

Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility Update/Timeline

Spring 2017

- The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) contacted Barton Community College (BCC) to provide additional educational opportunities at Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility (LCMHF). KDOC's vision was to change the focus of LCMHF from a mental health population to serving the 18 to 25 year-old incarcerated population.
 - KDOC reported the following information and goals for this change in focus:
 - Research shows the 18 to 25 year-old population incurs a 50% recidivism rate upon release.
 - In addition, approximately 50% of this population have not completed their high school diploma nor do they possess relevant job training education and/or skills.
 - Barton was asked to serve as the educational provider for this change and is responsible for hiring and managing both the Adult Basic Education and Career Technical Education instructors and staff.
 - To attain the vision of the KDOC, Barton was tasked with increasing Adult Basic Education opportunities to increase the number of high school graduates at LCMHF as well as increasing the number of Career Technical Education opportunities
 - KDOC proposed a three phase process to implement these goals as outlined below.

Phase I

July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Please Note: The following positions and purchases were covered by an increase in the 2017-2018 contract with the Kansas Department of Corrections.

KDOC's focus for phase 1 of this project was to serve the needs of this new population through:

- Increased Adult Basic Education (ABE) services and
- Increased Career and Technical programming for Carpentry

To accomplish the above focus, the KDOC provided funding for the following:

- Maintained the current GED Instructor
- Added an additional GED Instructor
- Added ½ GED, ½ AO-K Instructor (January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018)
 - Due to slower movement of the 18-25 year-old population than originally anticipated, this instructor was assigned to Ellsworth Correctional Facility to serve the vacancy of the GED/AO-K instructor position at that location
- Added one Full-Time Carpentry Instructor
- Classroom setups were provided for three GED classrooms and one Carpentry Classroom
- Additional tools were purchased for the Carpentry Program
- Additional tuition/fees and program costs were provided for the increase in GED and Carpentry Students

Phase II

July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Please note: At this time Barton has a verbal commitment from the Kansas Department of Corrections for funding the details listed below. A written document for the 2018-2019 year is expected in the near future.

Phase II of the project will retain all personnel from Phase I and add two additional CTE instructors and an adjunct faculty member(s) to instruct the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program. KDOC is currently erecting a CTE Building within the fence at LCMHF.

- A full-time plumbing and a full-time welding instructor will be hired for LCMHF.
 - Barton has begun advertising for these two positions.
- Adjunct Faculty member(s) will be hired to instruct the CDL program for LCMHF West Unit offenders.
 - The KDOC has purchased a 13 speed freight liner; manual transmission, air brake truck and a 48-foot flatbed trailer.
 - The truck will be equipped with both GPS and electronic log book systems.
 - CDL programming will use the building erected at the West Unit through partnership with BCCC and KDOC for classroom instruction.
 - This building was originally built for use of the carpentry program that is being moved from the West Unit to the Central Unit as part of this initiative.
- KDOC estimates the shell of the CTE Building will be completed by June 30, 2018
- Once the shell of the building is complete, LCMHF maintenance staff and offenders will complete the interior of the building.
 - The building will consist of the following:
 - Plumbing classroom and shop
 - Welding classroom and shop
 - Carpentry classroom and shop
- Equipment purchases for the plumbing and welding programs as well as additional equipment for the carpentry program will begin once an expected completion date for the building is known.
- Additional tuition/fees and program costs for the plumbing, welding, carpentry, and CDL programs will be provided by the KDOC.

Phase III

October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Please note: At this time Barton has a verbal commitment from the Kansas Department of Corrections for funding the details listed below. A written document for the 2018-2019 year is expected in the near future.

Phase III of the project will maintain four Building Academic Skills in Correctional Setting (BASICS) positions currently being paid through the IRE Grant Barton received in 2015.

- The IRE Grant will sunset on September 30, 2018
- The KDOC will assume payment of the salary and benefits for the four positions listed below:
 - Welding Instructor – Ellsworth Correctional Facility
 - GED/AO-K Instructor – Ellsworth Correctional Facility
 - Career Advisor – Serves both Ellsworth Correctional Facility and Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility
 - Technology Specialist – Serves both Ellsworth Correctional Facility and Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility



