

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Pursuant to P.A. 59 of 2013

Section 913(2)

Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 3rd Quarter

Section 913(2): The department shall submit a quarterly report to the members of the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the state budget director, and the legislative correction ombudsman detailing the current wait list for sex offender programming, assaultive offender programming, and the Thinking for a Change program.

(a) A full accounting of the number of individuals who are required to complete either sex offender programming or assaultive offender programming, but have not yet done so.

The numbers below are based on prisoners required to complete Violence Prevention Program (VPP), Sex Offender Programming (SOP), or Thinking for a Change (T4C).

| Program Name | Zero to One Year to Earliest Release Date (ERD) | Greater Than One Year to Two Years to ERD | More Than Two and up to Four Years to ERD | Total |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------|
| Violence Prevention Programming (VPP) | 575 | 807 | 1,225 | 2,519 |
| Sex Offender Programming (SOP) | 519 | 551 | 809 | 1,879 |
| Thinking for a Change (T4C) | 340 | 784 | 506 | 1,630 |

(b) The number of individuals who have reached their earliest release date (ERD), but who have not completed required Violence Prevention Programming (VPP), Sex Offender Programming (SOP), or Thinking for a Change (T4C).

| Program Name | Past Earliest Release Date |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Violence Prevention Programming (VPP) | 164 |
| Sex Offender Programming (SOP) | 300 |
| Thinking for a Change (T4C) | 6 |
| Total | 470 |

(c) A plan of action for addressing any waiting lists or backlogs for sex offender programming or assaultive offender programming that may exist.

This quarter, staff resources were redirected from sex offender group therapy to providing mental health services to inmates along with completing Sex Offender Risk Assessments (SORA) and STATIC-99R assessments. A total of 17 Sex Offender Programming (SOP) groups began this quarter and 19 groups were completed. Next quarter 14 SOP groups will be completed. Another

Michigan Sex Offender Program (MSOP) group was added to one of the hub sites bringing the total to 14 MSOP groups in progress. A plan of action for addressing the SOP waiting list has been developed with a focus on utilizing overtime compensation in order for staff to facilitate additional groups. An effort is also being made to utilize outside contractors to assist with SORAs and STATIC-99R assessments.

Program referrals rules have been established, ratified across administrations, and have been applied to the existing waiting lists as well as being utilized at RGC during intake processing. The program rules were implemented to ensure that the Department's programming resources are being efficiently utilized and duplicate or redundant programming is not being provided to prisoners. All program referrals, enrollments, terminations, and completions are being documented in the central tracking database (OMNI) and are being monitored by facility staff as well as Reentry Division Central Office staff. Central Office staff utilizes the OMNI data to formulate official reports of wait list data.

Effective March 2014, VPP is being delivered at all facilities, with exception to NCF, RGC, WCC, SAI, and WHV. With the statewide launch of VPP, the wait list has been affected at an even faster pace and the need to transfer prisoners for VPP programming has been reduced significantly. The T4C program is running at all facilities, except RGC, SAI, WCC, and WHV. Due to the availability of the program at every facility the T4C past ERD waitlist has been reduced to nearly zero (0).

With regards to the VPP and T4C programs, priority placement is given to past ERD prisoners. Quality Assurance monitoring for VPP and T4C is conducted on a frequent basis by trained Reentry Division Central Office and CFA facility staff to ensure that groups are continuously running at capacity as well as to maintain program fidelity and staff accountability.