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**001 PURPOSE:** To establish policies surrounding the use of restrictive housing within the Department to ensure that restrictive housing will be utilized in the least restrictive manner for the least amount of time consistent with the safety and security of staff, inmates and the facility. Placement of an inmate in restrictive housing will be an alternative of last resort. These policies shall:

**001.01 Establish specific levels of confinement** outside of general population, including Immediate Segregation housing, Longer-term Restrictive housing, and Secure Mental Health housing;

**001.02 Define behaviors, conditions, and mental/behavioral health statuses** whereby an inmate may be placed in each confinement level;

**001.03 Define and mandate processes and procedures** for making these determinations for each level of confinement; and

**001.04 Describe and mandate individualized transition plans** for promotion to less restrictive housing assignments. All transition plans shall be developed with the active participation of the inmate. This process shall take into account the results of assessments that identify risks and needs to be addressed. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-173.03)

**001.05 Additional materials not inconsistent with these rules.** The Department may issue policy directives, guidance documents, operational memoranda, administrative regulations, forms, and tools to guide and limit the use of restrictive housing, consistent with the promulgated rules and regulations, All policy directives, guidance documents, operational memoranda, and administrative regulations related to restrictive housing shall be shared with the Deputy Ombudsman for Corrections and the Inspector General and shall be available to the legislature upon request. Documents will also be made available to the public unless such availability would create a security risk.

#### **002 GLOSSARY**

**002.01 Behavior/Programming Plan.** A document with a standard format used to identify desired behavior changes and programming opportunities offered to facilitate those behavioral changes.

**002.02 Individual Treatment Plan.** A document used by mental health professionals to establish a patient's mental health treatment plan.

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- 002.03 Central Office Multidisciplinary Review Team.** The Deputy Director of Institutions (Chair), the Behavioral Health Administrator, the Intelligence/Investigations Unit leader, a representative from the Classification Unit, and a representative from the research division. Others may be added at the discretion of the Chair or the Director.
- 002.04 General Population.** All inmate housing areas that allow out-of-cell movement without the use of restraints, a minimum of six (6) hours per day of out-of-cell time, and regular access to programming areas outside of the living unit.
- 002.05 Restrictive Housing.** Conditions of confinement that provide limited contact with other inmates, strictly controlled movement while out of cell, and out-of-cell time less than 24 hours per week. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-170)
- 002.06 Immediate Segregation.** A short-term restrictive housing assignment of not more than 30 days in response to behavior that creates a risk to the inmate, others, or the security of the institution. Immediate Segregation is used to maintain safety and security while investigation are completed, risk and needs assessments are conducted, and appropriate housing is identified. Exceptions to this time frame require approval of the Director or designee.
- 002.07 Longer Term Restrictive Housing.** A classification-based restrictive housing assignment of over 30 days. Longer term Restrictive Housing is used as a behavior management intervention for inmates whose behavior continues to pose a risk to the safety of themselves or others and includes inmate participation in the development of a plan for transition back to general population or mission based housing.
- 002.08 Mental Illness / Mentally Ill.** Presence of a psychiatric disorder that involves a severe or substantial impairment of a person's thought processes, sensory input, mood balance, memory, or ability to reason which substantially interferes with such person's ability to meet the ordinary demands of living or interferes with the safety or well-being of others. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-907)
- 002.09 Mission Specific Housing.** Housing focused on individual needs and demographics to provide effective living conditions and programming for specific populations. Mission specific housing includes residential treatment and responses to cognitive disabilities as well as prosocial options for inmates with common interests and challenges, to reduce behaviors that otherwise might lead

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to restrictive housing and provide risk- and needs-responsive options to facilitate transitions from restrictive housing to the general population.

