

NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD

Presentation to GEAR Sentencing/Corrections Task Force

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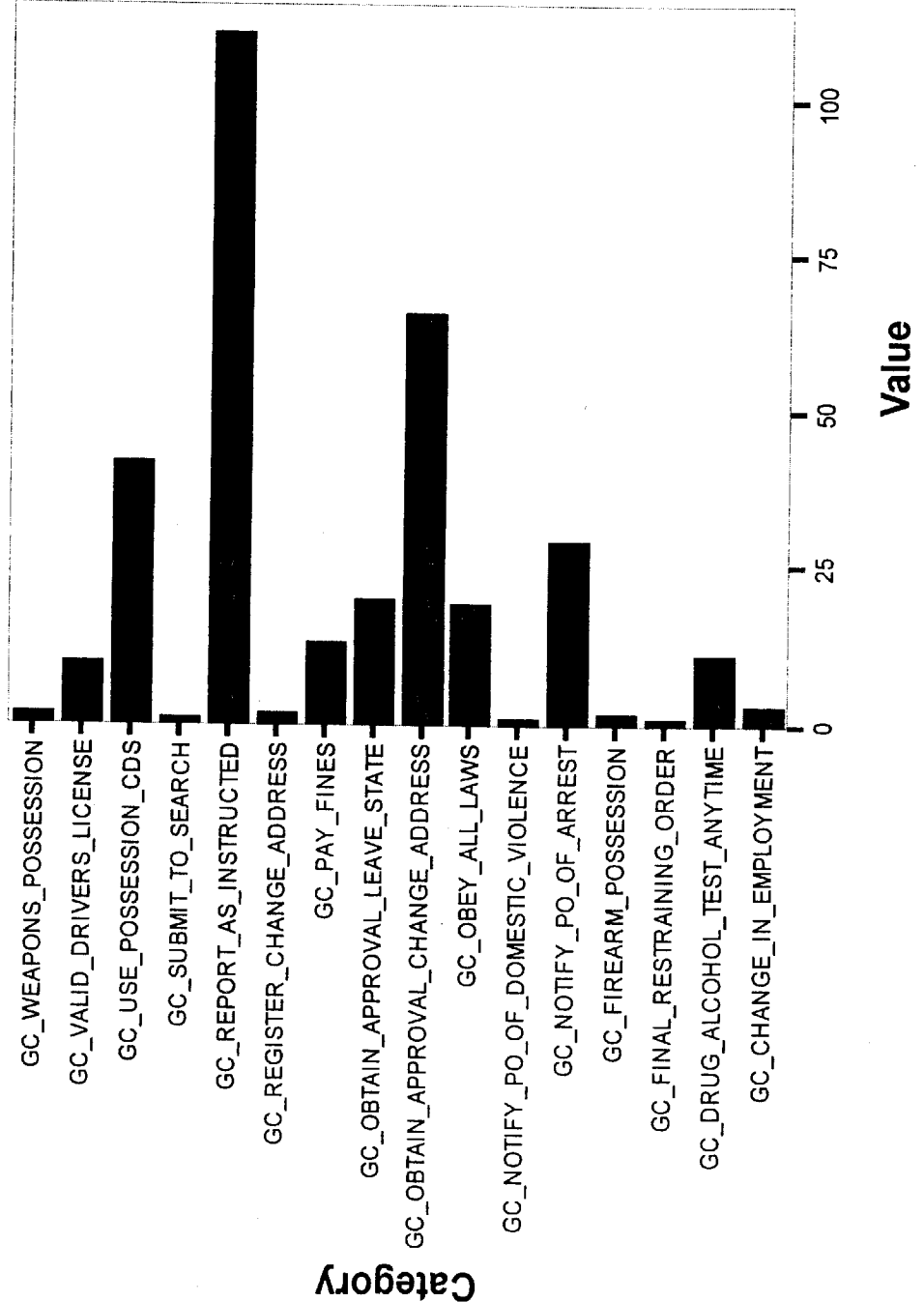
The Problem

