

FAQs ENHANCED SUPERVISION HOUSING

Q: WHAT IS ENHANCED SUPERVISION HOUSING (ESH)?

A: ESH IS A NEW KIND OF HOUSING PROPOSED FOR THE SMALL NUMBER OF HIGHLY DANGEROUS INMATES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THE VIOLENCE IN OUR JAILS. THIS INCLUDES INMATES WHO HAVE COMMITTED SERIOUS ASSAULTS AGAINST STAFF, SLASHED OR STABBED OTHER INMATES OR WHO ARE KNOWN TO INITIATE VIOLENCE CAUSED BY OTHERS. ESH WILL HAVE SPECIAL FEATURES, SUCH AS ADDITIONAL STAFF, MANDATED SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE UNIT TO ELIMINATE ESCORTS, AND AT LEAST SEVEN HOURS OF OUT-OF-CELL TIME.

Q: WHERE WILL THE ESH UNITS BE?

A: THREE HOUSING AREAS IN OBCC ARE SLATED FOR IMMEDIATE CONVERSION TO ESH. MORE ESH HOUSING COULD OPEN IN GRVC. PLANS CALL FOR 250 ESH BEDS.

Q: WILL ESH REPLACE PUNITIVE SEGREGATION OR THE RESTRICTED HOUSING UNIT (RHU)?

A: NO. ESH IS A COMPLETELY NEW TYPE OF HOUSING. HOWEVER, BY LETTING US MANAGE OUR MOST DANGEROUS INMATES MORE EFFECTIVELY, IT WILL ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO HELP MAKE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR STAFF AND MAKE REASONABLE AND SAFE REFORMS TO PUNITIVE SEGREGATION, SUCH AS ELIMINATING OWED TIME AND CAPPING SENTENCES.

Q: WHO WILL DECIDE WHO GOES INTO ESH AND HOW LONG THEY WILL STAY?

A: DOC WILL DETERMINE WHO IS PLACED IN ESH AND FOR HOW LONG, WITH AN ESTABLISHED, PERIODIC REVIEW PROCESS THAT WILL INCLUDE INPUT AND PARTICIPATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

Q: WHY IS DOC CREATING THIS HOUSING?

A: JAIL SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.

Q: WHEN WILL WE OPEN ESH?

A: THANKS TO THE UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTION TO APPROVE OUR PLAN, ESH WILL OPEN IN FEBRUARY.