- 002.10 Protective Custody.** The status of an inmate who is housed in a safe location to reduce the risk of harm by others while having privileges similar to general population housing. Used to meet the needs of inmates who cannot be safely housed in other general population units, with the goal of helping reduce the Department's use of restrictive housing.
- 002.11 Protective Management Unit.** Units used to house inmates who cannot be safely housed in other general population units. Whenever possible protective management units are operated similarly to general population units in out-of-cell time, access to programming, access to work, and recreation, etc.
- 002.12 Secure Mental Health Housing (SMH).** Units used to house inmates with serious mental illness who present a high risk to others or to self and who require residential mental health treatment.
- 002.13 Serious Mental Illness.** Any mental health condition that current medical science affirms is caused by a biological disorder of the brain and that substantially limits the life activities of the person with the serious mental illness. Serious mental illness includes, but is not limited to (i) schizophrenia, (ii) schizoaffective disorder, (iii) delusional disorder, (iv) bipolar affective disorder, (v) major depression, and (vi) obsessive compulsive disorder. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 44-792)
- 002.14 Solitary Confinement.** The status of confinement of an inmate in an individual cell with solid, soundproof doors and which deprives the inmate of all visual and auditory contact with other persons. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-170(14))(The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services does not utilize solitary confinement)

### **003 STRATEGIES TO REDUCE USE AND DURATION OF RESTRICTIVE HOUSING**

Core strategies to reduce use and duration of restrictive housing within the Department are listed below:

- 003.01 Reduction in the use and duration** of restrictive housing shall be accomplished by managing behavior through programming, initiatives, incentives, and mission specific housing, rather than relying primarily on sanctions.

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- 003.02 Placements in Restrictive Housing** shall be based on demonstrated risk to others, risks from others, or risks to safety and security. Inmates who enter restrictive housing settings must be transferred to the least restrictive environment that can safely support their needs as soon as possible. The inmate's behavior while in restrictive housing will be taken into account when determining less restrictive housing options. The rationale for placement into restrictive housing shall be documented at the time of initial placement and must be based upon one or more of criteria listed below:
- 003.02A** A serious act of violent behavior (i.e., assaults or attempted assaults) directed at correctional staff and/or at other inmates;
  - 003.02B** A recent escape or attempted escape from secure custody;
  - 003.02C** Threats or actions of violence that are likely to destabilize the institutional environment to such a degree that the order and security of the facility is significantly threatened;
  - 003.02D** Active membership in a "security threat group" (prison gang), accompanied by a finding, based on specific and reliable information, that the inmate either has engaged in dangerous or threatening behavior directed by the security threat group, or directs the dangerous or threatening behavior of others;
  - 003.02E** The incitement or threats to incite group disturbances in a correctional facility; and
  - 003.02F** Inmates whose presence in the general population would create a significant risk of physical harm to staff, themselves and/or other inmates.
- 003.03 Immediate Segregation** shall be a short-term (30 days or less) restrictive housing assignment utilized to maintain safety and security while investigations are completed, risk and needs assessments are conducted, and appropriate housing is identified.
- 003.04 Longer-term Restrictive Housing** shall be a classification assignment used primarily as a behavior management intervention with programming targeted to problem-specific needs. Inmates in longer term restrictive housing shall participate in the development of individualized transition plans back to general population or mission based housing.

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- 003.05 Individuals with serious mental illness** who present a high risk to others or to self and require residential mental health treatment shall be housed in Secure Mental Health housing.
- 003.06 Mission Specific Housing** shall be used for seriously mentally ill, protective custody status, and other special needs populations as an alternative to restrictive housing. In those situations where restrictive housing is necessary for a special needs inmate, conditions of confinement will address their treatment and service needs and the expectation to employ the least restrictive housing that can safely support their needs as soon as possible.
- 003.07 Comprehensive reentry and discharge protocols** shall be implemented prior to release to the community, with the goal of returning all inmates who were in restrictive housing to general population, mission specific, and/or treatment-based/behaviorally focused housing prior to that release.

