

**Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services:  
Division of the Budget Appeals  
FY 2012**

**Priority:** 1  
**Issue:** Renovation of the Meyer Building  
**Program:** SPTP

**Fiscal Summary:**

<u>Program Code/Name</u>	<u>All Funds</u>	<u>SGF</u>	<u>SIBF Funds</u>	<u>FTE</u>
99000-Capital Improvements	\$2,058,900	\$0	\$2,058,900	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,058,900</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,058,900</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Justification:**

The Sexual Predator Treatment Program (SPTP) is currently 23 residents over its current physical capacity and growing at a rate of 18-20 residents per year. Storage rooms, staff offices, and even a trash staging room have been converted to accommodate the current overpopulation. Staffed for 177 residents, the current 19% understaffing ratio represents significant and growing safety concerns. Unless the law is changed thus facilitating the release of low-risk Sexual Predators, the SPTP *must* be physically expanded so as to accommodate the admissions of those who are found by law to meet the criteria as Violent Sexual Predators. The current census of the SPTP is 218. Historical and projected admission rates may be found below in Charts 1 and 2:

Chart 1

*10-Year Historical Population Growth*

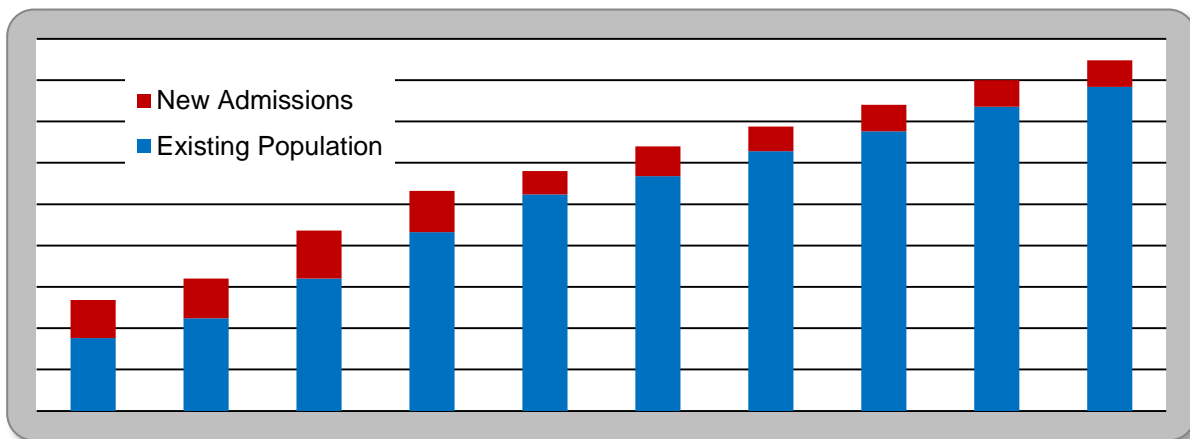
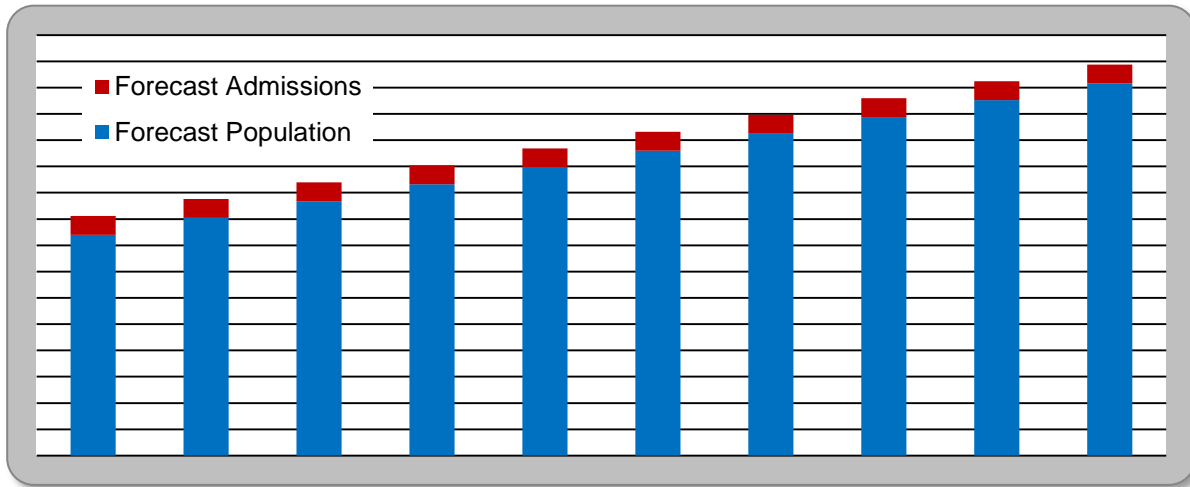


