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Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee
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MDC CLOSURE: CLIENT STATUS AS OF MARCH 5, 2018

Background

The 2015 Legislature passed Senate Bill 411, requiring the Department of Public Health and Human Services to develop and put into place a plan to close the Montana Developmental Center (MDC) by June 30, 2017. As part of that effort, the department was supposed to transition most of the residents out of the facility and into community services by Dec. 31, 2016.

When SB 411 passed in 2015, 52 individuals were at MDC. Twenty-five clients remained at the facility at the end of 2016, just six months before it was to close. The 2017 Legislature passed House Bill 387 to extend the closure date for a portion of the MDC campus for 2 years. The bill also allowed a 12-bed locked building to remain open permanently as an Intensive Behavior Center (IBC). The IBC will serve individuals who are committed by a court at the request of DPHHS because of "continuous or repeated behaviors that pose an imminent risk of serious harm to self or others." Commitments and recommitments are limited to 90 days.

This briefing paper discusses the number and status of MDC clients as of March 5, 2018.

MDC Population

The census at MDC dropped from 21 to 19 between Jan. 1 and March 5. Little Bitterroot Services accepted two clients into community services in Plains.

Of the 19 individuals at the Boulder campus:

- 12 were at the IBC, and seven were living in MDC cottages;
- 16 were placed at MDC through civil commitments, and five of the 16 were still at MDC voluntarily because their civil commitment orders had expired;
 - three were sentenced to DPHHS custody after committing crimes;
 - seven had been accepted into and were awaiting placement in community services;
 - six were referred for but not yet accepted into community services; and
 - six were not yet referred for placement in the community.

The table on the back of this document summarizes key information about the number of individuals who were at MDC as of March 5, by type of admission.

Snapshot of MDC Client Status as of March 5, 2018

	Type of Current Commitment		
	Civil	Voluntary	Criminal
Number of Clients	11	5	3
Lowest Length of Stay (Days)	96	1,207	881
Highest Length of Stay (Days)	6,676	7,494	1,670
Average Length of Stay (Days)	2,154	3,104	1,272
Lowest Cost Plan	\$182,596	\$182,596	\$186,931
Highest Cost Plan	\$261,452	\$255,455	\$187,341
Average Cost Plan	\$211,144	\$226,720	\$187,068

Six people were waiting to be accepted by community providers to be placed in services outside of MDC as of March 5. The table below provides more information about those individuals.

	Type of Current Commitment		
	Civil	Voluntary	Criminal
Number of Clients on Port List	5	0	1
Fewest Days on Port List	64	--	682
Most Days on Port List	761	--	682
Average Days on Port List	230	--	682
Average Cost Plan	\$202,498	--	\$187,136

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