

FY2008 RECOMMENDATION/FY08-BP55 TREATMENT PROVIDERS TO EXPAND THEIR HOURS OF OPERATION

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2012 UPDATE

A letter was distributed to all approved treatment providers (ATPs) encouraging them, to the extent possible, to extend their hours of operation. Many APTs responded to this letter advising the DOC that they alrady provide extended and/or weekend service hours. Nonetheless, effective July 1, 2012, all requests for proposal from the Adult Parole, Community Corrections and Youth Offender Services Division will include a preferred specification regarding extended hours of operation and this specification may be used as a factor when awarding a contract for offender treatment services.

2011 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ACTION STEPS

Department of Corrections Chief Financial Officer Karl Spiecker to report back to CCJJ staff with the status of this recommendation.

2010 UPDATE

No implementation. The Department of Corrections reports the Approved Treatment Provider (ATP) contracts have been awarded by the Department previous to this recommendation being adopted by the Commission. When the Department issues new RFP's extended hours of operation, when feasible, will be included in the RFP and taken into consideration for evaluation and awarding.

2009 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

The Department of Corrections reports that they will modify the request for proposal (RFP) process for the next contract solicitation to include language that offers incentives to service providers that extend program hours of operation, including those that provide wrap-around services. DOC agrees to encourage current contractors to extend their hours of operation.

2009 IMPACT

DOC intends to report the number of offenders receiving services during extended hours and on weekends. When this information is available, it will be included in future Commission reports.

2009 BARRIERS

The Department of Corrections reports potential barriers that include funding, timing, and sequencing, and the state procurement process. Specifically, the parole data system will need modification to capture when an offender is provided a service during an extended hour timeframe, at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Description

As part of the contract award process, the Department of Corrections will give preference to private service vendors (for example, for treatment, drug tests, etc.) who provide extended hours of operation during the week and/or weekend hours. The Department of Corrections can waive this requirement for vendors in under-served areas of the state, or for those providers for whom this requirement would prevent the delivery of services.

Agencies Responsible

Department of Corrections

Discussion

Implementation of this recommendation is underway. Efforts to promote offender success are consistent with the Commission's statutory mandate to "focus on evidence-based recidivism reduction initiatives..." [C.R.S. 16-11.3-103(1)].