

MDC CLOSURE: CLIENT STATUS AS OF DEC. 31, 2017

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 Dec. 31, 2017.

MDC Population

The census at MDC dropped from 22 to 21 between Aug. 23 and Dec. 31. One MDC client left the IBC and is living independently in the community. A.W.A.R.E., Inc., accepted another client into community services in Great Falls. And one individual entered MDC on an emergency admission and is now civilly committed.

Of the 21 individuals at the Boulder campus:

- 12 were at the IBC, and nine were living in MDC cottages;
- 18 were placed at MDC through civil commitments, and six of the 18 were at MDC voluntarily because their civil commitment orders had expired;
 - three were sentenced to DPHHS custody after committing crimes;
 - 13 had been accepted into and were awaiting placement in community services; and
 - eight were not yet accepted into community services.

The table on the back of this document summarizes key information about the number of individuals who were at MDC as of Dec. 31, by type of admission.

Snapshot of MDC Client Status as of Dec. 31, 2017

	Type of Current Commitment		
	Civil	Voluntary	Criminal
Number of Clients	12	6	3
Lowest Length of Stay (Days)	32	1,143	817
Highest Length of Stay (Days)	6,612	7,430	1,606
Average Length of Stay (Days)	2,118	2,781	1,208
Lowest Cost Plan	\$182,596	\$182,596	\$186,341
Highest Cost Plan	\$261,452	\$255,498	\$187,341
Average Cost Plan	\$216,134	\$206,446	\$187,068

Eight people were waiting to be accepted by community providers to be placed in services outside of MDC as of Dec. 31. The table below provides more information about those individuals.

	Type of Current Commitment		
	Civil	Voluntary	Criminal
Number of Clients on Port List	5	1	2
Fewest Days on Port List	12	702	618
Most Days on Port List	702	702	618
Average Days on Port List	447	702	618
Average Cost Plan	\$218,826	\$182,596	\$187,136