



Facilities for MSOP clients in Community Preparation Services

Issue:

- Clients in the Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) are court-ordered to receive sex offender treatment. The courts may approve client transfers from the secure facility to Community Preparation Services (CPS), a less restrictive environment on the St. Peter campus. This is typically for clients in the later stages of treatment.
- While at Community Preparation Services, clients wear GPS monitoring devices, participate in facility counts, and are subject to room searches and drug testing.
- There is a need for more beds for these clients. The number of clients approved by the courts for transfer to Community Preparation Services has increased significantly.
- Renovations to add 30 beds are underway with funding approved by the 2014 Legislature. However, there is already a waiting list of clients who have court orders for transfer to Community Preparation Services. We expect these beds to be full by the time they are available in September 2016.

Proposal:

- The governor's capital budget recommends creating needed space for MSOP clients in Community Preparation Services, renovating residential facilities at Minnesota Security Hospital and physically separating the two programs on campus. The first phase of this work began in 2014.
- Three buildings would be remodeled to add beds and services for MSOP clients in Community Preparation Services.

Benefits:

- Creates flexible capacity to meet MSOP program and bed space needs.
- Separates vulnerable adults from predatory populations.
- Allows the program to comply with court orders to transfer clients.

Fiscal impact:

- MSOP renovation FY 2016: \$14.5 million

Related information:

- Governor's bonding proposal on the Minnesota Management & Budget website:
<http://mn.gov/mmb/budget/capital-budget/>
- Minnesota Sex Offender Program Overview:
<https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfservlet/Public/DHS-5939-ENG> (PDF)

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