

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

Public Safety, Civil Rights & Emergency Management Committee Presentation



Minneapolis City Attorney's Office – Criminal
Division

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Jurisdiction

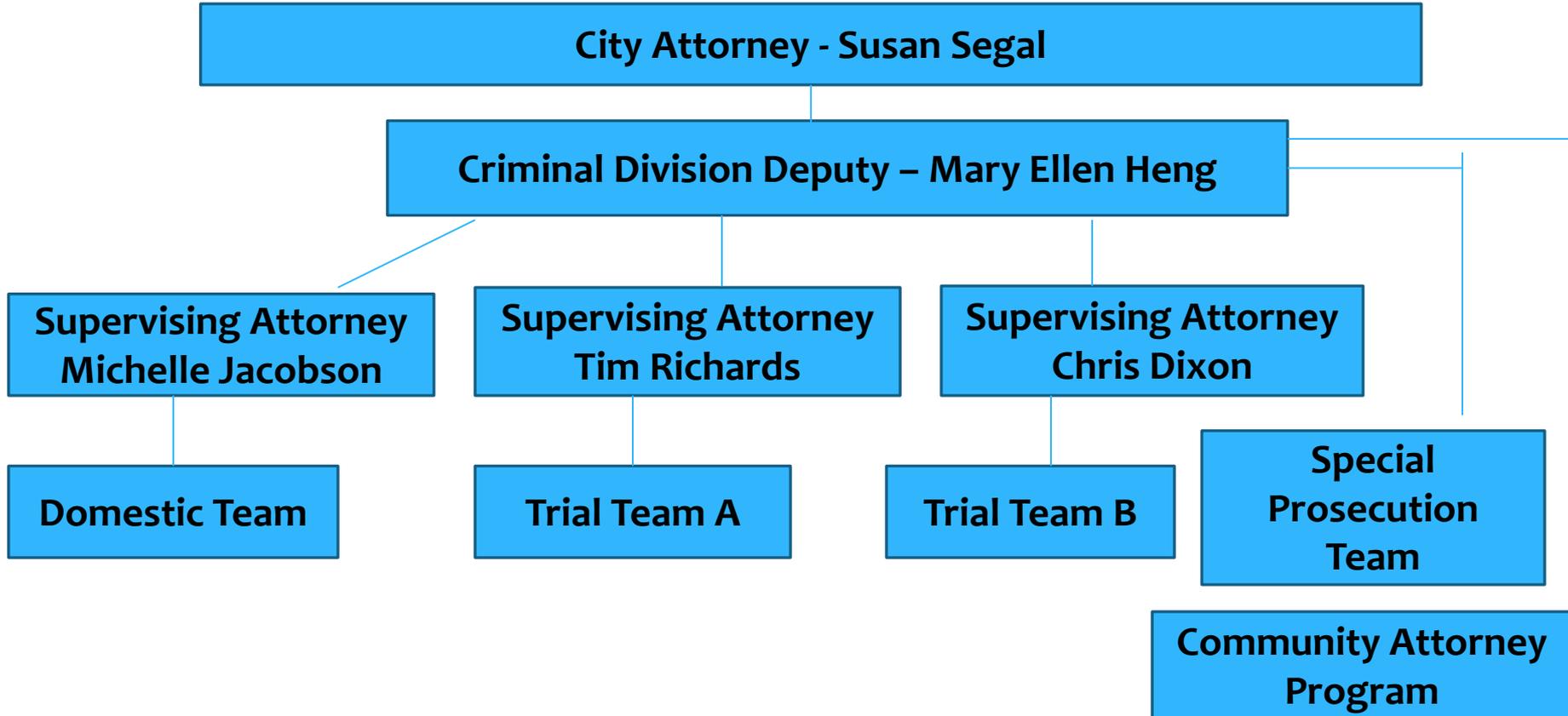
- The Minneapolis City Attorney's Office prosecutes all adult misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor crimes within the City of Minneapolis.



Caseload

- Offenses include:
 - Domestic assault
 - DWI
 - Weapons
 - Livability offenses
 - Theft-related offenses
 - Traffic: moving, DL, insurance

Organizational Chart



3 Teams

- Community Prosecution
- Domestic Assault
- General Prosecution Teams



Diversion Programs

- Restorative Justice
 - 273 referrals in 2015
- Driving Diversion Program
 - 553 referrals in 2015
- Shoplifting Diversion Program
 - 55 referrals in 2015
- Traffic Education Program
 - 26 referrals in 2015

