

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 4:00pm

Present:

Regis Groff (Chair)
Louise Boris (TFL)
Greg Mauro
Carol Peeples
Greg Kildow
Jeanne Smith
Brian Gomez
Lou Archuleta
Don Quick
Germaine Miera (staff)
Sean McDermott
Bridget Klauber
Christine Adams (staff)
Regina Huerter
Michael Biggio

Absent:

Dean Condor
Melissa Esquibel
Reo Leslie, Jr
Charlie Smith

Data:

- Data on parole revocations → why are they getting their parole revoked? TV's? UA's?
- MACC analysis (get from Regi to send out)
- How many inmates come out under supervision?
- May need to show crime rate data?
- May need to show the effect of incarceration on public safety.
- Recidivism data → definition
 - Why are people being written up for TV
 - Appendix A of Charter shows the recidivism rates for New vs. TV.
- Number of people in DOC who can participate? Number who do?
 - Get Program data from Kristy Rosten (we have copy of handout).
- Don Quick asked if the Data shows longer sentences for violent criminals is better.

Discussion Topics:

- Overview of the charter
 - Spells out what is to be examined.
 - Three Phases
 - 8 levels of Evidence-Based Practice → not all parts will apply, but keep in mind.
- Might be helpful if someone walked the group through the 6 mo. Prior/6 mo. After release period.
 - What assessments are done when preparing for release?

- What information is given to offender?
- What does the case manager do for the offender during this time?
- Everyone should look over the GO book – this describes all that is available.
- We know that those who engage in Reentry program do better, but not everyone does this.
- The “goodness” of programs was questioned – is this data based or anecdotal?
 - Said that sex offender and drug programs have data.
- What do offenders need in the first 24 hours and 72 hours after release? Now back up, what do they need before they’re released?
- DOC may be the target of our decisions, but we must work as a team and not attack.
- Benefits and incentives for employers to hire former offenders.
 - Tax credits and state bonding.
 - Employers should be included in the transition process.
- Two [three] things lead to successful reentry: having a job, having a place to live, family support.
 - Half-way houses work because they want you to have a job.
 - But employers get fed up with class schedules.
- There was a question of whether DOC should have an on-going evaluation team that keeps on top of mandatory quality reviews for prison programs. No such team in place but a recommendation was made that the TF should “make courageous recommendations” and ask for things that sometime seem too big.

Legislation:

- SB 6 and SB 7 were signed by the Governor last week → add to matrix
 - SB 6 expands Romanoff Bill, making jails have to help inmates get Medicaid just like prisons do.
 - SB 7 suspends Medicaid while incarcerated for up to one year – limited by Federal law.
- Title 17 → add to matrix?

Decisions:

- Lou Archuleta will have someone come in to present on the 6 months prior to release (guidelines for release). And more information on “7 habits on the inside” program in prison
 - Will provide packets on what they do offer.