

Section 2

(5) The preliminary and final reports must advance the recommendations of the Ruckelshaus report to design and implement a modern, community-focused, person-centered, and individualized service delivery system for individuals who reside in residential habilitation centers, with an emphasis on investments in community residential service options, including services and options for those with complex behavioral needs. At a minimum, they must address the following four guideposts based on ~~from~~ the December 2019 report, "Rethinking Intellectual and Developmental Disability Policy to Empower Clients, Develop Providers and Improve Services":

- (a) Increasing the capabilities of community residential services;
- (b) Improving cross-system coordination;
- (c) Investing in skilled ~~state-operated~~ nursing services ~~facilities~~; and
- (d) ~~Redesigning intermediate care facilities to function as~~ Investing in short-term crisis stabilization and intervention services ~~facilities~~.

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Capital budget

DRW proposed edit:

The 2017-19 enacted budget appropriated funding for a predesign to replace the nursing facilities at Fircrest School. The Y buildings where nursing clients are housed contain failing water, sewer and electrical systems. Building configuration does not comply with one-to-one bedroom to client ratio requirements and poses client accessibility issues in the toilet and bathing areas. In addition, there is no vacant nursing space where nursing clients can be relocated in the event of an emergency. This supplemental funding will be used to develop a cost and time comparison of a new 120 bed nursing facility on the grounds of Fircrest as compared to community-based service locations secured though lease, purchase or new construction. ~~take the project into design phase, which will help produce a new 120-bed nursing facility at Fircrest School and help meet the projected future demand for nursing. In addition, alternative financing is authorized for the construction phase.~~