Specialty Courts

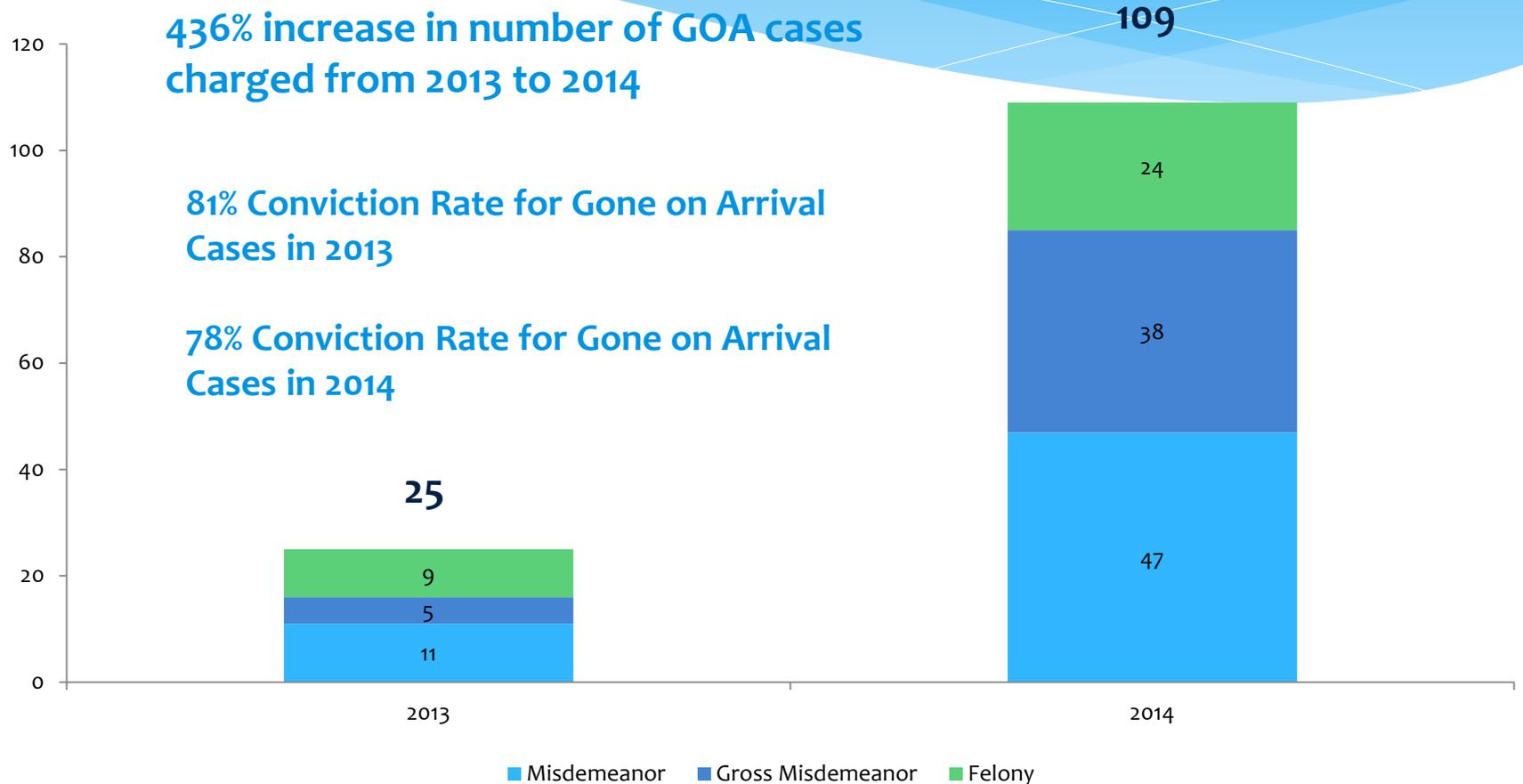
- DWI Court
- Mental Health Court
- Veteran's Court
- Homes Court
- GIFT (Gaining Independence for Females in Transition)



