

House Finance Subcommittee
Alaska Pioneer Homes
Follow-up Questions | Responses From The Division

Question: Regarding Private pay - how does it reflect back to page 3 of your presentation with funding sources?

Response:

The “private-pay”/payor mix chart provided initially represents a point-in-time snapshot of the percentage of residents in the following payor categories:

- Private Pay
- Medicaid Waiver
- Payment Assistance

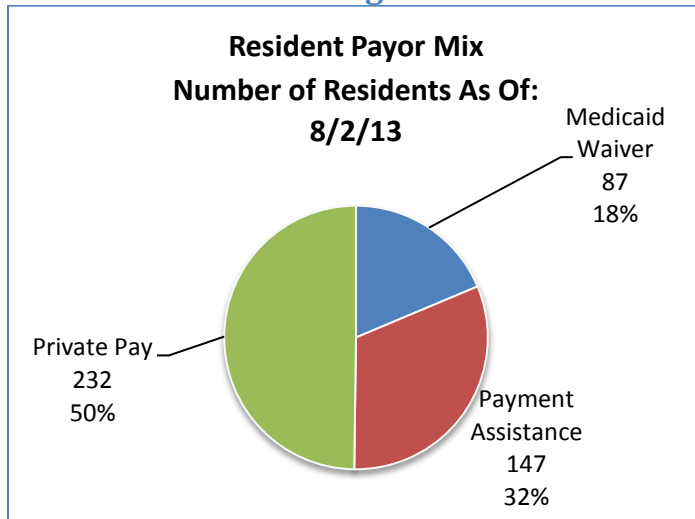
Receipts from “private-pay” get coded to our budget under “General Fund/Program Receipts”. For FY14, the projection is that \$15,431.3, or 25% of our budget will comprise of receipts from “Private Pay.”

Chart From Page 3

FY 2014 Conference Committee Funding			Pioneer Home			
All Funds	Homes	%	Management	%	Total	%
Federal Receipts: Veteran per-diem payments	531.0	1%	61.5	4%	592.5	1%
General Fund	19,964.0	33%	1,524.3	92%	21,488.3	34%
General Fund/Program Receipts: Resident payments for services/supplies	15,431.3	25%		0%	15,431.3	25%
Inter-Agency Receipts: Medicaid Waiver receipts	5,732.3	9%		0%	5,732.3	9%
General Fund/Mental Health	15,633.8	26%	64.2	4%	15,698.0	25%
Statutory Designated Program Receipts: Payments for Medications (self-pay, 3d party)	3,466.4	6%		0%	3,466.4	6%
Total	60,758.8	100%	1,650.0	100%	62,408.8	100%

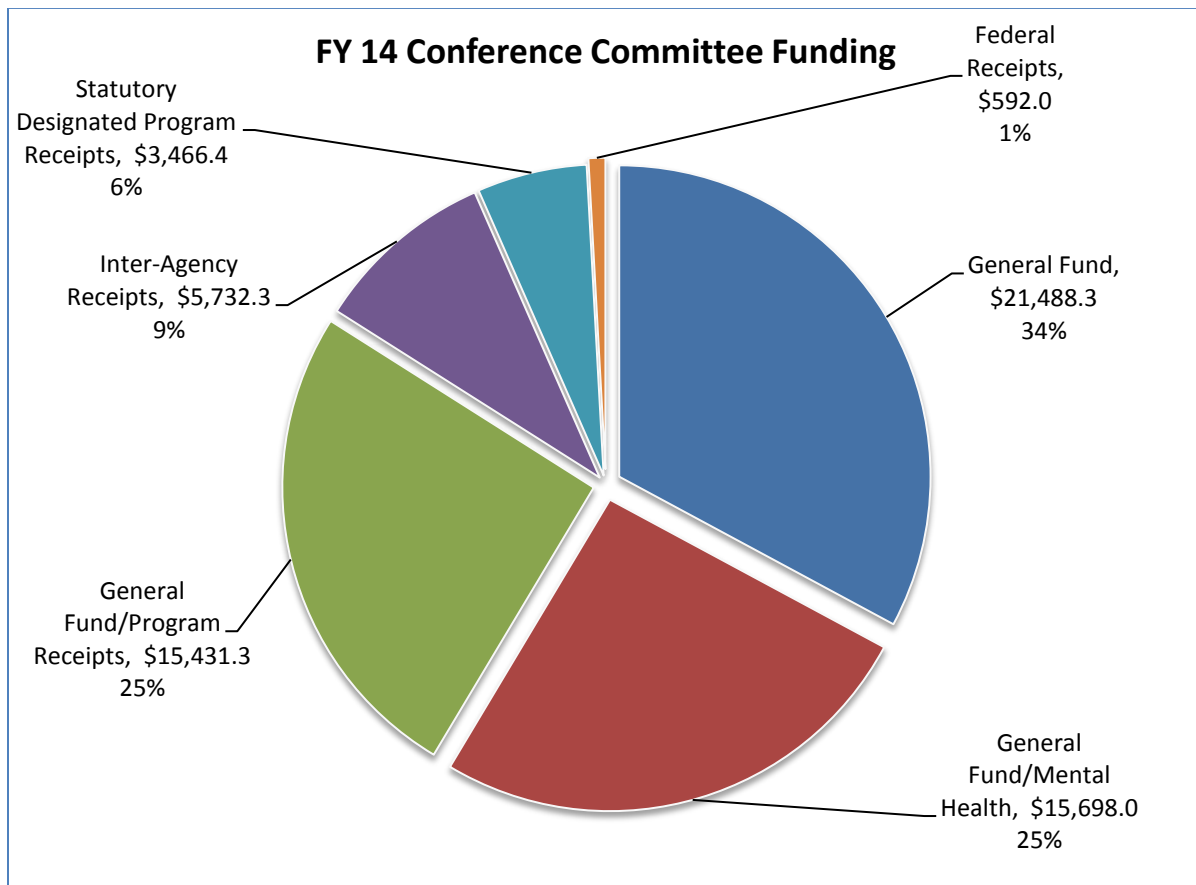
The chart from page 9 was intended to provide general information about our resident population and the breakout of how residents pay for services. It reflects the number of residents in each payor category. It does not reflect receipts associated with those payor categories. It does not have a direct apples-to-apples relation to the budget chart provided on page 3.

