



March 26, 2024

Members of the Criminal Justice Oversight Council,

The Montana Department of Corrections respectfully submits the following information in response to requests made by members of the Criminal Justice Oversight Council during its March 19, 2024, meeting.

Mental Health Treatment Opportunities, Staffing at Pine Hills Correctional Facility

Pine Hills Correctional Facility offers a wide range of mental health programming opportunities for adults and juveniles in DOC custody. Services are delivered by a team including one psychologist (sex offender treatment), three therapists, and two addiction counselors.

Offerings for juveniles based on their risk and needs assessment include:

- Individual therapy and interactive journals
- Inpatient sex offender treatment
- Chemical dependency group
- Anger management
- Phoenix New Freedom 100 – Gang intervention curriculum
- Living in Balance for return probation violators
- Core Correctional Practices
- Criminal and Addictive Thinking (as needed)
- Choices and Changes (as needed)

All juveniles complete a criminal conduct cycle or Healthy Lifestyle Plan.

Offerings for adults participating in 120-day programs:

- Living in Balance
- Seeking Safety
- Relapse Prevention
- Anger Management
- Core Correctional Practices
- Motivational Mapping



- Vocational
- Inside Out Dad (parenting – optional)

Actual data related to PbS comparison charts presented at the 3/19/24 meeting

As of the October 2023 data collection period, PHCF:

Used physical restraints on juveniles two times.

Used mechanical restraints on juveniles two times.

Implemented confinement (room confinement) on 10 juveniles.

Sincerely,

Brian Gootkin, Director