

Response for Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services

Questions on Social Detoxification Services at Osawatomi State Hospital

The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Recommendation includes \$993,018 from the State General Fund and 5.0 FTE positions for Osawatomi State Hospital to expand the staff needed to provide social detoxification services. This enhancement restores the service that was in place before the implementation of a moratorium on voluntary admissions since 2015.

The Care and Treatment Act for persons with an Alcohol or Substance Abuse Problems (Kansas Statutes Annotated Article 29b) allows law enforcement to involuntarily place an individual in a treatment facility who lacks self-control using of alcohol or substances and "is incapacitated by alcohol or any substance and is likely to cause harm to self or others. Being incapacitated is defined as:

(2) ... the person, as the result of the use of alcohol or any substance, has impaired judgment resulting in the person:

(A) Being incapable of realizing and making a rational decision with respect to the need for treatment; or

(B) lacking sufficient understanding or capability to make or communicate responsible decisions concerning either the person's well-being or estate. (K.S.A. 59-29b46)

Osawatomi State Hospital is identified in K.S.A. 59-29b46 (g) as one of the facilities authorized to provide care and treatment for individuals with substance abuse issues, including those needing temporary involuntary commitment for detoxification. Larned State Hospital has a social detox unit under that section of the statute. The statute identifies other types of facilities including mental health clinics, medical care facilities or nursing homes that are appropriate to provide care and treatment for people with alcohol or substance abuse problems

The social detox program at Osawatomi State Hospital will serve patients brought to the hospital by local law enforcement agencies who are subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment as they are likely to cause harm to self or others if not immediately detained.

The social detox program allows for patients, once admitted, to be observed during their detox without the use of additional medications to help begin the process of removing any toxins from their bodies. The Detox Program would then assess each patient's psychological, medical, and substance abuse needs while taking into consideration any community barriers. During their admission, they would also be scheduled for an assessment with the Regional Drug and Alcohol Assessment Center (RADAC) and if needed, a mental health screening would be requested. Individual education and coaching would be provided by members of the Social Detox team during the duration of the admission.

After court review of the OSH Social Detox team's assessments and the RADAC recommendations, the court would determine whether to file a petition for inpatient substance abuse treatment and/or psychiatric treatment. If no petition were filed, the patient would be discharged no later than the next business day, with the interdisciplinary treatment team proceeding with discharge planning by reviewing recommendations from completed assessments. Additionally, the team would obtain

necessary appointments for outside community resources related to the patient's substance abuse and/or mental health needs to help them begin the steps towards recovery.

The interdisciplinary treatment team recommended for this program include a psychiatrist, medical physician, licensed clinical addiction counselor, registered nurse, licensed social worker, and clinical therapist or psychologist. OSH is requesting additional FTE's and funding for these positions to guarantee specific staff is always available to meet the specific needs of this patient population.

FTE's included in the enhancement:

1. Psychiatrist – Provide the assessment of mental state and recommendations to the court about ongoing needs for involuntary treatment
2. Medical Physician - Provide assessment and care for each patient admitted to the detox program related to their physical health needs while detoxing.
3. Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselor – Provide assessment and treatment related to the patient's substance use.
4. Licensed Social Worker - Provide assessment and connect patient with community resources including setting up RADAC assessment while at hospital and setting outside appointments upon discharge. Request mental health screen if determined to be necessary.
5. Registered Nurse – Assess and monitor patients' care while hospitalized.

