Minnesota Sex Offender Program Overview

The Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) provides comprehensive services to individuals who have been court-ordered to receive sex offender treatment. Most MSOP clients have completed prison sentences. Clients are civilly committed by the courts and placed in treatment for an indeterminate period of time. A court may commit a person to MSOP to ensure public safety if a judge determines the individual is a “sexual psychopathic personality” or a “sexually dangerous person,” or both.

Treatment

Most clients begin treatment at the MSOP Moose Lake facility. After successfully progressing in treatment in Moose Lake, MSOP transfers clients to its St. Peter facility to complete treatment and begin working toward provisional discharge and reintegration.

- Clients acquire skills through active participation in group therapy and are provided opportunities to demonstrate meaningful change through participation in rehabilitative services, including education, therapeutic recreational activities and vocational programs.
- Treatment participation is voluntary. At present, 85 percent of MSOP treatment-eligible clients choose to participate.
- Clinical services include sex offender-specific treatment and rehabilitative programming based on individual need.

Costs

- The statutory per diem for MSOP for fiscal year (FY) 2018 is $372.
- MSOP’s total budget for FY18 is $89.2 million.

Facilities

MSOP is one program at two locations — Moose Lake and St. Peter. Both contribute to the mission of MSOP by specializing in different components of the treatment process. As of June 30, 2017, 721 MSOP clients are housed across both sites.

Moose Lake Treatment Facility

- With the exception of clients receiving treatment in the alternative program, clients begin their treatment at MSOP’s Moose Lake facility.
Moose Lake clients include individuals involved in the civil commitment process, nonparticipants, and also those participating in initial and primary stages of treatment.

In Moose Lake, clients are housed in two buildings. Main, originally built in 1995, is licensed for 158 clients. Complex One, built in 2009, has 400 licensed beds.

St. Peter Treatment Facility

Individuals who have demonstrated meaningful change and have progressed in treatment move to St. Peter to begin the reintegration process.

St. Peter also provides alternative treatment for clients for whom conventional programming is not appropriate. These clients require unique treatment approaches due to developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and/or severe learning disabilities.

MSOP’s St. Peter facility occupies four buildings within the secure perimeter on the St. Peter campus. The St. Peter secure treatment facility currently has 260 available beds.

St. Peter Community Preparation Services

Community Preparation Services (CPS) occupies two buildings on the St. Peter campus. CPS is a residential setting outside the secure perimeter for those clients granted transfer by the courts and is licensed for 89 clients.

MSOP – Department of Corrections Program

In addition to MSOP’s facilities in Moose Lake and St. Peter, MSOP operates a collaborative, 50-bed, sex offender treatment program at the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Moose Lake. This program provides sex offender treatment similar to the primary phase treatment at the MSOP Moose Lake facility. Program participants are still serving their correctional sentences and have histories that indicate they are likely to be referred for civil commitment. Two outcomes may occur as the result of a client participating in this treatment prior to the end of their sentence with the Department of Corrections (DOC):

1. The client makes significant progress toward management of risk factors and the county does not petition for civil commitment.

2. The county pursues commitment, and the client is civilly committed to MSOP but is able to start at a later phase in treatment and/or move through MSOP more quickly based upon the work already completed in the MSOP-DOC site.

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