

TASK FORCE REPORT FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE SUPPORT



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- The Task Force, under federal grant, was charged with the identification of potential gaps in medical and support resources in the Kentucky counties of Bullitt, Hardin and Meade, as a result of changes in population expected as a result of BRAC.



STUDY FOCUS



- Medical/Surgical Care
- Dental Health Services
- Child Day Care Services
- Home Care Services
- Public Health Services
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Child and Adult Protective Services
- Chronic Pain Management

MEDICAL/SURGICAL CARE

- Need for additional physicians in multiple specialties was found for the combined 3-county area; however, reliance on Jefferson County providers must be taken into consideration. The most significant needs were for direct patient access physicians:

● Adult Primary Care	53.9 FTE
● OB/GYN	10.1 FTE
● Pediatrics	8.2 FTE
● Orthopedic Surgery	6.7 FTE
- These projected needs coincide with some of the specialties of particular importance to Ft. Knox (i.e., OB/GYN and Orthopedics)

Potential Barriers:

- Provider resistance to Tri-Care participation, as a result of fee schedule concerns and a cumbersome referral process
- Resources available for recruitment

DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- There appears to be ample capacity to accommodate increases in demand that may accompany the projected population growth.
- Dental offices in the area are not at capacity. 91% of offices are accepting new patients.
- Many offices will expand office hours to meet additional demands, as needed.
- 94% of dental offices in the area participate in Tri-Care

Potential Barriers: None anticipated.

CHILD DAY CARE SERVICES

- There appears to be ample capacity to accommodate increases in demand that may accompany the projected population growth.
- Actual 2008 demand (utilization of licensed capacity) is less than the 1:4 recommendation (1 licensed slot: every 4th child age <13):
 - Bullitt County 1:9
 - Hardin County 1:6
 - Meade County 1:17
- There is a significant percentage of existing unfilled licensed capacity:
 - Bullitt County 46.9%
 - Hardin County 38.0%
 - Meade County 37.5%
- Many child providers stated ability to expand as needed and some close to base are currently doing so

Potential Barriers: None anticipated

HOME HEALTH SERVICES

- The area is well-served by home health providers, except for the areas of speech therapy and specialized pediatric home nursing. All providers indicated the ability to increase capacity, as needed, and Intrepid USA Healthcare Services offered to develop specialized pediatric home nursing, if needed.

Potential Barriers:

Provider resistance to Tri-Care participation. Only two of the home health providers accept Tri-Care: Lincoln Trail Home Health and Intrepid USA Healthcare Services.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

- WIC Services will increase with in and out migration of military and their families
- HANDS program sensitive to the in and out migration of military and their families and timing of referral
- Service initiation and discontinuance in WIC and HANDS will be constant which may burden processes and increase the need for agency to make referrals as families leave the area.

Potential Barriers:

Funding for accommodation of increases in demand.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