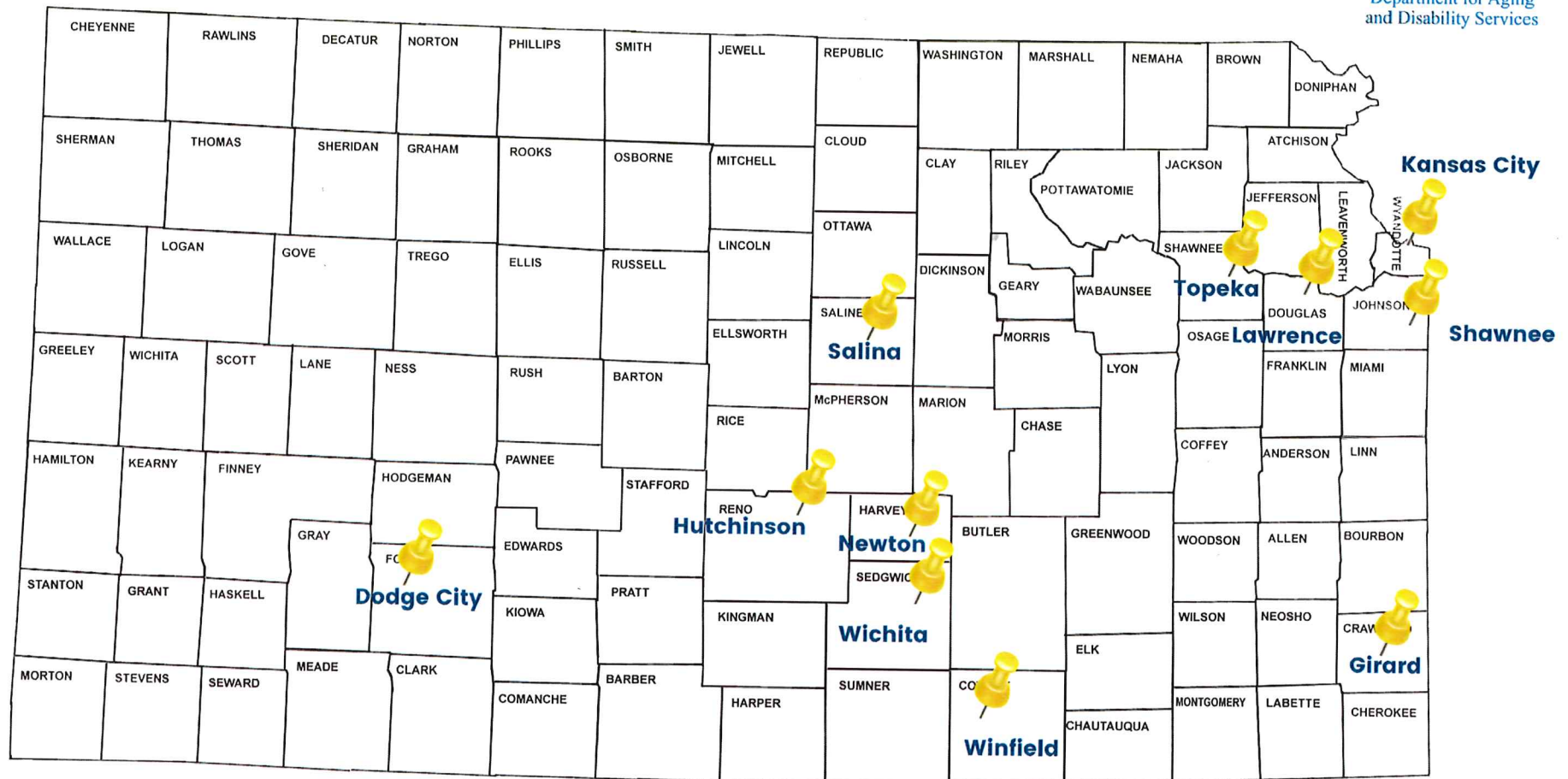
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Kansas Social Detox Services



Dodge City: New Chance - 2; 48 total beds

Girard: CMHC of Crawford Co. Addiction Treatment Center - 1; 24 total beds

Hutchinson: Substance Abuse Center of Kansas - 2; 15 total beds

Kansas City: Mirror, Inc. Wyandotte - []; 44 total beds

Lawrence: DCCCA, Inc. First Step at Lakeview - 3; 45 total beds

Newton:

- Mirror, Inc. 12th Street - []; 28 total beds
- Mirror, Inc. Duncan - []; 28 total beds

Salina: CKF Addiction Treatment - 3; 30 total beds

Shawnee: Johnson Co. Mental Health Adult Detox Unit - 8; 14 total beds

Topeka: Valeo Recovery Center - 8; 52 total beds

Wichita:

- DCCCA, Inc. Options - 3; 49 total beds
- DCCCA, Inc. WRC - 3; 61 total beds
- Holland/Fieldview Healthcare, Inc. - 64 total beds
- Reflections Recovery Center - 18 total beds
- Substance Abuse Center of Kansas Residential - 6; 15 total beds

Winfield: Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. Residential - 47 total beds

First numbers (in red) indicate the number of social detox beds within the facility's total bed number based on a survey conducted in January 2021; [] indicate that facility did not respond to the survey.