



Denver Community Corrections

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Denver Community Corrections Goal & Values

Goal Statement

Our goal is to advance the City's community corrections system ensuring safe, equitable, client-centered strategies and focusing on improving client outcomes.

Values

- Supportive Geography/Location
- Varying Program Size
- De-emphasis of Institutional Living
- Trauma Informed/Gender Responsive
- Staff with Lived Experience
- Individually Tailored & Client Voice
- Mentorship
- Diverse, Equitable, & Culturally Relevant
- Client and Facility Engagement in Community

Denver Community Corrections Transformation Plan



Essential Approaches for the Evolution of Community Corrections in Denver

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Denver Community Corrections Residential Reentry Continuum

Intervention 1- Higher Intensity

- Specialized Services
 - Therapeutic Community
 - Residential Dual Diagnosis
 - Cognitive Behavioral Interventions/Aftercare
 - Intensive Residential Treatment
 - Sex Offender Management
- Services for Higher Need Individuals
- Increased structure and programming
- Longer Term Placements 6 or more months

Intervention 2- Intermediate Intensity

- Transitional Services
- Placement can be shorter in length of stay 90-120 days
- Focusing on stabilization services including housing and employment
- Services generally targeted for Moderate Need Individuals

Intervention 3- Lower Intensity

- Normalized Environments
- Intentional Living Communities
- Non-institutionalized settings
- Smaller program design
- Targeting step-down services and lower need individuals

Denver Community Corrections Residential Reentry Continuum Projection

Intervention 1- Higher Intensity

- Therapeutic Community (116)
- Residential Dual Diagnosis (40)
- Cognitive Behavioral (48/24) Interventions/Aftercare
- Intensive Residential Treatment (48)
- Sex Offender Management (24)

Total Placements=300

Estimated Number of
Clients Served Annually=375

Intervention 2- Intermediate Intensity

- Women's Program (60)
- Men's Programs (90)

Total Placements=150

Estimated Number of
Clients Served Annually=450

Intervention 3- Lower Intensity

- All Gender Programs (100)
- Capacity may need to increase over time

Total Placements=100

Estimated Number of
Clients Served Annually=200

Community Corrections Advisory Group

12 member group formed in Fall 2019 to advise EDOS on options resulting from the City Council decision to end contracts with GEO and Corecivic

Greg Mauro, Director, Denver Community Corrections - Co-Chair
Hassan Latif, Director, Second Chance Center - Co-Chair
Mike Anderson, Citizen Member, Denver Community Corrections Board
Honorable Karen Brody, 2nd JD District Court Judge
Honorable Candi CdeBaca, Denver City Council District 9
David Johnson, Director Colorado Department of Corrections - Division of Adult Parole/Community Corrections
Jane Prancan, Chair and Citizen Member, Denver Community Corrections Board
Mannie Rodriguez, Service Provider
Michelle Sykes, Community Member
Dianne Tramutola-Lawson, Citizen Member, Denver Community Corrections Board
Joe Thome, Director Colorado Division of Criminal Justice
Honorable Jamie Torres, Denver City Council District 3

Community Corrections Advisory Group Recommendations

CCAG Recommendation #01. Request extension of Corecivic contract.

Propose to Denver City Council an extension through June 2021 with Corecivic to operate no more than 250 residential beds.

Status: Completed.

City Council approved an extension with Corecivic through June 2021. Corecivic has initiated bed reductions by consolidating program operations from four facilities to three facilities. The Columbine program located at 4280 Columbine Street ceased operation in June 2020. This consolidation along with the resident population reductions in community corrections programs related to Covid19 result in Corecivic operating below the 250 bed capacity set in the contract extension language.

CCAG Recommendation #02. Status reporting of Community Corrections Advisory Group Recommendations

The Denver Division of Community Corrections will provide a report detailing progress and status of the CCAG recommendations to the City Council and the Denver Community Corrections Board no later than June 2020 and every six months thereafter through June 2021.

Status: On-going.

Community Corrections Advisory Group Recommendations

CCAG Recommendation #03. Feasibility of lease or purchase and identification of additional service providers

The City should explore the possibility of leasing or purchasing one or more CoreCivic community corrections zoned properties.

The City should also explore opportunities to identify additional service providers including promising or emerging operators expressing an interest in the provision of community corrections services.

