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March 23rd TDC Comments for the Site Selection and Transition Issues Advisory Committee

Suggestions/Comments on Site Selection Criteria:

- Suggestion that the committee discuss if potential sites are sized in a way that is attractive to a potential bidding private provider. (Co-chairs agreed with this comment and will seek additional community input as they go forward.)
- Suggestion that the advisory committee use county lines as an additional criterion because that is frequently the way in which governmental and non-profit systems are organized.
- Suggestion to check with legislature on whether the legislatively mandated criterion, “neither site must be wholly located in any of the department’s administrative regions,” is permissive rather than restrictive language.
- Suggestion to consider caseload/family size.
- Suggestion to consider that the Attorney General’s Office contracts for legal services in the eight most rural counties (contract with the county prosecuting attorneys for coverage in Ferry, Grays Harbor and Walla Walla counties; contract with three private attorneys who are appointed as Special Assistant Attorney Generals for Asotin/Garfield, Kittitas and Pacific/Wahkiakum counties).