



PROPOSED DSHS BUDGET CUTS: Impact on Skagit County and Skagit Recovery Center

STATE: DSHS proposes to CUT 60% OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT SERVICES as part of the total DSHS 10% budget reduction, including:

- Eliminate all adult outpatient treatment funding (except for pregnant and parenting women and some in adult felony drug courts; youth treatment will not be reduced). This reduction includes opiate substitution services as well.
- Eliminate adult detoxification programs.
- Eliminate all adult residential treatment (except for pregnant and parenting women). This includes the elimination of involuntary commitment and ITA treatment in Sedro Woolley and Spokane.

TOTAL NEW ANNUAL REDUCTION: \$93 million cut from a total budget of \$150 million

- The remaining federal grant (\$36M) is at risk of loss with failure to maintain effort
- The \$93M cuts are in addition to \$31M in reductions implemented in 2009-11 budget

Skagit Recovery Center receives \$517,867 annually in State Funded dollars that are slated for elimination. These cuts will eliminate publically funded Outpatient Treatment for indigent and low income chemically dependent adults. The only State funding left will be for Medicaid eligible patients, Pregnant Parenting Women, and Adult Drug Court. In Skagit County 34% of our Adult Drug Court funds are slated for elimination and we could possibly lose Medicaid funding..

Current Chemical Dependency Treatment Services that will be eliminated based upon services provided by Skagit Recovery Center in 2010:

- 198 ADATSA Assessments
- 166 Adult Low Income Assessments and potentially 109 Medicaid Assessments
- 75 ADATSA funded Outpatients Admissions
- 141 Adult Low Income Outpatient Admissions, and potentially 73 Medicaid Admissions
- 4,445 Hours of ADATSA Treatment
- 6,591 Hours of Adult Low income Treatment and potentially 3419 hours of Medicaid Treatment
- 1,983 Hours of Adult Drug Court Treatment

Under Proposed DSHS Cuts:

- Eliminate all publicly funded Detoxification programs in the State
- Eliminate all publically funded residential programs in the State
- Eliminate all publicly funded opiate substitution programs in the State
- Eliminate both Pioneer Center North and East
- Eliminate all publically funded Outpatient services, except Medicaid (which may be impacted)
- Hospitals, law enforcement, mental health crisis responders will bear the brunt
- Skagit County Jail which is already in crises from over population will be severely impacted

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT FOR EVERY PUBLIC DOLLAR THAT GOES INTO TEATMENT IT SAVES BETWEEN THREE TO SEVEN DOLLARS. THE IMPACT OF THESE CUTS WILL BE ENOURMUS AND WILL NOT SAVE THE STATE A DIME. ACTUALLY, IT WILL END UP COSTING MORE. WE KNOW THAT TREATMENT WORKS, IT SAVES LIVES AND RESTORES THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION BACK TO A HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE STYLE.