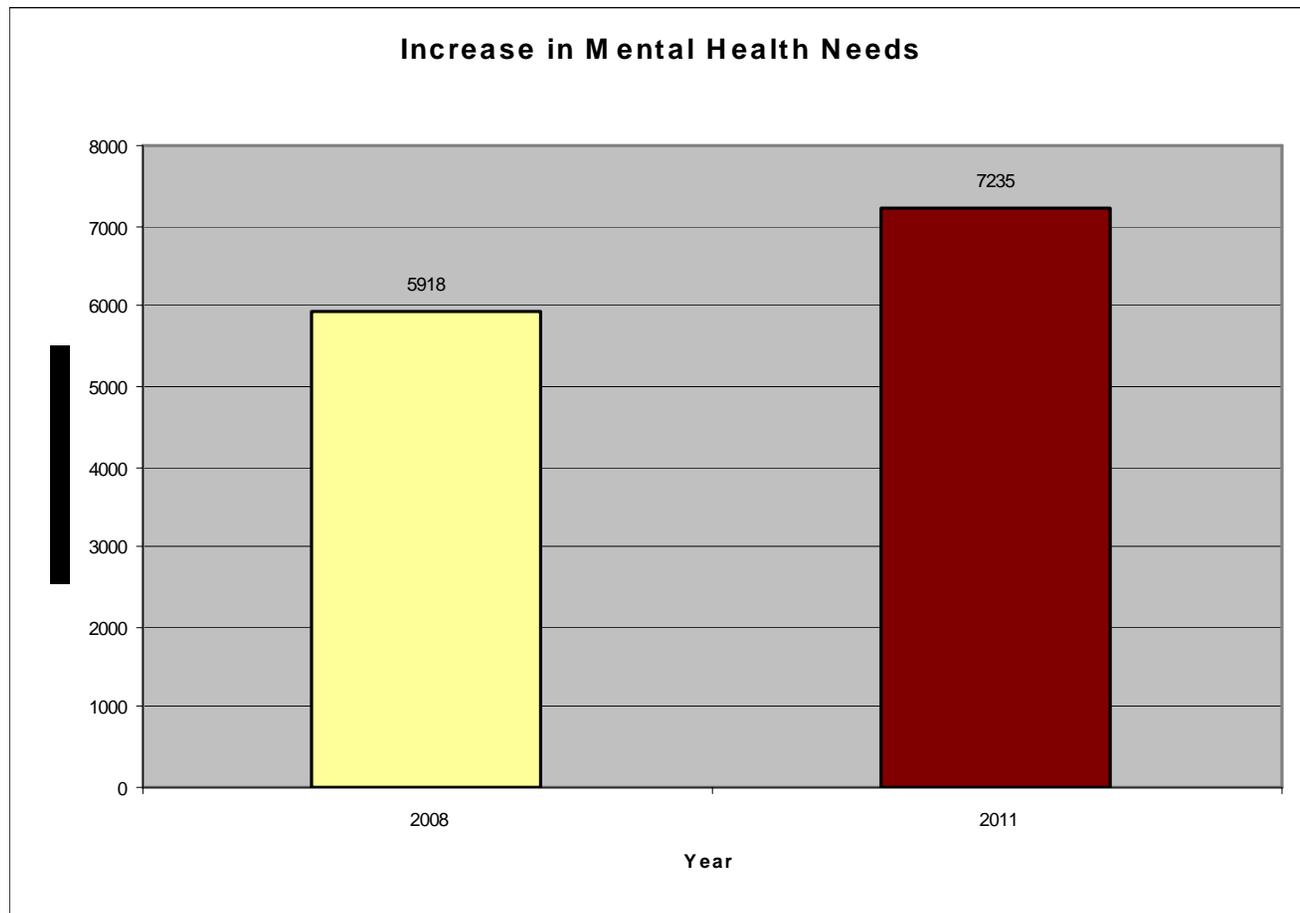
Fort Knox has stated a particular interest in community development of services in the areas of:

- Prolonged Exposure Therapy
- Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing
- Individual and family therapy
- Group therapy
- Inpatient programs (recommend model after Ten Broeck)

