

A summary of the Family Advisory meeting held on Saturday, July 25.

There was discussion of inconsistencies in the visit room with regard to apparel (example: tank tops being worn alone is not acceptable but why is a tank top worn under another shirt not permissible). Superintendent Gorman explained that DOC is working to institute clear, concise, and consistent dress codes so that visitors can expect the same rules at any facility. She will discuss this issue with visit staff as well.

There was a suggestion to offer Bendryl and/or Calamine lotion in the offender store. Ms. Gorman will follow up on this request. (In following up on this issue it was learned that one offender had been temporarily transferred after getting poison oak. That was to receive further treatment at WCC and he was returned to Larch. Benadryl is not available through the inmate store. If needed, it can be prescribed by the PA. Claritin is available through the store.)

There was a concern regarding the amount of time it takes to receive property from other facilities to Larch. Ms. Gorman will check into the length of time for mailing of such packages.

Superintendent Gorman explained the changes coming with the passing of ESSB 5288 and 6162.

ESSB 5288/6162

Passed in this legislative session and will be implemented starting on 7/26/09
Law pertains to the supervision of offenders upon release.

NEW

This act applies retroactively and prospectively regardless of whether the offender is currently on community custody or probation with the department, currently incarcerated with a term of community custody or probation with the department, or sentenced after the effective date of the section.

Who Will Be Supervised?

Those offenders sentenced to community custody and meet the following:

- Assessed at the highest two levels of risk - HV and HNV
- Current conviction is a sex offense
- Current conviction is a serious violent offense (SSB6162)
- All dangerously mentally ill offenders
- All ISRB offenders
- All offenders sentenced to DOSA, SSOSA, and FTOW
- And all offenders to be supervised under the Interstate Compact

How long offenders will be on supervision after release from prison?

- 36 months for sex offenses, serious violent offenses
- 18 months for crimes against persons, drug offenses, or offense involving unlawful possession of a firearm by a gang member
- Community custody terms are unchanged for DOSA, SSOSA, and FTOW sentences.

NOT PASSED Legislation

There will be no 30 to 60 day early release
No deportation prior to serving sentence