Status: On-going

The DCC worked with purchasing to issue an RFI and subsequent RFP's for community corrections services. Notice of Awards based upon evaluation panel recommendations were issued for RFP29171QG Residential and Non-Residential Services for Justice Involved Individuals and RFP29171QW Gender Responsive Programming (Tooley Hall) remains an open procurement.

Discussions with Corecivic regarding property lease or acquisition were impacted as a result of budgetary and other challenges associated with COVID19. The division of real estate has re-initiated conversations with Corecivic reps.

Community Corrections Advisory Group Recommendations

CCAG Recommendation #04. Explore expanded use of the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP-I)

The Denver Community Corrections Board should work collaboratively with the Department of Corrections to expand the use of ISP-I as part of the Department's new reentry programming at Colorado Correctional Center and the Denver Women's Correctional Facility.

Status: Ongoing

During COVID19, Governor Polis issued an Executive Order in part creating the ability for the Department of Corrections to transition individuals from prison to ISP-Inmate status without the requirement of review by a community corrections board. Despite this authority, only a small number of individuals were identified and released directly from prison. The intent of this recommendation was to increase this population with the understanding the DOC was working with community based WAGEES providers who were developing a process for greater access for prison in-reach and early services which would presumably stabilize individuals and alleviate the need for residential programming. This effort was delayed during the pandemic.

Community Corrections Advisory Group Recommendations

CCAG Recommendation #05. Improve community corrections complaint reporting and monitoring.

The Denver Division of Community Corrections should develop a better and confidential process to allow community corrections clients or family members to raise issues, concerns, and complaints and a thorough process for responding to clients in a timely manner.

Status: Completed.

Denver Community Corrections Board staff and interested stakeholders completed work for a revised policy and process. The policy was adopted in October 2020.

CCAG Recommendation #06. Analysis of direct sentence outcomes

The Denver Division of Community Corrections and the 2nd JD Court/ Probation Department should analyze the successful completion rate for diversion clients and make recommendations for residential program and supervision changes to improve outcomes.

Status: On-going

Community Corrections Advisory Group Recommendations

CCAG Recommendation #07. Review the Length of Stay in residential programming

The Denver Division of Community Corrections should work with the Division of Criminal Justice-Office of Community Corrections and referring agencies to determine the feasibility of reducing the length of stay in residential programs and the development of a shorter-term stabilization program.

Status: Ongoing

CCAG Recommendation #08. Review of zoning code and city ordinances

City ordinances and zoning regulations should be reviewed and modified to permit expansion of smaller, community-based residential options for community corrections clients.

Status: In progress

The work through CPD and the Group Living Project continues.

Community Corrections Advisory Group Recommendations

CCAG Recommendation #09. Community Corrections Standards review

The Denver Division of Community Corrections should continue efforts to work with the Division of Criminal Justice- Office of Community Corrections and other interested stakeholders to continue to review and waive any standards that do not pose a public safety concern or limit innovative programming. Additionally, institute a clear waiver process with specific criteria and reasonable decision-making timelines.

Status: Ongoing

A subgroup of advisory group members and other interested individuals met with representatives from the Division of Criminal Justice whose office promulgates the residential community corrections standards. This work has stalled, in part due to COVID19.

The procurements for the City of Denver community correction service does request that proposers identify which standards they as providers would need to revisit or waiver if selected.

CCAG Recommendation #10. On-going analysis and evaluation of community corrections programs

The Denver Division of Community Corrections should evaluate whether there is adequate funding for and, if necessary, receive additional funding to strengthen their research capacity to better analyze outcome trends and evaluate community corrections programs for effectiveness.

Status:

The state FY 21 allocation to Denver County was significantly reduced as a result of program closures and state budget reductions. Denver's bed allocation was reduced by 27% (183 beds); funding was reduced by 3.8 million including a 20% reduction for the DCC office in administrative funding.

Action Items

Request to approve a contract request with the University of Colorado Addiction Research and Treatment Services in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 beginning January 2021 through December 2023.

- ARTS operates 2 programs (Peer I/Haven) providing intensive substance use disorder for men and women including pregnant women
- Therapeutic Community (TC)
- Contracts request is for a three year term
- RFP29171QG

Request to approve a contract request with RRK Enterprises (Independence House) in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 beginning January 2021 through December 2023.

- Independence House operates 2 facilities serving men including a specialized treatment program for individuals with substance use disorder and a severe and persistent mental health issues.
- Residential Dual Diagnosis (RDDT)
- Contracts request is for a three year term
- RFP29171QG