

# Criminal Justice Programs Space - NE HHS Relocation

- **Growth in** alternative community supervision **programs without expansion of space** to accommodate increased staffing levels and caseloads.
- **Antiquated and poorly configured space** in the Annex buildings **for Diversion, Pretrial Services, Adult Probation and the Drug Testing Lab**. These community supervision programs have a high volume of offenders that access programs and services in the Annex buildings.
- Possible **transfer of adult supervision caseload to Sarpy County Adult Probation**, requiring additional staff and associated office and support space (transfer was enacted by LB605 in 2015 session).

Sarpy County, Nebraska  
Adult and Juvenile Justice System  
Master Plan

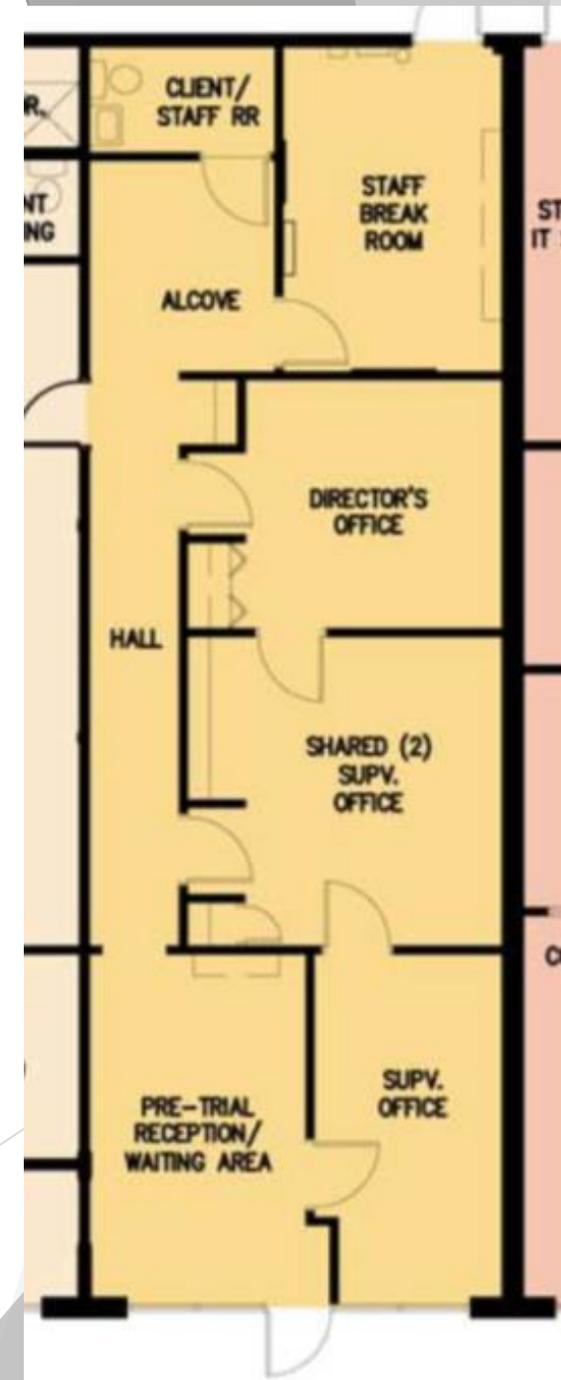
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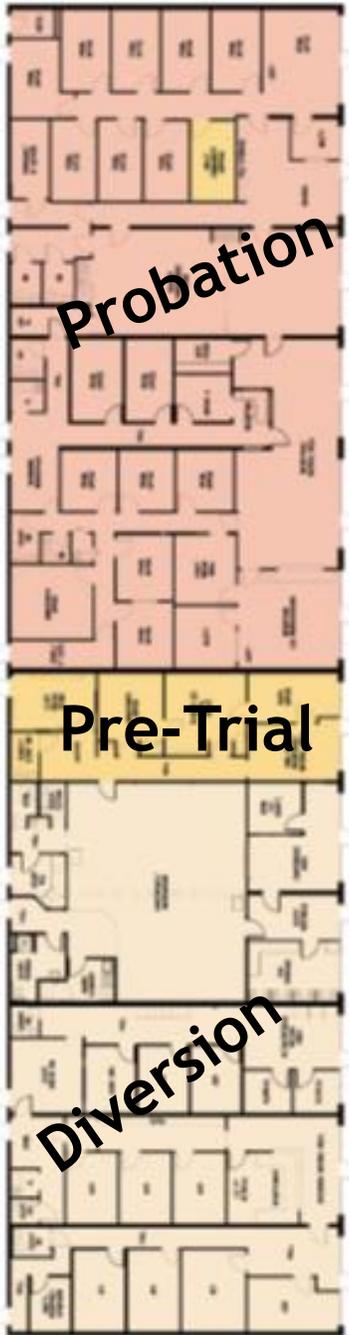


