

ATTACHMENT B: TIMELINE

Developing an Evidence-Based Community Custody System for Adult Felons in Washington State

Evidence-Based Community Custody Planning Committee (EBCC) Initial Meeting March 6, 2009

Task I: Pre –Planning

March, 2009 SCJA and SGC Meetings

The Community Custody Planning Committee (EBCC) will report to the SGC/SCJA regarding a detailed meeting schedule and planning process for Phase I, which focuses on adult felons who serve their incarceration period in jails. Phase II will focus on prison-bound felons.

Task II: Initial Design

July, 2009 SCJA and SGC Meetings

The EBCC will make initial design recommendations for SGC/SCJA approval. As follows:

Milestone #1 Creating a System, including a Proposed Allocation of Responsibility
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An evidence-based system of community custody will, at a minimum, include provisions for (a) identifying offenders for whom rehabilitative programs are cost-effective; (b) identifying cost effective rehabilitative programs; (c) monitoring the system to ensure that it operates in a cost-effective manner; and (d) providing annual reports to the legislature on the costs and benefits of the system. The EBCC will discuss allocation of responsibility as it develops options.
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Task III: Stakeholder Consultation and Information Sharing

In July and August, the SGC and SCJA will offer education and feedback events tailored to interest groups (i.e. prosecutors, defense counsel, local government officials, DOC staff, etc.).

The events will include presentations on the research related to evidence-based community custody and the current community corrections system in Washington.

Events will also include a process for attendees to provide information on issues and concerns from their perspectives as criminal justice system professionals. This information will be compiled for use by the EBCC as it designs the initial plan.

Task IV: Draft Evidence-Based Community Custody Plan – Phase I

September, 2009 SCJA and SGC Meetings

The Community Custody Planning Committee will present an initial plan for Phase I to the SGC and the SCJA, which will include a Detailed Implementation Plan and Cost Modeling:

Milestone# 2: Detailed Implementation Plan

Milestone #3: Cost Modeling

The EBCC will work with experts to do cost-modeling of plan options and the current system, for comparison.

Task VI: Field Test

In September and October, the SGC and SCJA will have facilitated a process to seek feedback on the Plan.

Task VII: Phase I Plan Adoption November, 2009 SCJA and SGC Meetings

The EBCC will revise the Initial Plan, after consideration of information gathered during the Field Testing, and present a final plan to the November SGC meeting.

Task VIII: Submission

December 1, 2009

Upon approval by the SGC and the SCJA, the Phase I Plan and Report will be submitted to the Governor and Legislature. An Initial Plan for Phase II will be adopted by the SGC/SCJA.

PHASE II: Phase II will focus on prison-bound felons who serve a term of community custody. The SGC and the SCJA will plan Phase II for submission to the legislature in December, 2010.

ONGOING

I. Research and Data Gathering

Under the direction of the Community Custody Planning Committee, and with assistance from the Institute for Public Policy, staff will collect, compile and prepare for presentation information on laws and sentencing, including:

A. Washington's System of Community Custody

Structure

- a) statutory structure;
- b) jail and prison authority;
- c) current sentencing practices;
- d) costs, and
- e) administrative issues.

Offenders

- a) demographics;
- b) criminal history;
- c) risk levels; and
- d) other relevant factors.

B. Evidence-Based Research

- a) identification of offenders for whom rehabilitative programs are cost effective;
- b) identification of cost-effective rehabilitation programs;
- c) monitoring the system to ensure that it operates in a cost-effective manner;
- d) sentencing; and
- e) the correlation of these aspects to the purposes of the planning process.

II. Evaluation Planning

Under the direction of the Community Custody Planning Committee, CCR and WSIPP will meet to formulate and implement a workplan that includes:

- a) ongoing consultation to the design process;
- b) a data availability analysis;
- c) review of similar evaluation plans and processes (including the juvenile system);
and
- d) a plan for ongoing quality assurance of the evidence-based community custody system.