

## PW #5 Offenders Not Currently Participating in the TC

### Information and Frequently Asked Questions

The Idaho Department of Correction has undergone a rigorous evaluation of our programs and has decided to move in a different direction with substance abuse programming. Effective 9/17/15, our treatment will no longer be facilitated under the umbrella of the Therapeutic Community Model (TC).

While we cannot answer all of your questions in this communication, please see below the answers to what we hope are the most likely questions you will have about this change and how it will affect you.

If I am waiting to enter the TC for the first time, what program will I be enrolled in?

- If you have a Tentative Parole Date, you will be enrolled in the Core classes as currently required in the TC, i.e. Cognitive Self Change (CSC), Relapse Prevention (RPG) and Anger Management (AM). Female participants will also complete Helping Women Recover (HWR). Some offenders may be enrolled in Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) rather than CSC based on their existing assessment. When these are complete, you will be processed for release just as you would have at the TC graduation.
- If you have an upcoming **parole hearing**, the Commission of Pardons & Parole will consider your having completed these classes as a program completion.
- Remember, program completion of any program does not guarantee that the Commission will set a Tentative Parole Date. However, successful program completion, as always, is viewed favorably in the parole hearing process.

What if I have participated in the TC before, but failed or refused to participate before my completion?

- If you have a Tentative Parole Date, you will be given an opportunity to complete the same classes you would have completed in the TC.
- If the Commission of Pardons & Parole included the special condition of TC completion at your last parole hearing, IDOC staff will complete a Miscellaneous Review (MR) on your behalf and will forward to the Parole Commission for review and approval.

What if I refused TC and my Tentative Parole Date was revoked and I was passed to my Full Term Release Date?

- In order to be eligible for core programming, you must have a Tentative Parole Date or scheduled Parole Hearing Date
- If you have been passed to your Full Term Release Date, you must file a Self-Initiated Progress Report (SIPR) stating your willingness to complete programming and requesting the Parole Commission review your case. The granting of this request is at the discretion of the Parole Commission.

How will I know what will happen to me next?

- You can expect to meet with your case manager soon to update your case plan and discuss release plans. Case management appointments will be prioritized based upon how close your parole hearing or Parole Eligibility Date (PED) is. If you have a Tentative Parole Date or a parole hearing within 6 months, you can expect to be seen in the next 60 days.
- Your case manager will be working on your case, but has many offenders to meet with. Please be patient as we move forward with this process. You can help by preparing for your case management meeting and by having your questions ready and in writing so you don't forget to ask important information about your case plan.
- Sending concern forms to other staff or having family/friends call central office, will not speed up the process and will be forwarded back to your case manager. Your family and friends can access this same information on the IDOC website at [www.idoc.idaho.gov](http://www.idoc.idaho.gov).