



Scott County Mental Health Court

History of mental health crisis:

- ▶ Community Mental Health Act (1963)
- ▶ Deinstitutionalization
- ▶ Thorazine
- ▶ Assassination of John F. Kennedy
- ▶ Too few community mental health centers
- ▶ Vietnam War – federal budget shrank
- ▶ The Medicaid Act of 1965 was meant to ease the crisis, but the Institutes for Mental Diseases (IMD) Exclusion prohibits payment for psychiatric centers with more than 16 beds

History of mental health crisis (cont'd):

- ▶ Prior to 2005, states were able to get around the IMD Exclusion via “waivers for innovation in treatment”
- ▶ After that, the waivers were not available, as the states weren't doing “innovations”

So what happened?

Psychiatric Bed Numbers

Peaked in 1955: 558,922

Available now: 38,000

(123,300 fewer than current need)

<https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/going-going-gone>

Homeless Population

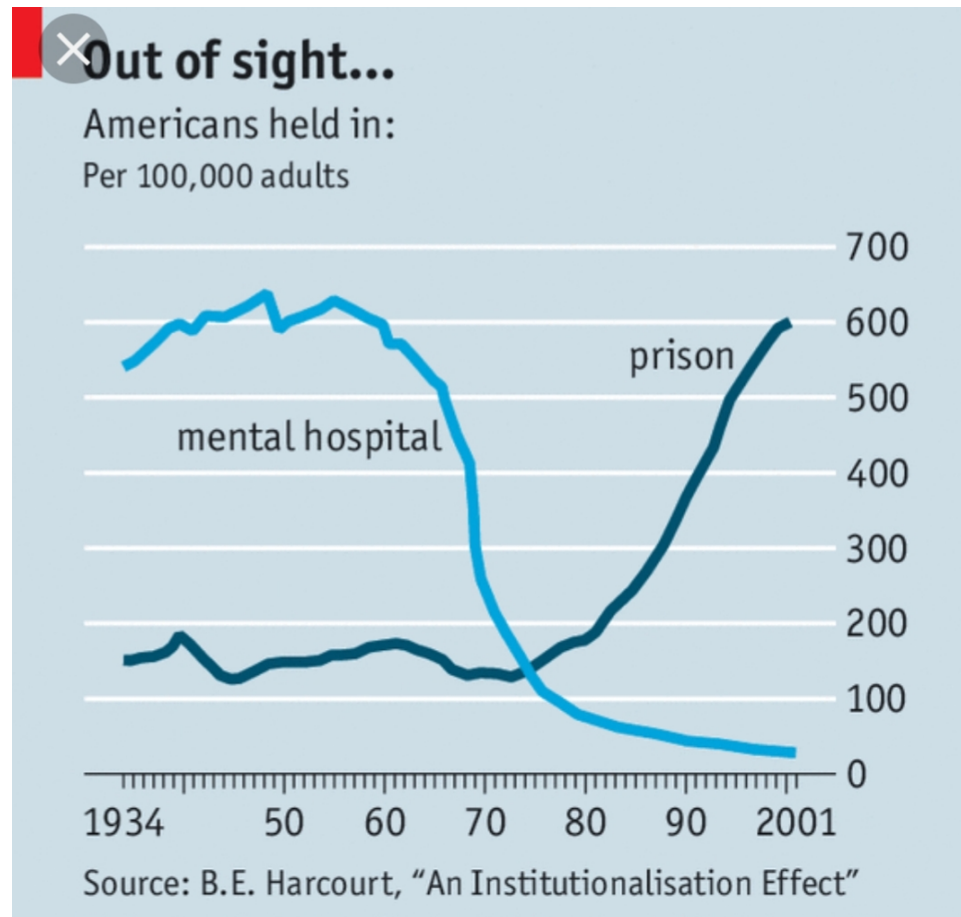
Now: 553,742

Prison population

Now: 380,000 with serious mental illness

<https://nationalhomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/State-of-things-2018-for-web.pdf>

So what happened (cont'd)?



Where do we fit in?:

- ▶ Efforts to start a local mental health court program originally commenced in 2008 but stalled out due to lack of funding
- ▶ In 2015 the Quad City Interfaith Restorative Justice Task Force resumed discussions
- ▶ Scott County Mental Health Court officially started in July of 2016
- ▶ Members of the team include: Judges, a prosecutor, a defense attorney, two staff members from Transitions Mental Health, program staff from the Scott County Jail, a psychologist (retired), two members of the Davenport Police Department, and two members from the Department of Correctional Services

Who we serve:

- ▶ Adult residents of Scott County
- ▶ Must meet criteria for Severe Persistent Mental Illness
 - ▶ Including: Schizophrenia Spectrum and other Psychotic Disorders, Bipolar and Related Disorders, Depressive Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders, Trauma and Stressor-Related Disorders, and Dissociative Disorders
 - ▶ No clients with a primary diagnosis of Substance-Related and Addiction Disorders, Personality Disorders, or Paraphilic Disorders
- ▶ Charges (misdemeanor or felony) originate in Scott County
 - ▶ Typically non-violent charges only (though cases are reviewed)
 - ▶ No sex offenses
 - ▶ No parole cases

Most recent statistics:

- ▶ Our capacity is 15 clients – we currently are serving 13
- ▶ 67% are working at least part-time, while prior to program participation only one person held a job
- ▶ at least one participant has earned a GED/HiSET while in the program, and another participant is currently working on their GED/HiSET
- ▶ 100% of current participants have not had an emergency department or inpatient stay in at least a year; some have not had a visit the entire time they have been in the program
- ▶ 92% of participants are living in stable, supportive housing
- ▶ 100% of participants are medication compliant, and 92% are actively engaged in individual therapy
- ▶ NO NEW ARRESTS!
- ▶ Cost avoidance of approximately \$151,476 due to successes in the aforementioned areas