



ACT 87 2012 WORK PLAN

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Act 87 (Assessment of mental health needs of inmates)	Christine Oliver, Deputy Secretary, AHS Jaskanwar Batra, MD (DMH) Dee Burroughs-Biron, MD (DOC)	An act relating to the mental health needs of the corrections population	<u>Draft report for entire project for public input</u> <u>Final report to Legislature</u> Create a workgroup including stakeholders (advisory) Create smaller workgroup that will go into correctional facilities to do assessments Monthly meetings of the two workgroups (advisory + small)	Dec 15, 2012 Jan 15, 2013 June 30, 2012 June 30, 2012 Jan 15, 2013	Y
		Sec. 1a1 Determine whether individuals with serious functional impairments are receiving appropriate programs and services while incarcerated in a correctional facility	Meet with DOC health care team to determine current process of screening and referrals for SFI Interview staff from Correct Care Solutions and DOC Correctional officers to understand their workflow and to see if it matches DOC policy Interview inmates and review records of those currently listed as SFI (only those who give permission)	August 1, 2012 August 1, 2012 Oct 15th, 2012	Y
		Sec. 1a2 Consult with the members of the criminal justice community on ways to prevent initial incarceration and on ways to limit the length of incarceration for an individual with a serious functional impairment, as appropriate;	Arrange for a meeting with AHS, DMH, DOC, DAIL and Judiciary (Judge Davenport)	Oct 15th, 2012	Y

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		<p>Sec 1a3</p> <p>Work toward the successful reintegration into the community of an individual with serious functional impairment who has been incarcerated in a correctional facility</p>	Analyze data gathered for Sec. 1a1 and identify how well discharge planning is done and what elements are missing	Oct 31 st , 2012	Y
		<p>Sec. 1a4</p> <p>Work toward reducing the recidivism rate among individuals with a serious functional impairment</p>	Create interventions based on data in Sec 1a3 that would yield highest impact in reducing recidivism	Nov 15, 2012	Y
		<p>Sec 1a5</p> <p>Make long-term, systemic policy recommendations to the secretary of human services to create or improve mechanisms, programs, and services that benefit individuals with a serious functional impairment incarcerated in a correctional facility</p>	Develop policy recommendations report from Sec 1a3a and 1a4		Y

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		<p>Section 1b</p> <p>On or before January 15, 2013, the secretary of human services shall issue a report to the general assembly recommending how to better address the needs of individuals with a serious functional impairment who are incarcerated in a correctional facility, based on the findings of the work group in the course of its duties as described in subsection (a) of this section. Prior to finalizing the report, the secretary shall obtain public input regarding the report and shall release a draft report to the public for public comment on or before December 15, 2012</p> <p>(1) The prevalence of serious functional impairment among those members of the corrections population incarcerated in a correctional facility at the time the report is issued;</p> <p>(2) The rate of recidivism among individuals with a serious functional impairment;</p>	<p>Obtain data from DOC and Correct Care Solutions</p> <p>Obtain data from DOC and Correct Care Solutions</p>		

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		<p>Sec. 3. TRAINING</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2012, the departments of mental health, of disabilities, aging, and independent living, and of corrections, with input and participation from peer and advocacy organizations, shall review the department of corrections' training program for correctional officers as it relates to the Americans with Disabilities Act and to working with and identifying individuals with a serious functional impairment or a mental illness or disorder. The review shall determine if the training is gender-responsive and trauma-informed. No later than January 15, 2013, the commissioners of mental health and of corrections shall submit a report to the general assembly identifying the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement in this training.</p>	<p>Create a separate small workgroup which includes peer and advocacy organizations for this project</p> <p>Small workgroup reviews training currently offered to correctional officers</p> <p>Prepare report of findings of strengths and weaknesses of the training offered</p> <p>DMH Commissioner reports to the legislature</p>	<p>July 15, 2012</p> <p>Sep 30th, 2012</p> <p>Oct 15th, 2012</p> <p>Jan 15, 2013</p>	<p>Y</p>