For example, Pre-Trial has **6 staff** (and vendors, e.g. elec. monitoring hook-ups) operating out of **1,100 sq. ft.** serving an **ADP of 160 clients**



4 employees manage caseloads of 47, 53, 48, and 30 out of this one office and sometimes conduct 25 drug tests in one day out of the one bathroom





## WEST ANNEX BUILDING

Sarpy County Masterplan Update

14,440 sq. ft.

### LEGEND

- Diversion (5,765 GSF)
- Pre-Trial / Community Service (1,240 GSF)
- Adult Probation (6,806 GSF)

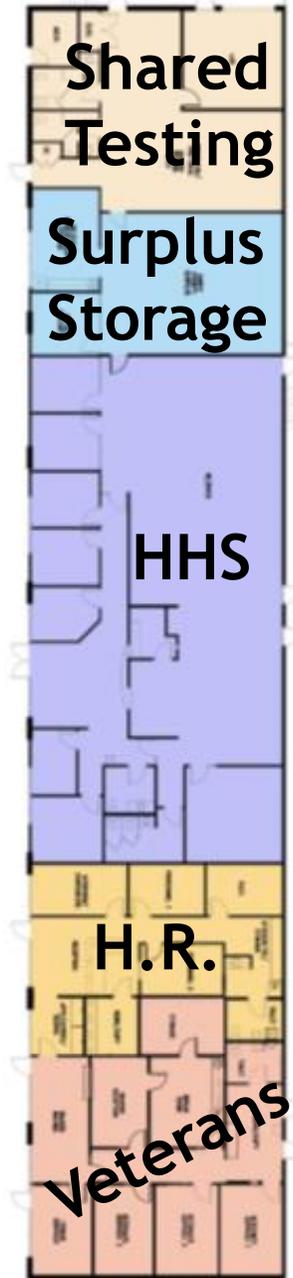
## EAST ANNEX BUILDING

Sarpy County Masterplan Update

10,500 sq. ft.

### LEGEND

- Shared Testing Area (1,523 GSF)
- NE/DHHS (4,000 GSF)
- Personnel (1,314 GSF)
- Veteran's/Human Services (1,911 GSF)
- County Surplus (1,168 GSF)

