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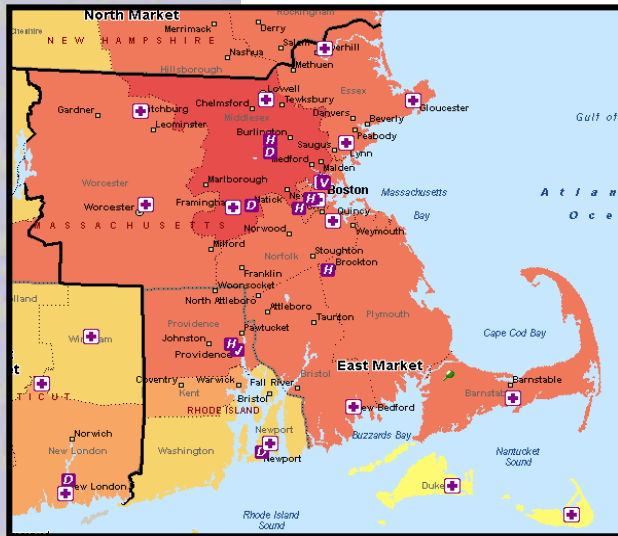

Challenges Facing VA in Meeting Enrolled Veterans Future Health Care Demand
Boston Area Feasibility Study

East Market Facilities

☀ Bedford

Lynn/North Shore	Gloucester
Haverhill	Fitchburg

☀ Boston Healthcare System

- Brockton
- Jamaica Plain
- West Roxbury

Lowell	Worcester
Framingham	South Shore
Dorchester	Causeway Street

- Providence

New Bedford	Hyannis
Nantucket/Oaks Bluffs	Middletown

Veteran Population
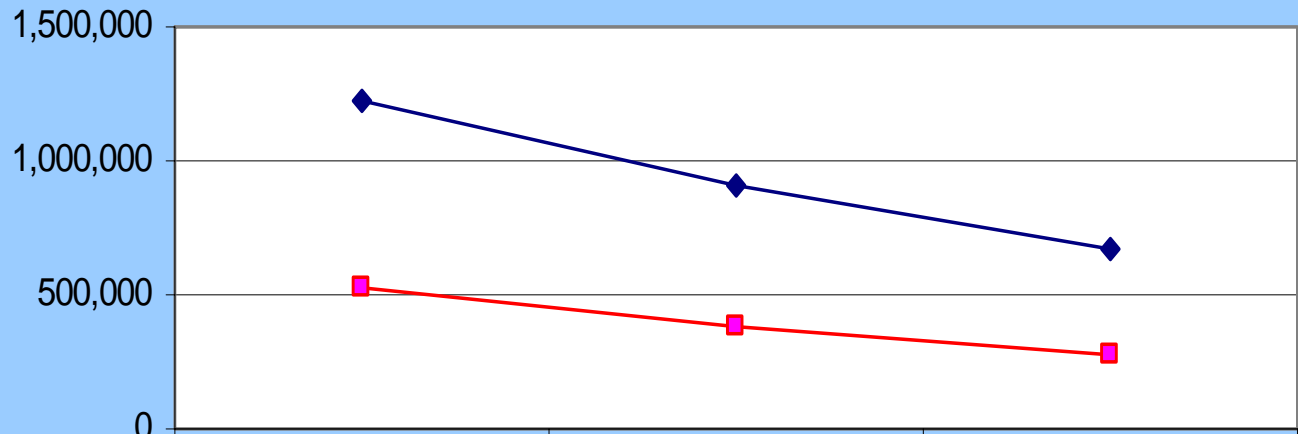
	Veteran Population 2003	Veteran Population 2013	Veteran Population 2023
◆ VISN 1	1,219,434	905,769	667,235
■ East Market	530,219	386,524	278,853