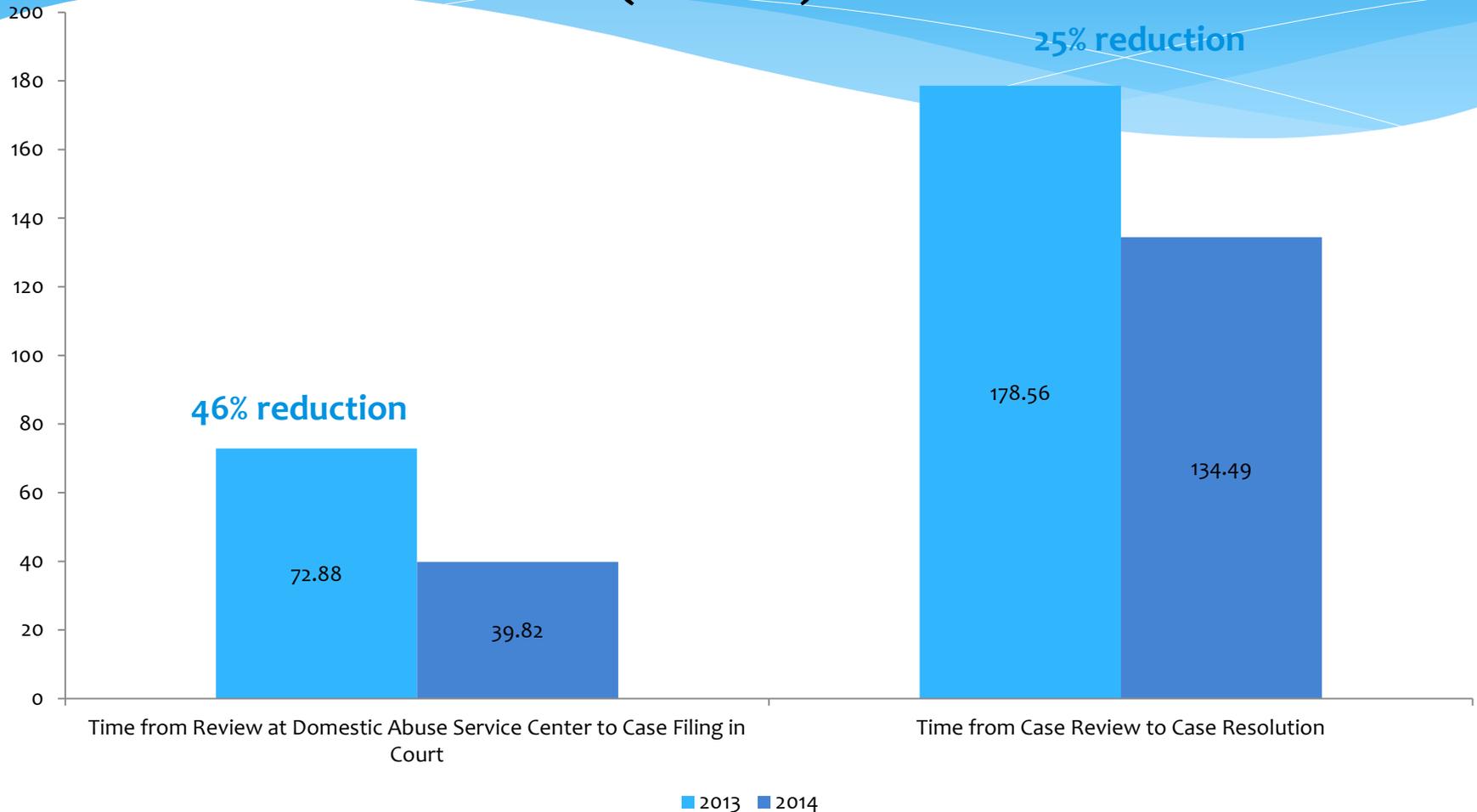
2015 Accomplishments

- * Hired a Diversion Coordinator and an Audio Video Evidence Technician to the staff
- * Implemented changes to case management system to increase efficiencies
- * The criminal division tried 81 cases, with a conviction rate of 69%
- * The criminal division handled 21 appeals (12 wins and 1 loss) and had two petitions to the Minnesota Supreme Court (1 win/1 pending)
- * Increased the number of “Gone on Arrival” (GOA) Domestic Violence Cases charged after Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Implementation

“Gone on Arrival” (GOA) Domestic Violence Cases Charged by Offense Level from Domestic Abuse Service Center (DASC) after Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Implementation



Difference in Average Time from Case Review to Case Filing in Court & Case Resolution for Gone on Arrival cases after Implementation of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant





2016 Work plan

- * Diversion Programs:
 - * Develop and implement a diversion program with the police department for appropriate cases involving obstruction of legal process charges.
 - * Increase referrals to all existing programs
- * Create a charging team:
 - * Work towards pre-charge review
- * Develop policy change recommendations for driving-related offenses



2016 Work plan

- * Little Earth Chronic Crime Study
- * Complete development and begin using a Trial Preparation/Subpoena Wizard
- * Expand Domestic Assault Hot Spot Initiatives

Domestic Assault Team: Hot Spots Initiative

- Collaborative effort to address DV in Violent Crime Hot Spots by conducting follow up visits to addresses with a DV related 911 call, where no police report is made
- MECC Data indicates that #1 citizen initiated call for service in violent crime hot spots is domestic violence related
- Project Partners: City Attorney's Office, Police Department, Health Department, Domestic Abuse Project, Hennepin County Probation.

Domestic Assault Team: Hot Spots Initiative

- Hot Spots Initiative team, comprised of a DAP therapist and an MPD officer began conducting home visits in April 2015 in North Minneapolis Hot Spots
- Team was able to make contact with someone at 75% of addresses visited
- Project expanding in 2016 to include South Minneapolis Hot Spots & will continue in North Minneapolis

Question or Concerns

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