#### **004 USES OF AND ALTERNATIVES TO RESTRICTIVE HOUSING**

- 004.01 Alternative sanctions to restrictive housing** shall be used in every case possible – including but not limited to: short-term cell restrictions, loss of other privileges, work and restitution assignments, and assigned programming – rather than placing an inmate in restrictive housing as a standard response to rule breaking, disruption, and vulnerability.
- 004.02 Restrictive housing shall be used predominantly** as a short-term intervention, in the least restrictive manner possible consistent with institutional safety and security. When restrictive housing is used, the purpose shall be as a risk- and needs-based intervention, rather than primarily as a mechanism for punishment or incapacitation.
- 004.03 The guiding focus of restrictive housing** shall be on individualized goal planning, behavior change, and treatment as needed that will facilitate the inmate's capacity to live successfully in general population and return successfully to the community.
- 004.03A Immediate Segregation** shall be used as a short-term (30 days or less) risk assessment. For this classification, inmates must show a demonstrated risk to others, from others, or to the security of the facility.



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**004.03B Longer-term Restrictive Housing** shall be used when inmates need more intensive supervision and intervention before promotion to an appropriate non-restrictive housing assignment.

**004.03B1 The mission of Longer-term Restrictive Housing** shall be as a targeted individualized transition with a primary emphasis on pro-social behavior, interactions with others, life-view change, incentives for positive change, and successful transition to lower levels of security. Having no one transition from restrictive housing to the community is a targeted outcome for the agency.

**004.03B2 All assignments to Longer-term Restrictive Housing** shall require an initial recommendation from the facility's classification team, and must be reviewed and authorized by the Central Office Multi-disciplinary Review Team (MDRT). The recommendation and review/authorization process will normally be completed within the 30 day immediate segregation time frames.

**004.03B3 There shall be regular reviews and the ability to promote to a less restrictive custody level** at any point in time, based on facility recommendations and Central Office MDRT approval.

**004.03B4 Inmates in longer term restrictive housing** shall be reviewed at least every three months by the Central Office MDRT to assess demonstrated compliance with individualized Behavior and Programming Plans and assess the potential for promotion to a less restrictive setting based on compatibility with the safety of the inmate, others, and security of the facility.

**004.03B5 Inmates in restrictive housing for twelve consecutive months** shall be reviewed monthly thereafter by the Central Office MDRT and the Director. This review shall include, but not be limited to an assessment of compliance with Behavior and Programming Plans and recommendations from the Central Office MDRT for approaches to safely transition the inmate to a less restrictive housing setting. The Director must approve all recommendations to continue housing an inmate in restrictive housing longer than 12 consecutive months.

**004.03B6 The Central Office MDRT** shall document the decision and rationale for promotion to a less restrictive environment or to

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continue the inmate in longer term restrictive housing at each review.

**004.03B7 Notification to Inspector General.** When an inmate has been assigned to longer term restrictive housing for six months, the results of each Central Office MDRT will be sent to the Inspector General. The packet will include all information considered by the Central Office MDRT, and the team's decision regarding the housing assignment for the inmate. The Inspector General will provide this information to other appropriate sources as requested.

**004.03C Secure Mental Health Housing** shall be used for individuals with serious mental illness who present a high risk to others or to self and who require residential mental health treatment.

**004.03D Peer Mentor Pilot.** No later than July 1, 2018, the department shall implement a pilot project to provide inmates assigned to longer term restrictive housing access to inmates trained as peer mentors. The peer mentors may provide support and guidance during the classification review process, and assist the inmate in accomplishing his or her Behavior and Programming Plan.

**004.04 Assessment of inmates** who are assigned to restrictive housing shall be conducted by multi-disciplinary teams of staff using validated instruments to assess inmate characteristics, needs, risks to reoffend, history of violent behaviors, underlying reasons for behaviors, and motivation to change. An additional review of each recommendation for a longer term restrictive housing assignment shall be conducted by the Central Office Multi-disciplinary Review Team for a final decision.

