

HOUSE BILL 4001 SPECIALTY COURT TASK FORCE

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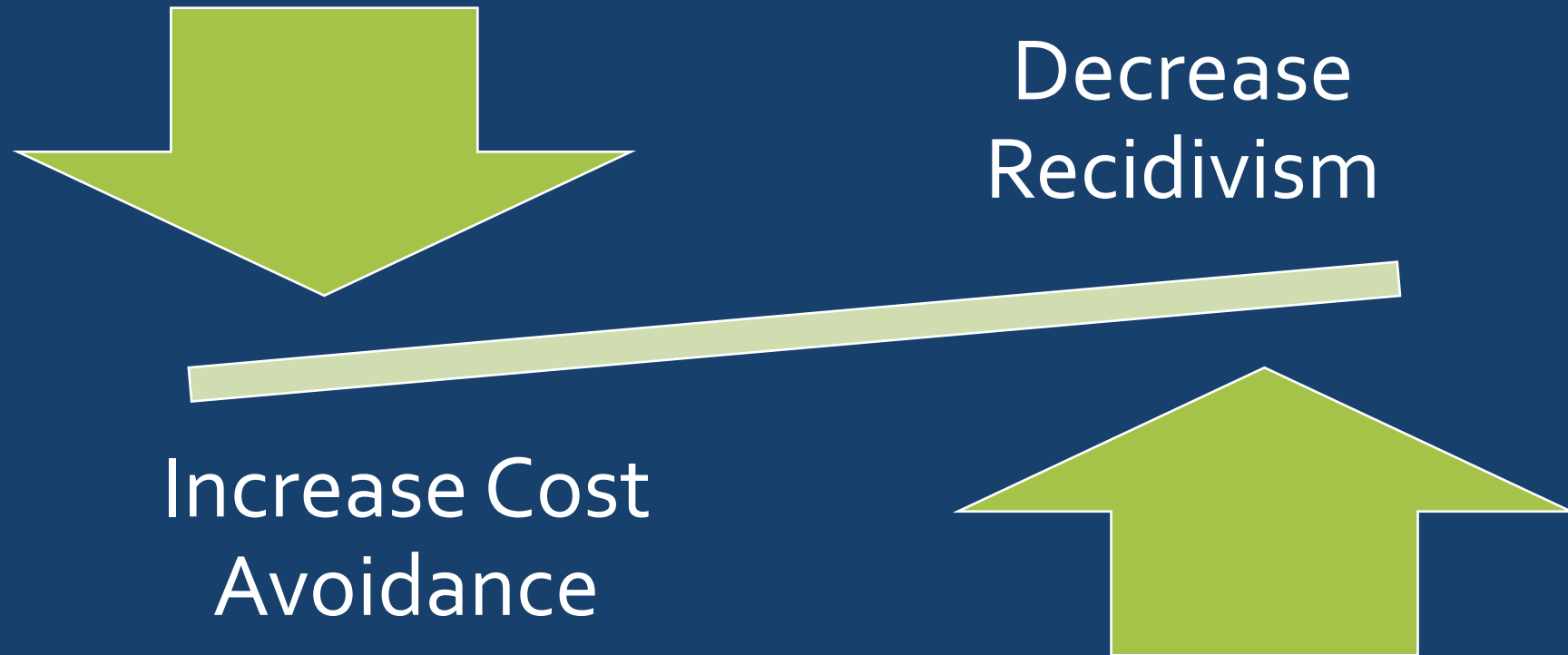
Joint Committee on Judiciary

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WHAT IS A TREATMENT COURT?

