

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to P.A. 188 of 2010**  
**Section 302**  
**Mental Health Study Response**

**Section 302:** The department shall provide a report to the members of the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections and community health, the senate and house fiscal agencies, MDCH, and the state budget director with a report on the actions taken to implement the recommendations of the mental health study required under section 302 of 2007 PA 124 with which it agrees and an explanation of any disagreements with recommendations.

**Assessment and Screening:**

The department has successfully implemented a new reception screening/appraisal/evaluation process that is consistent with National Credentialing Council for Healthcare Professionals (NCCHP) and the American Psychological Association (APA) prison mental health programs. Every inmate who arrives at the reception center is seen face-to-face by a Qualified Mental Health Provider (QMHP). This intake process effectively identifies prisoners with mental illness, and the Department now has a 17% mental health population in comparison to a previous 7% mental health population prior to 2008.

**Overview of Mental Health Activities:**

As part of Section 302 of PA 124 of 2007 funds were appropriated to contract for an independent study of mental health. In the final report that was prepared there were several recommendations in which the Department agreed to implement. The table below describes the mental health activities that are currently taking place, a brief explanation of each of the activities, and the related recommendation it corresponds to from the original report. All of the activities are currently in progress, and work will continue throughout this fiscal year.

<b>MDOC Activities</b>	<b>Explanation of Activities</b>	<b>Corresponding Recommendation from Mental Health Study</b>
Consolidation of Mental Health Services	The Corrections Mental Health Program employees have become employees of MDOC. The consolidated mental health unit will be under the leadership of the Chief Psychiatric Officer.	1, 2
Operating Procedures	Policies have been updated to reflect changes in segregation for prisoners with a mental illness. Additionally, language, definitions, and general updates are being completed in all relevant mental health policies and procedures.	4, 5, 6, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 38, 40

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MHM Correctional Services, Inc. Contract	Established a contract with MHM to assist in filling psychiatric vacancies.	11
Development of a Mental Health Continuous Quality Improvement Committee	Committee was established to facilitate, communicate, and evaluate measurable improvement of mental health services.	7, 9, 10, 22, 24, 25
Pharmacy Service and Medication Management	Work continues on improving medication controls, improving access and accountability, and updating forms, policies and other related documentation.	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 41