**004.04A Restrictive Housing Facility classification teams** shall include, but not be limited to, a unit manager, case manager, and unit sergeant.

**004.04B Immediate Segregation Review Process.** Initial placement in immediate segregation must be approved by the facility warden within 24 hours. Continued retention in immediate segregation must be approved by the facility warden at 15 days. Requests for extensions of immediate segregation past 30 days shall require approval by the Deputy Director for Institutions. Requests for extensions of Immediate Segregation past

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45 days shall require approval by the Director. The maximum length of stay on Immediate Segregation is 60 days. These duties are not to be permanently assigned to a designee, but can be performed by the acting Warden, acting Deputy Director for Institutions, or acting Director.

**004.04B1** The use of restrictive housing for pregnant inmates, and inmates under the age of 19 requires approval of the Warden within eight hours of placement.

**004.04C** **The Central Office Multi-disciplinary Review Team (MDRT)** shall include the Deputy Director of Institutions (chair), the Behavioral Health Administrator, the Intelligence/Investigations unit leader, a representative from the classification unit, and a representative from the research division. Other members may be added at the discretion of the chair or the Director. The MDRT shall meet weekly. Team members may request to send a designee to a team meeting, as approved by the MDRT Chair.

**004.05** **Assignment to Longer-Term Restrictive Housing and Secure Mental Health Housing** shall be used only when no other option can safely manage the risk presented by or to the inmate. The overarching goal shall be risk reduction and transition to the least restrictive environment as soon as possible.

**004.06** **Program delivery formats for high security environments** shall be created that allow program participation while ensuring the safety of participants and staff. This shall include the development of congregate classroom space where possible. Programming and behavioral health resources will be used to reduce risk and address needs.

**004.07** **Risk assessments and the results of mental health testing**, when appropriate, shall be used to guide coordinated interventions, assignments to programming, and other applicable resources.

**004.08** **Mission Specific Housing** focuses on individual needs and demographics to provide effective living conditions and programming for specific populations. Mission specific housing includes residential treatment and responses to cognitive disabilities, as well as prosocial housing options for inmates with common interests and challenges.

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**004.08A Mission Specific Housing shall be used to:** (1) reduce the use of restrictive housing by providing a range of alternatives that address needs and reduce the behaviors that previously led to the use of restrictive housing, and (2) provide risk- and needs-responsive options for individuals transitioning from restrictive housing, thus reducing lengths of stay for inmates not ready to return successfully and safely to the general prison population.

**004.08B Mission Specific Housing Units** shall operate as general population units and shall, whenever possible, have out- of-cell programming and opportunities for individuals to interact with other inmates and staff during meals, recreation, dayroom, and work activities. Mission specific housing may include, but shall not be limited to:

**004.08B1** Housing for inmates in need of residential mental health treatment;

**004.08B2** Housing for inmates in need of programming or treatment for sex abuse crimes;

**004.08B3** Housing for inmates with developmental/intellectual disabilities and traumatic brain injuries that interfere with their safety and/or ability to function effectively in general population, who otherwise might be in restrictive housing for protection or management;

**004.08B4** Housing for inmates in need of residential substance abuse/addictions treatment; and

**004.08B5** Housing for inmates returning from U.S. theaters of war who would benefit from being housed with other veterans in a supportive environment.

**004.09 Transition programs and protocols from restrictive housing** to other levels of security within NDCS shall be developed to assist inmates in transition to the general population.

**004.09A Guidelines shall be created** and distributed to staff and inmates documenting the steps and criteria for inmates to return to the general population or transition to another form of non-restrictive housing. These guidelines will include an incentive based system that encourages

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prosocial behavior and program engagement.

**004.09B Opportunities for inmates to learn and practice pro-social behaviors** through cognitive programming shall be provided, with the opportunity to progress through incentivized step-down programs to lower security classifications, based on goal development and attainment, completion of required tasks and activities, and demonstrated positive behavior.