Revised Chart From Page 9:



Page 4 Chart Including Dollar Amounts—Receipts Grouped Together

Upon reviewing the requested chart, we thought the chart would be more readable to group the revenue/receipts together. And likewise, group the general fund expenditures together:



Question: Recommendations regarding Pioneer Homes and possible funding options such as private/public partnership.

Response:

As assigned, we are currently working on a presentation for the upcoming session.

Question: Regarding the evolution of the client base – Is there a level of nostalgia by name and perhaps it does not reflect Pioneer. Are we hanging on?

Response:

Like all executive branch agencies, the Division of Pioneer Homes is created by statute. The current enabling statutes provide this division with the “Pioneer” name. Our goal always is to manage the program to the satisfaction of all constituencies including the legislature. In 1913 the original client base was the aged and indigent miners present in the territory. While it is possible that a more descriptive name could be attached, many current clients and people on the waitlist have been residents of the state since before statehood. In this sense “Pioneer” has not lost all relevance. Also, the Pioneer Homes are known for providing excellent and compassionate care. The name “Pioneer Home” has become somewhat of a trademark. Keeping the name may provide avenues for private-public partnerships.

Question: Please provide demographics of the client base at the Pioneer Homes from inception.

Response:

The Pioneer Homes do not have data systems that include data back to 1913, the year the homes were created.

The Pioneer Homes’ main data system for resident data was implemented in 2003. The homes collect a large amount of demographic data, but currently only track on a regular basis level of care and dementia diagnosis demographics of residents from that time forward. We will regularly track more data points going forward.

Dementia Demographics

The Pioneer Homes are the premier provider of dementia care in the state. The following reflects data as of July 1, 2013.

