

Woodside Testimony

House Corrections and Institutions Rm 33

Wednesday January 11, 2017 (10:15am)

DCF Commissioner Ken Schatz:

Facility:

- BGS Feasibility Report: see the Executive Summary
<http://www.bgs.vermont.gov/sites/bgs/files/files/ WS 12.22.16 FeasibilityReport.pdf>
 - Due to the floor elevations being below the 500-year flood mark, the building's many shortcomings and the limited area to work with – it was concluded that the building cannot be reused.
 - An off-site facility would be very expensive and have a negative effect on the program.
 - Thus, the design strategy is to build a new structure that is a secure environment, a flexible concept, and provides 25-30 beds.

Funding:

- As of 10/1/16 – Loss of CMS Medicaid funding
- Maintains program as is through FY17
- BAA request provides additional GF (~\$1.5M)
- Continues discussion with CMS on drawing down Medicaid funding for FY18

Woodside Director, Jay Simons:

To discuss Woodside population and programming