

Gender Responsivity

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<i>David Bellini</i>					
1	General	General	General	<p>What problem is being solved? How will the DOC measure outcomes? What is success? What does this lead to in 5 years? How have we done the past 10 years? 5 years? How is this different from what we are doing? I'd like to see more bottom up policy making.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. This policy is a first step in the DOC meeting best practice standards by incorporating the principles of Gender Responsivity. Many of the "success" elements are unknown but the plan is for them to be incorporated in an annual report. This is a new policy.</p>
<i>Dolly Fleming, Mercy Connections</i>					
1	General	General	Guidance	<p>We think that the Advisory Council on Women Offenders' composition should be broadened to include providers/contractors/ and advocates, lest it remain too insular. I recognize that the intention is to "create a system for seeking outside advise", but that seems vague. Minimally it needs further definition and rigor to ensure that the department benefits from external insight, counsel and collaboration.</p>	<p>We have added language to the document which provides for an annual open meeting.</p>
2	General	General	Guidance	<p>While the advisory council should answer questions- it might be worth noting the value of collecting/analyzing and providing data while answering questions.</p>	<p>This is not within the scope of this council.</p>
3	General	General	Guidance	<p>Given the evolution of gender identify, we see little reference to transgender issues. Our own organization is going through an education and examination of the evolution of gender identity on policy/programming/practices and branding. This is a complicated matter and we would advise that the policies/practices and council decisions be informed by changing needs and implications.</p>	<p>DOC has had disussions and plans to expand in the future in this area.</p>
4	General	General	Guidance	<p>Several times, the policy notes the importance of "identifying and recognizing" but this could be strengthened by adding the action of actually incorporating and then measuring its success.</p>	<p>This was intentional as it was not the role of the council to implement.</p>

				We would recommend that there be more emphasis on internal data development and measures. Not only identify changes, but include measures of success. Recommendations based on better data development and management that then can inform and influence best practices.	
5	General	General	Guidance		This is not within the scope of this council.
<i>Ben Webster</i>					
1	1	9	Guidance	Remove the period before the semi-colon on line 9	OK
2	1	27+30	Guidance	Lines 27 & 30 do not match on how you moved from the initial sustenance into the supporting language (i.e. . -)	Changed the format.
3	General	General	Guidance	Content looks good.	Thank you.
<i>Roderick Bates</i>					
1	General	General		<p>I am a little concerned that the research cited as the basis for this directive is from 2002 and 2003. This is a rapidly evolving area of research and 15 year old material may not be current.</p> <p>A quick Google search found 40 articles on the topic of gender responsivity in corrections which had been published between 2013 and the present.</p>	<p>There was extensive research done as part of this policy drafting as well as a work group which organized thoughts and ideas. The research cited is a works cited list (necessary to ensure we give credit to other's peoples work) it does not include a bibliography that would detail all research. We have looked at numerous articles and research reports from the last 5 years.</p>