**004.09C Inmates will participate in discussions and planning** of criteria and next steps for each transition opportunity and will help craft individualized goals and areas for improvement.

#### **005 PROTECTIVE MANAGEMENT**

**005.01 Protective Management** methods shall not be a restrictive housing status per policy. Inmates needing protective management shall be housed in a safe location designed to reduce the risk of harm from other inmates while having privileges similar to general population housing, with the goal of helping reduce the Department's use of restrictive housing and concentrating service and program availability to this population.

**005.02 Protective Custody** describes the status of the inmate. Protective Management describes the methods used to meet the needs of inmates who cannot be safely housed in other general population units.

**005.03 Immediate Segregation** for inmates requiring/requesting protective custody may occur while risks are assessed, investigations are completed, and appropriate housing is identified. The components, times frame, and procedures for this assessment and investigation shall comply with Departmental policy governing these placements.

**005.04 Protective Management Units** shall be operated similarly to general population units in terms of out-of-cell time, access to programming, access to work and recreation, etc.

**005.05** Appropriate residential mental health treatment housing for protective custody status inmates will be provided when needed.

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**006 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

**006.01 Staff shall divert inmates** with a serious mental illness to the least restrictive environment and provide risk- and needs-responsive therapeutic settings that are interactive, constructive, and based on individualized interventions while balanced with safety and security.

**006.02 All inmates placed in any form of restrictive housing** shall receive an assessment by health services to identify any physical injuries, urgent mental health needs, or other urgent conditions prior to being placed in their assigned cell. When this initial screening is conducted by health services staff and concerns about mental health status are noted, the inmate shall be seen by mental health staff for a one-on-one out of cell assessment within 24 hours. If the mental health needs are deemed to be emergent, the inmate shall be held in a location other than restrictive housing until a mental health screening can be completed.

**006.03 All inmates in Restrictive Housing** shall receive a mental health screening within 14 days or less, unless a mental health screening has been completed and documented within the last 14 days. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-180). This screening will be done in a location outside of the inmate's cell.

**006.04 For Inmates in Immediate Segregation:**

**006.04A Inmates with a serious mental illness diagnosis** whose current level of functionality does not require residential treatment shall be seen for a one-on-one out of cell consult with a mental health provider every 7 days while on Immediate Segregation.

**006.04B The inmate shall be given an opportunity** to meet with a mental health provider. An inmate can decline to talk with a provider. Force shall not be used to bring an inmate to the consult with the provider unless there is a clear life threatening issue or serious decompensation is noted.

**006.05 Mental health services for inmates in longer-term restrictive housing** shall be managed through a combination of requests for consultation made by the inmate or facility staff (as in the general population), weekly cell front visits by mental health providers, and monthly one-on-one out of cell therapeutic assessments for those with a diagnosis of serious mental illness if the inmate agrees to the consult. Force shall not be used to bring an inmate out to see a mental health provider unless there is a clear life threatening issue or serious decompensation is noted.

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- 006.06 Additional contacts/assessments** shall be conducted based on requests by staff, requests by the inmate, and individual treatment plans.
- 006.07 Outcomes of mental health consultations and screenings** may include identifying the need for a greater level of mental health treatment and intervention, a need for Secure Mental Health housing (SMH) rather than other forms of housing, and a need for a formal mental health treatment plan.
- 006.07A Every inmate in SMH** shall have an Individual Treatment Plan and a Behavior/Programming Plan.
- 006.07B Every inmate in Longer-term Restrictive Housing** shall have a Behavior and Programming Plan. Some individuals may also have a clinical Individual Treatment Plan based on their mental health diagnosis and needs.
- 006.08 Inmates identified as needing residential mental health treatment** shall be transferred to an appropriate mental health unit for focused care and intervention. Any exceptions must be approved by the Director.
- 006.09 Inmates diagnosed with serious mental illness** who present a high risk to others and require residential mental health treatment shall be housed in Secure Mental Health housing (SMH) with space for programming, a secure classroom, and yard space on the unit. This unit will provide a focused therapeutic environment, with daily clinical contact to intervene with behaviors that were previously addressed through punitive approaches and isolation.
- 006.09A All inmates** in SMH shall be monitored and/or physically observed by custody staff no less than every 30 minutes on an irregular schedule to prevent inmates timing behaviors based on predictable observation times.
- 006.09B Specific risks and needs programming** shall be provided for all inmates housed in SMH.
- 006.09C Each inmate's SMH assignment** must be reviewed by a facility multidisciplinary team every month.

