between four, including staff, five, to six or seven. And that's awfully busy for us and it [inaudible].

Carla: But no more than six [inaudible].

Tony: At least initially.

Monica: I mean, I can tell you, we're opening the program with six beds.

And that model has been very successful for a number of years. Our focus is to seamlessly transition into this neighborhood with six and to do it well. When the grant was written that you're referring to, the state was asking that these type of programs go up to eight. At this time, the state has relaxed that and we have at least two years before anything changes. And even at that point, we will have a dialogue with the state to determine our next path forward.

I'm going to let Erik continue.

Erik: And the state's been very flexible with us in terms of looking at

other options, so that we don't necessarily have to do eight within

this particular site. We've been having discussions with Encompass, for example, about doing more of an outreach model

to other parts of the county to extend the program rather than having eight people sleep at second story. There is some other considerations for us that may allow us to perhaps add services to two people in their own homes and other parts of the county. That's an option that we're actively exploring with the state right now. As Monica said, we have no plans to do anything other than

the six for at least two years.

Tony: As we were _____, the reason that they were wanting to expand, is

because you need to keep the rooms. So you say they're not filled all the time, but _____ would imagine from your standpoint is that you're able to accommodate all these people that are needed – that

need your services. So it's likely that these six, as much as

possible, and then in the future possibly eight. And then what our concern that we've seen is there's also returning guests and there's

a schedule of classes and things -

Pam: Six [inaudible] coming back through. [Inaudible].

Tony: So they would be turned away at that point, if somebody came and

was seeking respite [inaudible] crisis.

Pam: Absolutely. I mean, we have an array of crisis services across the

community. You know, this particular program is very specific niche for people who self-refer and, you know, have the ability for

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