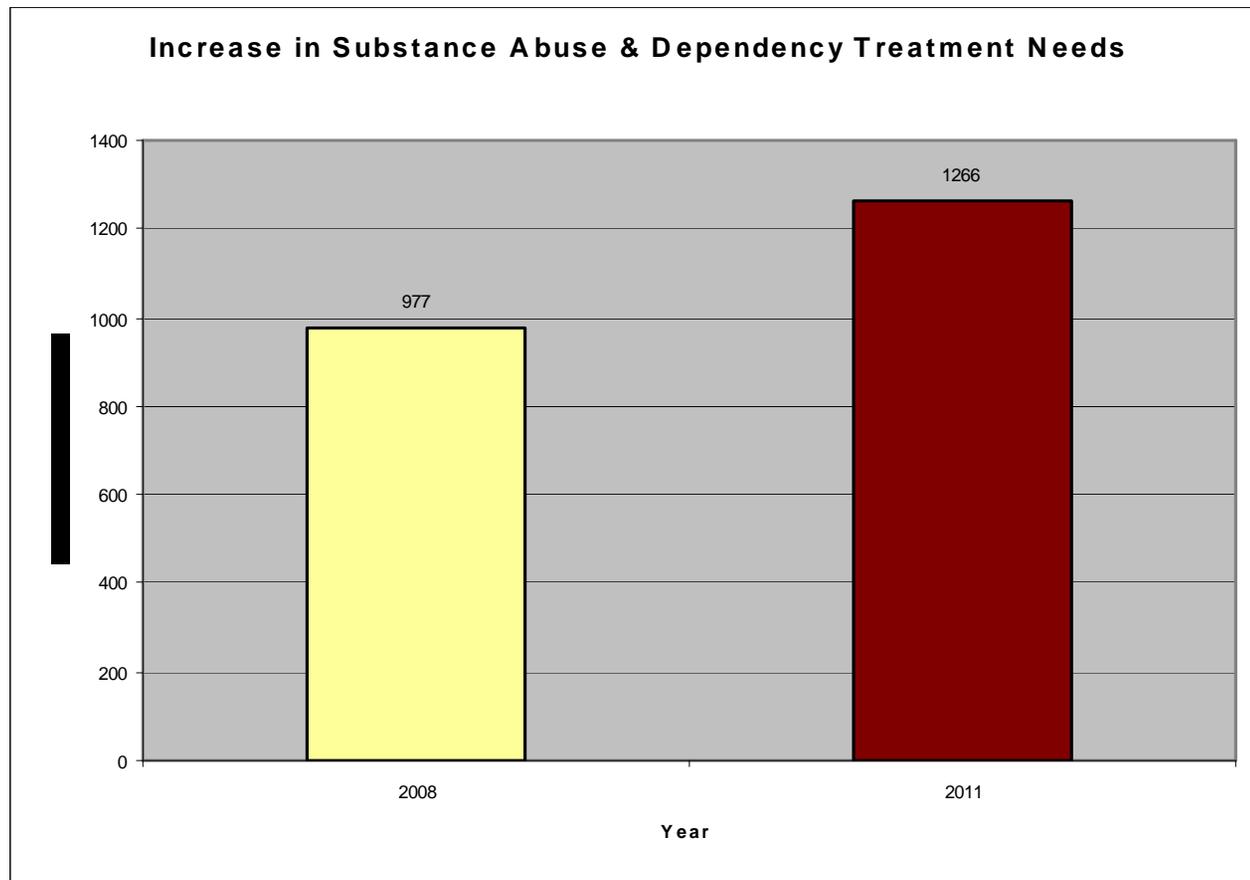
Potential Barriers

- Some resistance on the part of private providers to participate in Tri-Care.
- Coverage provided only for psychiatrists, doctoral level psychologists, and LCSW's.
- Funding for expansion of services.

MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS



SUBSTANCE ABUSE & DEPENDENCY TREATMENT NEEDS



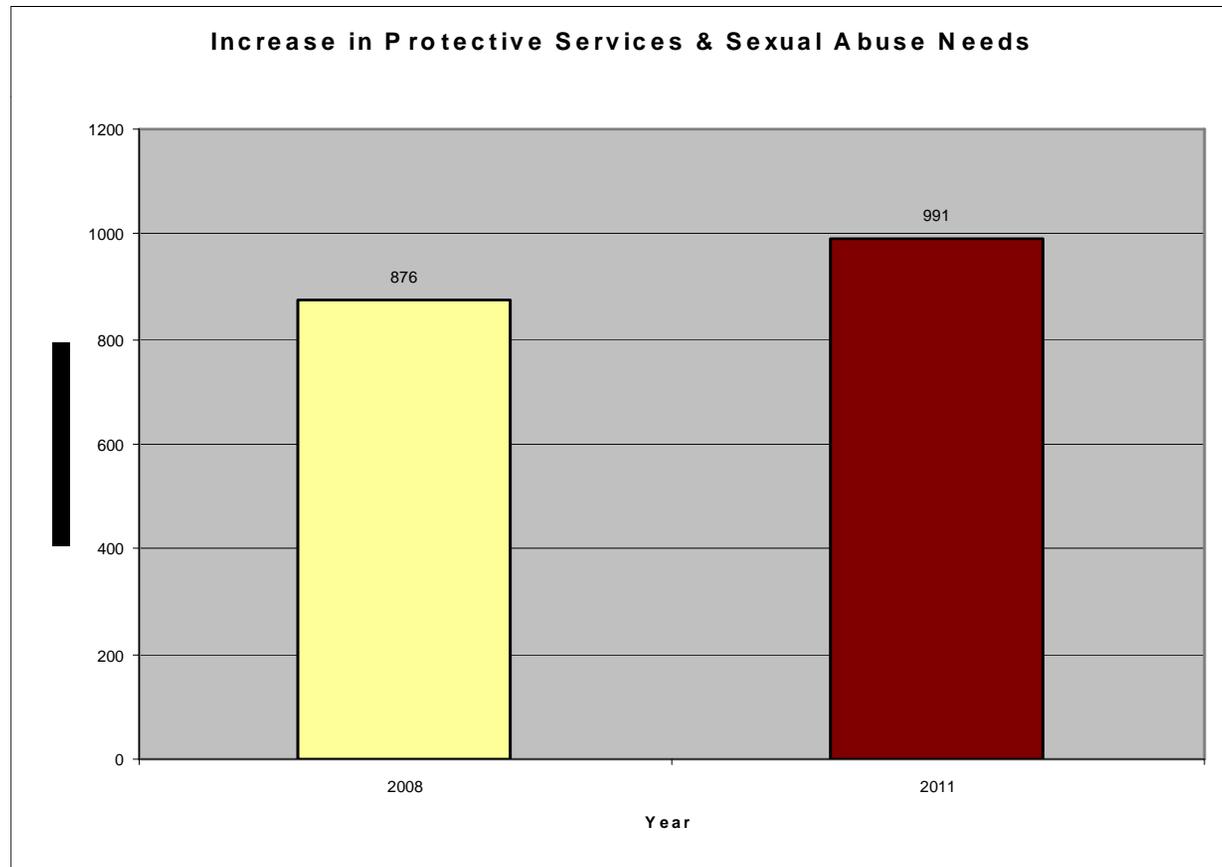
CHILD AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- An expected increase of 13% local access cases based on literature review and interviews for both military and civilian populations of Hardin, Meade and Bullitt Counties.
- Study done by Department for Community Based Services had projected a need to increase resources by 10% to meet additional demands.

