

# Forensic Early Intervention Service at TSDC



# Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

## CAMH



- CAMH is Canada's largest mental health and addiction teaching hospital and leading research center
- Main hospital located in Toronto, ON
- Satellite offices across Ontario
- 3000 plus employees
- CAMH combines clinical care, research, education, policy development and health promotion
- Currently re-developing its 27-acre Queen St West site

# CAMH



- A designated hospital under the Criminal Code of Canada
- 193 forensic beds
- 350 forensic outpatient clients
- A wide variety of addiction and mental health outpatient services

# CAMH Context



## Challenges

- Forensic Beds are finite
- Forensic admissions are often “forced” and “forthwith”
- Forensic patients remain in hospital for a significant period of time
- Discharges are directed by the Ontario Review Board and beyond the direct control of the hospital

# FEIS



- An alternative care pathway collaboration
- A collaboration between Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
- Funded to serve inmates who are or are at risk of being, subject to the mental disorder provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada

# Forensic Early Intervention Service (FEIS)



- FEIS is based at Toronto South Detention Centre
- It is a component of the provincial forensic mental health system
- FEIS is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care via the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

# Forensic Early Intervention Service



- The FEIS program compliments the mental health services provided by TSDC.
- The goal is to enhance timely access to acute forensic services for individuals identified with specific forensic mental health needs or at risk of falling under the mental disorder provisions as defined by the Criminal Code of Canada (CCC)

# Staffing Model



- Administrative Assistant
- Manager
- 6 Social workers
- 4 Nurses
- 2 Occupational Therapists
- 1 Psychometrist
- Advanced Practice Clinician
- Psychiatrists - Daily coverage



# Mental Health Unit @TSDC



- 26 beds
- FEIS services not limited to just this unit



# Partnership Principles



- Inmates need for mental health care should govern their access to mental health services
- The overall health needs of inmates in custody at the TSDC is the responsibility of the MCSCS
- The intensity of mental health service requirements at TSDC will be based upon the intensity of need presented by the inmate.

# Partnership Principles



- Inmates requiring acute mental health hospitalization will be transported to a community hospital
- Involuntary treatment will not occur at TSDC
- Inmates will not receive treatment without appropriate consent
- Court ordered procedures under 672 of the Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) will be conducted as per court order