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**006.09D** **More than 90 continuous days** of housing in SMH shall require review by the Central Office Multi-disciplinary Review Team. Reviews shall be conducted every 90 days thereafter.

**006.09E** **An inmate's SMH status** shall override any restrictive housing status.

**007 RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT** (Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-180(3))

**007.01 Risk and needs assessments** shall be used to screen, evaluate, and guide interventions and decisions about classification, housing, programming, and other resources for all NDCS inmates.

**007.01A All assessments shall be conducted** by staff trained in their administration and interpretation.

**007.01B Request for assessment of an inmate** may be made any NDCS staff member who identifies concerns about an inmate's behavior. Behavioral Health will review each request and take appropriate action.

**007.01C Assessments and evaluations shall prioritize** (but not be limited to) suicidal behavior or ideation or other harms toward self by an inmate, threats of physical harm toward others, actual physical harm to others while in NDCS custody, concerns about mental health and inability to care for self, and concerns about characteristics or actions that might affect safety in the community at any time and upon discharge.

**007.02 Structured decision-making processes** as described above shall reflect professional standards of care and emphasize the use of evidence-based approaches and multi-disciplinary teams.

**007.03 Quality assurance and outcome assessments** shall be conducted to identify areas in need of improvement and assure fidelity to evidence based practices, and agency policy and procedures.



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**008 DISCHARGE AND REENTRY PLANNING**

**008.01 Protocols for Inmate Discharge and Reentry to the Community**

- 008.01A** **The intent of these rules and regulations** is to conduct extensive reviews and identify potential discharge risks and needs, as well as ongoing needs for community support, services, oversight, and continuity of care post-release to reduce the risk of recidivism. (NDCS staff have no jurisdiction over involvement or responses of community or other resources after discharge.)
- 008.01B** **Evidence-based assessment tools** shall be used to identify any individuals approaching discharge who should be evaluated for mental illness or dangerousness. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-180)
- 008.01C** **Preparation of comprehensive and individualized reentry plans** shall begin immediately after an inmate's arrival in NDCS. This individualized reentry plan shall be reviewed during the last 120 days of confinement, or when an inmate has served approximately 80% of their sentence. The reentry plan, progress, next steps, and needs to meet reentry goals also shall be reviewed annually in conjunction with the review of an inmate's personalized plan. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-1,107(4))
- 008.01C1** **Reentry plans** shall include potential barriers to successful reentry including, but not limited to, transportation, housing, employment and employment preparation needs; medical and mental health needs; documents and paperwork needs; transportation at the time of discharge. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-1,107)
- 008.01C2** **All reentry plans and reviews** shall take into account the individual's needs, risk to reoffend, history of violent behaviors prior to and while in NDCS, perceived underlying reasons for behaviors, motivation to change, and behavior that raises concern for community safety as release approaches, as identified by evidence-based risk and needs assessment tools.
- 008.01D** **For inmates identified as an extreme risk** to others and/or the community, local law enforcement officials shall be notified prior to the inmate's discharge.

