

Financial information below extracted from verified county Behavioral Health data:

Recent Yearly Costs of Caring for the Gravely Mentally ill

4C (Contra Costa Regional Medical Center Psychiatric ward) Costs:	\$ 10,137, 626	\$1,496/day
Institute for Mental Diseases (IMD) Out-of-County LPS Conservatorship Costs	\$ 4,551,654	\$ 286/day
Likely State Hospital (forensic)/LPS Renewed Conservatorship Costs:	\$ 7,694,431	\$ 507/day
Total Likely Civil "locked facility" Treatment Costs:	\$ 22,383,711	
Detention Facilities (Jail) Costs for the Adult Gravely Mentally Ill (245 inmates):	\$ 1,950,131	\$ 61/day
Likely "locked facility" Treatment Costs:	\$ 24,333,842	

Recent Behavioral Health Budget: \$182,940,179

"Locked Facility" % of budget: 13%

Rising LPS Conservatorship and State Hospital Costs vs. Behavioral Health Budgets

2001-2002 Behavioral Health Division Spending: \$100,010,338

2014-2015 Behavioral Health Division Budget: \$182,940,179: Percent Increase from 2001-2002: 82%

2007-2008 Mental Health Services Act Spent: \$ 9,969,221

2014-2015 Mental Health Services Act Budget: \$ 32,424,232: Percent Increase from 2007-2008: 225%

2000-2001 Total LPS Conservatorship/State Hosp. Costs: \$ 5,324,218: 95-125 persons (205 days)

2013-2014 Likely Total LPS Conservatorship/State Hosp. Costs: \$12,246,085: 90-128 persons (376 days)

Total Cost Increase: \$ 6,921,867 Percent Cost Increase: 130%

NEGATIVE RESULT: Since 2000-2001, the cost of caring for those with serious mental illness in a secure (locked) facility has been increasing close to twice as fast as the rise in Behavioral Health spending. From 2007-2015, increasing Mental Health Services Act funding has been the main driver for increased Behavioral Health spending and budgets. That period is now ending. If nothing is done, the following will result:

- Greater amount of Behavioral Health Division budget each year diverted to caring just for the secure facility seriously ill.
- Serve progressively fewer consumers with less and less funds for voluntary service recovery programs.
- Increasing enormous "stress" on Mental Health Services Act funded programs, which cannot supplant existing non-Mental Health Services Act programs.

Contra Costa County Hospitalization costs for Laura's Law eligible persons

2 or more hospitalizations in the past 36 months: **631 at \$1,496 / day / person**

# of 5150's and Hosp. Stays	# of Persons	Avg. Day Stays	Tot. Hosp. Days	Cost/day	Tot. Hosp. Cost
Tot.: 2,011	631	8.6	17,295	\$1,496	\$ 25,872,722

County Region & Hosp. Costs of consumers w/at least 2 hospitalizations in the past 36 months

West: 221	Central: 173	East: 203	South: 34	Total: 631
\$8,429,398	Central: \$6,598,579	East: \$7,742,841	South: \$1,296,830	Total: \$24,067,648

2 or more hospitalizations in the past 12 months, likely 2012-2013: **181 at \$1,496 / day / person**

# of 5150s and Hosp. Stays	# of Persons	Avg. Day Stays	Tot. Hosp. Days	Cost/day	Tot. Hosp. Cost
Tot.: 491	181	8.6	4,223	\$1,496	\$ 6,317,010

County Region & Hosp. Costs of consumers w/at least 2 hospitalizations in the past 12 months

West: 63	Central: 46	East: 61	South: 11	Total: 181
\$2,198,738	Central: \$1,605,438	East: \$2,218,937	South: \$383,907	Total: \$ 6,317,010

2012-2013 4C Costs: \$ 10,137,626 181 persons 4C Costs: \$6,317,010 Percent of 4C Cost: 63%

Hospital Costs—37 "No Services/Treatment Traction" persons: Percent of 4C Cost: 21%

# of 5150s and Hosp. Stays	# of Persons	Avg. Day Stays	Tot. Hosp. Days	Cost/day	Tot. Hosp. Cost
Tot.: 167	37	8.6	1,436	\$1,496	\$2,148,555

Hospital Costs: 2 "lost system" persons: \$251,328 Hosp. days: 168 Percent of 4C Cost: 2.5%

Laura's Law savings is a major way to greatly slow down these trends and save lives.