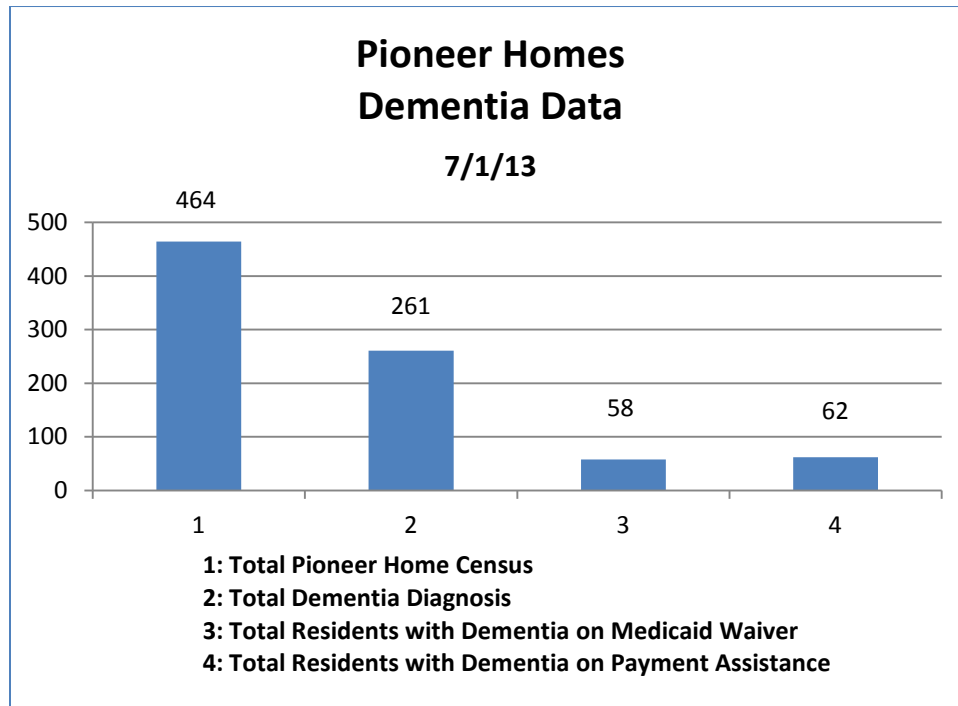
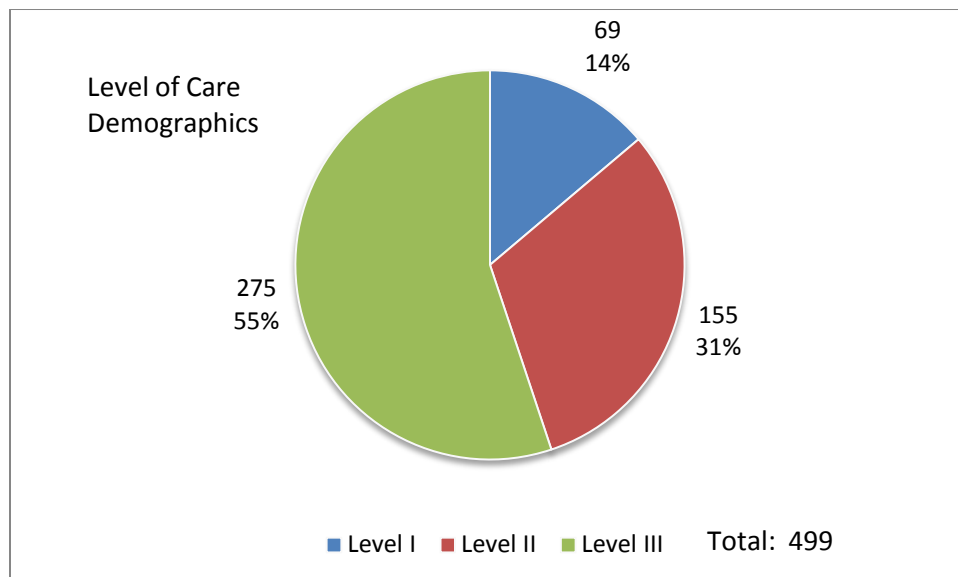


Table Showing Breakout of Levels of Care (7/31/13)