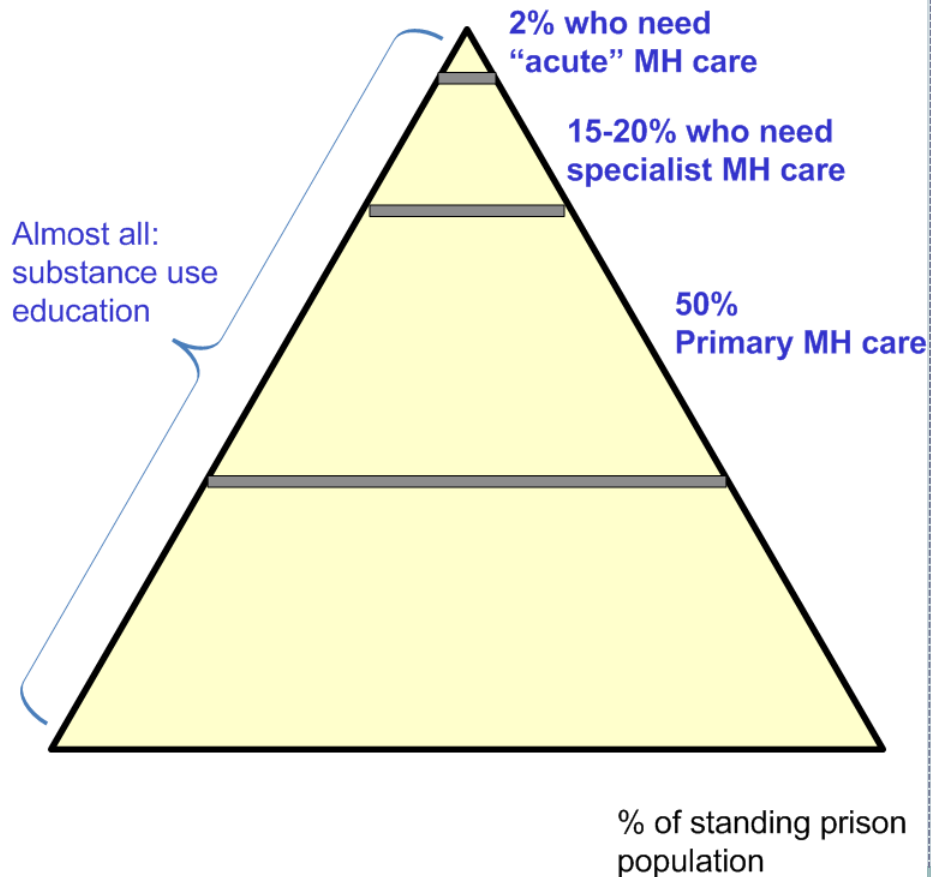
# Inclusion Criteria



- The inmate has been found unfit to stand trial
- The inmate is experiencing a condition or illness such that their fitness to stand trial may be in question.
- The inmate is at risk of becoming unfit to stand trial.
- The inmate is undergoing a criminal responsibility assessment
- The inmate has been ordered to CAMH under the CCC and is awaiting admission to hospital.

# Mental Health Needs

## A Pyramid of Mental Health Need



## FEIS will serve:

- The "tip of the iceberg" the 2%
- Those who are most unwell, i.e. may be unfit to stand trial, at risk of being unfit, or may have defence of Not Criminally Responsible (NCR) will be triaged to FEIS
- Those who do not meet inclusion criteria will be referred back to mental health services in the TSDC, with consultation recommendations.

# Roles and Responsibilities



- **MCSCS-TSDC**

- Provide initial mental health screen upon admission (Brief Jail Screener)
- Identify individuals at risk and refer to FEIS when appropriate
- Review recommendations received from FEIS
- Coordinate treatment plans with FEIS

# Roles and Responsibilities



- **MCSCS-TSDC**

- Provide standard health care to inmates- including ongoing assessment
- Refer inmates who have acute symptoms to the nearest appropriate hospital. Where inmates are engaged with FEIS inform the receiving hospital of this fact
- Re-referring inmates to FEIS for reassessment as required

# Roles and Responsibilities



- **CAMH –FEIS**
  - Accepts referrals from TSDC staff
  - Completes Jail Screening Assessment Tool (a triage assessment) on all referrals within 24 hours of admission
  - Provides assessment and recommendations on all clients referred by TSDC staff

