## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Behavioral Classification System

For

Adult Offenders

Αt

Central Correctional Institution

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- 3. Train Classification Caseworkers

4. Familiarize all other CCI staff

Phase III - Prepare Admissions & Orientation Unit

- 1. Staff Admissions & Orientation Unit (A&O)
- 2. Receive new admissions on Monday only
- 3. Begin A&O operations

#### Phase IV - Pilot Test

- 1. Select random sample
- 2. Stabilize Correctional Officer assignments
- 3. Freeze in-house inmate moves
- 4. Complete BCSAO checklist on subjects
- 5. Compile sample data
- 6. Analyze data, write report
- 7. Discuss recommendations, make needed adjustments

## Phase V - Implement BCSAO

- 1. Complete BCSAO checklists on existing population
- 2. Compile and analyze data
- 3. Designate the three group living areas
- 4. Notify inmates
- 5. Begin to move inmates

## Phase VI - Monitor Program, Collect Data

- 1. Continue inmate moves
- 2. Collect existing data
- 3. Prepare data for computer analysis
- 4. Administer post-attitudinal surveys

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1. Compile data on all variables

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For the hypothesis concerning delivery of services, variables were:

- a. Program enrollment
  - (1) Vocational
  - (2) Educational
  - (3) Human Services
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And finally, variables to measure improvement in institutional management:

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#### DATA ANALYSIS

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#### DISCUSSION:

Comparison of pre and post implementation scores shows a general improvement in resident attitude at both CCI and KCI but not at PCI. This supports the hypothesis that the internal classification system did assist in improving attitudes at CCI. KCI had implemented unit management during 1983 which can account for attitude improvement there.

Particularly noteworthy is the change in the staff control scale at CCI. The inmates perceive an increase in staff control while the staff perceives a decrease. This could be interpreted to mean that the staff feels less of a need to utilize control with the new system where control may be generated internally. Also at CCI both staff and inmates perceive a significant increase in order and organization.

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## <u>Variable 3</u> - Sick Call

Sick call data was collected from a standardized report submitted monthly by each institution. Portion II "Sick Call," has five sections. Although the same form is used by all institutions, each varies in their compilation methods. For instance, CCI has no Nurse Practitioner, PCI saw a large number of inmates under Section (b) (general follow-up without "S-O-A-P note). Two of the measures appeared to be collected in a fairly consistent manner; section (a) "assessed by a RN or LPN with S-O-A-P note" and (d) "referred to M.D." Section (a) was selected for use as it would best measure the vague somatic complaints which would hypothetically dwindle as implementation progressed.

To best compare the rate, monthly totals were divided by 30 (days per month), then converted to a percentage based on that institution's average daily population. No significant trends were noted.

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CCI has had no program changes since the start of Fiscal Year 1983 and they offer the largest selection of the three institutions. Food services, barbering, welding, auto mechanics and sheet metal workers are available.

KCI dropped their Food Services Program in October 1983 and restarted their Plumbing Program in April 1983. Kirkland also offers electricity, brick masonry, and a multi-skills program (combined carpentry and plumbing).

\*S-O-A-P refers to notation of visit in inmate's medical record.

PCI offers plumbing and electricity although plumbing did not begin until May of 1983.

The chart below depicts the average percent of the population enrolled in vocational training for Fiscal Year 1983 and Fiscal Year 1984.

#### PERCENT OF POPULATION IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING

	FY 83	FY 84
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KCI	7.1%	7.2%
PCI	2.4%	4.1%

The only significant change is at Perry Correctional Institution. The change could be attributed to the start up of the Plumbing Program in May, 1983. We see that none of the three institutions showed a decline.

#### SECTION III

#### INTERNAL VALIDITY:

Internal validity was supported by studying Dr. Quay's description of each group and choosing variables that would measure his assertions. The purpose of this analysis was to assess the accuracy of classifications at CCI.

