

**Department of Human Services
Judicial Process Committee
Representative Meyer, Chairman
June 9, 2010**

Representative Meyer, members of the Judicial Process Committee, I am Alex C. Schweitzer, the Superintendent of the North Dakota State Hospital. I am here today to provide you with an update on the program for the evaluation and treatment of sexually dangerous individuals.

The North Dakota State Hospital has sixty-two (62) patients under the care and custody of the executive director of the Department of Human Services in its program for the evaluation and treatment of sexually dangerous individuals. Fifty (50) of these patients are civilly committed under Chapter 25 of the statute, eight (8) patients are being evaluated to determine whether they meet criteria for commitment, and four (4) are currently in prison. We currently have one (1) patient in the transitional housing program, which is the last stage of treatment prior to discharge from the program. The Hospital has discharged twelve (12) patients from the program since 1997.

The current annual cost per patient in the program is \$86,344.

The 2007 legislature mandated that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation enter into an agreement with the Department of Human Services to provide security services for the sexual offender unit located at the North Dakota State Hospital.

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The James River Correctional Center (JRCC) provides security consultation, training and services to the North Dakota State Hospital under this agreement.

The James River Correctional Center provides the following security services to the North Dakota State Hospital secure services sexual offender treatment and evaluation program:

1. Security training consisting of over 24 hours of initial training in the first year of a secure services employee's employment

- Report Writing
- Chemical/Tool Control
- Emergency Plans
- Resident Supervision
- Hostage Survival
- Transportation and Restraints
- Prison Rape Elimination Act
- Key and Radio Control
- Ethics
- Body Searches
- Security Procedures/Count
- Room and Area Searches
- Crime Scene Preservation

2. Annual half-day refresher course each year

3. Consultation regarding security measures and procedures
 - Review of all policies and procedures
 - Establish post orders
 - Constructed secure fence upon JRCC recommendation
 - Assist with placement of camera monitoring and control booth security
4. Provide security backup and emergency personnel (SORT Team) in crisis situations
5. Perimeter surveillance 24 hours a day 7 days a week

I am happy to report that security measures in the secure services unit are greatly enhanced because of the training, consultation and services of the James River Correctional Center.

Thank you and I would be glad to respond to any questions.