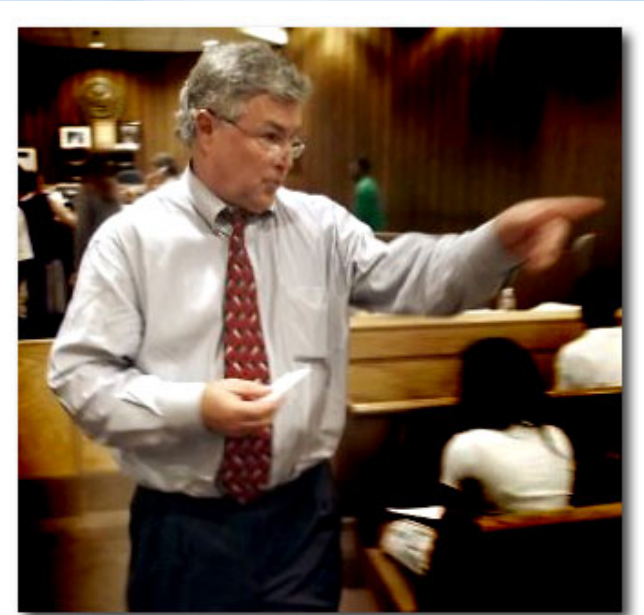


Shelby County Drug Court

- Founded in 1997 by Judge Tim Dwyer, the Shelby County Drug Court is an alternative program that targets non-violent adult offenders with drug-related criminal charges.
- 250-300 clients throughout year; 12-18 mo. program; OP, IOP and INP available in 4-5 phases
- transitional living available
- <http://shelbycountdrugcourt.org>



AIM

Based on data collection, our goal was to:

- Reduce waiting time between orientation to program and 1st treatment session



CHANGE

Issue identified during the collection of baseline data:

- Found that clients waited an average of 6.9 days between orientation and 1st treatment session. Clients were being told to report the following Monday by the instructor.

Change:

- Clients report to the first available treatment session following orientation.

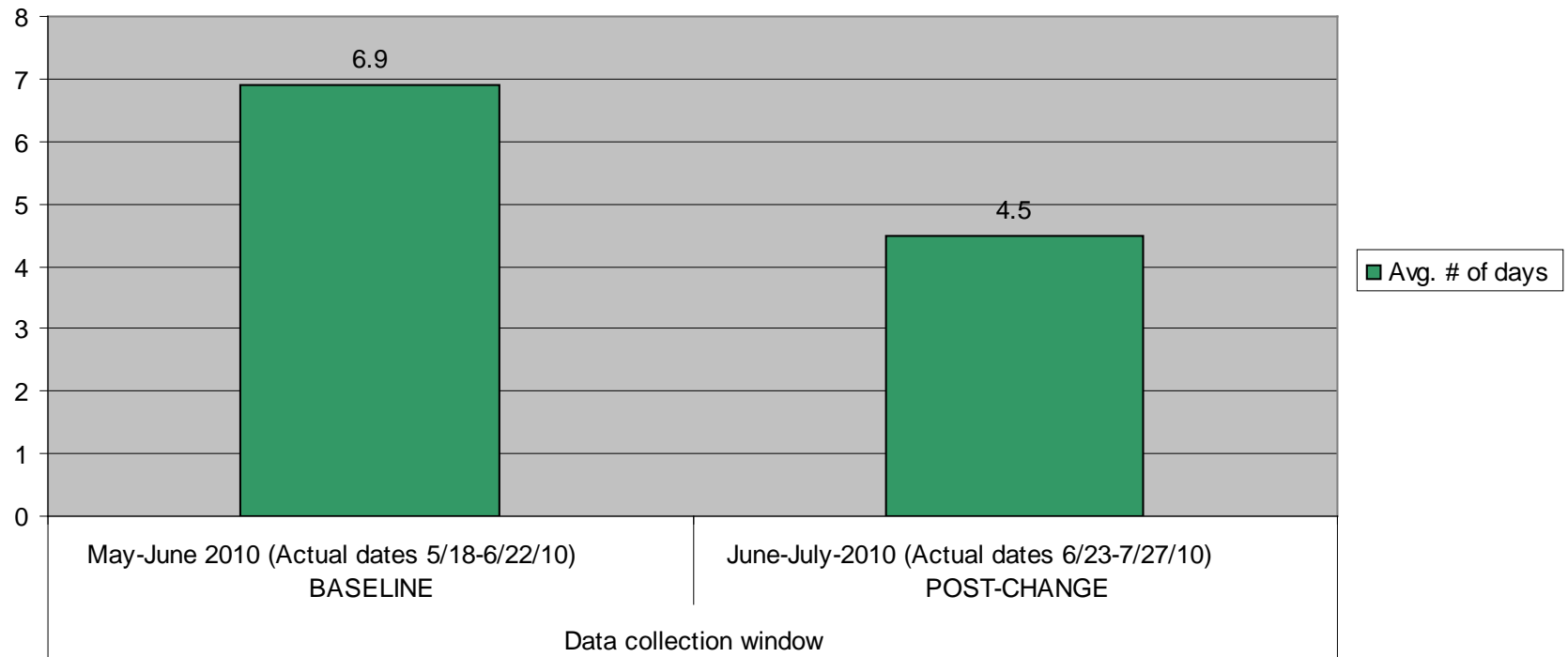
Potential Outcome:

- Clients are immediately engaged in treatment rather than given an opportunity to relapse or abscond.



RESULTS

Average Number of Days from Orientation to 1st Treatment Session



ADOPTING THE CHANGE

(and moving forward)

Having the client in classes sooner will likely impact his/her success and sobriety in a positive way. The team easily decided to adopt and monitor this change and begin looking at our next project.

We had recently reached capacity in the number of clients we were able to serve in a fiscal year. We began to collect data to determine how to streamline the process by which a defendant is referred & deemed appropriate for Drug Court.



IMPACT

When we were unsure what our change project would be, collecting baseline data brought to light a problem we didn't know existed. When in doubt, look at your data.

The change team decided that individuals with home burglary charges, new drug charges while on probation, and/or more than 4 warrants would be ineligible for drug court.

Latest change project baseline data:

- Between 6/1/10-12/1/10 = 76 graduates, 56 terminations
- Between 10/1/10-10/31/10 = 27 admitted to program of which 5 were probation violators
- Of those 27, 3 had aggravated burglary charges/convictions and 2 had 4+ warrants.

We are currently tracking defendants determined to be inappropriate during the month of Feb. to see post change results.

