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New in SUBSTANCE ABUSE MONITORING

There's something new in the arena of substance abuse monitoring. In addition to other states, five programs in Colorado have recently begun, or plan to begin, using the *PassPoint™* substance abuse screening system.

This service examines the eye to detect recent drug and alcohol abuse. Only when signs of abuse are detected is confirmatory drug testing required.

While the baseline test may take 30 to 45 minutes, the regular random screening takes less than 15 minutes and is self-administered by the client.

Substances detected during this test screen alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, inhalants, PCP, amphetamines, club drugs, depressants, opiates, and methamphetamine.

The test is non-invasive, and, according to the literature, cannot be faked or gamed or adulterated and provides immediate results.

ComCor, Inc. of the 4th JD is using this system for non-residential diversion clients, parolees, intensive supervision parolees and inmates and occasionally for residential diversion and transitional intensive residential treatment clients. A spokesperson for ComCor, Inc. says they "like the ability to increase frequency of testing more than the State-required testing levels." ComCor, Inc. has approximately 200 offenders in the system which augments State requirements for drug testing.

Intervention Community Corrections Services in the 1st JD was the first in the State to use *PassPoint™*. They have over 350 clients on the system. That number includes all their residential and non-residential offenders as well as clients from three private substance abuse treatment agencies.

Eye technology validation studies on the system have been conducted by many agencies including The National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The 8th JD, Larimer and Jackson counties, will be using the system for their diversion and transition, residential and non-residential offenders.

San Luis Valley Comprehensive Mental Health Center, the 12th JD has been using the system for several months and Mesa County Community Corrections in the 21st JD is slated to begin using the system during this current fiscal year.

Clients receiving these *PassPoint™* services should now enjoy "a near 85% reduction in required urine testing [w]here ten months ago, [nearly] 100 clients were required to provide urine for testing," says a representative of Intervention. "This has had a positive impact on clients as well as staff." Most subjects appreciated being offered an alternative to urine testing and for these five programs within the State, *PassPoint™* has become a routine part of offender monitoring.//

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September 10-11
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1st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- Jefferson and Gilpin counties
- 10 member community corrections board
- board meets monthly usually on the 4th THR
- screening committee meets weekly noon on THR
- 1 service provider in Jefferson County: co-ed Intervention Community Corrections Services
- contract for beds with Peer I in Denver
- exploring the possibility of establishing a women's only program during current FY
- more information, contact Vivian Simpson (303) 271-4842



The end of a fiscal year is, of course, the beginning of a new one! It is an incredibly busy time for the State. Here at DCJ there is always a flurry of bill paying, contract routing and signing, mountains of Exhibit A's just waiting for scrutiny, and filing and archiving to be done to make way for the new.

Highlights from FY 03-04

- Annual risk assessment of programs completed
- Audits conducted – 9 full audits of residential programs, 9 follow-ups, 1 non-residential program, and 3 Intensive Residential Treatment (IRT) programs
- Training provided to program staff on

Standardized Offender Assessments, earned time computations, and termination form completion

- Vendors selected for Day Reporting, Mental Health Services and Women's Remediation programs
- Auditing Guidelines completed and distributed through the hard work and dedication of the Standards Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Community Corrections, Department of Corrections and Division of Criminal Justice staff

Check out the new OCC website! You will find forms and reports and we hope to add new items or articles throughout the year.//

<http://dcj.state.co.us/occ/>

BEHIND THE SCENES PART 1

The CACCB currently has several standing committees which work year-round in their respective areas to make sure the Association membership is kept up-to-date and that the Association is participating in matters in which they have an interest.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Consists of the Association President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and two At-Large Members. This group meets with the Administrative Coordinator and others throughout the year but most often within two weeks of the last meeting to evaluate the last general meeting, plan the next, and conduct other business of the CACCB.//

It is bad enough to know the past; it would be intolerable to know the future. W. Somerset Maugham

Termination forms are completed by service providers on all offenders completing community corrections either positively or negatively. These forms are submitted to the State DCJ for their records.



In FY 04-05, DCJ will be using a new database that matches termination forms to billing information. This database will enable DCJ to monitor the submission of the forms on a monthly basis and will also flag inconsistencies in billing dates and entry and exit dates shown on the termination forms. DCJ

is very excited to have this technology and once it is fully implemented, it will ease the process of verifying both billing and termination information.

The information from these forms is used to complete the *Community Corrections Annual Report* that provides much of the data used by the Office of State Planning and Budgeting when considering the community corrections budget and is a valuable source of information for all stakeholders in community corrections.//