



Community Based Correctional Facilities

Eastern Ohio Correctional Center
Wintersville OH

Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey,
Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Noble

Franklin County CBCF
Columbus OH
Franklin

Lucas County Correctional
Treatment Facility
Toledo OH
Lucas

Monday Community Correctional
Institution, Dayton OH
Darke, Green, Miami, Montgomery,
Preble, Fayette

NorthEast Ohio Community
Alternative Program, Warren OH
Ashtabula, Geauga,
Lake, Portage, Trumbull

S.T.A.R. Community Justice Center
Portsmouth OH
Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland,
Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross,
Scioto

Stark Regional Community
Correction Center, Louisville OH
Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne

W.O.R.T.H. Center, Lima OH
Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer,
Putnam, Paulding, Shelby, Van Wert

MEMO

To: Mark Schweikert, Executive Director
Ohio Judicial Conference
CC: Lisa Dodge, Sean P. Dunn & Associates
From: CorJus Inc.
Date: September 11, 2014
Re: Opiate Addicted offenders

Thank you for meeting with us regarding expanding the eligibility of opiate addicted felony offenders for CBCF placement. The meeting was very helpful and we appreciate your input which we have incorporated into our proposal.

While we appreciate the Department's timely response to the request that opiate offenders be eligible for placement in a CBCF regardless of ORAS score, CorJus members and the Judges we have heard from believe improvements should be made to the draft rules. We believe any opiate addicted offender needs treatment, regardless of ORAS score and in most CorJus counties, the only residential treatment option available to the courts is the CBCF. Judges that have reviewed the Department's draft language find it cumbersome and prefer to incorporate additional judicial discretion within the proposed Administrative Rule.

Below is suggested language that will assist the court in determining whether or not the defendant before them is an opiate addict and will give them the discretion to place the opiate addicted offender in the most appropriate setting. The American Society of Addiction Medicine's definition of addiction has been incorporated into our suggested language. We are confident that the suggested language will have our Judges full support and hope you will agree to lend your support on behalf of the Judicial Conference.

The following regulation would be placed after section 3 of the ARs. Section 4 enables the court to employ generally accepted criteria for establishing opiate dependence.

4. Any felony offender before the court who displays any of the following:
 - a. Inability to abstain from opiate use

- b. Criminal activity involving opiate abuse or drug seeking
- c. Physical symptoms of opiate craving or withdrawal
- d. Denial or minimizing effects of opiate use
- e. Inappropriate affect or emotional response caused by opiate use
- f. Within the last 90 days had a diagnosis of Opioid Use Disorder (DSM V 304.00 or 305.50) from a Licensed Professional or Licensed Medical Doctor

This information will be readily available from the defendant's Pre-Sentence Investigation or from assessments completed prior to sentencing. We welcome any comments you might have and appreciate your ongoing willingness to work in partnership with the CorJus organization.