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ACTIVE COMMUNITY CARE TRANSITION

Rebalancing and Facility Closure – Economic Impact

The administration realizes that the closure of state facilities has an impact on the surrounding communities, and economic impact was one of the criteria used to determine which facilities to transition to close.

The administration conducted an **Economic Impact Index** examination of the areas surrounding all the Division of Developmental Disabilities and Division of Mental Health facilities in the state. The “index number” was derived by dividing the number of lost facility jobs by the size of the community local work force, multiplied by the unemployment rate of the SODC community. The results demonstrated that the **impacts on the Jacksonville and Tinley Park communities would be among the lowest** of those communities with state facilities.

The Jacksonville Developmental Center (JDC) currently employs 379 and Tinley Park Mental Health Center (MHC) employs 175. Many of these jobs, however, will be absorbed into the local communities. As part of the ACCT development, the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) ran a survey of employers in the counties surrounding each state facility for job openings with titles matching those at each site (i.e., registered nurse openings in the Jacksonville area). As of January 9, 2012:

- 95 matching job titles matching **679 openings** existed in the counties surrounding the **JDC**, and
- 295 matching job titles matching **14,015 openings** existed in the counties surrounding **Tinley Park MHC**.

The development of community care in these areas will also result in additional job creation in these areas. Many of the current community care jobs are unionized (many AFSCME), and we expect future jobs to continue on this trend.

The Tinley Park MHC also shares a campus with the previously closed Howe Developmental Center, preventing the sale of prime real estate for development in Chicago’s south suburbs. Similarly, closing JDC will allow for additional park land and space for continued leases and additional business use.