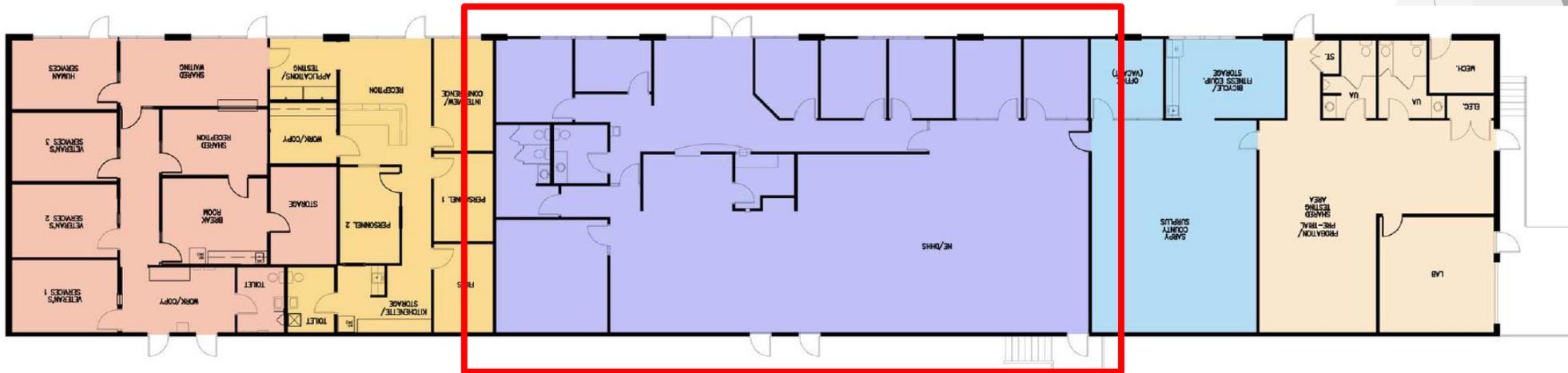


Diversion, Pre-Trial, Adult Probation, and Drug Testing occupy approx. 15,000 gsf in the Annex buildings

## Proposed Action Plan:

1. Relocate HHS to off-campus newly leased space by July 1, 2016.  
Estimated 2016-2017 fiscal year cost: up to \$100,000 in up-front remodel costs  
approx. \$50,000 annual lease cost
2. Remodel/refurbish East Annex to fit all or parts of Pre-Trial, Diversion, or Probation.  