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**008.02 Discharge Planning for Inmates Identified as Mentally Ill**

- 008.02A** The NDCS discharge review team shall review all inmates with serious mental illness and/or a history of serious violence/sex offenses prior to their release to the community from all levels of security, and shall develop specialized reentry plans for inmates who have been identified as having serious mental health conditions or as seriously mentally ill (See NDCS Administrative Regulation 115.33).
- 008.02B** The discharge review team shall also review all inmates who have been housed in Secure Mental Health housing (SMH) in a six-month period before their release, or who are housed in SMH until their discharge.
- 008.02C** Formal referrals shall be made for those inmates for whom mental health board commitment or a sex offender commitment seems appropriate and most likely to facilitate a secure and safe transition from NDCS custody. (See NDCS Administrative Regulation 115.33.) (Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-1,107 (5)(c))

**008.03 Discharge Planning for Inmates with Recent Stays in Restrictive Housing**

- 008.03A** In all cases possible, inmates shall not be released directly from restrictive housing to the community.
- 008.03B** If an inmate is already assigned to or placed in restrictive housing 60 days prior to their scheduled release, the Central Office Multi-Disciplinary Review Team shall be notified. The MDRT Chair shall contact the facility to discuss appropriate steps to assess risk and conduct release planning consistent with safety within the facility and in the community.
- 008.03C** Strategic reentry and discharge protocols shall be implemented prior to release to the community, with the goal of returning all inmates who were in restrictive housing to the general population, mission-specific, and/or treatment-based/behavioral focused housing prior to that release.
- 008.03D** Transitional general population housing, designed to help inmates transition from restrictive housing, based on individualized risk and

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needs assessments shall be used to prepare individuals for a return to a less restrictive and more interactive security level.

**008.03D1 Transfer to transitional housing** will depend on the individual's level of readiness, safety and security considerations, and assessments, reviews, and decisions by the Central Office Multi-disciplinary Review Team.

**008.03D2 The standard for risk** shall be measured against the fact that the inmate shall be returning to the community (with the exception of those with life sentences).

**008.03E All discharges from restrictive housing** shall involve an ongoing coordinated effort from facility unit staff, behavioral health staff, social workers, parole administration, and reentry staff to develop specialized reentry plans for any inmate with a stay over 60 days in restrictive housing in the five months before their release.

**009 STAFF TRAINING**

**009.01 In facilities with Restrictive Housing and/or Secure Mental Health Housing**, regularly assigned unit staff shall receive special training in working with the population housed in the unit. Refresher training shall be required annually.

**009.02 Starting in FY 2018**, initial NDCS staff training shall include (but not be limited to) basic communication techniques, Motivational Interviewing, working with mentally ill and special needs populations, working with inmates with behavioral disorders, cognitive behavioral interventions, and trauma training, as well as core correctional practice, crisis de-escalation, and intervention. These types of trainings will help prevent incidents and altercations that may result in injuries, use of force, and use of restrictive housing. This training shall be required for all staff interacting directly with inmates.

**010 DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING:** NDCS shall provide regular reporting on the use of restrictive housing, and shall issue an annual report to the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-4,114, 83-173.02) This report shall include:

**010.01 The number of inmates** who were held in restrictive housing during the prior year.

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- 010.02 The mean and median length of time** for all inmates who were held in restrictive housing during the prior year.
- 010.03 The race, gender, age, and length of time** each inmate has continuously been held in restrictive housing for all inmates who were held in restrictive housing during the prior year.
- 010.04 The reason or reasons** each inmate was held in restrictive housing during the prior year.
- 010.05 The number of protective custody inmates** who were placed in restrictive rather than alternative housing for their own safety, and the underlying circumstances for each.
- 010.06 The number of inmates held in restrictive housing** who were diagnosed with a mental illness and the type of mental illness by inmate during the prior year.
- 010.07 The number of inmates who were released** from restrictive housing directly to parole or the general public, and the reasons for those releases during the prior year.
- 010.08 The number of inmates** that were in restrictive housing at any point 60 days or less prior to release to parole or the general public.
- 010.09 Comparable statistics** for the nation and each state bordering Nebraska pertaining to subdivisions (4)(a) through (e) of section Neb. Rev. Stat. Stat. 83-4,114, to the extent ascertainable.