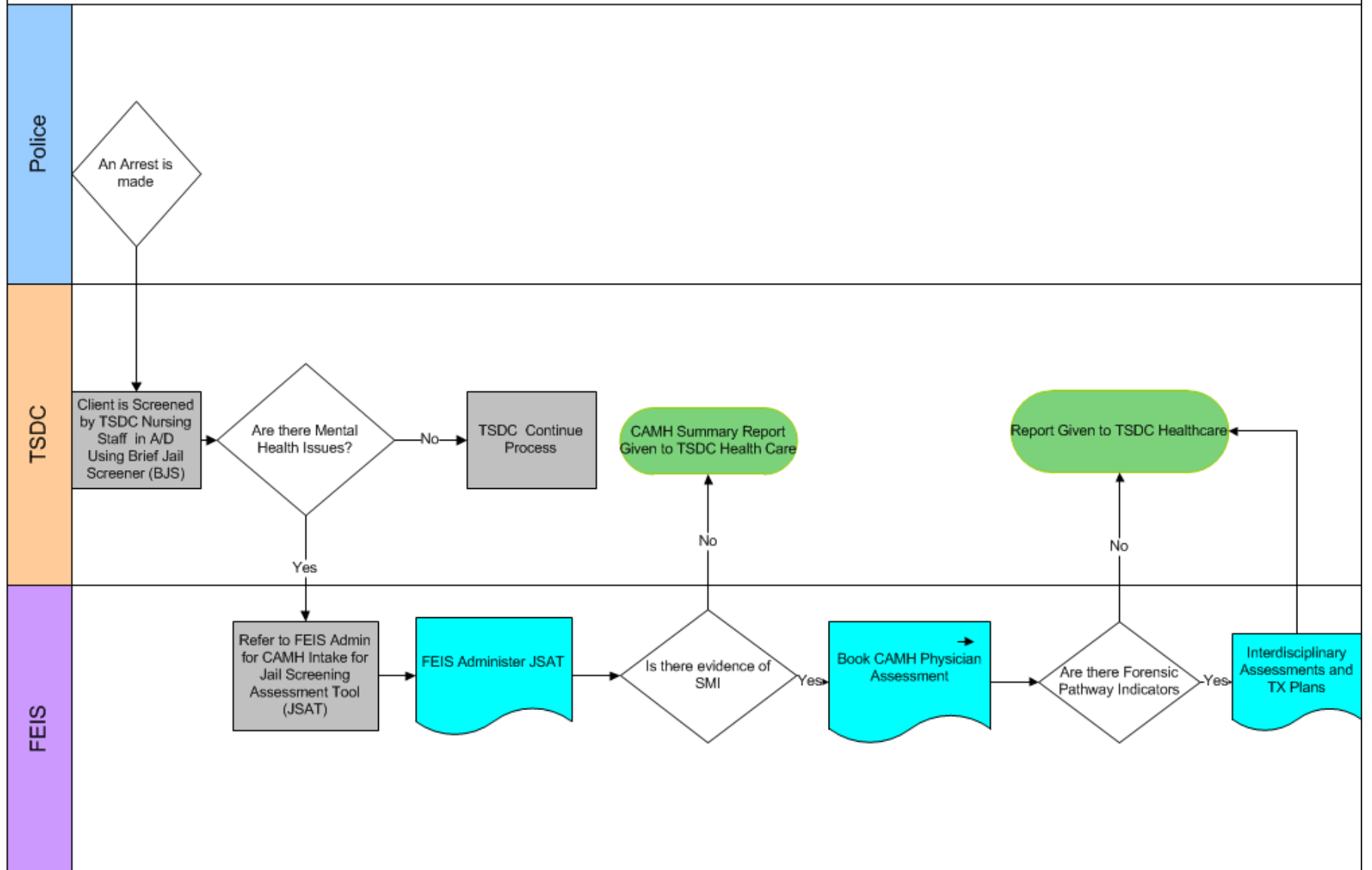


# Roles and Responsibilities



- **CAMH –FEIS**
  - Will complete a full assessment on all inmates meeting the inclusion criteria.
  - Develop an inter-professional service plan for all inmates meeting the inclusion criteria.
  - Communicate assessment outcomes and recommendations to TSDC staff
  - Collaborate with TSDC staff in the further development and refinement of these treatment plans
  - Remain engaged with inmates who meet inclusion criteria

# CAMH - Complex Mental Illness - FEIS Intake Pathway



# Anticipated Impact of our Collaboration



- Reduction in the number of persons requiring fitness to stand trial assessments because of earlier treatment interventions
- Improved access to care for the most seriously ill
- Improved coordination and transition into the forensic system because of earlier engagement and case detection
- Improved court efficiency through enhanced clinical coordination and communication regarding inmates presenting in court

# Anticipated Impact of our Collaboration



- Reduction in number of treatment orders and keep fit orders issued.
- Improved re-engagement of mentally ill persons with community support agencies
- Decreased average length of stay within the Forensic Service at CAMH through earlier engagement and rehabilitation
- Lower MCSCS costs and improved safety for inmates and TSDC because of improved mental states of the most troubled inmates

# Future Considerations



- Rapid turnover: mean length of stay @ 35 days
- TSDC rate of admissions around 10,000 admissions per year. If 30% screen positive (2700), About a quarter will require FEIS care (675)
- Multiple admissions: 10% of inmates are admitted 4 times or more a year “ frequent flyers”
- FEIS is a program in the TSDC - an all male facility. Is there a comparable service available for women in Ontario?

# Questions



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