Dr. Quay describes the Alpha group as "inmates who are now and have had histories of hostile, aggressive and sometimes violent behavior." They cause the most disciplinary problems and are most likely involved in fights, assaults and destruction of property. This would lead to the hypothesis that the Alpha group at CCI would have a history of more disciplinaries, more prior offenses and a less stable background (i.e., unmarried, poor employment history).

The Beta group is described as; weak, anxious, indecisive and submissive. This middle group should therefore show a higher rate of suicides, suicide attempts, self-inflicted injuries and perhaps drug and alcohol dependency.

The Gamma group, described as "situational-normals" that generally do not have extensive criminal histories, should show less disciplinaries, fewer prior offenses and a more stable background.

Analysis shows inmates were classified in an accurate manner.

The alpha group incurred a larger number of disciplinaries than either the Beta or Gamma group. Eighty-seven percent of the Gamma group had three or fewer disciplinaries and 74.38% of the Beta group had three or fewer. In the Gamma group 58.16 percent had no disciplinary record; 38.65 percent of the Beta group had none, and only 18.55 percent of the Alpha group had none.

Secondary analysis was 'performed on all serious incidents and adjustment committee cases from late March 1984, through June 1984. Thirty-eight inmates were involved in serious incidents during this period. Thirty three were Alpha group members and five were Beta group members. The incidents involving Beta group members were self-inflicted injuries in three cases. The other-two Beta group members

were victims in assaults. Review of 56 adjustment committee dockets showed 45 Alpha group members charged; ten Beta group members charged and one Gamma group member. The Beta group members were mainly charged with possession of contraband. The Gamma group member was incongruently charged with an escape attempt. The Alpha's were charged with a range of things such as assault and battery, disrespect and threatening conduct.

The association between type of crime committed and group was as follows: The most distinctive Alpha crime was Armed Robbery. Twenty-five per cent of the Alpha group was incarcerated for this crime. Chaiken and Chaiken (1984), in an article concerning offender types, concluded that violent predator types were generally convicted of Robbery. The most distinctive Beta crime was sexual assault (16%); hypothetically this could be their method of attempting to compensate for personal inadequacy. (Groth, 1979) The most distinctive Gamma crime was homicide (31%) which is a crime often associated with the one-time offender.

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<u>Summary</u>: The <u>Nelson Suit</u> requires that an internal classification system be implemented state-wide. Additionally, the chosen system must be validated. The Behavioral Classification System for Adult Offenders has been empirically validated and extensively used at the federal corrections level. It appears that the BCSAO is achieving the specified goals and objectives at CCI. Caution must be taken when drawing conclusions, however, because of the extremely short period of time between full implementation and the writing of this evaluation report (April through July, 1984).

The data analysis does lend support to some conclusions. One, is that, the internal validity of the system appears to be excellent. The officers and caseworkers did an outstanding job in correctly classifying inmates into their three groups. Mr. Elton Spain, Correctional Classification Caseworker and Correctional Officer Rogers continue to do an excellent job in the Admissions and Orientation Unit.

Conditions at CCI have not degenerated although the data does not show any leap and bound improvements. In the future months it is predicted that the slow but steady improvements will continue at CCI.

Now that internal classification is implemented at CCI the administration plans to implement a unit management system with the primary goal of better allocation of resources. Plans to concentrate specially trained security staff in the alpha areas are well underway. The staff also plans to begin differential programming in the human services arena for the three groups.

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<u>Practical Orientation</u>: assesses the extent to which the environment orients the inmate toward preparation for release.

<u>Personal Problem Orientation</u>: measures the extent to which inmates are encouraged to be concerned with recognizing and understanding their personal problems.

Order and Organization: measures the importance of order and organization at the institution; how inmates look, how well facility is kept up, what staff do to encourage order.

<u>Clarity</u>: measures the extent to which the inmate knows what is expected of him (clearness of rules/procedures).

<u>Staff Control</u>: measures the extent to which staff uses measures to keep inmates under control (rules, scheduling activities) (inmate/staff relationships).

