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REENTRY COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

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I.A.1., III.A.4., and IV.A.5.b. - Removed language for clarification
 II.A.2. and III.B. - Added clarifying language
 Added that appropriate managed care organization members may be included in the transitions team

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REFERENCES:


DOC 100.100 is hereby incorporated into this policy; [RCW 71.05](#); [RCW 71.09](#); [RCW 71.24.470](#); [RCW 72.09.370](#); DOC 630.520 Mental Health Advance Directives; Reentry Community Service Program Protocols

POLICY:

- I. The Department has established guidelines for identifying incarcerated individuals who have a mental disorder and are reasonably believed to be dangerous to themselves or others per RCW 72.09.370. The Reentry Community Services Program (RCSP) will enhance recovery and improve public safety by providing release planning that includes continuity of care, support services, and other targeted assistance.
- II. In partnership with the Washington State Health Care Authority, the Department will refer all RCSP participants to appropriate agencies for transition and continued services upon release per RCW 71.21.470.
- III. This policy does not apply to Community Custody Jail individuals or boarders.

DIRECTIVE:


- I. General Requirements
 - A. The RCSP Steering Committee will ensure implementation and compliance with legislation regarding the RCSP and will include:
 1. RCSP Administrator/designee
 2. Director of Mental Health/designee
 3. Representative from the Community Corrections Division
 4. Washington State Health Care Authority RCSP Administrator
 5. Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Developmental Disabilities Administrator
 6. Two community Behavioral Health Managers
 7. Members identified by the committee as needed to address specific program needs
 - B. Participants in the RCSP:
 1. Will be provided with advance directive information per DOC 630.520 Mental Health Advance Directives.
 2. May be referred for civil commitment per RCW 71.05.
- II. Eligibility and Referral

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- A. To be eligible for review by the RCSP Review Committee, individuals must be currently housed in a Department facility and:
 - 1. Have a mental disorder as defined per RCW 71.05.020,
 - 2. Under consideration or have been referred for civil commitment per RCW 71.09, or
 - a. When individuals are accepted into the program, individuals will transition per the RCSP Protocols until the Assistant Attorney General or county Prosecutor has decided that a petition will be filed.
 - 3. When under Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (Board) jurisdiction, found eligible for parole/release by the Board or are 18 months before their Maximum Expiration date.
- B. The case manager or mental health professional may refer an individual up to 24 months before the Earned Release Date (ERD) using DOC 14-030 Reentry Community Services Program Referral per the RCSP Protocols.
- C. Individuals who have been previously enrolled with the DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration must have their re-eligibility determined before being accepted into the RCSP.
 - 1. The case manager may request assistance from the designated facility health services release planner to obtain an evaluation through the DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration.

III. The RCSP Committee Review

- A. The RCSP Review Committee will meet to determine eligibility for individuals to participate in the program and will include:
 - 1. RCSP Administrator/designee
 - 2. Director of Mental Health/designee
 - 3. Washington State Health Care Authority RCSP Administrator
 - 4. Up to 6 RCSP behavioral health providers
- B. The RCSP Committee will review incarcerated individuals in a Department facility who appear likely to meet RCSP criteria, and/or are currently enrolled with the DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration and are assessed as presenting a high risk to public safety and/or themselves.

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1. The committee will determine an individual's eligibility for RCSP participation based on RCSP Protocols.
2. The committee will have access to available, relevant public agency/ health records and information relating to the individual under review.
3. Program employees will complete DOC 14-196 Reentry Community Services Program Summary and Committee Decision for each individual reviewed with a packet that includes available institutional and community mental health records.


IV. Release Planning

- A. A Multisystem Care Planning Transition Team will be established for all RCSP participants to assist in reentry planning and will include:
 1. A designated RCSP Transition Corrections Mental Health Counselor
 2. The assigned case manager
 3. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator, as applicable
 4. Designated health services release planning employees/contract staff
 5. Members required by RCW 72.09.370, which may include:
 - a. Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
 - b. Behavioral health providers
 - c. Representative from the Washington State Health Care Authority
 - d. Representative(s) from DSHS
 - e. Appropriate managed care organization
- B. Release and transition processes and meetings will be conducted per the RCSP Protocols.
- C. The Multisystem Care Planning Transition Team will collaborate with the individual to complete DOC 21-964 Reentry Community Services Program Transition Plan.

V. Housing Assistance

- A. RCSP participants may be eligible for housing voucher funds in addition to RCSP resources.
 1. The housing site must be an approved location for addressing the needs of the individual's acute mental illness and the Regional Housing Specialist included in the release planning.

DEFINITIONS:

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Words/terms appearing in this policy may be defined in the glossary section of the Policy Manual.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

DOC FORMS:

- DOC 14-030 Reentry Community Services Program Referral
- DOC 14-196 Reentry Community Services Program Summary and Committee Decision
- DOC 21-964 Reentry Community Services Program Transition Plan