TRAUMATIC BRAIN-INJURED FACILITIES IN NORTH DAKOTA

HIGH SOARING EAGLE RANCH AND DAKOTA POINTE

North Dakota currently has two facilities providing services specifically for traumatic brain-injured (TBI) individuals--the High Soaring Eagle Ranch near Valley City providing services for up to 11 individuals and Dakota Pointe in Mandan providing services for up to 10 individuals. These facilities provide a basic care level of service. The individuals residing in these facilities do not need the level of care provided in a skilled care setting but are unable to live independently.

DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER TRAUMATIC BRAIN-INJURED UNIT

For the period July 1999 through January 2002, the Developmental Center at Grafton operated a TBI unit. The unit specialized in providing skilled care services to individuals with traumatic brain injury who also had behavioral concerns. The unit was designed to be a safety net for individuals who suffered a brain injury for which there was no other appropriate placement available in North Dakota. The unit served four individuals. In January 2002, the Developmental Center discontinued operating its TBI unit. The Department of Human Services determined the unit was not operating cost effectively because of staffing requirements needed to maintain licensure as a skilled care unit. The four individuals have now been transferred into the general population of the Developmental Center. The department issued a request for proposal in February 2002 for the private sector to provide care for these individuals. The Open Door Center in Valley City submitted a proposal to care for these individuals in a separate residential setting; however, because of funding issues associated with room and board costs, the Open Door Center has been unable to implement the program, and the individuals are still residing at the Developmental Center. The High Soaring Eagle Ranch and the Dakota Pointe facility provide a lower level of care than would be needed to care for these individuals.