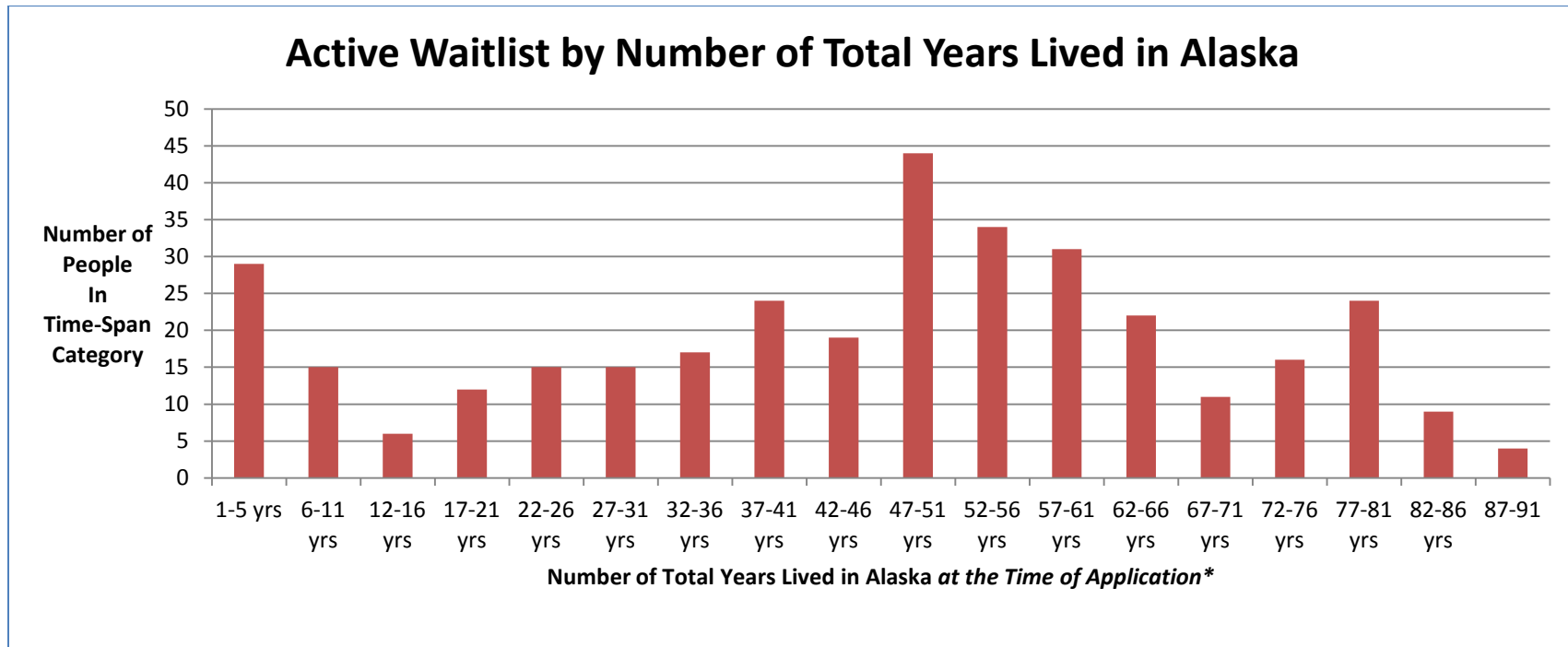
The Pioneer Homes offer three levels of care. This chart reflects the number and percent of residents in each level as of 7/31/13.



Waitlist Demographics: Total Number of Years Lived in Alaska

Our Waitlist Database tracks an *applicant's* total number of years lived in Alaska *at the time of application*. Data with this demographic data point is limited to people who have applied and are currently on the waiting list.

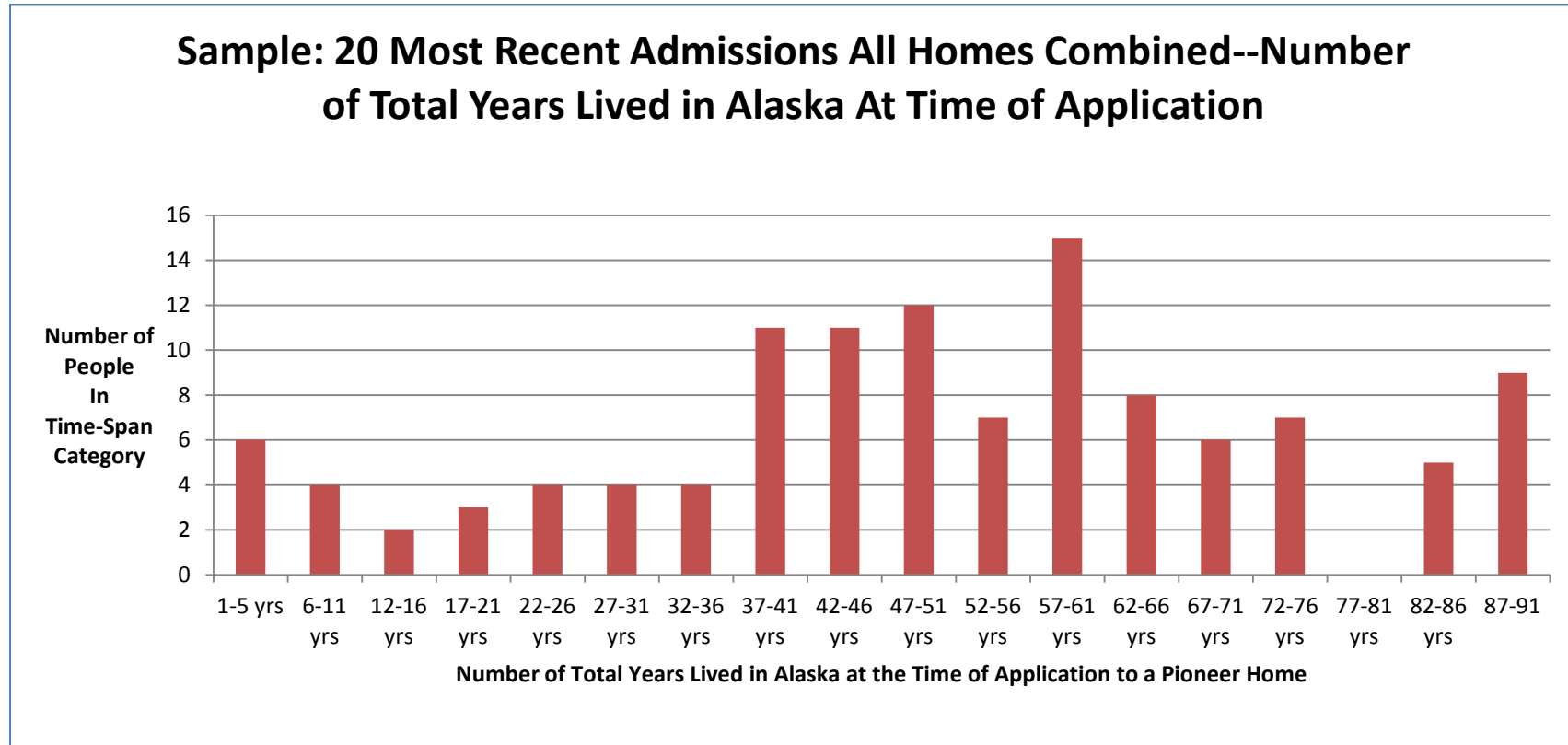
The following chart shows a breakout of individuals currently on the Active Waitlist. The chart does not reflect how long a person may have been on the waitlist—it shows data at the time of application only.



