

Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

FY2012 RECOMMENDATION/FY12-SO07 STUDY POTENTIAL SAVINGS OF PLACING SEX OFFENDERS IN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2012 ACTION TO DATE

A Working Group of the Sex Offense/Offender Task Force provided a presentation and handouts on this topic at the March 2012 CCJJ meeting. Action on this recommendation is complete.

Description

Charge the refinement working group of the sex offense/offender task force or a succeeding group as designated by the CCJJ to work in collaboration with, but not limited to, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of Corrections, and Probation, to study the potential, long-term cost savings related to the placement of sex offenders in community corrections (with enhanced per diem) relative to the costs of the retention of sex offenders in or revocation of sex offenders to doc. This work must be completed by January 1, 2012.

Agencies Responsible

Discussion

It is expected that the intermediate placement option in community corrections for sex offenders determined to be appropriate for this placement will result in a cost savings relative to placement or retention in the Department of Corrections. This cost savings could fund the increased availability and the enhanced per diem of this intermediate community corrections option. The average length of stay for the treatment of specific and appropriate offenders may be shorter in community corrections than if these offenders are retained or returned to the Department of Corrections. Due to the potential wait time for treatment and for parole release, the length of stay in DOC is likely to extend well beyond the stay for the necessary treatment in community corrections.