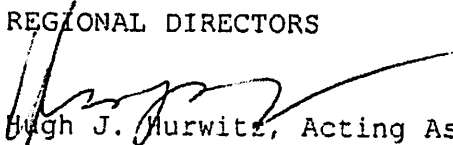




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MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Residential Reentry Center Operations

This memorandum is being issued to provide information regarding several measures being taken to ensure the Federal Bureau of Prisons' (Bureau) Residential Reentry Center (RRC) program remains within budgetary allocations. These steps include:

- Discontinuing sixteen RRC contracts that were underutilized. These cancellations affect 146 beds or about 1% of the total bed space.
- Bringing all RRC contracts into compliance with their contracted operating capacity. Many RRCs are operating above the population limits specified in their contracts. In order to address these overages, Residential Reentry Management Branch (RRMB) staff are delaying some new placements or adjusting placements until populations in those facilities decrease to within contract limits.
- The average length of stay for BOP inmates in RRCs has increased in recent years to approximately 145 days. Due to fiscal constraints and the contract actions described above, the average length of stay is likely to decline to about 120-125 days. RRMB staff will continue to carefully assess, on a case-by-case basis, each inmate's programming needs and determine the appropriate length of stay for each placement. This action is consistent with the discussion the RRMB Administrator, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) recently had with all CMCs.

We continue to carefully examine all cases to ensure compliance with the Second Chance Act and to ensure that inmates who are participating in the Residential Drug Abuse Program receive the required amount of community based treatment to remain eligible for any early release benefit granted under 18 USC 3621(e).

If you or your staff have any questions or concerns please contact (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Administrator, Residential Reentry Management Branch at (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) or (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).