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Document Summary

The Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) is implementing changes to have WMHI be the single point-of-referral for civil patients and forensic women; and MMHI be the single point-of-referral for forensic male patients. MMHI's Geropsychiatric Treatment Unit (GTU) will continue to provide services for elder adult civil patients. This realignment of programs will allow WMHI to focus on providing quality, cost-effective mental health services to persons involved in civil commitment processes (in addition to serving female forensic patients.) This memo outlines a plan to transition a male civil adult secure unit from MMHI to WMHI.

Transition Plan

- March 31, 2014: MMHI will discontinue all civil admissions, with the exception of elder adults admitted to the Geropsychiatirc Treatment Unit
- MMHI will continue to operate the adult male civil secure unit during the month of April
- April 30, 2014: any patients remaining at MMHI adult male civil secure treatment unit may be transferred to WMHI if necessary. MMHI will attempt to minimize the number of transfers by successfully discharging patients back to the community during the month of April, 2014.

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