- In FY 2007 NJ spent an estimated \$75.9M incarcerating technical parole violators in state prisons.**
- There were 2,365 technical parole violators in 2007**
- Average length of stay: 11 months**
- Cost of incarceration: \$2,917 per month**

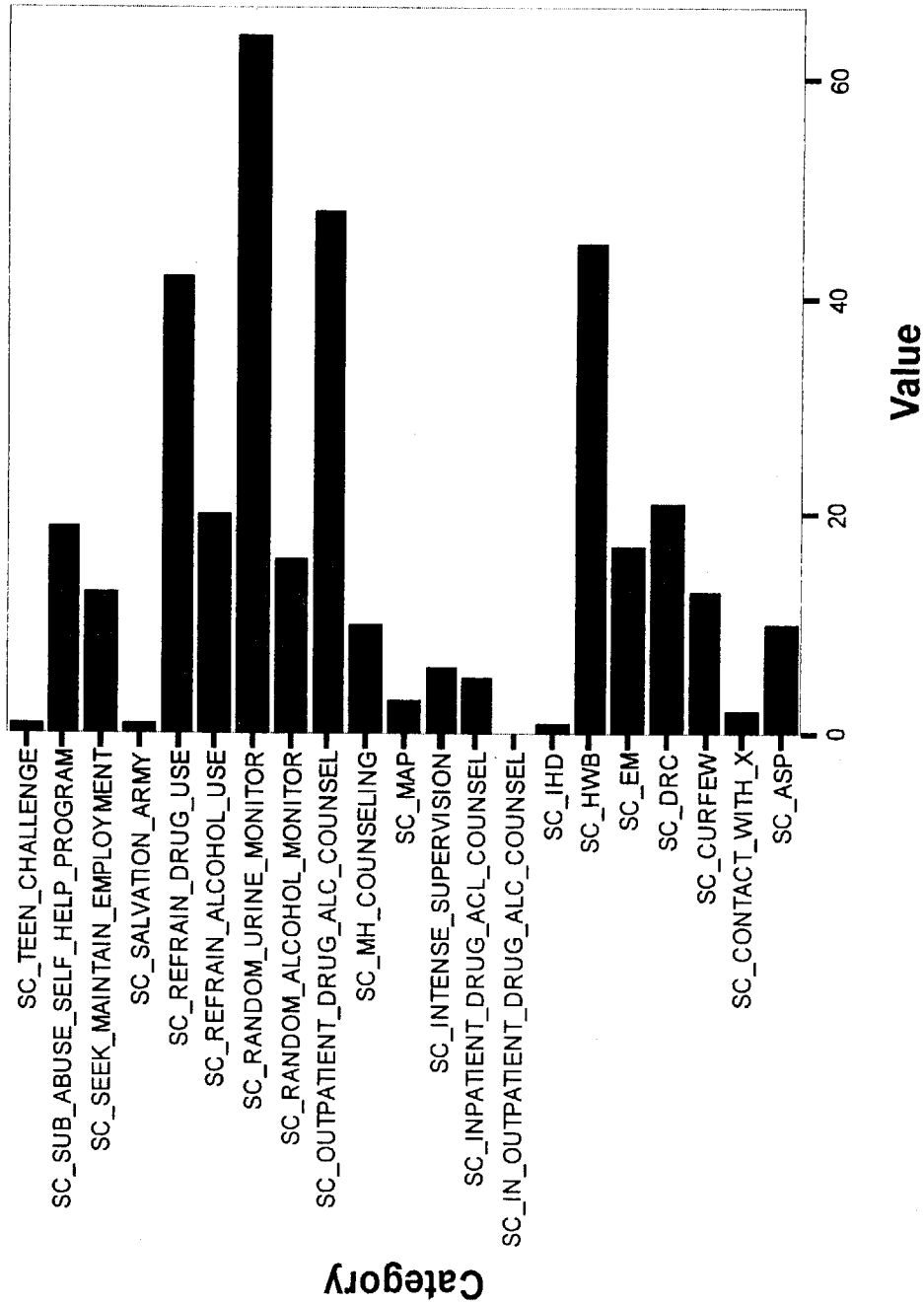
The Problem

- ***Top non-criminal, technical parole violations include:***
- ***Failure to report to Parole Officer***
- ***Failure of drug/alcohol test***
- ***Use/Possession of CDS***
- ***Failure to engage in treatment (drug, alcohol, mental health, etc.)***
- ***Change of residence without approval***
- ***Failure to successfully complete programs***

Technical Parole Violations for General Conditions (200 cases)



Technical Parole Violations for Special Conditions (200 cases)



Solution: Residential Assessment Centers

- **Two Possible Solutions:**
- **Keep the Current System, or ...**
- **Invest in Residential Assessment Centers, or RACs... a missing piece in NJ's parole/treatment continuum**
- **Consistent with Governor Corzine's Anti-Crime Plan and Reentry Initiative.**

Technical Parole Violation
Revocation Hearing
(NJSA 30: A - 123.63)

Continue on Parole
Same Terms and Conditions

Continue on Parole
Modified Terms and Conditions

Revoke Parole
Re-instate parole to Max
on to Future Eligibility Terms
12-67-3 on 8-11-3

Revoke Current Parole
Issue New Parole
New Terms and Conditions

Continue on Parole
to Community Program

SOLUTIONAL

Residential Assessment Centers

- ***Establish two RACs consisting of a total of 60 beds for intensive, 14-30 day lock down paired with clinical assessments of technical parole violators***
- ***Better program placements, targeted to specific needs of the technical violator***
- ***More efficient than current approach of 90-180 days in HWB, without clinical evaluation***
- ***Eliminate stays in county jails for technical parole violators***

What Will RACs Do?

- Assessment centers to be housed in two locations serving Central and Northern NJ**
- During FY '07 approximately 1,462 technical parole violators came from areas to be served by the RACs**
