

HHS COMM #1
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Tour

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MEMORANDUM

October 18, 2013

TO: Health and Human Services Committee
FROM: Vivian Yao, Legislative Analyst 
SUBJECT: **Tour of Avery Road Treatment Center**

The Health and Human Services Committee will tour the Avery Road Treatment Center. The HHS Committee Chair requested this tour after hearing concerns from the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council (AODAAC) about the state of disrepair at the facility. Raymond Crowel and Hardy Bennett with Behavioral Health and Crisis Services in the Department of Health and Human Services and Meghan Westwood with Maryland Treatment Centers are expected to attend the tour.

AODAAC identified the replacement of the Avery Road building in the FY15 capital budget as a top priority. The AODAAC Chair described the poor conditions of the facility and requested that Councilmembers visit the facility to see the conditions first hand.

Avery Road Treatment Center provides residential, non-hospital detoxification and intermediate care services for adults. Clients can self-refer, or can be referred by Access to Behavioral Health, jail, hospitals, or other treatment providers. Priority populations include pregnant women, individuals diagnosed as HIV+, AIDS, Hepatitis C or TB/PPD+. Also included are individuals with Child Welfare or criminal justice involvement, and those with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. The facility is run through a County contract with Maryland Treatment Centers.

ARTC was listed in the Facility Planning-MCG project in the Amended FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program. The planning studies for the facility have been in progress; however, a program of requirements for the facility has not been finalized.