

**NYC Department of Correction
 Monthly Reducing Population in Punitive Segregation Report
 March 2022 Report (February 2022 Updates)**

The Department shall submit to the Board, on a monthly basis and in writing, a public progress report for the previous month, which shall include the Department’s progress toward achieving:

- a) *Progress in reducing the PSEG population (i.e., PSEG I/Central Punitive Segregation Unit (CPSU), PSEG II, Restrictive Housing Unit (RHU));*

Monthly PSEG ADP					
	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021
PSEG (PS I, PS II, RHU)	87.2	98.3	89.6	81.7	97.0

	December 2021	January 2022	February 2022
PSEG (PS I, PS II, RHU)	71.4	12.1	49.7

- b) *Progress in reducing the population housed in other restrictive housing units, including Enhanced Supervision Housing (ESH) and Secure;*

Monthly ESH and Secure Unit ADP					
	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021
ESH	122.4	135.9	147.1	114.1	113.0
Secure Unit	15.0	12.5	13.3	12.4	16.1

	December 2021	January 2022	February 2022
ESH	132.2	154.4	139.4
Secure Unit	13.8	13.0	13.3

- c) *Construction, opening, and use of new RMAS housing units, including when plans are submitted to and approved by SCOC and explanations for unanticipated delays;*

Per discussion with the Board, the Department developed a new vision for RMAS implementation that required significant changes to RMAS housing unit construction plans in order to ensure RMAS units closely resemble general population units with enhanced services and program space. Accordingly, the Department submitted revised design plans for five (5) RMAS Level 1 units to the Board. These designs were subsequently submitted to the SCOC and approved by the SCOC on February 23, 2022.

The Department plans to submit the remaining design plans for an additional twelve (12) units to the SCOC by March 7, 2022. These plans will similarly be shared with the Board prior to submission to the SCOC.

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- d) Development of Department policies governing the operation of RMAS disaggregated by the stage of their development, as follows:*
- i. Commenced drafting;
 - ii. Signed by DOC and posted on DOC's public website;
 - iii. Integrated into training of DOC staff.

Per the previous reports, all draft policies were previously shared with the Board. However, in alignment with the Department's new vision for RMAS implementation, the Department re-initiated the draft review process for the RMAS directive. The Department plans to share an updated draft directive with the Board during the week of March 7, 2022. The Department plans to incorporate the updated directive into training materials by March 8, 2022. All RMAS-related policies will be signed and promulgated at the time of RMAS implementation.

- e) Implementation of training on RMAS, including:*
- i. Status of curriculum development;
 - ii. Number of staff scheduled to be trained disaggregated by uniform and non-uniform status;
 - iii. Number of staff who have been trained, disaggregated by uniform and non-uniform status.

Per the previous report, the Department finalized RMAS training materials and the full training curricula was shared with the Board. To date, the Department trained 81 uniform and 22 non-uniform staff. An additional 7 uniform and 7 non-uniform staff have completed partial training. The Department plans to relaunch training on March 7, 2022 with classes of up to 20 uniform staff on two tours in order to train up to 40 uniform staff per week. Additional non-uniform staff will be included in trainings as they are onboarded.

- f) Implementation of programming in RMAS.*

RMAS programming will be individualized and geared to address the root causes of violent behavior. The Department acknowledges the critical function of programming and meaningful engagement in maintaining safe and secure facilities. The Department is currently in the process of hiring and onboarding additional program counselors and support staff who will receive the RMAS training alongside uniform staff. The Department completed the drafting of a programming plan and sample daily engagement schedules for individuals in RMAS Levels 1 and 2. These plans are subject to change as implementation develops and were provided in the Department's Comprehensive Transition Plan submitted to the Board on August 9, 2021 as required by §6-26(b).

- g) The provision of services such as recreation, visits, and privileges in the general population which exceed the requirements of the Minimum Standards outlined in Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Rules of the City of New York;*

All services in general population adhere to the requirements of Board Minimum Standards with alterations in accordance with public health guidance related to COVID-19. The Department continues to

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provide free telephone calls in excess of the Board Minimum Standards, as well as free weekly postage. The Department additionally operates commissary for individuals in custody. Video visits are provided in addition to in-person visits.

- h) Any deviations from the detailed timelines and benchmarks set forth in the plan required by 40 RCNY § 6-26(b);*

The Department remains committed to implementing RMAS and the entirety of the Board's rule in a detailed manner compliant with both the various constituent rule requirements and the broader spirit of the reforms. The Department firmly supports this work and continues to make substantial progress preparing for full RMAS implementation.

As noted in this report and as previously communicated with the Board, the Department's current staffing situation delayed the timely training of uniform and non-uniform staff for RMAS implementation. The Department continues to make progress implementing various other aspects of the Board's recent rulemaking, including as it pertains to de-escalation. The Department will continue to provide any updates to the implementation plan in real time and will continue to provide public updates on this progress via monthly public reporting and at monthly public Board meetings. At this time, the Department remains on track to implement RMAS in a manner that fully complies with the Board's related Minimum Standards by July 1, 2022.

- i) Any other information the Department or the Board deems relevant to understanding progress toward the elimination of punitive segregation and implementation of the RMAS model.*

As noted in internal meetings with the Board, the Department is committed to implementing RMAS in a manner consistent with the Board's vision for RMAS and in a manner that prioritizes rehabilitative engagement over punishment. The Department will continue to provide regular updates on rulemaking implementation through monthly reporting and at monthly Board meetings, as well as through newly established biweekly briefings. The Department looks forward to continuing the important task of implementing the Board's rule in a meaningful and impactful manner, and thanks the Board for its partnership in this important work.