

Correctional Redevelopment Update

From Consultation to Implementation
June 2006 to August 2007

Presentation to Healing In Corrections Conference
September 2007
by Department of Justice, Government of Yukon

Corrections Consultation

- Yukon-wide public consultation – over 160 sessions were held
- Co-chaired by Yukon Government and Council of Yukon First Nations with the involvement of Liard First Nation and Ross River Dena Council
- Consultation completed in March 2006

Corrections Consultation

- Corrections Action Plan (CAP) developed to guide programs and services in the correctional centre and in communities
- CAP approved at the Minister of Justice and Chiefs' Roundtable on Corrections in March 2006

Yukon Forum – April 3, 2006

- CAP and Implementation Framework approved by the Yukon Government and Yukon First Nation Chiefs

Implementation Framework

- Oversight Committee (co-chaired)
 - Building Advisory Committee (BAC)
 - Programs and Services Advisory Committee
 - Legislation and Administrative Environment Advisory Committee

Implementation Start-up

June 2006 to November 2006

Implementation Start-up

- Corrections Action Plan Implementation Office (CAPIO) opened
- Resources redirected to focus efforts on implementation
- Experience from other jurisdictions sought

Implementation Start-up

- Identification of planning options for a new correctional centre by Building Advisory Committee
- Correctional Redevelopment Strategic Plan drafted
- Reviewed by Oversight Committee

Implementation Start-up

- WCC Recruitment Working Group formed
- Participation in Career Fairs
- WCC staff issues addressed and a number of correctional officers hired

Yukon Forum

December 8, 2006

- Correctional Redevelopment Strategic Plan approved
- The need for Terms of Reference for Implementation committees identified.
- Planning options for new correctional centre received for information

Implementation

January 2007 to August 2007

Correctional Redevelopment Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan

Goal 1

Implement the recommendations of the Corrections Action Plan in order to substantially improve the quality of correctional programs offered to victims, offenders and community members

Strategic Plan

Goal 2

Fundamentally change the operation of the correctional system so that the Department of Justice, First Nations and other service providers are better able to deliver high-quality correctional programs.

New and current centre

- The Corrections Action Plan and Strategic Plan call for a new facility

- Building Advisory Committee recommended planning option
 - Facility to become healing centre for offenders in the Yukon

- Location of new centre announced

Planning for the new centre

- The new centre must reflect Corrections Action Plan and Strategic Plan
- Will be client-focused, reflecting First Nations cultures in design and operation
- Will support offender accountability, motivation, rehabilitation and healing

Planning for the new centre

➤ Several key phases:

- Location
- Programming
- Design
- Site Preparation
- Construction
- Training and moving in - Dec 2011

Interim Space Plan

- The Strategic Plan clearly identifies the need for an interim space plan
- Address needs of offenders and staff over the next four years
- Allow improved programming

Philosophical Foundation

- Mission, Values and Vision
Statements developed for Community Justice and Public Safety (CJPS)
- Code of Conduct developed for CJPS

Training: WCC and CJPS

- Training has been and will be major
 - New Corrections Officer Basic Training program
 - Workshops in Ethics/Professionalism
 - Training on new Code of Conduct and Mission/Values/Vision
 - First Nations training

Client-Focused Program Delivery Model

- Programs and Services Advisory Committee set up as co-chaired
- Immediate Focus: Offender Program Model
- Integrated Offender Management model under development

Risk/Needs Assessment Tools

- Assessment tools are needed to build appropriate correctional healing plans for the offender
- Four risk/needs assessment tools are being piloted through the Community Wellness Court
 - Reviews will include validity for working with First Nations offenders

Corrections Act

- Legislation and Administrative Environment Advisory Committee has been formed
- Working Group formed to conduct a public consultation between November 2007 and March 2008

Information Systems; Research, Statistics and Analytical Tools

- Work started on an overall department-wide Information System
 - Will address offender management
- Gap Analysis completed on research needs

Communication and Citizen Engagement Plan

- This Healing in Corrections Conference is now underway
- Different communications tools will be used in future to raise public awareness

What next?

- Preparations for new centre a major focus
- Work continues on Strategic Plan
- All of this change requires support, training, awareness, and management
- Thank you to all partners for their help in effective correctional redevelopment