July 11, 2017 – ESH and Secure Unit Variances – Public Reporting Condition

During the pendency of this Variance, the Department shall provide the Board with a monthly, public report on the operation of Secure Units and Young Adult ESH Units:

a. For each placement, the date of entry, the criteria met for placement (specifically which of the enumerated criteria in the Department’s Directive is being used to justify placement), the dates of specific incidents (assault on staff, slashing, etc.) used to justify placement and the associated incident type, the placement level, the housing category in which the inmate was housed prior to placement (e.g., GP, SCH, TRU, ESH, REST, APU), the result of his adjudication, and whether individual had previously been housed in Secure, ESH, TRU, and/or SCH;

b. For each release, the date of release, the reason for release, the total number of days spent in the restrictive housing area (ESH or Secure), and the housing category (and phase/level, if applicable) in which the inmate was housed prior to and upon release;

c. For each movement between phases/levels, the date of movement, the phase/level prior to movement, and the phase/level to which the individual moved;

d. The average daily population in each phase/level and overall;

e. The minimum, maximum, median, and average length of stay in each phase/level and overall and in each phase/level and overall by release reason, and the time in-program minimum, maximum, median, and average on the last day of each month overall.

1 This reporting will begin with the report published in September 2017 (i.e., August data).
2 For Secure, this reporting will begin with the report published in September 2017.
3 The minimum, maximum, median, and average lengths of stay shall be calculated continuously from the opening of the Secure Unit on June 29, 2016 to the end of the reported period OR the opening of YA ESH on XXXX, 2016 to the end of the reporting period. For example, if an inmate was placed in Secure Unit Phase 1 on July 1 and transitioned to Phase 2 on July 29, this 28-day length of stay in Phase 1 would, beginning with the August report, be included in each monthly report’s calculations of minimum, maximum, median, and average lengths of stay for Phase 1.
4 For ESH, minimum, maximum, and median lengths of stay reporting overall and by level will begin with the report published in September 2017. For Secure, minimum, maximum, median, and average length of stay overall will begin with the report in September 2017. For both ESH and Secure, minimum, maximum, median, and average length of stay in each phase/level and overall by release reason will begin with the report published in September 2017.
f. The number of young adults who met the criteria for an initial 28-day review (Secure), 30-day review (ESH), and 45-day review (ESH);
   i. The number of young adults who received such review;
   ii. For each review that recommended advancement, regression, or release, the individual’s level at the time of review, the new level or housing type recommended, and the resulting placement.

g. For each program offered, the number of classes or meetings offered and the average number of participants⁵;

h. The number of young adults in Secure Units who were placed in de-escalation areas, including the minimum, maximum, median, and average length of time in such areas⁶;

i. The number of inmate-on-inmate fights in the Secure Unit, in the Young Adult ESH, and the rates of inmate-on-inmate violence in the 1) Secure Unit, 2) Young Adult ESH, and 3) the young adult general population (number of incidents / average daily population)⁷;

j. The number of slashings/stabbings in the Secure Unit, in the Young Adult ESH, and the rates of inmate-on-inmate violence in the 1) Secure Unit, 2) Young Adult ESH, and 3) the young adult general population (number of incidents / average daily population);

k. The number of assaults on staff in the Secure Unit, in the Young Adult ESH, and the rates of assaults on staff by 1) Secure Unit young adults, 2) Young Adult ESH, and 3) the young adult general population⁸;

l. The number of uses of force in the Secure Unit and Young Adult ESH, and the rates of use of force for 1) Secure Unit young adults, 2) Young Adult ESH, and 3) the young adult general population.

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⁵ For blended ESH units (ESH units with young adults and adults), this will begin with the report published in September 2017.

⁶ To date, the Department reports that it has not used de-escalation areas in the Secure Unit.

⁷ For Secure, rates for (i)-(l) shall be calculated continuously from the opening of Secure Unit on June 29, 2016 to the end of the reporting period. For Young Adult ESH, rates for (i)-(l) shall be calculated continuously from the opening of Young Adult ESH on September 7, 2016 to the end of the reporting period. The Department notes that these rates are based only on incidents that occur in the housing area.

In previous Secure Unit reports, a “violence” metric was to include both fights and slashings/stabbings however, due to data limitations, the Department had previously only reported fights. These data limitations have now been addressed and the Department will report fights and slashings/stabbings separately.

⁸ The Department calculates assaults on staff as a subset of Use of Force. This number designates the number of assaults on staff that occurs with a Use of Force.
Unless noted otherwise, each data point shall only cover the reported period.

The Department shall provide the report by the tenth business days of August, September, October, November, and December and the fifth business day of January. All individual-level identified data used to generate the report and any other individual-level identified data deemed relevant by the Board for the assessment of Secure shall be shared directly with Board staff in a format conducive to analysis as determined by Board staff.

In the event the Department has trouble in reporting on any items enumerated in (a) through (l) of this condition, the Department shall provide the Board with a written explanation of such difficulties in advance of the deadlines outlined in this variance.