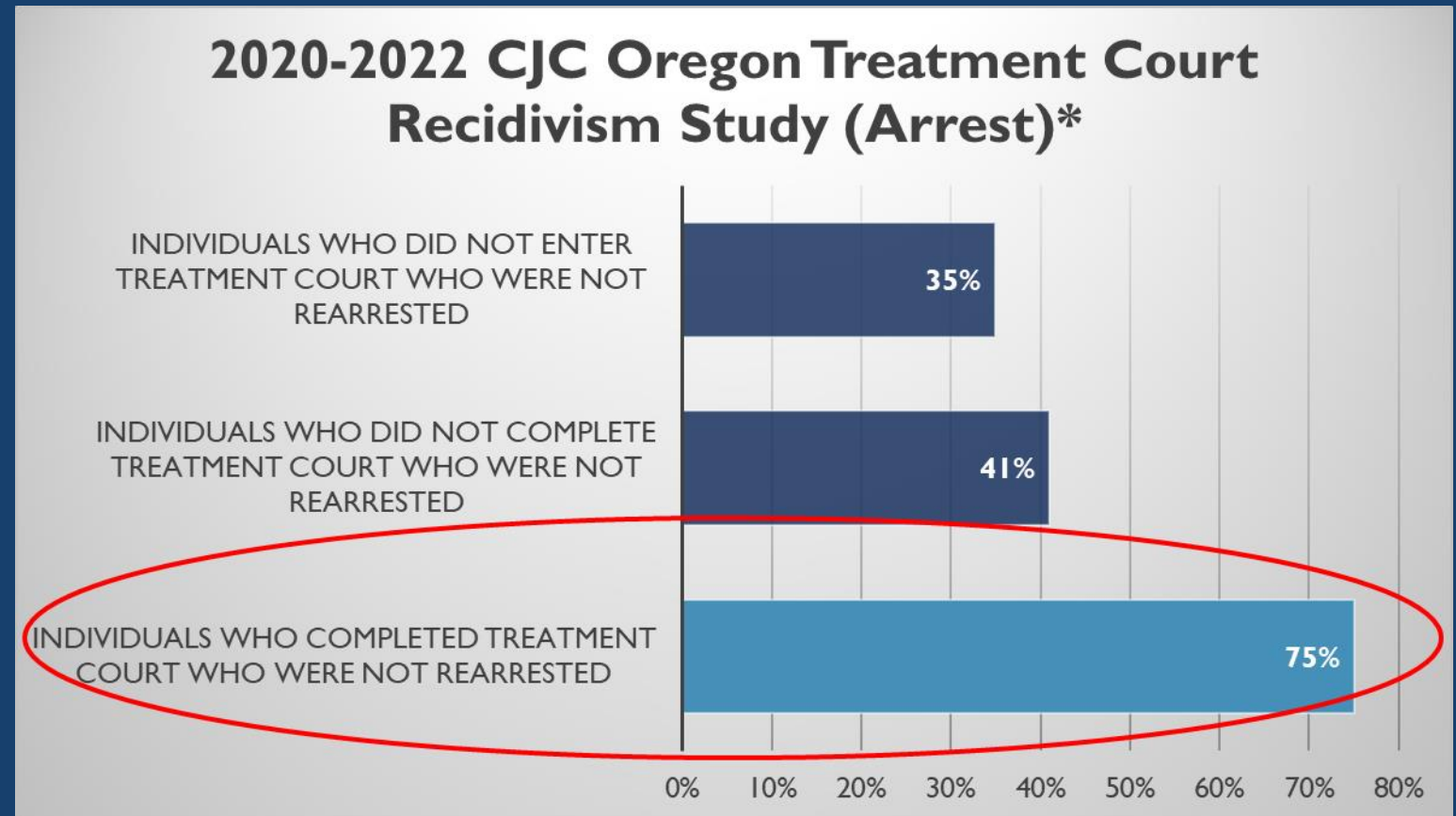
Treatment Courts, also referred to as Specialty Courts, are programs in which a person's behavior and progress is overseen by a multidisciplinary team through regular judicial review, community supervision and treatment, following the evidence-based treatment court model.

TREATMENT COURTS WORK



OREGON TREATMENT COURTS DECREASE FUTURE ARRESTS

75% of treatment court graduates were not rearrested within three years of program completion



*Court types included: Drug, Mental Health, DUII, and Veterans Treatment

HOUSE BILL 4001 TASK FORCE OVERVIEW

19-member group tasked with drafting a report with findings and recommendations by November 15, 2024, focusing on:

Funding mechanisms to ensure stability

Balance between the CJC and OJD

Eligibility metrics

Accountability mechanisms

TASK FORCE FINDINGS

Oregon's specialty courts are integral in the justice system.

Oregon's specialty courts are informed by the national, evidence-based model.

Specialty courts are resource-intensive and cost-effective programs for reducing recidivism.

State funding and support for specialty courts is critical to their stability and success.

Funding instability is a significant challenge to maintaining adherence to standards.

Treatment costs present a specific challenge to adequate funding and to meeting specialty court standards.

Specialty court eligibility metrics help ensure program efficacy by targeting specific populations.

Some issues in the Task Force's areas of study require further exploration.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS



UPDATE STATUTES RELATED TO TREATMENT COURTS

ORS 3.450 & ORS
137.680

Change terms "Drug Court" and "Specialty Court" to "Treatment Court"


Define Treatment Courts as following the evidence-based model and focusing on moderate to high risk/need individuals

Establish uniform entry of data for all treatment courts and CJC access to data

OJD maintain data for all treatment courts, using the identified statewide case management system

