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## **Summary of Proposed Forensic Mental Health Treatment Facility**

- Pursuing a High Security Treatment Space for Forensic patients was a priority for the Executive going into the last legislative session and has remained a need and priority for the State after the legislature did not approve the state-wide infrastructure bill which included a high-security addition to D Wing (The Forensic Unit).
- Safety of Patients and Staff at MSH is critical to support the therapeutic mission of Montana State Hospital.
- Montanans are aware of the unusually high census at Montana State Hospital over the past year and one-half and know how critical additional space and services are to improve patient treatment and staff safety.
- To address the overcrowding and safety concerns Montana State Hospital has entered into a lease of the 54 bed RYO Facility in Galen to treat and evaluate high security Forensic patients.
- We hope to be operational at that facility by February 1, 2016
- The new facility will be a Forensic Evaluation and Treatment Facility and will be licensed under the Montana State Hospital's Mental Health Facility endorsement. The facility will not be licensed as a hospital.
- The state will employ the additional staff authorized by the 2015 legislature to provide this service and the hospital will begin advertising for the positions required to staff and deliver safe and high quality Forensic evaluation and treatment.
- When operational, the facility will provide much needed census relief to both Forensic and Civil Units at MSH. Many Forensic patients will be served at the new Facility. The vacated D Wing beds will provide additional census relief to the Civil units on the MSH campus.
- Patients that are level 4 and above will continue to be served on the MSH campus. Group Home Forensic patients will remain on the Warm Springs Campus.
- Questions should be directed to John Glueckert.

**High Security Forensic Program at Galen**  
Who will be served there?

Criteria for High Security:

1. Court ordered for evaluation (COE, PSE)
2. Court ordered for treatment and evaluation (UTP)
3. GBMI commitment assessed as level 1-3 (low levels needing high security)
4. NGMI commitment assessed as level 1-3 (low)
5. DOC/Civil commitment assessed as level 1-3 (low)

*Example of the population to be served at High Security Forensic Treatment and Evaluation Unit:*

Commitment type	Current Population on D-Unit at MSH (51 total on 9/3/15)		A Pod Male Capacity =24	B-Pod Male Capacity = 24	C-Pod Female Capacity = 5
	Female	Male			
COE	2	5	5		2
UTP	1	10	10		1
PSE	1	2	2		1
GBMI	2	22		15 (levels 1-3)	
NGMI	0	4		3 (levels 1-3)	
DOC -ICC	0	1		1 (levels 1-3)	
ICC	0	1			
Wait list *	0		5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>22 (92%)</b>	<b>20 (83%)</b>	<b>4 (80%)</b>

**Medium Security Forensic/Civil Program in D-Wing at MSH**

DRAFT Criteria for Medium Security:

1. GBMI commitment assessed as level 4-7 (middle levels needing medium security)
2. NGMI commitment assessed as level 4-7 (medium)
3. DOC Civil commitment assessed as level 4-7 (medium)

*Example of Use of D (Existing Forensic Unit) After High Security Forensic Unit Opens*

Commitment type	Specific commitment	Proposed population to be served on D-Wing at MSH (28 licensed, decertified beds)	
		Female	Male
Forensic	GBMI (levels 4-8)	2 (already on D)	7 (already on D) 6 (from group homes)
	NGMI (levels 4-8)	0	1 (already on D)
Civil	Civil case with judge order to be on forensic)		1
	ITU cases	2 (from ITU)	3 (from ITU)
	Transfers from civil units for treatment in a medium security setting)	3	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>