<u>Methodology</u>: The Correctional Institutions Environment Scale was administered to random samples of inmates and staff prior to program implementation and again in July 1984. The pre-administration of the survey at PCI and KCI was accomplished by personnel in the Division of Resource Information Management. A misunderstanding resulted in the missing staff data at PCI (pre-administration was not done).

#### SECTION II

Data analysis for the variables in this section was accomplished by comparing either frequencies or percents for April through July, 1983 with April through July 1984. A "t" test for correlated means with alpha set at .05 was used to examine the data. With three degrees of freedom "t" must equal 3.18 to be statistically significant.

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	April 8	33 /	84	May 83	<u>/ 84</u>	June 83 /				t=
CCI		8	3	6	3	14	6	2	4	1.66
PCI		9	10	38	18	30	16	23	24	1.51
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The data shows there has been a substantial decrease in the number of grievances filed by inmates at CCI. Particularly noteworthy is the comparison between April through July, 1983 and April through July, 1984.

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## HEALTH CARE STATISTICS DAILY PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION ASSESSED BY AN RN/LPN

	April 83	/ 84	May 83/ 84	June 83 / 84	July 83/ 84	t
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PCI	6.09	5.03	5.86 5.90	6.27 5.27	6.89 6.30	2.60
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It appears that sick call rates have not significantly decreased at CCI or elsewhere.

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	April 83 / 84	Hay 83 / 84	June 83 / 84	July 83 / 84	<u>t=</u>
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## Variable 4 - Employee turnover rate

	<u>FY 1983</u>	<u>FY 1984</u>
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KCI	16%	16%
Total Agency	17%	18%

Although the employee turnover rate at CCL was increased, it continues to remain below the overall agency turnover rate.

<u>Variable 2</u> - Employee grievances filed - (percentages based on number of employees at each of the institutions)

	FY 1983	FY 1984
CCI	1.4%	1.9%
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KCI	3.1%	3.1%

CCI has the lowest grievance rate of the three institutions although the rate did rise slightly in FY 1983 while remaining stable at PCI and KCI.

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GRAPHS AND CHARTS

	C	CI	CCI	KCI	KC	I
	PRE	POST	DIF	FERENCE	PRE	POST
Involvement	12.32	11.39	.93	-3.63	8.01	11.64
Support	14.93	15.03	10	.34	20.53	20.19
Expressiveness	9.09	8.45	.64	-2.78	8.42	11.2
Autonomy	19.47	13.26	6.21	-2.37	14.01	16.38
Practical Orient. Personal Problem	20.2	12.97	7.23	12	16.88	17
Orientation	14.04	10.93	3.11	3.31	12.49	9.18
Order	13.05	15.98	-2.93	-1.89	7.09	8.98
Clarity	23.93	13.29	10.64	<b>-5.05</b>	10.37	15.42
Staff Control	5.13	-7.04	12.17	-15.38	-13.3	2.08

## QUAY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you feel that the Quay system (will improve) improved your living/working environment?

	Inmates	Staff		
	June '84	Oct. '83	June '84	
Yes	29%	80%	50%	
No	52%	12%	40%	
No Opinion	19%	. 8%	10%	

2. Do you feel that the Quay system (will improve) improved your delivery of services to inmates?

	Inmates June '84	Oct. '83	Oct. 'Staff June '84		
Yes	26%	73%	55%		
No	59%	8%	15%		
No Opinion	15%	. 19%	30%		

3. Do you feel that the Quay system (will aid) aided in institutional management?

	Inmates	Staf	
•	June '84	Oct. '83	June '84
Yes	38%	85%	80%
No	38%	12%	5%
No Opinion	24%	3%	15%

4. How do you feel the Quay system (will affect) affected you personally?

	Inmates June '84	Oct. '83 J	Tune '84
Positively	26%	54%	30%
Negatively	24%	3%	5%
No Effect	26%	8%	55%
Don't Know	24%	34%	10%

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