Data may be accessed by OJD, CJC, and potential advisory committee

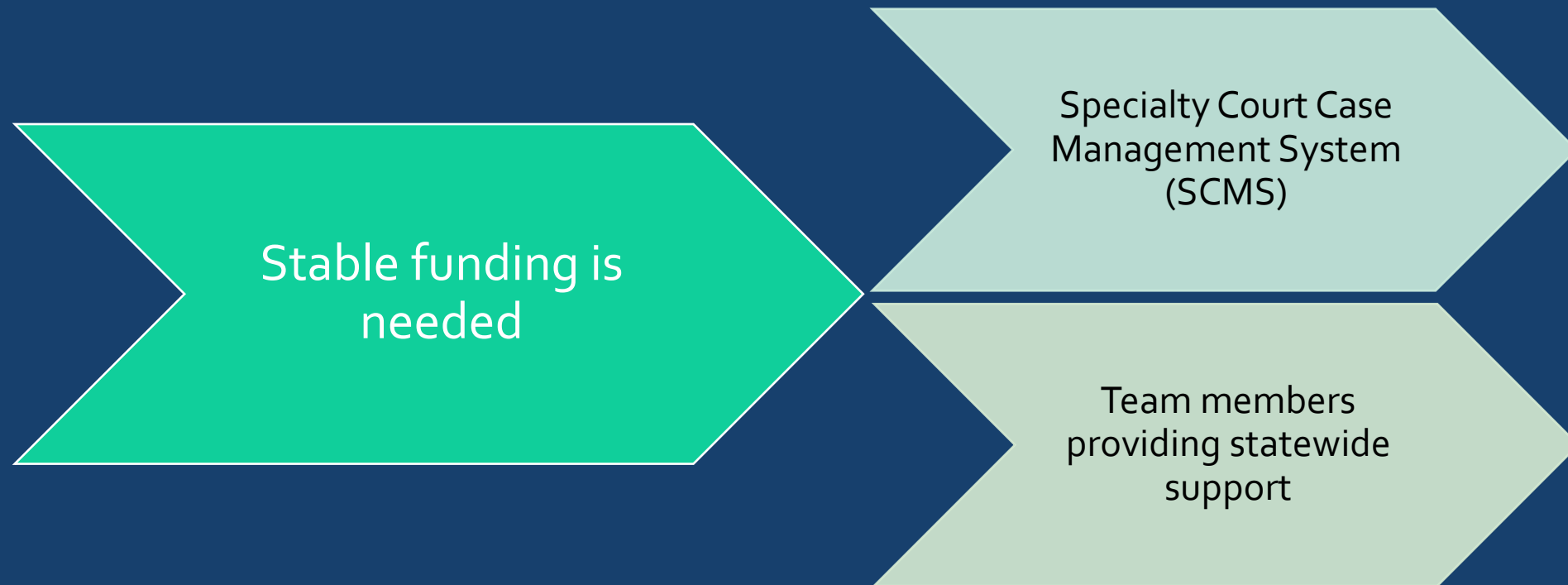
CREATE PERMANENT CHIEF JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREATMENT COURTS



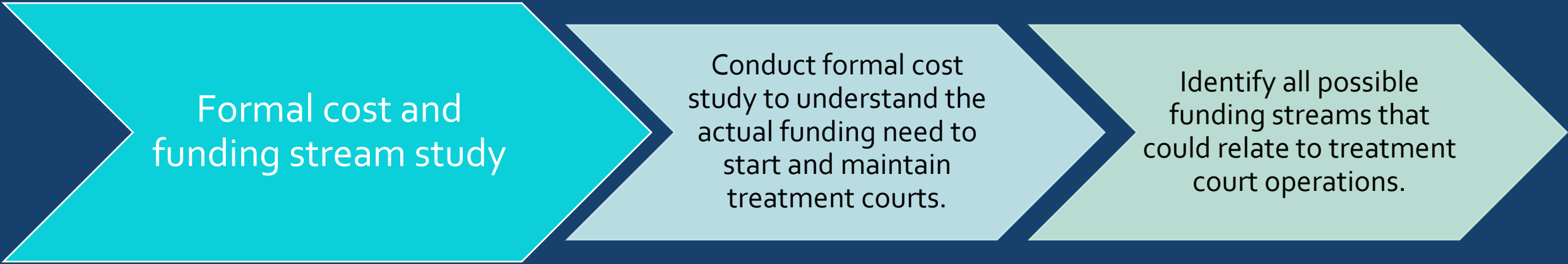
Serve as a permanent advisory committee to the Chief Justice and legislature to address issues impacting treatment courts.

Inclusive of all disciplines and advocates of treatment courts.

FUND STATEWIDE SPECIALTY COURT STAFFING AND CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



CONDUCT FORMAL TREATMENT COURT COST STUDY



Formal cost and
funding stream study

Conduct formal cost
study to understand the
actual funding need to
start and maintain
treatment courts.

Identify all possible
funding streams that
could relate to treatment
court operations.

EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR TREATMENT PROVIDERS TO BILL ACCORDING TO THE MODEL

OHA billing modifier

Identify code and modifier options to fund treatment court services that are not deemed as medically necessary or billable.

Utilization management practices

Draft a budget note instructing CCOs to follow recommendations of treatment court provider.

ADDITIONAL TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

One-time, third-party evaluation

- Complete to align with the national best practice and provide baseline standards for all Oregon treatment courts.

Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) Specialty Court Grant Program (SCGP) Award Timeline

- CJC adjust funding cycle so:
 - Funding decisions are made prior to award start date.
 - Primary awardee has reasonable time to full execute contracts.

Cost and funding data and definitions

- Create standardized definitions.
- Collect operational costs through the CJC SCGP.

ADDITIONAL TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Statewide assessment database

- Create a statewide treatment assessment database to create efficiencies.

Funding court liaisons

- Provide direct funding to treatment agencies to support the cost of one or more court liaisons for each treatment court.

SCMS data integration

- Explore options for treatment data to directly integrate into SCMS.

THANK YOU