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The Bismarck Transition Center is one of twelve facilities owned and operated by Community, Counseling and Correctional Services, Inc., (CCCS, Inc.) Butte, Montana.

CCCS, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit, 501-c(3) corporation. It was incorporated in 1983. It is governed by a non-compensated Board of Directors – many of whom are the original board members. Services providing correctional and other human services programs designed for adults and juveniles, referred by local, state and federal agencies began in 1983.

The Bismarck Transition Center began providing services for adult male and female offenders in August 2002. Its' current capacity is 20 female beds and 145 male beds.

### Key points of information regarding the Bismarck Transition Center:

- Accredited by the American Correctional Association.
- Certified compliant with Prison Rape Elimination Act standards.
- Licensed by the North Dakota Behavioral Health Division to provide the following adult ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) programs: Level 1; Level 2.1; Level 3.1; and Level 3.5, all of which the Bismarck Transition Center is currently providing.

### Other programming offered:

- Thinking For a Change
- AA/NA
- Bible Study

The Bismarck Transition Center primarily provides services to individuals who have been referred for placement by a ND DOCR representative. Residents residing at the facility are on one of the following statuses: Inmate, Parole or Probation.

The number of residents who completed treatment programming during 2020 at the Bismarck Transition Center:

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
T4C – 61	T4C – 0
2.1 – 75	2.1 – 13
3.1 – 2	3.1 – 0
3.5 – 5	3.5 – 5
Level 1 – 7	Level 1 - 0

Data from 2013 – June 2021 reveals the following number of residents completed treatment programming at BTC:

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
T4C – 482	T4C – 0
2.1 – 738	2.1 – 191
3.1 – 50	3.1- 4
3.5 – 36	3.5 – 30
Level 1 – 179	Level 1 - 0

The Bismarck Transition Center does not provide medical or mental health services. Residents must access these services within the community. All residents are responsible for the cost of their physical and mental health needs, which includes medication.

All residents (who do not have insurance coverage) are required to complete and submit a Medicaid application within 10 days of their arrival at the Bismarck Transition Center.

Residents arriving from a DOCR facility are provided a 30-day supply of mental health medications, along with a script to refill their medications. When their 30-day supply runs out, it is the resident's responsibility to refill and pay for the medication.

Many residents who are referred to the Bismarck Transition Center from the community are not compliant with taking mental health medications prior to their arrival.

Residents experience many barriers trying to access Mental Health services. Some of the barriers include:

- Timeliness of receiving Medicaid coverage.
  - Burleigh County Medicaid has up to 45 days to respond to an application for Medicaid. If the application is denied, the application must be resubmitted.
    - Common reasons for denial of a Medicaid application are lack of a complete application (information is missing)
    - The resident is earning too much money (approximately \$12.00 per hour).
  - If Medicaid is approved, residents do not receive their Medicaid card for up to two weeks. They do not receive their Medicaid Gold card (for prescriptions) for up to four weeks.
  - Some Burleigh County eligibility workers have required residents to apply for Unemployment benefits before they will accept a Medicaid application.
    - Application for Unemployment benefits requires the resident to submit a copy of a driver's license, social security card and birth certificate.
      - Very few residents have these documents when they arrive at the Bismarck Transition Center.
      - Many residents must reapply for a duplicate driver's license, birth certificate and Social Security card.
- Resident access to the West Central Human Service Center for Mental Health services is difficult. Most residents on Parole or Probation status do not meet the criteria to receive services there. Residents on Inmate status are not eligible to receive any services there.
- Residents access to mental health services within the community is difficult.
  - Lack of insurance coverage or financial means to pay for a psychiatrist/doctor to get a prescription or medication refilled.

- Lack of insurance coverage or financial means to pay for court ordered services (Anger Management; Domestic Violence; etc.)
- Appointments with a psychiatrist/doctor for mental health needs is not immediate – often-times up to a month before they can get an appointment.