Annual Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)/Laura's Law and Care Team Costs

• 75 person program with Full Service Partnerships (FSP) incl. housing:	\$ 1,778,664	\$132/day
• Care Team and AOT Treatment Teams Costs:	\$ 471,336	\$ 28/day
• State (MHSA, Medi-Cal, Realignment) and/or Fed. Medi Care Reimbursed costs:	\$ 2,250,000	\$160/day
• Legal & Court Costs (if necessary): Per BOS Feb. 3, 2015 Laura's Law Order:	\$ 418,500	\$ 31/day
Total Program Costs:	\$ 2,668,500	\$191/day

NOTE:

Cost Avoidance Example: Money saved from fewer involuntary hospitalizations can be used to expand voluntary services.

Cost Savings Example: Less 5150s mean lower 5150 Law Enforcement costs.

Annual Laura's Law Savings, with 66% of the 75 clients experiencing 66% less:

Avoided "revolving door" hospital stays:	\$2,148,555—60-75 persons—fewer inpatient stays
Avoided incarceration costs:	\$ 181,220—6 persons less 5150 "hold" time
Avoided Crisis Residential Facility (CRF) stays:	\$ 806,610—75 persons—less CRF stays
75 persons remain in the community usually with much better quality of life results.	
Avoided out-of county IMD conservatorships:	\$1,795,100: 30-37 likely less IMD conservatorships
Initial "cost avoidance" savings:	\$4,931,487—Less use of 60-75 locked facility beds.
Less Law Enforcement 5150 Costs:	\$ 558,000—at least, possibly much greater savings
TOTAL Initial "Cost-Avoidance" & Cost Savings:	\$5,489,587—at a minimum, possibly greater savings
Reduced SH & renewed conservatorships:	\$5,078,324—if less use of 24-28 SH & LPS conserv. beds
<u>Pos. long-term "cost-avoid." & cost savings:</u>	\$10,567,911—Pos. less use of 75-100 locked facility beds.

POSITIVE RESULT: Program savings to compared to "crisis stabilization" costs:

- **\$2.05 initial savings per dollar spent \$3.93 possibly saved long-term per dollar spent**

Comparative urban California Counties Laura's Law Costs--Estimates**Contra Costa: 75 person program**

Estimated 2013 population:	1,094,025
ACT/AOT w/housing:	\$48,072
If invol., incl. per client legal costs :	\$59,383
Annual Laura's Law Cos-MHSA:	\$2,250,000
BOS voted court & legal costs:	\$ 418,500
Total annual Laura's Law Cost:	\$2,668,500

San Francisco County: 100 person Program

Estimated 2013 population:	825,113
FSP/AOT: \$30,000-\$35,000 per client w/o housing	
FSP/AOT: \$40,000-\$45,000 per client w/housing	

Orange County: 125 person program

Estimated 2013 population:	3,081,804
FSP/AOT per client with housing:	\$ 35,495
If invol., incl. per client Court Costs:	\$ 40,295
Annual Laura's Law Cost—MHSA:	\$4,436,820
BOS voted court costs:	\$ 600,000
Total annual Laura's Law cost:	\$5,036,820

Los Angeles County: 300-500 person program

Estimated 2013 Population:	10,017,068
FSP/AOT per client w/housing:	\$ 33,330
If involuntary, per client Court Costs:	\$ 39,990
Annual Laura's Law Costs-MHSA, etc.:	\$10,000,000
Est. Court Costs:	\$ 2,000,000
Est. Total annual Laura's Law cost:	\$12,000,000