

TESTIMONY
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HUMAN RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE DELZER, CHAIRMAN
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Chairman Delzer and members of the Human Resources Subcommittee, I am Tim Sauter of the Department of Human Services. I am here today to provide you an overview of the budget for the West Central and Badlands Human Service Centers.

REGION VII – WEST CENTRAL HUMAN SERVICE CENTER

West Central Human Service Center serves the residents of Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux counties.

Characteristics of Region:

- 130,418 individuals reside in the Region which is 20% of the state's population
- 37,794 children reside in the Region which is 21% of the children living in North Dakota

Service Trends:

- 4085 individuals received service in Fiscal Year 2004 (3135 adults and 950 children)
- Additionally, 1535 individuals received vocational rehabilitation services. 28% of the VR clients received other Center services
- Over the past 3 fiscal years the monthly average number of children in foster care has been 150

- **Strong community collaboration within the Region, and with service providers from throughout the state:**
 - **Community Coalitions**
 - **Heritage Recovery Center**
 - **Red Wood Village**
 - **Support between Human Service Centers**
- **Since 1998 client ratings of satisfaction with mental health and substance abuse services have averaged 4.13 on a 5 point scale**
- **Challenges we face include: increasing numbers of children with developmental disabilities, people having more complex problems (co-existing conditions), increasing referrals from the Department of Corrections and the legal system**

OVERVIEW OF BUDGET CHANGES

	2003-2005 Budget	2005-2007 Request	Increase/Decrease
HSC/Inst.	\$17,783,656	\$18,700,619	\$916,963
General	\$8,463,209	\$9,025,416	\$562,207
Federal	\$8,559,317	\$8,903,102	\$343,785
Other	\$761,130	\$772,101	\$10,971
TOTAL	\$17,783,656	\$18,700,619	\$916,963
FTEs	124.0	124.5	0.5

Major changes in the West Central Human Service Center budget needed to meet current service needs:

- **Salaries and Benefits needed to fund the Governor’s salary/benefit package - \$753,248 – \$471,248 in General Funds**
- **Inflationary Increase for Contract Providers \$75,946**
- **Building Rent – decrease (\$52,788)**

- **Equipment over \$5000 – decrease (\$24,000)**
- **Federal Mental Health Block Grant – increase \$35,044**
- **Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant – increase \$159,923. To be used for outpatient programming and contracted detoxification, residential and case aide services.**
- **Federal Vocational Rehabilitation funds – decrease (\$25,061)**
- **Federal Medical Assistance – decrease of (\$97,456)**
- **Federal Social Service Block Grant – decrease (\$29,332)**
- **Federal Foster Care IV-E – decrease (\$60,012)**
- **Federal Part C - Experienced Parent Program – increase \$50,000**
- **Federal Child Care Licensing funds - .5 FTE transfer from Badlands HSC– increase \$47,446**

REGION VIII – BADLANDS HUMAN SERVICE CENTER

Badlands Human Service Center serves the people of Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark counties.

Characteristics of Region:

- **38,365 residents live in the Region which constitutes 6% of the state’s population**
- **10,437 children reside in the Region which is 6% of the children residing in the state**

Service Trends:

- **Badlands served 2032 individuals (1531 adults and 501 children) in SFY 2004**
- **363 individuals received vocational rehabilitation services with 39% of that total also receiving other services from the Center**
- **The average number of children in foster care each month has increased from 43 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2002 to 60 in SFY 2004**

- Strong working relationship with County Social Service Boards, and have partnered to provide Adult Protective Services and Care Coordination
- Strong partnership with St. Joseph’s Hospital which provides continuity of care for individuals with substance abuse and mental health issues
- Client ratings of satisfaction with mental health and substance abuse services have averaged 4.16 on a 5 point scale
- Since 1998 the “BHSC Treatment Outcome Study” has identified that 86% to 91% of treatment goals have been achieved
- Challenges we face include: increasing numbers of children with developmental disabilities, people having more complex problems including co-existing disorders and legal problems, recruiting and retaining staff

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	2003-2005 Budget	2005-2007 Request	Increase/Decrease
HSC/Inst.	\$8,980,522	\$9,388,791	\$408,269
General	\$4,365,904	\$4,569,614	\$203,710
Federal	\$3,798,114	\$4,001,138	\$203,024
Other	\$816,504	\$818,039	\$1,535
TOTAL	\$8,980,522	\$9,388,791	\$408,269
FTEs	78.0	76.7	(1.3)

Major changes to the budget needed to meet the needs of Region VIII include:

- Salaries and Benefits to fund the Governor’s Salary/Benefits Package – \$441,547 - \$273,710 General Funds

- **Child Care Licensing expenditure decrease of (\$54,110) due to a .5 FTE transfer to West Central**
- **Reduction of .8 FTE Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator – decrease (\$106,437)**
- **Employee travel – decrease (\$42,399)**
- **Rent – Inflationary increase \$10,529**
- **Increase of \$138,840 for contracts to reflect inflationary and demand increases. Major changes occurred in the following:**
 - **Psychiatry - \$53,400**
 - **Adult Protective Services - \$9,600**
 - **CD Short Term Residential - \$58,340**
 - **CD Adolescent Residential - \$4,000**
 - **Short-term psychiatric inpatient - \$10,500**
- **Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant – increase \$84,562. To be used for residential services.**
- **Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Funding – decrease (\$50,728)**
- **Federal Medical Assistance – decrease (\$45,380)**
- **Federal Part C – increase \$41,500 for Experienced Parent Program**
- **Federal Family Care Giver Support funding - increase \$28,714**