

# Department of Corrections Q1 FY2017 Performance Evaluation (October 2016)

### **Strategic Policy Initiatives**

The Department of Corrections has identified three strategic policy initiatives for FY 2016-17 and beyond. For this performance evaluation, the Department has updated progress on the initiatives identified in the FY2017 Performance Plan that capture the Department's strategic and operational priorities, and reflect the overall direction as identified by Department leadership. The updates reflect data as of September 30, 2016.

Additional detail for these, and other, strategic policy initiatives is available in the Department's Performance Plan, which may be accessed <u>here</u>.

#### **Re-Entry Units/Pods in Correctional Facilities**

The Department of Corrections implemented re-entry units/pods in 12 level II, III, and IV state correctional facilities, along with private facilities, by September 1, 2015, to bridge the gap between transition from facilities to the community by providing releasing offenders with tools and resources necessary to facilitate a fluid transition to the community and to promote successful reintegration. The Department has been dedicated to developing collaborative partnerships with governmental and private entities to identify resources that will enable offenders to successfully release back into the community; implementing programs in the re-entry living units/pods to enhance offender motivation, problem solving, and thinking processes; and developing employability screening to ensure offenders are engaged in meaningful employment after release.

#### **Technical Parole Violation (TPV) Revocations**

Under the new logic for calculating TPV revocations, the Department of Corrections will work to reduce the percentage of TPV revocations from 2.6% to 2.0% by June 30, 2017, by appropriately matching intermediate sanctions to the level of the violation and the risk of the offender. The Department will accomplish this by using intermediate sanctions for parolees to address non-compliant behavior without a formal disciplinary hearing; using Incentives, a parolee positive reinforcement program, in conjunction with the Colorado Violation Decision Making Process (CVDMP), which allows for a range of sanction options for parolees based on the severity of the violation and the risk to reoffend; and utilizing an in-jail Vivitrol program for technical parole violators (TPVs). Vivitrol is a prescription medication used to treat addiction to alcohol and/or narcotic drugs.

#### **Parolees in Stable Housing Environments**

The Department of Corrections will increase the percentage of parolees in stable housing environments from 76.5% to 80.0% by June 30, 2017, thereby reducing the number of parolees on a homeless status and increasing their chances to successfully re-enter into society. The Department will accomplish this by assigning a team of officers specifically dedicated to the homeless population in the Denver metro area, which has the highest concentration of parolees designated as homeless; continuing to work closely with the governor's Homeless Initiatives director and the Department of Local Affairs/Division of Housing, which is committed to combating homelessness to assist parolees in their transition back to society; and engaging with and supporting community-based organizations in their efforts to expand housing for the parole population.



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### **Operational Measures**

## Implement Re-Entry Living Units/Pods Major Program Area – Housing and Security Prison Operations – provides direct staff and offender interaction

Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	Q1 FY17	1-Year Goal	3-Year Goal
Implement re-entry units/pods in 12 level II, III, and IV	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	Same	12	12
state correctional facilities, along with private facilities,					(initiative	(initiative	(initiative
by September 1, 2015					complete)	complete)	complete)
Total number of collaborative relationships developed	N/A	N/A	N/A	388	305	400	450
with governmental and community participants that							
facilitate resources for offenders through a process of in-							
reach							
Number of in-reach functions, per year	N/A	N/A	N/A	626	223	300	350
Number of offenders contacted through in-reach services,	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,442	1,318	3,000	3,000
per year							
Number of offenders released from prison and use (on	N/A	N/A	N/A	462	206	250	250
some level) community partners, per year							
Number of program completions, per year	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,575	450	1,500	1,500
Number of facilitated family contact events, per year	N/A	N/A	N/A	233	12	200	200
Number of complete portfolios	N/A	N/A	N/A	666	361	165	165

N/A = Not applicable – new program

#### **Reduce Technical Parole Violation (TPV) Revocations**

Major Program Area – Adult Parole

Community Parole Officers – provide supervision to parolees as regular or ISP parole clients

Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	Q1 FY17	1-Year Goal	3-Year Goal
Reduce the percentage of TPV revocations from 2.6% to	2.9% <sup>1</sup>	3.4% 1	3.2% 1	2.6%	2.3% 2	2.0	1.75
2.0% by June 30, 2017							
Number of jails participating in Sure and Swift	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	20	20	30
Number of jail bed days for parolees in Sure and Swift	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,731	1,331	11,660	31,680
Number of weekly arrests of parolees for technical parole	N/A	N/A	N/A	60	47	<75	<40
violations (does not equate to a revocation back to prison)							
Number of positive incentives given	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,743	16,460	14,625	50,000



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Percentage of CPO completions of incentives/positive	N/A	N/A	N/A	43.4%	73.7%	50%	75%
reinforcements							
Number of TPV population that is offered Vivitrol	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not	365	595
medication assisted therapy					Available <sup>3</sup>		
Number of eligible population receiving Vivitrol	N/A	N/A	N/A	120	Not	91	200
					Available <sup>3</sup>		

N/A = Not applicable – new program

## Increase the Percentage of Parolees in Stable Housing Environments Major Program Area – Adult Parole

Community Parole Officers – provide supervision to parolees as regular or ISP parole clients

Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	Q1 FY17	1-Year Goal	3-Year Goal
Increase the percentage of parolees in stable housing environments from 76.5% to 80% by June 30, 2017, thereby reducing the number of parolees on a homeless status and increasing their chances to successfully reenter into society	N/A	N/A	N/A	76.5%	87.2%	80%	TBD
Average number of parolees each month with a homeless designation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	642	TBD <sup>1</sup>	TBD <sup>1</sup>
Average length of stay on homeless status	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A 1	3 months	2 months
Average number of parolees who parole homeless each month	N/A	N/A	N/A	151 <sup>2</sup>	95	150	125

N/A = Not applicable – new program

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The methodology to calculate TPV revocations was revised in 2016; however, the DOC was able to provide TPV revocation rates for previous fiscal years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data includes July-August. TPV revocations are run on a 1-month delay; therefore, Q1 data (July-September) will not be available until the first week of November.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Data was not available for Q1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data will be available in Q2 to calculate this metric.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on data from November 2015 to April 2016.