



**House Health and Human Services Committee
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**LPA Report on
Sexual Predator Treatment Program**

Sexual Predator Treatment Program (SPTP) Overview

- Established by a 1994 statute that provides for the civil commitment of persons identified by the law as sexually violent predators
- Dual mission:
 - » Provide for the safety of Kansas citizens by establishing a secure environment in which persons identified as sexually violent predators can reside.
 - » Offer treatment with the aim of reducing their risk for re-offending allowing motivated persons who complete treatment to return to society.
- Program serves adult male patients from the state who have been adjudicated through KS sexually violent predator treatment laws and are committed for treatment under civil statutes
- Currently 231 residents on Larned State Hospital (LSH) campus and 26 in reintegration facilities



SPTP Timeline of Events

- **June, 2012** – ERO 41 – Governor transferred authority over the state hospitals to the newly created Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
- **December, 2012** – Former Secretary Sullivan appointed a task force to make recommendations, which might improve SPTP at LSH
- **November, 2013** – The SPTP Task Force submitted its written report with recommendations to the Secretary
 - SPTP Post-Task Force team created to ensure implementation of the recommendations



LPA SPTP Timeline

- **March, 2013** – The Legislative Division of Post Audit (LPA) reviewed and approved a legislative request for a performance audit of SPTP. In this audit, the LPA staff were tasked with answering this question:
 - *Is the Sexual Predator Treatment Program appropriately managed to ensure the safety and well-being of program staff and offenders?*
- **August, 2013** – LPA report submitted to KDADS and Legislature
 - KDADS implemented the recommendations of the LPA report and testified to the legislature regarding successful implementation of those recommendations.

LPA SPTP Part 2 Timeline

- **10/30/2014** – LPA reviewed and approved a legislative request for a performance audit of SPTP. In this portion of the audit, the LPA staff were tasked with answering these questions :
 - (1) *How does Kansas' Sexual Predator Treatment Program compare to similar programs in other states and best practice?*
 - (2) *What actions could be taken to reduce the number of offenders committed to Kansas' Sexual Predator Treatment Program?*
- **4/28/2015** – LPA report submitted to KDADS and Legislature
 - KDADS is working to implement report recommendations as directed by the LPA Committee and appearing before the legislature to testify regarding the recommendations.



SPTP Status

- Develop individualized treatment plans
- Conduct periodic reviews to assess the resident' progress, reassess specific risk factors and appropriately modify treatment
- Separate programs for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities
- Review advancement criteria to determine appropriate consideration of non-clinical factors
- Implement a process to review vocational skills for reintegration phases and eventual transition out of the program
- Develop strategic plan to address population growth

