Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

"Serving Those Who Served"

Presentation to the Joint Committee on Veterans & Military Affairs

December 8, 2010

Washington Soldiers Home

- Master Planning for the Soldiers Home:

  – Use of Garfield Barracks

  – Potential to care for service-members with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

  – Short term housing for veterans in transition

  – Other care lines following UW Architectural School review

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Washington State is seizing opportunities provided by U.S. DVA Secretary Shinseki's Five-Year Plan by taking the following approach:

- Statewide (County – Regional Approach)
- Housing and Services Focus
- Leverage Existing Strengths
- Support and Expand Partnerships
- Coordinated Activities linked to Local 10YP
- Establish Public and Private Commitments

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Actions to Date:

- Completed second SAMHSA Policy Academy (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration)

- Completed 1 statewide and 2 regional summits

- Completed a statewide housing inventory

- Developed Housing Finance Model

- Assisted with County Veterans' Courts

- Assisted Pierce County in receiving a $3 million homeless prevention grant

- Assisted several Counties in receiving additional VASH vouchers
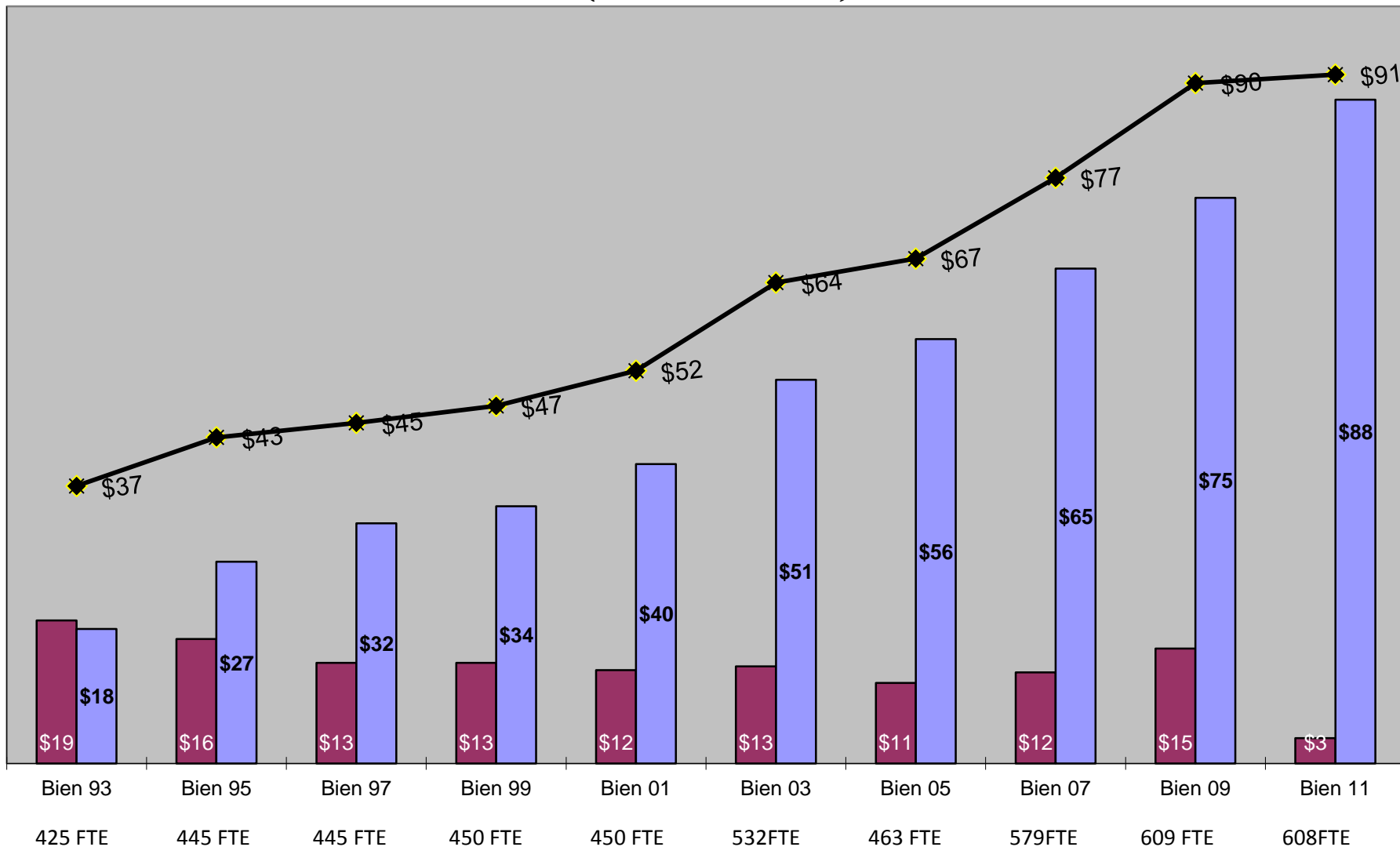
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Next Steps:

- Stay engaged with USICH and State ICH
- Strengthen Technical Assistance
- Reinvent military transition services
- Focus on jails – 32 counties to go
- Prevention, Prevention, Prevention!

WDVA Programs and Budget

- WDVA Program Overview (handout)
- Partnerships helping to serve veterans in spite of poor economy
- Excellent performance in Veterans Services, State Veterans Homes and in accounting office means that all areas of funding are accessed to maintain services
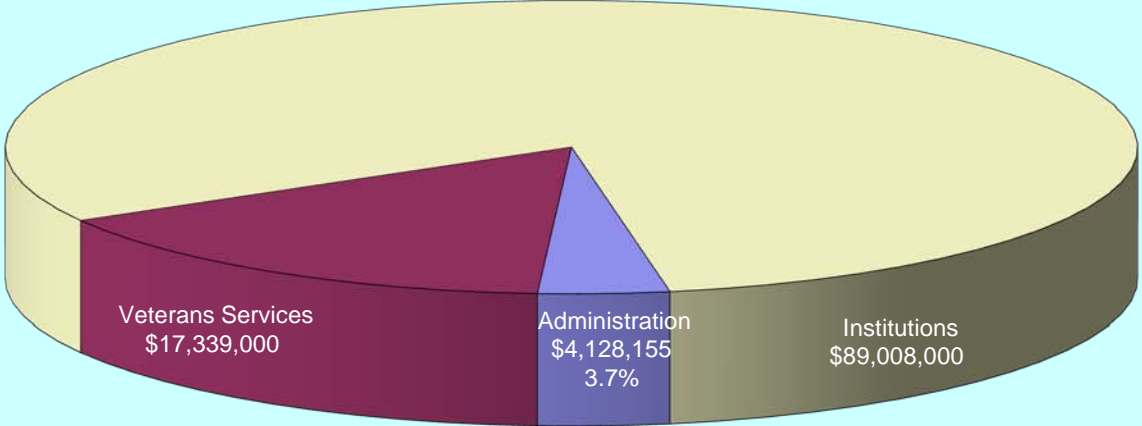
Veterans' Homes Funding History
(Dollars in Millions)

	Bien 93	Bien 95	Bien 97	Bien 99	Bien 01	Bien 03	Bien 05	Bien 07	Bien 09	Bien 11
Total	$37	$43	$45	$47	$52	$64	$67	$77	$90	$91
General Fund State	$19	$16	$13	$13	$12	$13	$11	$12	$15	$3
Federal / Local Funds	$18	$27	$32	$34	$40	$51	$56	$65	$75	$88
FTE	425 FTE	445 FTE	445 FTE	450 FTE	450 FTE	532FTE	463 FTE	579FTE	609 FTE	608FTE

General Fund State **Federal / Local Funds**

Agency Operating

Veterans Services
$17,339,000

Administration
$4,128,155
3.7%

Institutions
$89,008,000

9 Exempt

$110,475,155 Agency Operating

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