



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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Honorable Tony Lourey
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Dear Representative Dean and Senator Lourey,

Each year there are many residential service sites operated by the Department of Human Services (DHS) are redesigned, closed or relocated. Landlord issues, leasing agreements, funding, service needs and access are all reasons a site may need to be closed or relocated. Client needs or new licensing requirements may drive a redesign of a setting. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 246.128 the Minnesota Department of Human Services is to report to you the redesign, closure, or relocation of state-operated services programs. This report is attached for your review.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you that I have assembled a Commissioner's Community Based Steering Committee. This group of internal and external professionals is advising me on a range of policy options as we move to become a safety-net provider of services to people with disabilities, particularly persons with complex and challenging problems that, in the past have made living in the community difficult.

It has been observed by many, including the Legislative Auditor in 2013, that DHS State Operated Services was serving many people with disabilities that could be served by private providers. At the same time, he reported that there are people with high needs who are not being served in the most appropriate community settings and could be served by state operated programs. We should have our experienced staff ready to serve the highest need clients, including those who present a risk to public safety.

I share this with you today because in order to create the true safety net we need to phase out serving clients who can be served elsewhere. As a result, we expect we will need to close some homes over time and repurpose others to serve different clients than are served there now. This report will serve as one method of communication about the changes we are undergoing in our community based services.

If you would like additional information about this steering committee please contact Assistant Commissioner Jennifer Decubellis at 651-431-2323.

Sincerely,


Commissioner Lucinda Jesson

c.c. Senator Julie Rosen

Representative Tina Liebling

Representative Diane Loeffler

DHS State Operated Services
Redesign, Closure or Relocation of Programs

Reporting period

1/1/15 - 6/30/15

Year	Program/Site	Location	Type of Program or License	Redesign, Closure, Relocation	Funding
2015	MSOCS ICF Virginia	Virginia, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Mahnomen	Mahnomen, MN	Adult Foster Care	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Biwabik	Biwabik, MN	Adult Foster Care	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS ICF Swan Lake	Duluth, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Alexandria	Alexandria, MN	Adult Foster Care	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Red River	E Grand Forks, MN	Adult Foster Care	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS ICF Moose Lake	Moose Lake, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Oakwood Terrace	Staples, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Fir Ave	Fergus Falls, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Gustavus	Fergus Falls, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Sylvan	Pillager, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Pine Street	Brainerd, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Lynndale	Baxter, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS ICF Blaine	Blaine, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS Old Shakopee Rd	Bloomington, MN	Adult Foster Care	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Prestwick	Brooklyn Park	Adult Foster Care	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Harris	Harris, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Braham	Braham, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS ICF Hershey	Lakeville, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise

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2010 to date

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12/30/2014
7/1/2015

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2015	MSOCS ICF Rochester	Rochester, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS ICF Kasson	Kasson, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS ICF Austin	Austin, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS ICF Shumway	Faribault, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS ICF Redwood Falls	Redwood Falls, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Arbor Way	Sauk Rapids, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS ICF Jonquil	Lakeville, MN	Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities	Redesign	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Terrace Drive	Willmar, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Lakeland I	Willmar, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC West River Road	Minneapolis, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC Harris	Harris, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise
2015	MSOCS FC N Street	Brainerd, MN	Adult Foster Care	Closure	Enterprise

	Count	Closure	Redesign	Relocation	Closure/Relocation
2010	13	7	4	2	
2011	7	1	2	4	
2012	4	2		2	
2013	2	2			
2014	6	1	3	1	1

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Year	Program/Site	Location	Type of Program or License	Redesign, Closure, Relocation	Funding
2015	36	11	17	1	1
	68	24	26	10	2