OFFENDER REENTRY COMMUNITY SAFETY (ORCS) PROGRAM REVIEW

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SUMMARY OF REVISION/REVIEW:

Attachment 1 removed and listed as a reference
I.C., I.E., II.A., III.C., and IV.B. - Adjusted language for clarification
II.B. - Adjusted who can make program referrals

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REFERENCES:

DOC 100.100 is hereby incorporated into this policy; RCW 70.02; RCW 71.05; RCW 71.09; RCW 72.09.370; Offender Reentry Community Safety (ORCS) Program Protocols;

POLICY:

I. The Department, in collaboration with the Offender Reentry Community Safety (ORCS) Committee, will identify offenders in confinement who have a major mental disorder and are reasonably believed to be dangerous to themselves or others per RCW 72.09.370. The ORCS Committee is responsible for implementing legislative intent.

II. The ORCS Committee will review offenders incarcerated in a Department facility who appear likely to meet ORCS Program criteria and/or are currently enrolled with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Developmental Disabilities Administration, and are assessed as presenting a high risk to public safety and/or themselves.

III. The Department, in partnership with the DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, will refer all participants in the ORCS Program to the appropriate agencies for transition and continued services upon release.

DIRECTIVE:

I. General Requirements

A. An offender must be currently committed to a Department facility to be referred for ORCS Program consideration.

B. Community Custody Jail offenders and boarders are not eligible for the ORCS Program.

C. Offenders who are under consideration or have been referred for civil commitment per RCW 71.09 will be reviewed for ORCS Program consideration. If the offender is accepted into the program, the transition process will commence per the Offender Reentry Community Safety (ORCS) Program Protocols until the Assistant Attorney General or county Prosecutor has decided that a petition will be filed.

D. Offenders under Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB) jurisdiction will not be considered for the ORCS Program until the ISRB has determined them eligible for parole or release or 18 months before their Maximum Expiration (Max Ex) date.
E. Offenders who have been previously enrolled with the DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration will need to have their re-eligibility determined before acceptance in the ORCS Program. The Classification Counselor/Community Corrections Officer (CCO) may request assistance from the designated facility health services release planner to obtain an evaluation through the DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration.

II. ORCS Program Criteria and Referrals

A. The Classification Counselor or mental health professional may identify an offender who meets the criteria per the Offender Reentry Community Safety (ORCS) Program Protocols for program consideration based upon:

1. Major mental disorder, and
2. Dangerousness.

B. Program referrals will be processed per the Offender Reentry Community Safety (ORCS) Program Protocols and may be made by the:

1. Classification Counselor,
2. Facility mental health professional,
3. End of Sentence Review Committee,
4. Behavioral Health Organization (BHO)/community provider, or
5. Other Department employees who believe that the offender would likely meet criteria for the program.

III. ORCS Committee Review

A. The committee will determine an offender’s eligibility for designation.

B. ORCS Program employees will provide each committee member with a summary narrative and an electronic record for review.

C. The committee will have access to available, relevant public agency records and information relating to the offender under review.

D. Offenders identified for review are generally presented to the committee 3-6 months before their Earned Release Date (ERD) per the Offender Reentry Community Safety (ORCS) Program Protocols.

IV. Release Planning

A. A Multi-System Care Planning Transition Team will be established for all ORCS Program participants. Prerelease meetings will be held per the Offender Reentry Community Safety (ORCS) Program Protocols.
B. The Transition Corrections Mental Health Counselors will coordinate release planning with the BHO/ORCS Program contracted mental health provider.

V. Referral for Civil Commitment

A. Participants in the ORCS Program may be referred for civil commitment per RCW 71.05 and the Offender Reentry Community Safety (ORCS) Program Protocols.

DEFINITIONS:

Words/terms appearing in this policy may be defined in the glossary section of the Policy Manual.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

DOC FORMS:

None