



Chapter 2955/2965 Advisory Committee 11-19-2024 Meeting Notes

Meeting began around 10:00 a.m. central time

Page-and-line numbers correspond with the online rule draft, dated 8/6/2024.

1. Follow-up from previous meetings.

1.1 Pretreatment.

- Concept of pretreatment originated to meet spirit of the rule; proposed language was added to reflect current practice in DOC facilities when prisons don't have correctional staff available to supervise the number of clients admitted into the programs.
- Each program's pretreatment phase is different, but generally it involves community meetings or weekly programming to get clients started on the basic concepts of treatment programming and is based on their mental-health needs.
- Pretreatment is for clients who haven't started treatment, and the rule requirements such as assessments and treatment hours don't apply until a client begins receiving treatment.
- The DOC juvenile program doesn't use pretreatment, though some residents may benefit from pretreatment programming such as motivational interviewing; juveniles are directed by a court to receive treatment, so pretreatment doesn't apply.
- Discussed that the rule should allow pretreatment as an option but that there needs to be minimum standards on what pretreatment is and what is allowed.
- Should there be a timeline for a client in pretreatment to start treatment? This could be difficult for DOC programs because of staffing issues with correctional officers and the pressure of meeting bed space.

Action item: Draft minimum standards on pretreatment.



1.2 Training requirements.

- Although DOC-offered training falls short of what is required in rule, program staff should still be able to meet the required training hours through their degree and MNATSA.
- One training topic of concern for non-DOC programs is “policies and procedures of the Minnesota criminal justice system.” This is a broad topic, and 12 required hours for a therapist is a lot; counselors only need 4 hours.

Action item: Add examples for training on the criminal justice system and reduce required hours to align with what DOC provides (8 hours).

1.3 Adding licensure of licensed professional clinical counselor.

- This licensure is covered under the rule’s cross-reference to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245I.
- Research indicates that this will become the most common type of licensure, and it was created in 2007.

1.4 Aligning staffing qualifications with chapter 245I.

- There was little feedback on this item; we will keep rule language for now.

2. Standards for delivering treatment services (2955.0150).

- *Aftercare* is more accurate than *reentry*. Clients in aftercare have completed treatment but still need a level of support.
- There was much discussion on requiring 12 hours of weekly treatment for clients:
 - Each client has different needs.
 - What about staffing issues?
 - Concerns about overdosing.
 - For juveniles, they must receive 6 hours of education and must also get recreation.
 - What is considered treatment? Should there be a baseline amount of treatment hours? And what does the research say on this?
 - How can I&E inspect and enforce programs without more-specific standards, both for treatment hours and elsewhere in rule?

Action item: Possibly form a subgroup to research practices in other states or consult with the Department of Human Services and their policies for the Minnesota Sex Offender Program.

3. Special assessments and treatment procedures (2955.0160).

- ATSA doesn’t recommend these assessments for juveniles.
- There was little discussion on this item for adults.

4. Next meeting.

- The December meeting has been canceled to allow time for research and internal I&E discussion on the rule.
- For now, the next scheduled meeting is January 21, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The meeting ended around 11:30 a.m. central time

Attendees

Ian Lewenstein, Jessica Brueggen, Lauren Bizzotto, Mindy Malm, Holly Hanson, Shanna Langston, Jamie Mosley, Gina Mulder, Tara Osborne Leivian, Tim Schrupp, Jesse Clark, Kristi Strang, Curtis Rauch, Robin Goldman, Janae Sullivan, Krystal Napier