

Rider TC Participant 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 (TC) Model.

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 currently participating in the TC, how will this affect my release?

- You will simply complete the Core classes as currently required in the TC, i.e. Cognitive Self Change (CSC), Relapse Prevention (RPG) and Anger Management. Female participants will also complete Helping Women Recover (HWR). When these are complete, you will be processed for your return to the court for jurisdictional review just as you would have at the TC graduation.
- If your judge stated in a court order that you must complete a Therapeutic Community or you will automatically be relinquished, please understand that you will complete the exact same programming but in a general population Rider setting. In addition, a communication about this change is being sent to all District Judges today, 9/17, and there will be additional follow up with all judges next week.

Will my jurisdictional review be delayed?

- The change in your programming should not delay your jurisdictional review. You will continue to attend programs and can still be held accountable for noncompliance or failure to participate. As with any other program, participation and attitude count!

Will I be moved to a different facility or unit?

- Inmate placement is based on classification, proximity to release, location of probation plan and bed availability. These are questions that you can discuss with your case manager.

How will I know what will happen to me next?

- You can expect to meet with your case manager within the next two weeks to update your case plan and discuss reentry plans. Because your classes can theoretically be completed in less than nine months, it is possible you could be returned to the court for review before your current graduation date once you have completed the coursework.
- Your case management staff will be working on your cases, but have 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 have your questions ready and in writing so you don't forget to ask about important information about your case plan. Bring copies of your workbooks and assignments to help your case manager determine what part of each class has been completed.
- 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.