Potential Barriers

- Funding for expanding program capacity
- Development of civilian/military partnerships and communication/coordination channels necessary to appropriate intervention

PROTECTIVE SERVICES & SEXUAL ABUSE



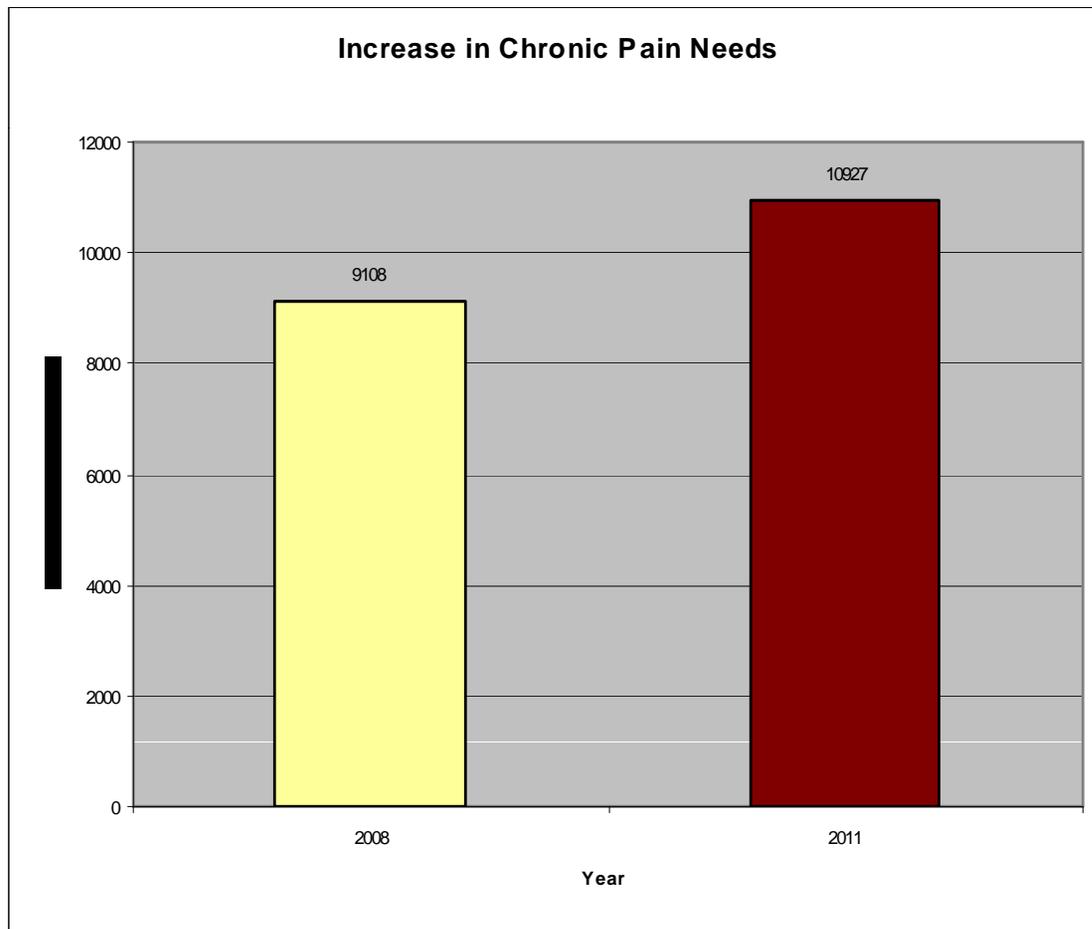
CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT

- An expected 20% increase in local access cases based on literature review and interviews for both military and civilian populations of Hardin, Meade and Bullitt Counties is projected.
- Assumption that the 2008 provider level was adequate for local access volume was considered in the projected increase.

Potential Barriers

- Funding for the development of a comprehensive pain management program. According to a report in Hospitals & Health Networks, these programs are not well reimbursed and can be resource intensive.
- Clinical expertise; the current demand for credentialed specialists exceeds current availability.

CHRONIC PAIN NEEDS





GOALS



- Identify opportunities to share task force findings with communities and public leaders for identification of needs
- Identify opportunities to reduce reimbursement barriers for services
- Explore recruitment opportunities for direct access physicians and chronic pain credentialed specialists
- Expand Mental Health Services and access
- Identify increased need for social services to DCBS and assure availability

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