

Dominica's Report for the DIN

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Status of the DIN

- } For the year the DIN has met one time
 - The purpose was the presentation of the DIN Report to Stakeholders
 - MEM Stakeholder meeting
- } Suggestions were made to improve the data collection system in Dominica.
 - An assessment was made by the IT Government Department and they are in the progress of creating simple data bases that can be used to entry data.



Institutions Contributing to the Network

- } Dominica Police Force
- } Financial Intelligence Unit
- } Princess Margaret Hospital
- } Social welfare
- } Chances
- } Ministry of Education
- } National Drug Abuse Prevention Unit
- } Dominica State Prison
- } Ministry of Health/ Health Promotions



Recent Activities

- } January of 2012 – As part of the Drug awareness month celebration the DIN bi-annual Report was officially presented / disseminated to the public.
- } Prison Study that was conducted with the full assistance of the OAS office
- } Recently conducted surveys
 - Global School Based Student Health Survey
 - Global Youth Tobacco Survey
 - National Secondary School Drug Survey



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- } Members of the DIN committee worked with all the secondary schools on the island on a tobacco campaign for World No Tobacco Day
- } Assessment of Data storage and retrieval systems
- } Meeting held to review the new recommendations for the MEM Process

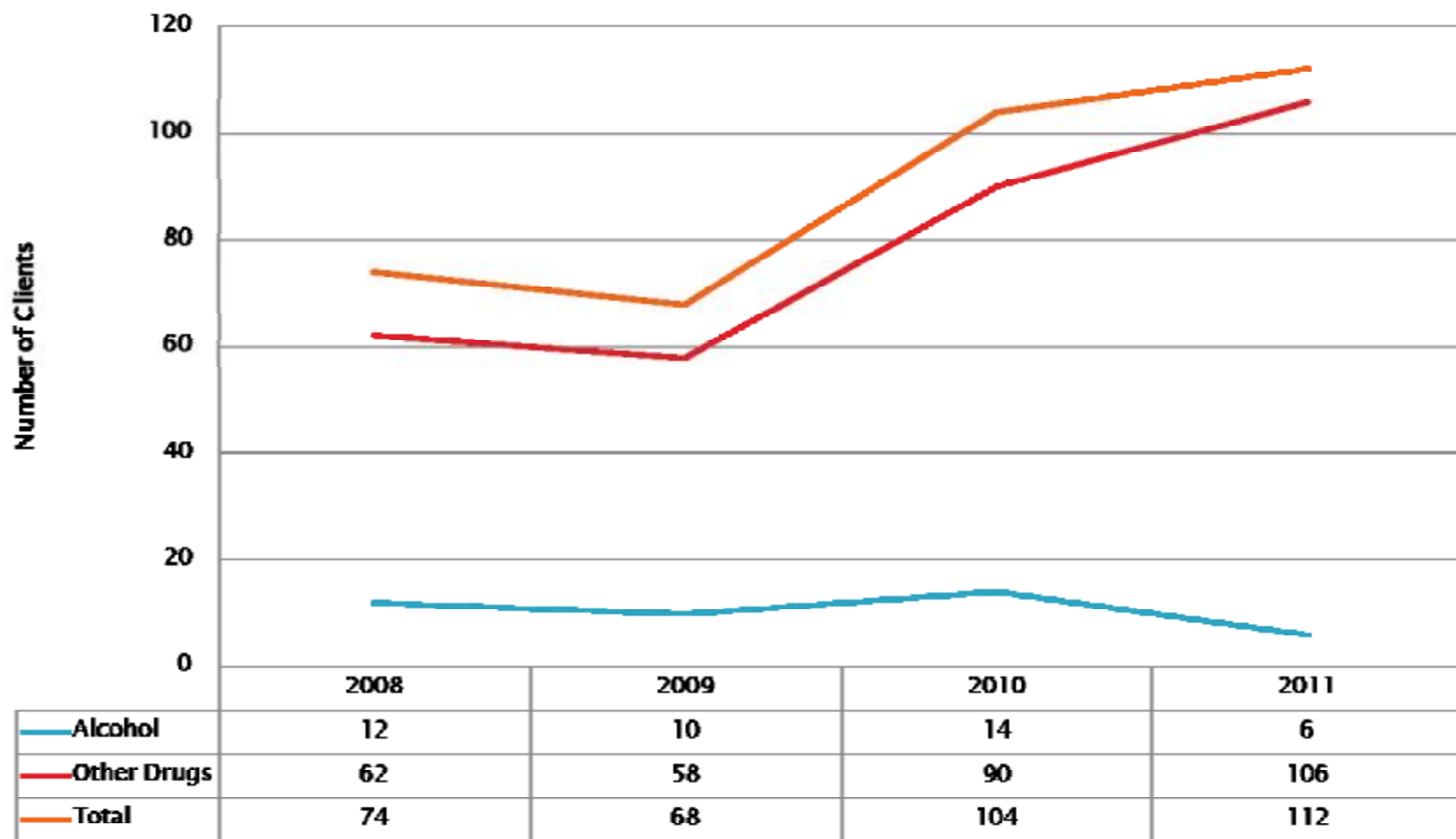


Data Trends

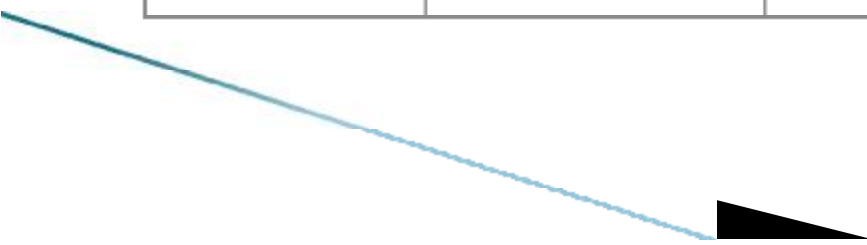
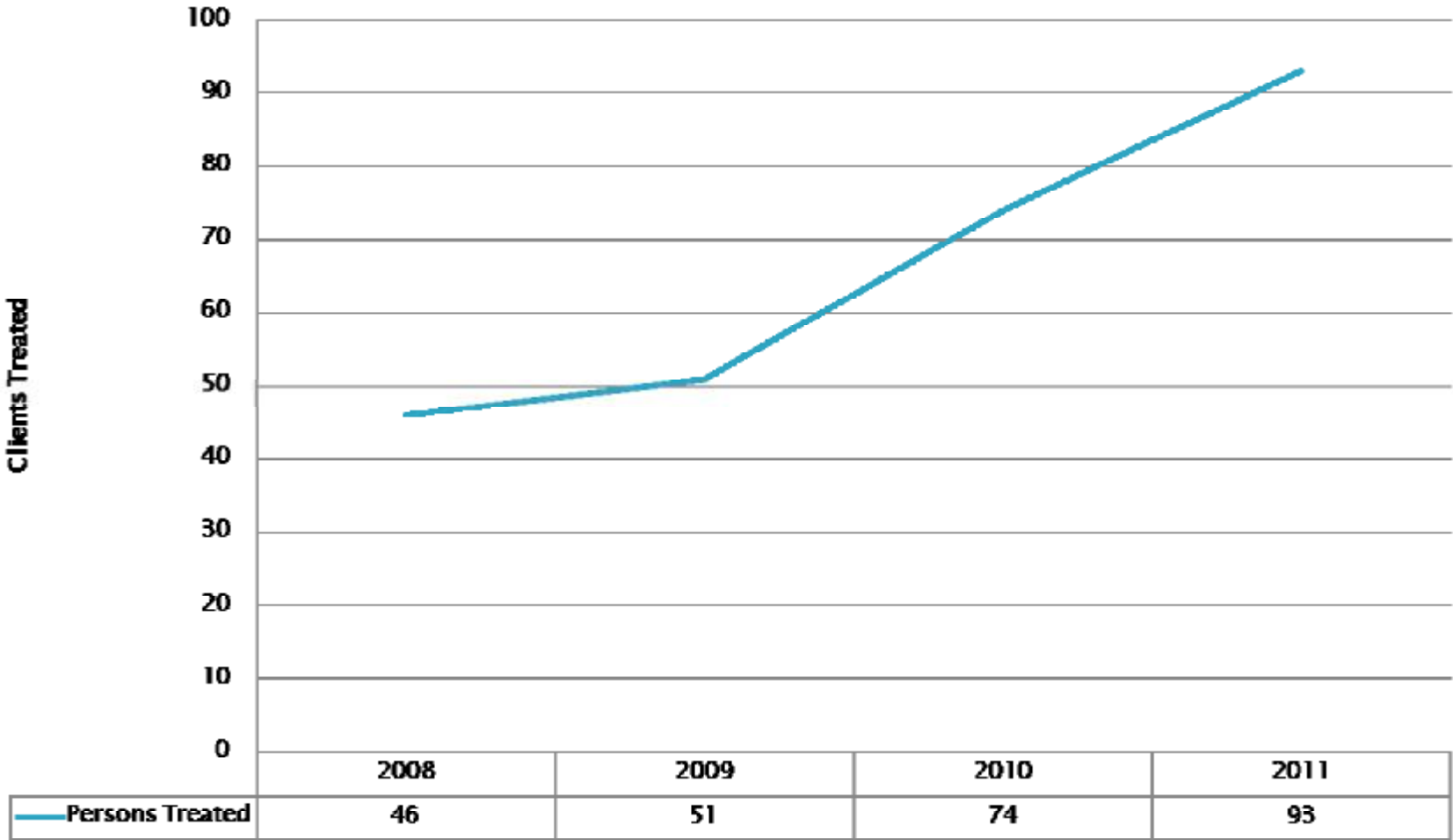
- } Acute psychiatric Unit
- } Dominica Police Force Drug Seizure Data



