



# North Dakota Legislative Council

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DRAFT - ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC AND RESIDENTIAL CARE STUDY

This memorandum provides information regarding items to include in a potential request for proposal to hire a consultant to provide information related to the Acute Psychiatric Treatment Committee's study of acute psychiatric and residential care needs in the state.

As provided for in [Section 5 of House Bill No. 1012 \(2021\)](#) specific areas the study is to address include:

1. Development of options and a recommendation for a long-term plan for acute psychiatric hospitalization and related step-down residential treatment and support needs in the state, including:
  - a. The number of acute care beds needed in the state;
  - b. Appropriate locations in the state for treatment and support services, considering workforce availability;
  - c. The involvement of private providers, including contract requirements, treatment requirements, and outcome measurers; and
  - d. The use of existing public facilities and the need for new public facilities, including options to replace the existing State Hospital facility with one or more treatment facilities focused on forensic psychiatric evaluation and treatment.
2. Development of options and a recommendation for a short-term plan for the remainder of the 2021-23 biennium and the 2023-25 biennium to contract with private acute psychiatric care facilities to provide appropriate treatment services in four or more cities in the state.
3. Development of options and a recommendation for the future use of facilities at the State Hospital, including the LaHaug Building.

As an optional additional service, the committee may request the development of conceptual drawings for a new State Hospital based on the option selected by the committee.

The resulting contract will require periodic reports to the Acute Psychiatric Treatment Committee on the status of the project and on tentative findings and recommendations with the final written report due by April 1, 2022.