



## Governor's Re-entry Council, Steering Committee

### Decision Log

Date	Issue	Decision
November 5, 2008	Oregon Model for Transition Service Sites	<p>The services themselves may or may not be physically located together, but access to these services should be facilitated from a single location.</p> <p>Case Management is the method by which service coordination will be accomplished.</p> <p>Good planning prior to release from incarceration is the foundation for the on-going service planning and service delivery at the site.</p> <p>Collaboration with existing multi-service sites is the first step in developing a transition service site.</p> <p>Services on Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment and Planning – assessment of needs and planning to meet those needs occur prior to release from incarceration and are on-going</li> <li>• Service coordination or case management services</li> <li>• Identification – Assistance in negotiating the process to obtain a birth certificate, a social security card and a photo ID card</li> <li>• Transportation (bus tokens and schedules)</li> <li>• Assistance in applying for benefits (SSI, food stamps, etc.)</li> <li>• Parole Officer contact</li> <li>• Developing family and community support</li> </ul> <p>Services on Site or by Referral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education – GED, vocational, etc.</li> <li>• Employment – employment preparation and readiness, skills development, job placement, employment support</li> <li>• Physical, Dental and Mental Health evaluations and referrals</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Basic Needs: food, clothing, furniture, etc.</li> <li>• Assistance to resolve legal problems</li> <li>• Alcohol and drug assessment and/or treatment, drug testing</li> <li>• Cognitive behavior therapy</li> <li>• Faith-based community volunteers to establish one-on-one relationships</li> <li>• Financial management</li> </ul>

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January 7, 2009	Increasing the availability of transitional housing	A shared investment model has been developed and approved. Transitional housing would be prioritized for high and medium risk offenders and for those who have been incarcerated for more than 5 years. Transitional housing would include services, some required and some recommended. The programs would work collaboratively with community corrections agencies. The state would provide a 50% match of the total cost of transitional housing for 50% of the target group with the remaining funding being generated locally. The implementation of this recommendation is pending developing the necessary financial resources to fund a pilot.
February 4, 2009	Second Chance Act Funds	Oregon will not submit a grant request for statewide services, but will encourage and support local jurisdictions in seeking these transition-related federal funds if the proposal is consistent with these priorities: housing, employment, re-entry service centers.
April 1, 2009	Begin Implementation work on the following re-entry strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Employment: Increase returnee employability by improving, verifying and certifying technical/work skills and soft skills</li> <li>b. Employment: Increase access to WorkSource Oregon Center resources inside and outside institutions</li> <li>c. Continuity of Care: Offenders with serious health and/or behavioral health needs will leave custody with an appointment with a community provider, a transition plan that addresses health and/or behavioral health issues including pro-social support systems and records will be accessible to health care providers in the community</li> <li>d. Continuity of Care: There must be an identified advocate available to assist with the application process for benefits for which a returning offender may be eligible</li> </ul>