East Market Enrollment by Priority Level

# of Enrollees (Thousands)

	Actual 2003	2013	2023
Priority 1-6	88	97	80
Priority 7-8	43	25	18
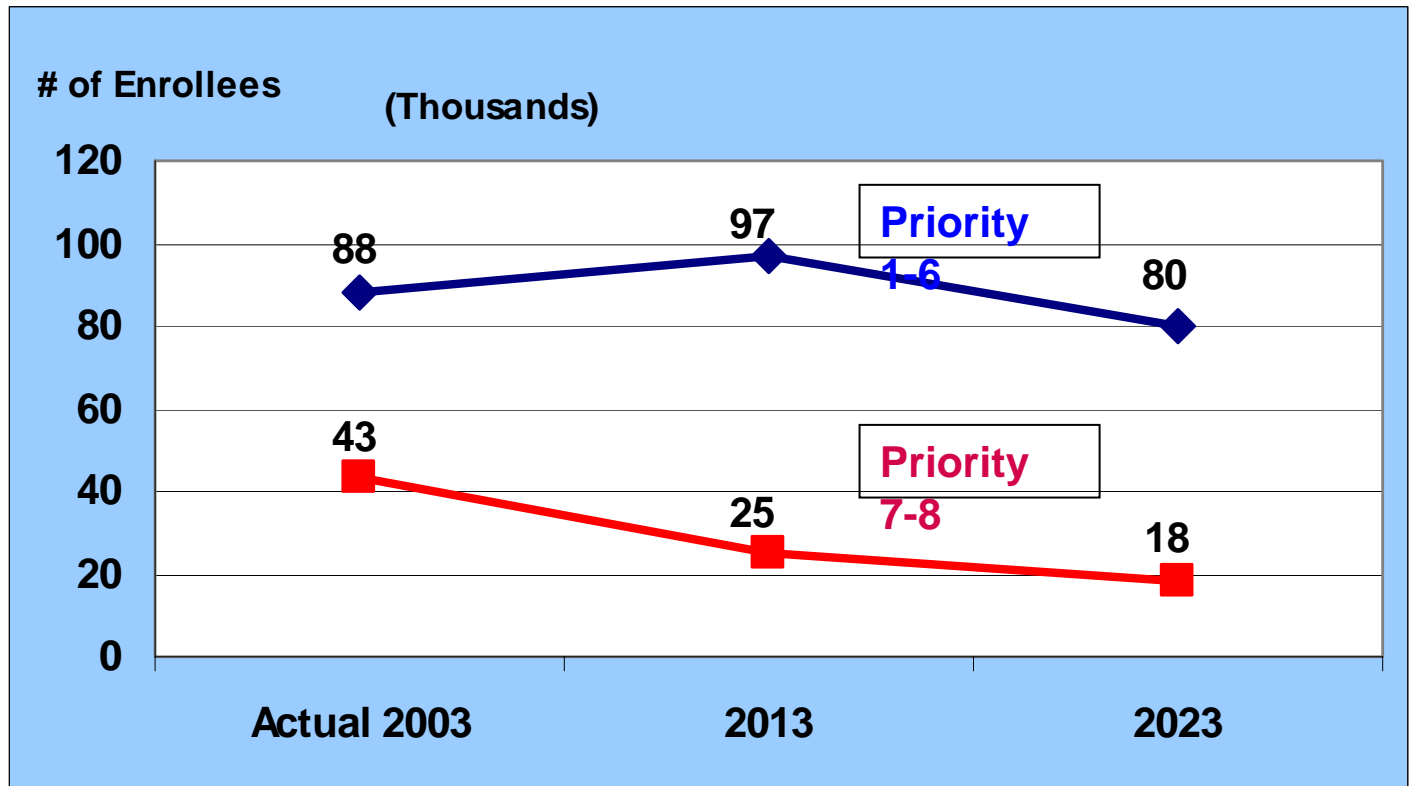
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