

**COMMISSION ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION**  
**Senator Stan Lyson, Chair**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**I. Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services Inc.**  
**Proposal Summary to North Dakota Tribes**

Who We Are

Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services Incorporated (CCCS Inc.) is a not-for-profit corrections group that manages 600 employees and thirteen facilities in the states of Montana, Washington, and North Dakota. The Bismarck Transition Center (BTC), located in Bismarck, North Dakota is managed by CCCS Inc.

Note website: <http://www.cccscorp.com/>

Bismarck Transitional Center

BTC is a community based corrections facility that houses up to 162 men and women residents for the North Dakota Department of Corrections, the Bureau of Prisons, and local political subdivisions. BTC provides correctional services that include:

- The housing needs for correctional residents;
- Related alcohol and drug treatment; and
- Other programming that is Cognitive-Behavioral based.

All programming delivered at the BTC is cognitive-behavioral based. That means that moderate risk and high risk correctional residents are appropriate for programming. Clinicians, security staff, case managers, and correctional residents focus their work on the crimeogenic needs and criminal thinking that is exhibited by each correctional resident. Staff teaches correctional residents new pro-social skills; they reinforce socially acceptable behavior while they also sanction socially unacceptable behavior. Major Canadian and American studies indicate that the effective use of this methodology reduces the likelihood that correctional residents will commit new crimes when they are released (40 % for non-treated vs. 25% for treated) from programming.

BTC statistics are found at [http://www.cccscorp.com/btc\\_prog\\_stats.htm](http://www.cccscorp.com/btc_prog_stats.htm)

Proposal

The program envisioned by CCCS Inc. includes the provision of the services described above to tribally committed correctional residents. Specifically, the program will include the following elements:

- **Bed Dedication:** The BTC facility will dedicate thirty slots (beds) for North Dakota Tribes that have an interest in contracting with the BTC and CCCS Inc.

- Transportation: The BTC will transport new correctional residents from their home reservation correctional facility to programming at the BTC and return them back to their home reservation upon completion of programming.
- Assessment: New correctional residents will participate in a multi-faceted 60 day assessment process that includes a review of all prior programming history as well as the completion of other relative assessment instruments. Representatives from the BTC and the correctional resident's home reservation will review the acquired information for each new correctional resident's case and make treatment recommendations to the appropriate Tribal Court.
- Programming: Pursuant to the terms of the Tribal Court's Order each resident will participate in an individual treatment/cognitive-behavioral program for up to 180 days. During this time frame, correctional residents may also be eligible for work release in the Bismarck/Mandan community.
- Re-entry process: Within two weeks of completion of programming at the BTC representatives from the correctional resident's home reservation and from the BTC will staff the correctional resident's re-entry plan and make recommendations to the appropriate Tribal Court.

#### Structure

Rather than contracting individually with each of the North Dakota Tribes, CCCS Inc. recommends that a separate legal entity be formed for this purpose. Specifically, a cooperative, whose members will be each participating tribe, will be organized. All cost-savings and other benefits will be determined based on each member's use (patronage) of the cooperative. Common Enterprise Development Corporation (CEDC) of Mandan will facilitate the organization of this cooperative association.

Common Enterprise Development Corporation (CEDC) is a non-profit development corporation that specializes in the development of cooperative associations. CEDC is funded primarily through a Rural Cooperative Development Grant from the USDA. Depending on the nature and extent of the technical assistance provided, most cooperative development services provided by CEDC are free to underserved populations. If additional services are needed, CEDC will assist in locating grant funding to provide for its services.

## **II. Bismarck Transition Center Advisory Board.**

The Bismarck Transition Center recognizes the value of receiving input from the public at large. The center is proud to introduce the membership to this Legislative Committee.

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