

The following information was posted by Greg Hartley, Chief of Staff at the Utah House of Representatives, on Facebook Live comment section during the October 18, 2018 panel discussion

“ACLU "report" fails to mention that arrests don't equal people. Beds don't equal people. Their 13-1 ratio is total bogus. They say they want to engage, have they asked to meet with anyone involved and been turned away? Or are they just trying to make noise, be relevant or are they on a fundraising drive?

The members of law enforcement are taking a different approach to policing. They have social workers with them. They care about the individuals.

The treatment and homeless service providers should be commended.

Those who have graduated and are currently going through treatment and drug court would tell you a completely different story than this political ad put out by the ACLU.

How do they feel about these numbers?

-5,000 arrests does not = 5,000 people. There have been 2,956 unique individuals arrested, not 5,000

-Targeted adult Medicaid extension - 2,286 people in SL County who didn't have health care now have it.

-243 treatment beds, that has more than doubled the size of the total system.

-This # does not include additional detox, outpatient, and intensive outpatient expansion that has occurred.

Even then, 243 beds does not equal 243 people.

>>243 beds = 1,165 unique individuals that have access to behavioral health treatment services

-This ONLY includes those who receive treatment from providers that contract with Salt Lake County Behavioral Health

-This DOES NOT include individuals who have accessed behavioral health treatment after August 31, 2018

-This DOES NOT include individuals who have obtained behavioral health treatment services in other counties

Housing

-202 individuals housed in Salt Lake County's Sober Living Pilot Program

-410 individuals diverted from emergency shelter

-186 housed short term

-105 housed long term”