Estimated 2016-2017 fiscal year cost: up to \$200,000
3. Remodel/refurbish West Annex space to better accommodate Pre-Trial, Diversion or Probation.  
Estimated 2017-2018 fiscal year cost: up to \$200,000

**Total 5-year cost would be \$750,000** (\$500,000 in remodel and \$250,000 in lease costs)



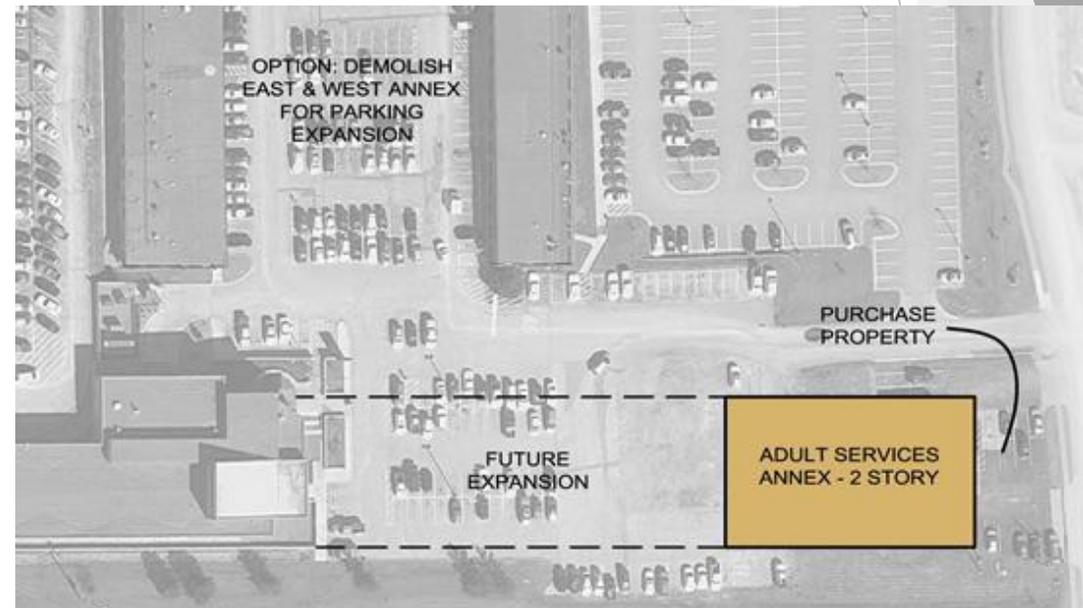
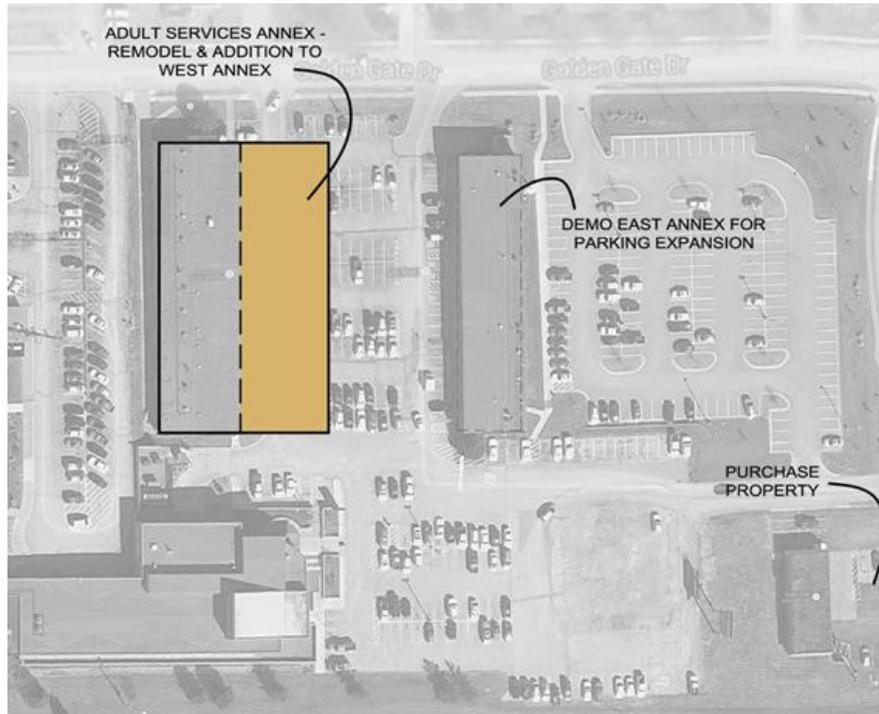
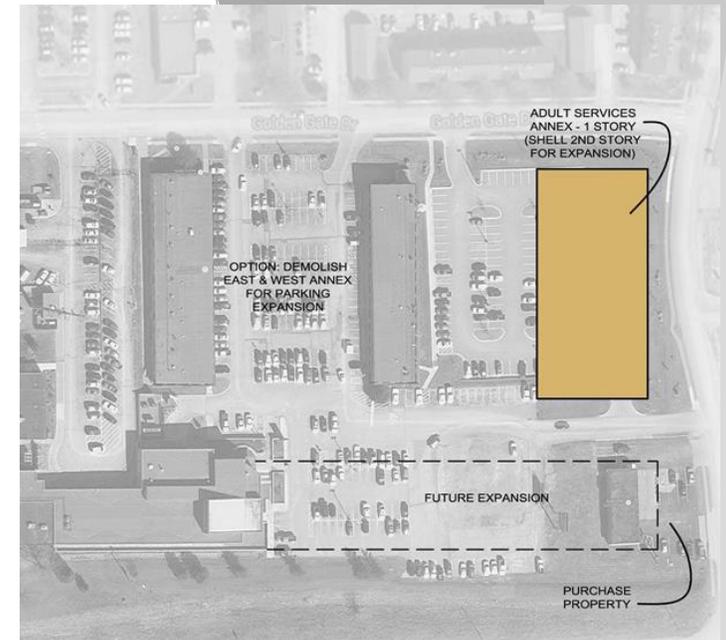
## Alternatives:

