

Iowa Department of Corrections

Substance Abuse Treatment Facility

Task: Create a therapeutic community model without an increase in existing appropriation.

Response: In order to accomplish the task the Department would have to do the following.

1. Select two locations, one male and one female, to be designated for the therapeutic community program.
2. Move offenders to those programs based on need level and date of discharge criteria.
3. Move the necessary staff and support funding from other institutions to the designated therapeutic community programs.
4. Establish performance measurement criteria for therapeutic community programs.
5. Report results of the therapeutic community programs every year starting with the second full year of operation.

Impacts of the Above

1. All substance abuse treatment at the other institutions would be eliminated.
2. 800 TC beds (664 FDCF proposal/138 ICIW proposal) would reduce offender access to substance abuse treatment services annually by 50% (1654 offenders currently receive licensed substance abuse treatment services ranging from inpatient to outpatient levels of care in contrast to 800 TC offenders annually).
3. 800 TC offenders would receive more effective treatment modality in prison but aftercare would remain problematic.
4. 850 offenders not receiving treatment would likely remain in prison longer as Parole Board will not release without treatment.
5. Requires that all substance abuse treatment staff from other prisons be transferred to the two designated prisons as well as treatment supervisory staff & psychologists
6. Vocational/educational support is unavailable.
7. This would eliminate a level on the DOC continuum.

January 16, 2007

The mission of the Iowa Department of Corrections is to:
Protect the Public, the Employees, and the Offenders.

(Office) 515-725-5701 - 510 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319 - (FAX) 515-725-5798

www.doc.state.ia.us