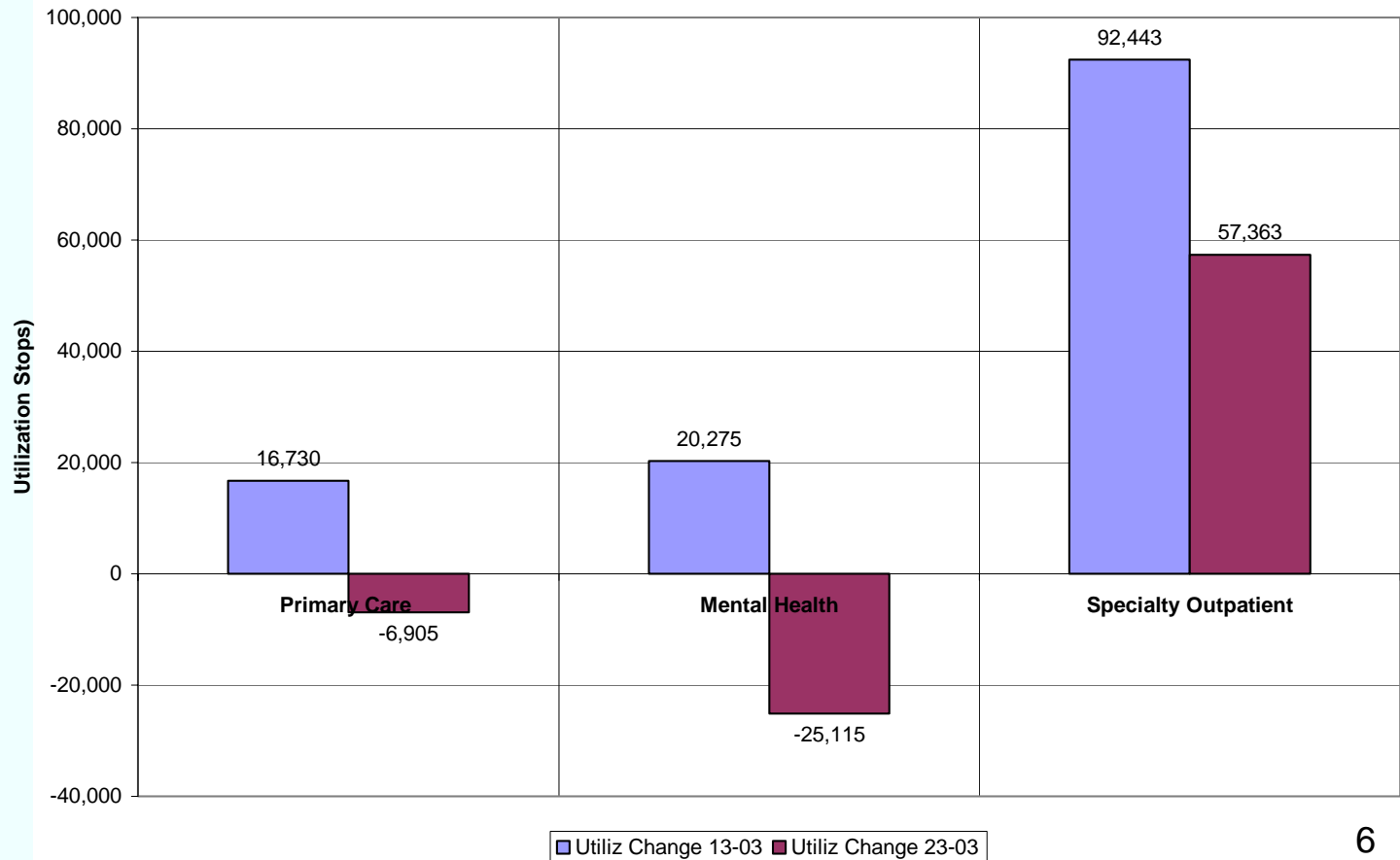
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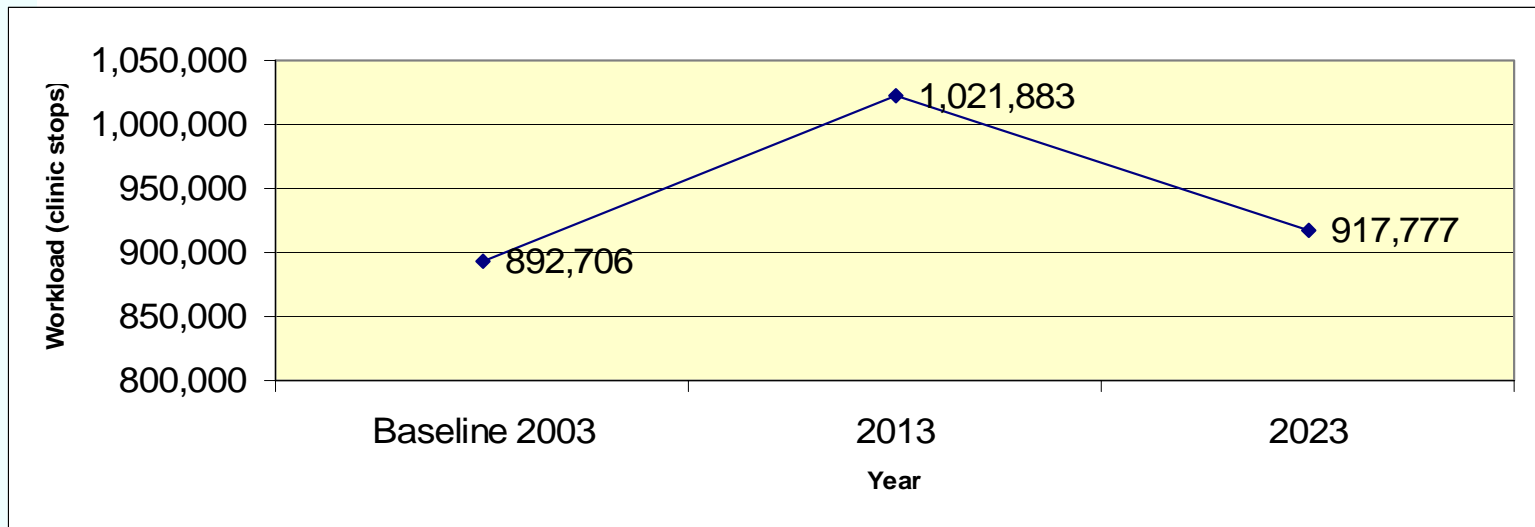
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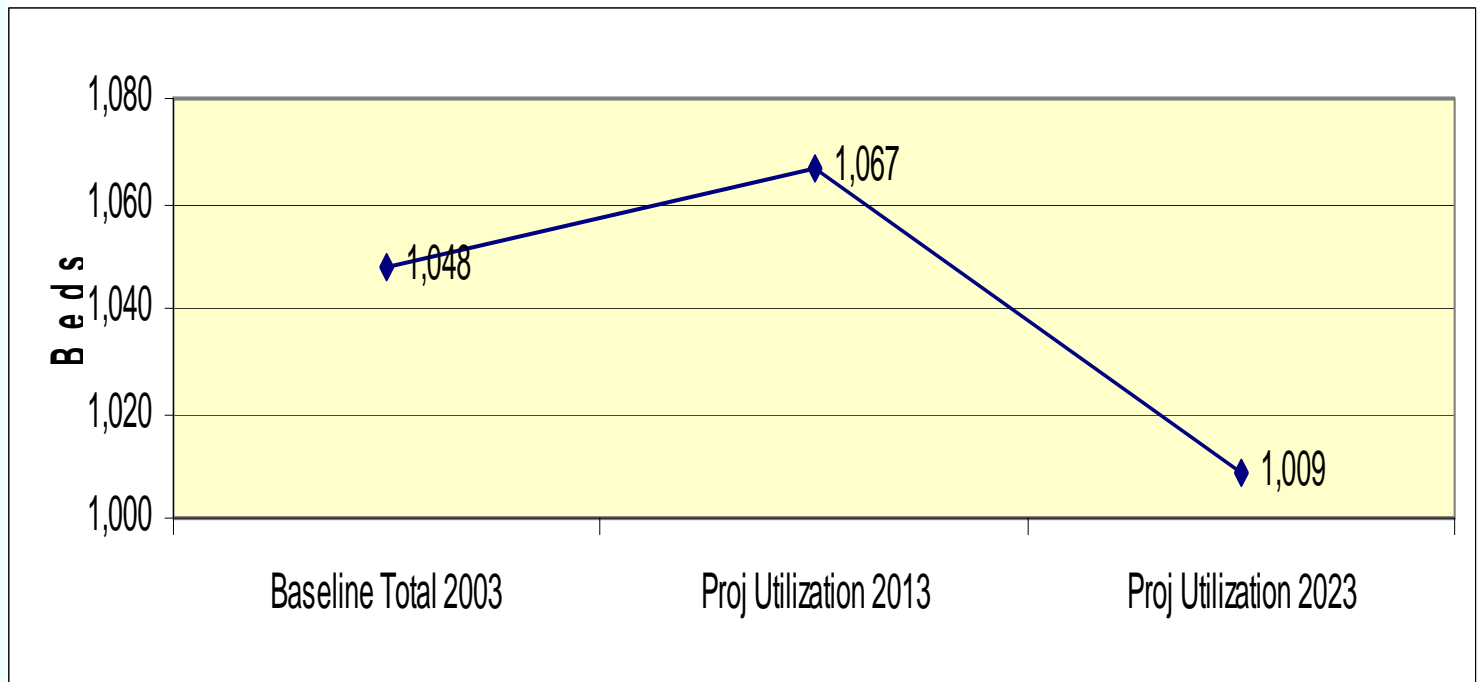