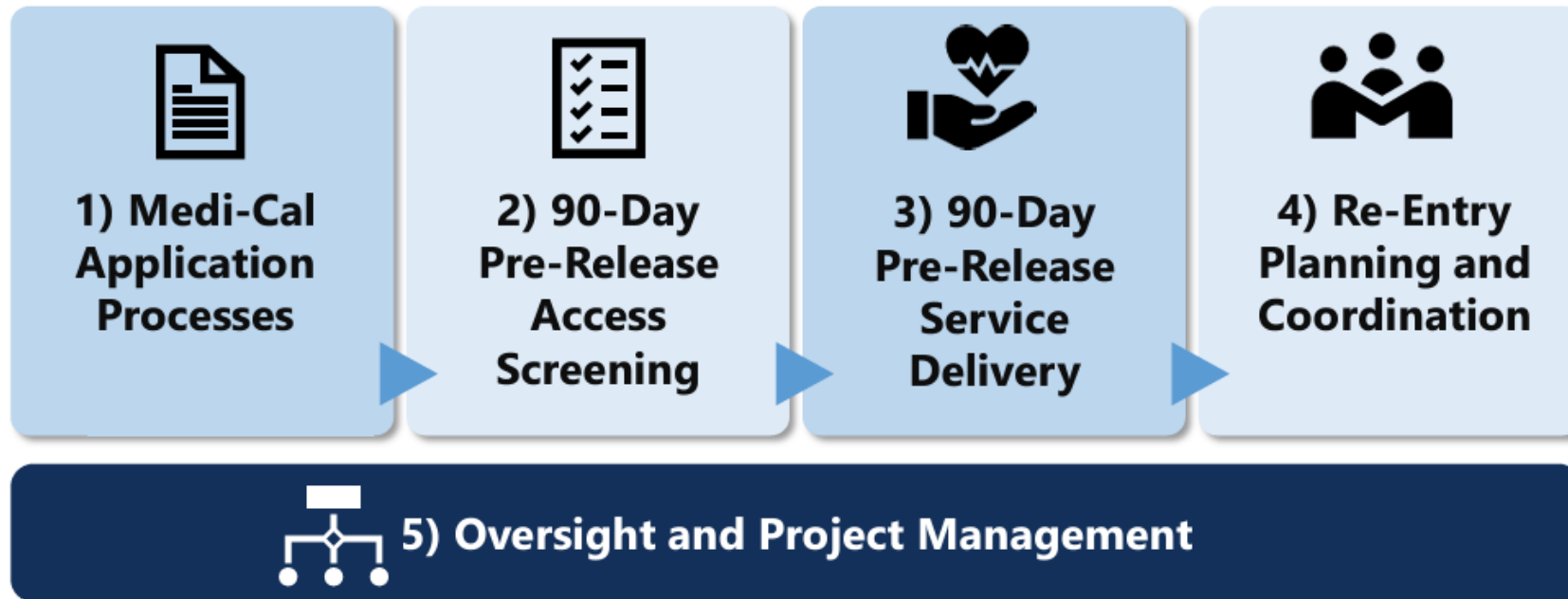
CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative

- ❑ Through its CalAIM 1115 Demonstration, California received federal approval to provide a targeted set of Medi-Cal services to youth and adults in state prisons, county jails and youth correctional facilities for up to 90 days prior to release.
- ❑ All CA correctional facilities must implement CalAIM JI Initiative no earlier than October 1, 2024 but no later than September 30, 2026
- ❑ Yuba County, along with Inyo County and Santa Clara County, are the first counties to go-live with CalAIM JI on 10/1/24

Ensuring Provision of Pre-Release Services

Correctional agencies and facilities are statutorily mandated to comply with the CalAIM pre-release service requirements per California Welfare and Institutions Code §14184.800 and in accordance with correctional facilities' obligations to provide medically necessary care to justice-involved individuals. Additionally, as a condition of the 1115 Reentry Demonstration, all prisons, jails and youth correctional facilities will be required to demonstrate readiness to participate in the justice-involved initiative prior to going live with pre-release services.

DHCS will launch a readiness assessment process that will focus on five key areas needed to operationalize 90-day pre-release services:



Note: A readiness assessment will also be established for county social service departments to ensure eligibility and enrollment processes facilitate pre-release services and for county behavioral health agencies to ensure processes for Behavioral Health Links are in place.

How did the STDs Opt-Out Testing Program
prepare Yuba County for CalAIM JI?

- Yuba County Jail staff and WellPath staff have been exposed to re-entry care coordination for inmates since the STDs Opt-Out Program's start in September 2022! (two years before CalAIM JI!)
 - Expanding this FY into the Detention Center
- Health Officer has an especial interest in health systems integration/CalAIM and leveraged strong working relationships formed during COVID-19 response with both the Jail and Detention Center

Thank you!

- Big appreciation to the Yuba County Public Health team, the Yuba County Jail/Sheriff Department, and WellPath at Yuba County Jail

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