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To: Behavioral Health Subcommittee of the CJPAC  
 From: Loel Meckel, Assistant Director, Division of Forensic Services, DMHAS  
 Dan Bannish, Health Service Program Director, DOC  
 Re: **Workgroup Tasks**

The Behavioral Health Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission met on December 6, 2006 to review the status of relevant programs and services. We announced that the full Subcommittee would meet quarterly and three work groups would form to address specific areas of focus. These three workgroups are Behavioral Health Services, Housing/Employment, and System Barriers. *combined —*

We will be scheduling initial meetings *this month* of these three workgroups and will contact you if you have told us that you would like to be included (see attachment). If you are not included on the attachment and would like to be, please notify me.

The responsibilities of these three workgroups will be to develop a brief report to the subcommittee that includes the following topics regarding offenders with behavioral health needs.

**For each specific service/resource investigated by workgroup:**

**I. Need**

- Specific service/resource needed
- Impact (qualitative and quantitative) of unmet need for this service/resource on the following:
  - Number and subpopulations of people affected
  - Quality of life
  - Violation of conditions
  - Arrest
  - Incarceration
  - Recidivism

**II. Barriers**

- Identify barriers to accessing this service/resource
- Relative impact of each barrier on meeting unmet need for this service/resource

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