- This proposal focuses on diverting 60 individuals per month (720 annually) to the RACs**
- Diverting 60 technical parole violators per month would save the State an estimated \$4.3M in the first year**

RAC Service Areas

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Halfway Back Programs



- Northern Site
 - DO1: Passaic
 - DO4: Jersey City
 - DO5: Elizabeth
 - DO9: Newark
- Central Site
 - DO3: Red Bank
 - DO6: Trenton
 - DO11: New Brunswick

10 Miles

Halfway Back Program
DO Jurisdiction

Proposal: Residential Assessment Centers

- ***RAC proposal: Build on these successes ... And fill a missing piece in the parole continuum***
- ***14-30 day “lock down” for clinical assessment would support:***
- ***More effective use of treatment***
- ***Creation of new detox programs as well as inpatient drug beds***
- ***Expansion and increased targeted use of Electronic Monitoring***
- ***Significant diversions from county jails***

Proposal: Residential Assessment Centers

- As proposed, up to 60 technical parole violators per month could be diverted... many with addiction-related problems**
- Many would be recommended for:**
 - Detox and inpatient/outpatient drug treatment**
 - Specialized field supervision (such as EM or DRC)**
 - Only for parolees who do NOT have new charges**

Proposal: Residential Assessment Centers

- The RACs will be housed within existing HWBs*
- However, these new centers will emphasize quality assessments and subsequent referrals to appropriate programs*

Proposal: Residential Assessment Centers

- Under our current proposal:**
- RAC programs would divert up to 720 cases annually**
- Estimated first-year cost: \$4.8M, including about \$600,000 in one-time start-up costs**

Proposal: Residential Assessment Centers

• *Estimated savings:* 1.0M

• *Projected FY 09 savings will be ~~\$4.3M~~
after start-up costs are accounted for*

• *Projected FY 10 savings: ~~\$13.8M~~*

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Questions/Comments

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