# Bedford, Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury & Brockton
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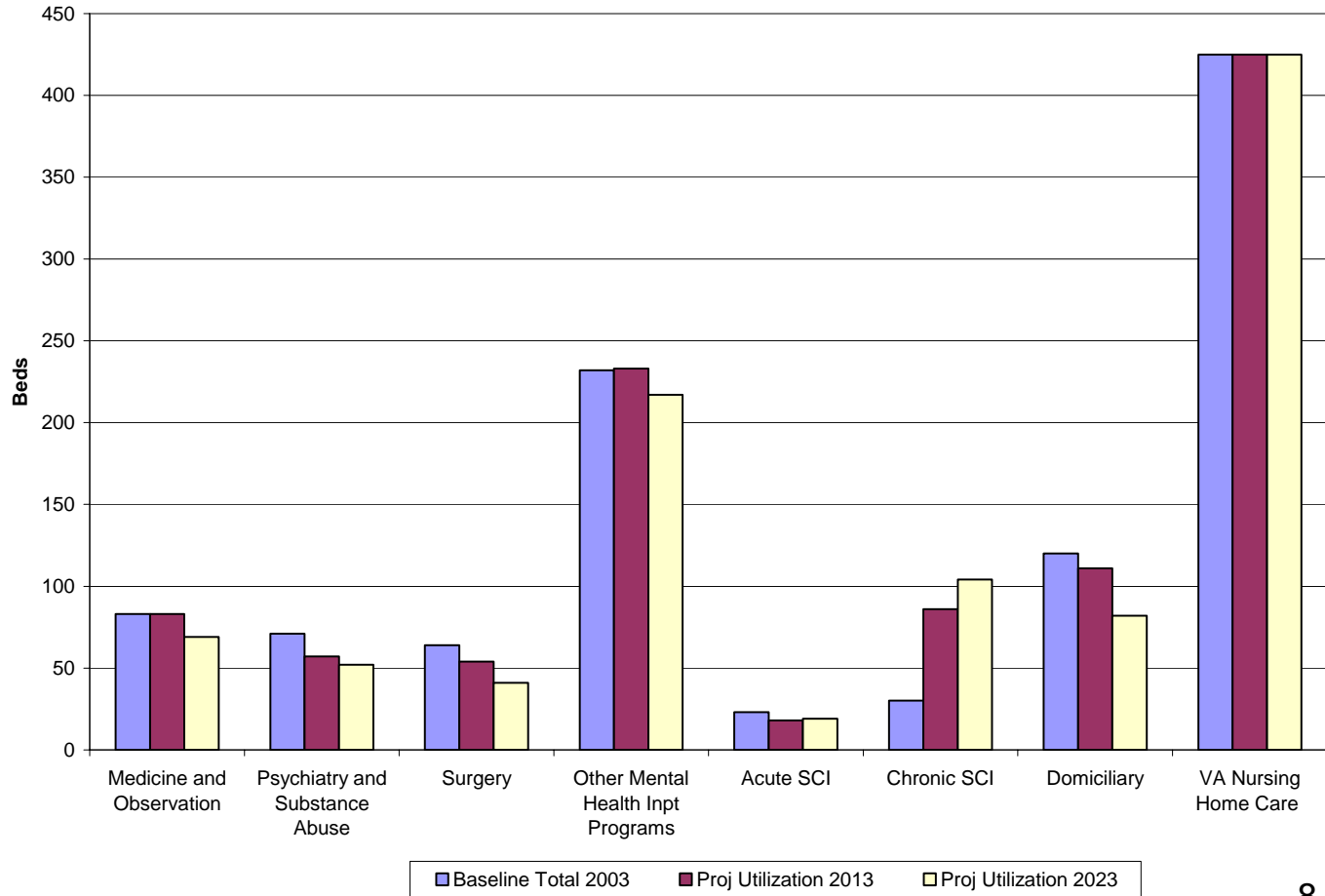
Change in Utilization (Outpatient)