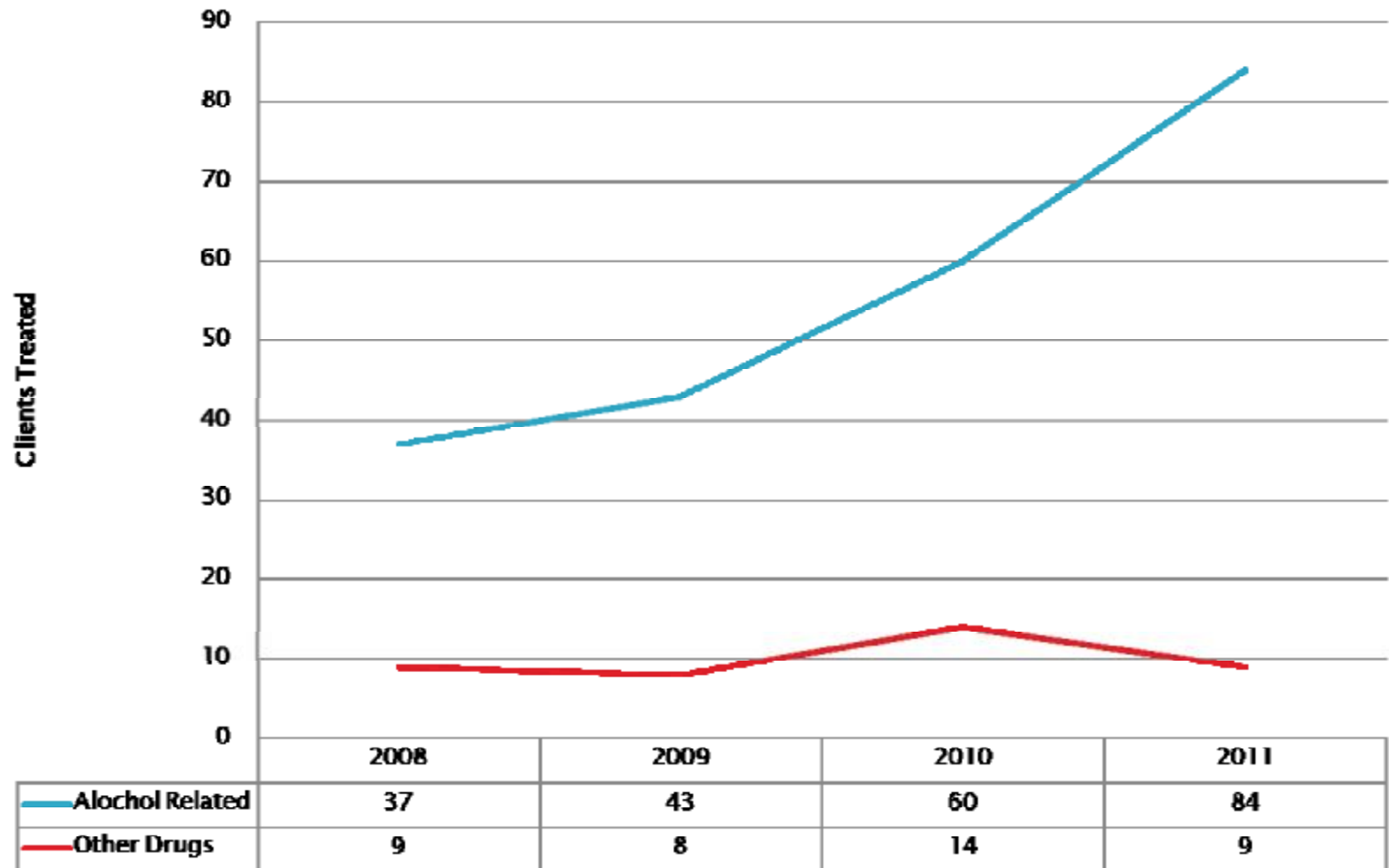
Acute Psychiatric Unit Admission



Clients Treated At the Accident and Emergency Department



Clients treated for Alcohol and Other Drugs at the Accident and Emergency Department



Future Plans

- } Training for DIN personnel (which is one of our most urgent need)
 - Objectives are as follows
 - To learn the importance of timely and relevant data as it meeting the needs of policy makers and service providers
 - To improve the quality of data to meet the international level.
 - To collect data in accordance with sound scientific methodological principles to ensure reliability and validity



Future Plans

- } Fill in data Gaps
- } Standardize reporting and timelines
- } Continue efforts to accurately describe the present drug situation on the island
- } Introduction of a psychometric screening in the prison
- } Treatment option for prison
- } Development of long term alcohol and drug campaigns