1. Chinn recommended to build or lease a new shared Adult Services Annex:

- Build: new 38,715 gsf building on-campus for \$6.7 million
- Lease: remodel nearby space of 32,263 gsf for \$3.8 million construction cost (does not include lease cost)

2. Purchase smaller nearby 5,000 - 10,000 gsf building and remodel for a total minimum cost of \$1.5 million

*\*HR and Vets/Human Services may also need additional space in the future*





# Sarpy County Pretrial/Community Services

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To: Sarpy County Commissioners  
From: Danielle Richler, Director  
Re: Pretrial/Community Services update

December 22, 2015

Dear Commissioners,

Administration asked me to send you an update on the Pre-Trial and Community Service Programs so I thought I would provide you with some numbers showing the growth of our programs and the benefits they provide to the County, while touching on the challenges we are currently facing.

Pre-Trial Program Growth:

Pre-Trial has grown significantly in both the average daily population of clients and the number of clients served since its inception in 2007 (\*2015 data is as of November 1, 2015).

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015*</u>
Average Daily Population	42	61	66	62	73	92	142	136	133
Total Defendants Served	136	164	171	187	142	247	361	347	336

Pre-Trial Program Benefits:

These numbers correlate to a direct savings of jail days for clients that would have otherwise had to serve time in jail and have allowed the County to delay the need to construct expensive new jail space. Below is the annual number of jail days saved and corresponding financial savings to the County (figures reflect jail days saved minus the Pre-Trial budget):

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015*</u>
11,445	16,363	19,121	20,796	15,776	23,297	57,666	53,465	39,032
\$640,462	\$937,328	\$1,086,169	\$1,183,833	\$1,542,267	\$2,330,745	\$5,910,484	\$5,399,752	\$3,745,671

\*\*Jail days saved is calculated by the number of days each client was on pre-trial and assumes each day a client was on pre-trial was a jail day saved

\*\*\*Jail Per Diem calculated using \$65/day 2007-2010; \$109.63/day used for 2011-2015

Another way in which Pre-Trial financially benefits the County is our low failure-to-appear rate. As a result of their interaction with my case managers, Pre-Trial candidates are more likely to appear for their court dates than defendants who bond out and are not placed on Pre-Trial. Our failure-to-appear rate has varied from 1%-8% since 2007.

Program Challenges:

While the growth of Pre-Trial has been financially beneficial to the County, it has created challenges with staffing and office space. As of December 1, 2015, there are 178 clients on Pre-Trial being supervised by three Supervision Specialists with caseloads of 47, 53, and 48 along with one Mental Health Case

Manager who has 30 current cases (this position has been grant funded for the last three years). While we can properly handle the current caseload with existing staff, more staffing may be necessary should we exceed 200 clients in the future.

While staffing is a concern, the most important issue facing my Department is the lack of safe, adequate and functional space. As the program has continued to grow, the space in which we are housed has not. My department of 8 operates in roughly 1100 square feet, with one restroom that staff shares with clients that report for drug testing. The lack of space has forced two of my employees to be housed separately; one is housed in the Adult Probation Office, the other in an office in the Administration Wing. Consolidating my staff into one expanded location would help improve safety when working with clients, provide a more professional work environment, and allow me to cross train employees to increase the efficiency of our programs.

Otoe-Cass Interlocal Agreement:

Following the recent news story regarding the Pre-Trial client from Nebraska City, I met with District Judge Jeff Funke and County Judge John Steinheider to clarify processes. Judge Funke has agreed to take the lead to convene the attorneys, court, and jail staff to ensure they understand the process they must follow to release a client to Pre-Trial. Since that meeting we have had no issues with either County. We are currently monitoring a total of 7 clients, but should the numbers exceed 10 we will need to have further discussions with the two judges and the counties about whether we can absorb more cases and if there should be additional compensation for Sarpy.

Community Service:

In addition to Pretrial Services, Community Services has also experienced growth. We have continued to increase the number of special events we offer each month as well as consistently sought and added new agencies at which clients are able to perform community service. Community Services employs one full time Adult Coordinator with a caseload of 318, and a Juvenile Coordinator with a caseload of 217. Community Services provides an invaluable service to the County, as my staff of two arrange and coordinate community service for Probation, Diversion, SSAS, Drug Court and Teen Court.

I hope this information has been helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or would like more information.

Respectfully,



Danielle Richler

Director, Pretrial/Community Services

## Scott Bovick

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**From:** Brian Hanson  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 10:18 AM  
**To:** Scott Bovick  
**Subject:** FW: Capital Projects/ additional staff

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**From:** Jean Brazda  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2015 2:47 PM  
**To:** Brian Hanson; Debby Peoples  
**Cc:** Lee Kenneth Polikov  
**Subject:** Capital Projects/ additional staff

The only capital project Diversion would be requesting in the next 3 years would be a new facility to provide adequate space and security for the staff and the clients served. This continues to be an on-going concern with Diversion. I am not aware of the cost of the project but the County did contract with Al Povondra to create a tentative proposal for the project.

I could get very dramatic with my request, asking the Board to read the headlines about mass shootings in public places or the mental health crisis but I think everyone gets it. Please let me know if you would like me to make a formal request for the capital project or if my email will suffice.

*Jean Brazda*

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**From:** Brian Hanson  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 10:20 AM  
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**From:** York, Jodi  
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**Subject:** capital projects

Just to have on your radar and also dependent on any future legislation, probation will most likely need more space over the next three years. We would be adding post-release supervision officers but unfortunately I won't be able to give you a very good estimate of numbers. We are already in need of additional space for our reporting center. jy

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