

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CLOSURE OF STATE INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES

Background and Purpose. As part of its 2009-2011 operating appropriations outlined in HB 1244, the Washington Legislature charged the Office of Financial Management with conducting a feasibility study for closing state institutional facilities and to create a plan to eliminate beds in Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and Department of Corrections (DOC) institutions. Facilities to be studied and beds to be eliminated include:

- Prison facilities operated by DOC that house adults convicted of a criminal offense (1,580 beds)
- Rehabilitation facilities operated by DSHS Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (Green Hill or Maple Lane School - 235 beds)
- Residential Habilitation Centers operated by DSHS, Aging and Disability Services (250 beds)

Project Team: OFM has contracted with a consultant team led Christopher Murray & Associates. Other team members include Davis Deschaies (developmental disabilities specialist), BERK (impact and financial analysis) and a team of architects and engineers led by Ambia.

Stakeholder Consultation. The project team will consult with stakeholders, including:

- OFM and agency staff (DOC and DSHS)
- Statewide labor union representatives
- Host communities (potentially affected cities, towns, counties, and school districts)
- Legislative staff, elected officials, and other potentially affected stakeholder groups

Report Requirements. According to the legislation, the report shall include:

- A recommendation and a plan to eliminate beds through closure or consolidation
- An assessment of each facility studied
- Where and how services should be provided
- Any costs or savings associated with each recommendation.

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Project Overview and Timeline

Project Start-Up and Early Analysis JULY 2009

- Understand the current facilities, their missions, capacities and utilization
- Understand the needs of facility residents
- Begin stakeholder meetings

Analyze Potential Impacts, Costs, and Savings JULY through MID-SEPTEMBER 2009

- Complete stakeholder meetings
- Assess the impact closures or consolidations could have on:
 - Facility residents and their family members
 - Employees
 - Communities (cities, towns, counties, etc.) where facilities are located
- Estimate and compare the State's long-term costs and savings for potential closure/consolidation scenarios
 - Calculate capital and operating costs
 - Analyze secondary impacts

Develop Recommendations, Implementation Plans and Write Draft Report SEPTEMBER 2009

Submit Draft Report to OFM OCTOBER 1, 2009

Submit Final Report to OFM OCTOBER 22, 2009

OFM Submits Final Report to Governor and Legislature NOVEMBER 1, 2009

