Reentry Strategy Workgroup  
Meeting, Friday, September 21

Vision/Mission

- What is the state’s mission/vision for reentry?
  - Justice Reinvestment
  - Second Chance Society/Reimagining Justice
- Identify goals/outcomes

Reentry Population

- Identify the strategies for each population and crossover or duplication
  - Break down to municipal/regional level?
  - State/local intersection
- Identify any population left unserved or under-served

1. Persons discharged from prison to community supervision (parole, special parole, probation, TS, halfway house, other early release program)
   a. Persons discharged to special parole utilize most reentry resources, like halfway house beds
      i. Fewer resources for persons discharging to “regular” parole, TS, etc.
      ii. What is special parole population projection over the next 5 to 10 years (OPM)
      iii. What is technical violation and revocation rates for special parole (OPM, DOC)
   b. Population is older (groups 30-39 year olds and 40 and older)
      i. Is this trend the same for males and females (OPM)
      ii. What is projection (next 5 to 10 years) for population by age group
      iii. Do older persons present same/different risks/needs?
         1. Can existing programs and services meet those risks/needs?
         2. Are program modifications needed, new programs added, etc?
         3. Are current programs normed for aging population and can outcomes be evaluated with fidelity?
   c. Younger males higher recidivism and return to prison
      i. Focus on this group
   d. Gender specific reentry needs and programs

2. Persons discharged at the end of sentence (EOS) with no community supervision
   a. Tend to be short sentences so no time for DOC to process for early release program/option
   b. Pre-release planning by DOC
      i. What are risks/needs (DOC) – substance abuse, mental health, housing, employment, etc.
      ii. Where are they going after discharge? (DOC)
   c. Welcome Center target population
3. Persons discharged in pretrial status (from DOC or court)
   a. 2011 Reentry Strategy did not address pretrial population, but OPM suggested we consider including in updated strategy
   b. Almost half of DOC discharges each month are persons in pretrial status (approximately 950 of 2,000 discharges)
   c. Most tend to leave from court so no contact with system for planning, except maybe CSSD bail program
      i. In 2017, 5,962 pretrial persons released from court (56% of the total 10,668 discharges that year)
      ii. Most persons incarcerated pretrial have been incarcerated in the past

Reentry System

- Flowcharts describing decision/contact points and goals/objectives and any change in process for persons with community supervision versus EOS and pretrial
- Inventory of programs and services (institutional and community-based for Results First cost benefit analysis)
- State resources

1. State system (DOC and CCSD)
   a. DOC Assessment/classification
      i. Statewide Collaborative Offender Risk Assessment System (SCORS)
      ii. Women’s Risk and Needs Assessment
      iii. Offender Action Plan (OAP)
      iv. Risk Reduction Credits
      v. Reentry Services Unit
      vi. Community Release Unit in Somers
      vii. Reintegration Units at Willard/Cybulske and York (Ohio model)
      viii. DOC Inmate programming and services
   b. CSSD (probation and bail services)

2. Municipalities
   a. Do municipalities know who’s on parole/special parole/probation and their status?
   b. Municipalities versus state’s roles? Clarification?

3. Reentry Roundtables
   a. Need more “reach in” and connection to incarcerated persons prior to discharge?
   b. Need to be included (more) in Reentry Services Unit process?

Evaluation

- Design evaluation of Welcome Center models (Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport)
- Are DOC and CSSD targeting the right populations and are initiatives/programs effective in terms of timing and resources
• Recidivism rates among three reentry populations
• Identify outcomes other than recidivism to evaluate state’s reentry initiatives/goals

Legislation

• Amendments to statutes required OPM develop Reentry Strategy and identifying reentry goals
• Justice Reinvestment
• New proposals for 2019 session