Chart 2

10-Year Projected Population Growth



Current over-census residents are housed in an Annex building that neither meets the Kansas Department of Health and Environment statutory guidelines nor provides adequate security, i.e. the building is standard wood construction. An expansion into the Larned State Hospital State Security Isaac Ray building will bring relief temporarily, but additional SPTP housing must be provided. An assessment of facility expansion options clearly indicates that remodeling an existing structure is the most cost-efficient way in which to provide additional SPTP beds. Remodeling the Larned State Hospital Meyer building has been identified as the most fiscally responsible approach for expanding SPTP beds while meeting the security needs of a population with increased criminal behavior. The remodeling of the Meyer building will add an additional capacity of 33 beds.

**Summary:**

The long-range growth challenges of the SPTP have been clearly explicated in anticipation of the current housing crisis. Previous requests to fund/build the Sexual Predator Treatment Program were denied in fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011. The continued growing resident population, current understaffing, the lack of housing capacity, and security concerns that arise from these issues leave little choice but to fund physical expansion.

**Priority:** 1  
**Issue:** Operating Costs for the SPTP in I.R.  
**Program:** SPTP

**Fiscal Summary:**

**Fiscal Year 2012**

<u>Program Code/Name</u>	<u>All Funds</u>	<u>SGF</u>	<u>SRS Fee Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>
FY 2012-32900 SPTP	\$213,805	\$213,805	\$0	47.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$213,805</b>	<b>\$213,805</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>47.00</b>

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An expansion into the Larned State Hospital State Security Isaac Ray building is an absolute necessity as SPTP will exceed its physical capacity by the end of 2011 leaving no physical room with which to place Sexual Predators referred by the courts. Delaying or refusing court referrals is not an option as the courts will hold the Social and Rehabilitative Services (SRS) in contempt of court for failure to admit any person found to meet the legal criteria as a Sexual Predator.

In contrast to the SPTP Campus Expansion enhancements submitted to the legislature in FY 2010, 2011, 2012, and subsequently denied, the Larned State Hospital Isaac Ray, North 3 unit constitutes existing facilities requiring no additional capital outlay. This state-of-the-art building will provide secure housing for 30 additional Sexual Predators. Staffing this expansion unit will require 47 staff in order to ensure safety, provide the rehabilitative services required by law, and meet the Joint Commission statutory requirements.

SRS has moved funding for 28 positions in FY 2012 and FY 2013 to LSH. However, it was determined to meet accreditation 47 staff are needed to open the unit. This appeal is for 47 FTE positions and funding

for 19 of those positions.

**Summary:**

The long-range growth challenges of the SPTP have been clearly explicated in anticipation of the current housing crisis. Previous requests to fund/build the Sexual Predator Treatment Program have year after year been denied. The Sexual Predator Treatment Program is at a critical point. Without significant changes to the existing laws thus facilitating the release of Sexual Predators, funding for both facilities and staff *must* happen. A historical failure to fund this program with regard to facilities and staff has facilitated a crisis point. A failure to fund this program is no longer an option.