

Human Services

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

SSHB 2078 - Concerning persons with developmental disabilities who are in correctional facilities or jails.

Summary:

The Developmental Disabilities Council and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs are required to convene a work group in consultation with:

- the Department of Corrections;
- the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS);
- Disability Rights Washington;
- consumer advocates;
- Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Partnership; and
- other interested organizations.

The work group is required to develop recommendations and report to the Legislature by December 1, 2009, regarding:

- expeditiously reviewing and determining eligibility for developmental disabilities services for an offender with developmental disabilities prior to his or her release;
- the appropriate role of the DSHS in providing alternatives to confinement and consultation regarding technical assistance for reasonable accommodations for offenders in correctional facilities who have a developmental disability;
- increasing the authority of the courts to order alternatives to confinement prior to trial or following conviction where the sentence is 12 months or less;
- establishing a diversion option under the Sentencing Reform Act for persons with developmental disabilities;
- the feasibility of developing and adopting law enforcement training for responding to persons with developmental disabilities analogous to crisis intervention training for response to persons with mental illness;
- the feasibility of adopting standardized statewide screening and application practices and forms to facilitate applications for medical assistance services by the Division of Developmental Disabilities;
- the need for and feasibility of developing a screening tool and training for corrections staff for identification of persons with developmental disabilities; and
- the feasibility of developing a screening tool for traumatic brain injuries and information regarding best practices for accommodations of persons with traumatic brain injuries.

By July 1, 2010, the workgroup must develop a simple screening tool that may be used by jails as part of a jail's intake and/or classification process which will identify offenders with the most common types of developmental disabilities. In addition, the workgroup must develop:

- a model policy for the use of the screening tool;
- a cost-effective means to provide concise training to jail and staff on the use of the tool; and

- information on best practices and training regarding appropriate accommodations for persons with developmental disabilities during confinement in jail.

This act expires December 1, 2010.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

- Secure Detox admitted its last clients on June 12, and is officially closed as of June 30.
- Human Services has been working with local law enforcement jurisdictions to provide patrol officers increased ability to drop off voluntary patients at the Crisis Center without requiring medical screening through the ED. To date, we have met with Mount Vernon, Burlington, and Anacortes, with Sedro Woolley scheduled. We are also hoping to hear back from the Sheriff's Department about talking with deputies about this process.
- The state has given counties 3 month allocations for Drug Court and Criminal Justice Funds, while they determine what the biennial allocations will be. There are no cuts in our 3 month allocations.
- ADATSA RENT stipends will continue to be restricted to 5 per month per agency, for housing which is supported all or in part with public funds.
- State and Federal funding for outpatient treatment was cut by approximately 15%, but with the increased federal match portion for Medicaid clients, and the limits on ADATSA stipends, we are hoping to avoid any substantial cuts to treatment availability
- ESD 189 will be providing treatment for youth in Concrete within the next few months. Phoenix Recovery and Compass Health will both be providing youth services with in a few months. The county will be making youth access to treatment a priority over the next year or so.
- OFM grant for methamphetamine dependent clients at Phoenix Recovery includes intensive case management and some rent and dental assistance.
- Due to funding limitations and staff assignments, there may be less availability of CD case management services for individuals in the Skagit County Jail.

MENTAL HEALTH

Crisis Intervention Team Training:

To date 47% of Skagit County municipal law enforcement officers have completed the training and 24% of the county sheriff's deputies have completed the training

Jail Transition Program:

Program funding was reduced slightly, and will result in a decrease in program staffing, from 1.0 FTE to 0.85 FTE, serving 25 clients at a given time.