*A person may have applied when they turned 65 and selected the Inactive Waitlist and may have been on that list for 10 years and then transferred to the Active Waitlist. The above chart does not reflect the additional years. It only reflects how long the person lived in Alaska at the time of the initial application.

Sample—20 Most Recent Admissions All Homes Combined: Number of Total Years Lived In Alaska At Time of Admission to a Pioneer Home

For people living in the Pioneer Homes, there is no electronic system that tracks their residency data once they become residents of a home. The following data reflects a hand tabulation of the 20 most recent admissions to each Pioneer Home:



Wrap-up Question: Please provide wait list procedures for order of preference by date (active and inactive) and how they interplay.

Admission Requirements

Before a person is accepted onto either waitlist, they must meet the following requirements:

- 65 Years of age
- An Alaskan resident one year immediately preceding initial application
- Maintain Alaska residency following initial application
- Medicare Parts A & B or the equivalent (or have applied for);
- Be in need of aid or benefit of the Home;
 - Defined as: “inability to maintain a household without regular assistance in shopping, housekeeping, meal preparation, dressing, or personal hygiene because of physical or medical impairment, infirmity, or disability.
- Agree to pay monthly fee as established by the Department;

Waiting Lists

Because of the demand for the homes’ services, admission is generally not immediately available upon application. To manage this, the Pioneer Homes maintains two wait lists:

- Active Wait List
- Inactive Wait List

When applying, applicants may choose either list.

Active Wait List

A choice for the active wait list requires that the applicant is prepared to enter the Home of choice within thirty (30) days after an admission invitation is received.

- Applicants choosing the active wait list will be required to submit, in addition to the application:
 - A recent medical history and physical provided by a qualified medical practitioner; and
 - A statement certifying the applicant's need for services from a Pioneer Home.
 - The spouse of an eligible applicant who needs care is eligible without disability.
 - Applicants, who wish to have the same application date as that of their spouse, or of another person, should submit the applications together in the same envelope.
 - The applicant is admitted if the level of service the applicant requires matches the level of service of the available bed

Inactive Wait List

An applicant choosing the inactive wait list is someone who does not wish to be considered for immediate entry to a Pioneer Home.

- An applicant may transfer to the active wait list at any time by requesting, in writing, his/her desire to move from one wait list to the other.
- The applicant's name will be merged into the list in the chronological order of the original application date.
- The applicant's original date of application will always be maintained.
 - For example, if your application was received on May 5, 1997, that date will always be the date of your application, without regard to which list you request or how many times you move from one list to the other.
- When an applicant transfers from the active to the inactive wait list, they must remain on the inactive list a minimum of 90 days before applying for a transfer back to the active wait list