

SB 411: Montana Developmental Center Closure ***Client Status as of October 2015***

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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 is supposed to transition most of the residents out of the facility by Dec. 31, 2016, by actively pursuing the timely discharge of MDC residents into community-based services and by working with community providers to develop necessary services.

This briefing paper discusses the number and status of MDC clients as of Oct. 30, 2015.

MDC Population

Since the last report on the MDC census in September, two clients have been placed in community services and one person was admitted to MDC. As a result, the census decreased from 52 clients in early August to 51 clients as of Oct. 31.

Twenty-four of the clients had been approved to return to the community and were awaiting placement. The remaining 27 clients were not considered ready for return to the community. Nine of the 27 have been convicted of crimes and cannot be placed in the community unless a court changes their sentence or they become eligible and are approved for parole.

The table below summarizes key information about the number of individuals who were at MDC as of Oct. 31, by type of admission.

	Type of Admission		
	Civil	Voluntary	Criminal
Number of Clients	37	5	9
Port List	20	4	0
Lowest Length of Stay (Days)	41	437	359
Highest Length of Stay (Days)	5,821	8,523	2,564
Average Length of Stay(Days)	1,422	4,284	1,272
Fewest Days on Port List	29	707	--
Most Days on Port List	2,254	1,611	--
Average Days on Port List	660	1,292	--
Lowest Cost Plan	\$82,344	\$117,185	--
Highest Cost Plan	\$308,210	\$241,495	--
Average Cost Plan	\$141,407	\$158,650	--