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TO: DAI Persons in Our Care (PIOC)

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SUBJECT: Parole Eligible Individuals in the Division of Adult Institutions

The Bureau of Offender Classification and Movement (BOCM), the Office of Program Services (OPS) and the Wisconsin Parole Commission have discussed ways to work together to assist in preparation for success while confined and when released into the community. DAI is invested in case planning that supports parole eligible individuals with preparation towards release consideration. Consideration of parole commission comments and endorsements will continue to be considered when determining case plans, custody assignment, program enrollment and facility site placements. Program providers may consider program enrollment based upon a parole eligibility date, overall case dynamics and available resources. Parole eligible individuals, regardless of the time until the parole eligibility date, may be considered for program enrollment or reassessment.

To assist in case planning, broad guidelines of parole deferral periods follows:

- **Release Planning:** Individuals with deferral periods of less than 12 months are generally engaged in release planning and are addressing factors that will support and sustain a successful release in the near future. This *may* mean enrollment into primary programs and custody reduction. Parole eligible individuals in this deferral range are the highest priority amongst parole eligible individuals for additional resources to help transition them back to the community.
- **Risk Reduction:** Individuals with deferral periods of 12-18 months are generally engaged in completing steps that facilitate risk reduction. This *may* mean enrollment into primary programs and custody reduction.
- **Protection of the Public:** Individuals with deferral periods greater than 18 months may be considered for release in the future. The primary focus is on protection of the public, as determined by, but not limited to, the severity/profile of the offense, institution conduct and compliance with expectations.

While BOCM, Parole and OPS have different and independent responsibilities and authority, which may result in differences in decisions, these entities will continue to work closely together to achieve a common goal.