

Methamphetamine treatment facilities goals	Agency/Program #: 6401-02-I3	
	Division: Community Corrections	
	Program: Methamphetamine Treat.	
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Program or Project Description:

The Department of Corrections contracts with Montana non-profit corporations to provide methamphetamine addiction treatment. There are two facilities in the state with one facility providing services for men and one providing services for women. The Nexus correctional treatment program is an 80 bed residential therapeutic community model methamphetamine treatment facility located in Lewistown, MT that serves adult male offenders with a comprehensive treatment program that focuses on change in the areas of abstinence, social responsibility, and accountability. Similarly, the Elkhorn Treatment Center is a 40 bed therapeutic treatment center that provides comprehensive methamphetamine treatment for female offenders. The Elkhorn program uses a holistic approach that focuses on chemical dependency, management of acute and chronic mental illness, job skill development, and education.

Fund Name:	Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 31, 2008
	2008		2009		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	4,255,360	5,480,715	4,258,232	477,256	
State Special					
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$4,255,360	\$5,480,715	\$4,258,232	\$477,256	

Legislative Goal(s):

Recognizing that methamphetamine treatment is as necessary as incarceration and given that alternative sentencing and placement of offenders in community based treatment facilities has been effective for treating offenders, the Department of Corrections is seeking to establish baseline data related to these Methamphetamine treatment facilities to measure their effectiveness in reducing recidivism.

Legislative Performance Measures :

Date opened
 # of admission since opening
 Current status of those admitted (in treatment, to prison, on to pre-release, back to community, etc.)
 # of escapes
 # of revocations by reason
 3 year recidivism rate (new crime committed) for offenders receiving meth treatment – data available June, 2010

	2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Elkhorn - 1st graduation	Late Jan/Early Feb 2008	
2	NEXUS - 1st graduation:	March/April 2008	
3	Elkhorn - completion of PRC/entrance back to community/ probation/parole:	June/July 2008	
4	NEXUS - completion of PRC/entrance back to community/probation/parole: .	August/Sept 2008	
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Date opened -- Elkhorn: 4/10/07; NEXUS: 6/1/07
 # of admission since opening
 Elkhorn: 89
 NEXUS: 194

Current status of those admitted (in treatment, to prison, on to pre-release, back to community, etc.) –
 Elkhorn: In Treatment: 40 To Prison: 12 To Prerelease: 34 Back to Community: 1 # of Escapes: 0
 Number of Revocations by Reason 12 disciplinary, 1 quit, and 1 had mental health needs beyond scope of program.

Nexus: Successful Program Completions: 73 Returned to MSP: 38 Released Back to Community: 1 (Interstate to Idaho)
 Step Downs to Pre-Release Centers: 72 Number of Escapes: 2; Number of Apprehensions: 2
 Number of Revocations by Reason Voluntary Quit: 11; North Dakota Warrant for Arrest: 1 Federal Detainer : 1 Mental Health 2;
 Medical 2; Rules
 Violations 19 (possession of contraband; program ineligibility; contract violation, inappropriate sexual activity);
 2 escape. 3 year recidivism rate (new crime committed) for offenders receiving methamphetamine treatment – data available June, 2010

List significant milestones and target dates to be completed in the 2009 Biennium:
 Elkhorn - 1st graduation: January 3, 2008; NEXUS - 1st graduation: February 29, 2008; Elkhorn - completion of PRC/entrance back to community/ probation/parole: Currently there are 35 Elkhorn graduates that either remain active in their prerelease programs or have successfully completed their prerelease program and are continuing on supervision in the community; NEXUS - completion of PRC/entrance back to community/probation/parole: Currently 73 offenders have graduated from Nexus. Of those 73, 67 remain active in their prerelease program or discharged sentence. 6 offenders have violated and returned to MSP. (1 – Using Meth; 1 – Using Meth/Shoplifting; 1 – Using THC; 1 – Using Opiates; 1 – Signed out of PRC back to MSP; 1 – Back to MSP (Undetermined)

Adult Community Corrections Division, contracting with Dr. Conley, a University of Montana established data collection requirements at both Elkhorn and Nexus. Upon graduation of offenders from both facilities and completion of prerelease, Dr. Conley will build predictive models for the ongoing measurement of success of both methamphetamine treatment programs. Dr. Conley will present a report on both Elkhorn and Nexus graduates at the Adult Community Corrections, Mid-Management Meeting on September 4, 2008 and to the Department's Management Team on September 11-12, 2008.

LFD Narrative:

LFD Assessment: On track
 Data Relevance: Yes
 Appropriation Status: Provided
 Comments/Issues: The legislature funded methamphetamine treatment programs at 80 percent occupancy and provided the department with the flexibility to move appropriations within the department if necessary. Because occupancy of these programs has been greater than 80 percent the expenditures have exceeded the appropriation for this specific program. However, funding is available within the department to provide for a higher level of occupancy than included in this specific appropriation.
 Options:
 - Change LFD Assessment
 -Request that a copy of Dr. Conley's report be mailed to interested workgroup members.

Version	Date	Author
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DO-3	9/23/08	Gervais

Change Description
1st Report
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