Boston Area Facilities: Bedford, West Roxbury & Brockton

Total Beds: Hospital, Nursing Home, & Domiciliary

Boston Area Facilities
Bedford, West Roxbury & Brockton
Inpatient Gaps

What are the data telling us?

- Demographics
  - There will be a 47% decrease in the general veteran population by 2023
  - There will be a 25% decrease in the enrolled population by 2023

What are the data telling us?

- Outpatient Demand
  - Demand for outpatient services will peak by the year 2013 (+14% above FY03 baseline)
    - Largest increase: Specialty Outpatient programs
  - Demand for outpatient services in 2023 will increase by 3% over baseline
    - Demand for Primary Care and Mental Health is expected to decrease slightly
    - Demand for Specialty Outpatient is expected to be 12% above baseline levels

What are the data telling us?

- Inpatient Demand (Hospital, Domiciliary, Residential, & VA Nursing Home beds)
  - Demand for inpatient services will peak by the year 2013 (+19 beds = 2% above FY03 baseline)
    - Largest increase: Chronic SCI (+56 beds)
    - Largest decrease: Psychiatry and Substance Abuse (-14 beds)
  - Demand for inpatient services in 2023 will decrease by 4% from the FY03 baseline
    - Largest increase: Chronic SCI (+74 beds)
    - Largest decrease: Domiciliary (-38 beds)