



**FY 2013 Budget Worksession – Department of Community Justice**

**Issues/Discussions/Findings**

**Department of Community Justice**

Commissioner Kafoury: Couch Street Houses reductions –

- What is being done for the women and children currently residing there?
- What options are there for the women and children who would otherwise have been placed in the Couch Street Houses?
- What is the disposition strategy/options for the buildings?

Commissioner Smith: Couch Street Houses

- What are the recidivism rates for the women who have resided in the Couch Street Houses?

Ongoing, please ensure the Board is informed of and **involved** in the process regarding changes to this program and the disposition strategy.

**Response:** Couch Street Houses reductions –

- What is being done for the women and children currently residing there?
  - Currently, there are 5 women in the houses. 3 of the 5 women have children in their care. 2 have 1 child and 1 has 2 children. The other 2 women have visitation through DHS. Last admission was March 2012.
  - The 2 women who do not have children in their care we are working with DHS to ensure the housing placement is visitation appropriate. We are working with 2 options at this writing.
  - The 3 women with children are at the top of the Family Alcohol & Drug Free Network (FAN) list and will be housed in one of a myriad of FAN sites (including Bridges to Housing sites) by late spring or early summer.
  - In addition to housing, the families will continue to receive support services from: Center for Family Success; DHS; Family Services Unit; VOA; CODA; and TSU.
- What options are there for the women and children who would otherwise have been placed in the Couch Street Houses?
  - Women graduating from Residential Treatment planning to parent or working on reunification efforts we will continue to work with the following programs: Recovery Action Project (RAP); Impact NW (Richmond Place); CCC (Sunrise Place and FAN); Bridges to Change; Bridges to Housing; Action for Prosperity; Shepherd's Door and others. In addition to housing, the families will continue to receive support services from: Center for Family Success; DHS; Family Services Unit; VOA; CODA; and TSU.
- What are the recidivism rates for the women who have resided in the Couch Street Houses?
  - We do not track recidivism rates specific to transitional housing. We have run recidivism for housing in the past and found that it did not significantly impact recidivism.
- What is the disposition strategy/options for the buildings?
  - DCJ will work with the Board of Commissioners and other County Departments to identify Community Organizations that could utilize these homes and continue to provide needed services for the County.
  - DCJ will work with Facilities to develop a competitive process for awarding these homes to a Community Organization.

Commissioner Smith: 50012 Addiction Services – Adult Women's Residential Treatment - What are the recidivism rates? Please break down this information in as much detail as possible, including the recidivism rates for the women served by the three residential beds that are being cut.

**Response:**

- During FY 2011, 8 out of 15 women (53%) in Project Network Women's Residential Treatment program successfully completed the program. For the women that were in this program, the one year recidivism rate is currently at 40% as measured by new arrests YTD.
- During FY 2011, 36 out of 105 (34%) in VOA's Women's Residential Treatment program successfully completed their program. For the women that were in this program, the one year recidivism rate is currently at 12% as measured by new arrests YTD.
- During FY 2011, 61 out of 141 men (43%) in VOA's Men's Residential Treatment program successfully completed the program. For the men that were in this program, the one year recidivism rate is currently at 29% as measured by new arrests YTD.