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## Re: Reporting under section 301.03(6m) Wisconsin Statutes

Dear Sirs:

The following information is provided for your consideration and review pursuant to §301.03(6m), Wisconsin Statutes. The figures below pertain to calendar year 2023.

*(a) The number of prisoners transferred to a mental health institute under s. 51.20(13)(a)4 and their average length of stay and the number of prisoners transferred to a mental health institute on a voluntary basis and their average length of stay.*

There were 98 Chapter 51 mental health commitments within the Department of Corrections. Of these, 45 were initial commitments and 53 were extensions of commitments from previous years. This number included both male and female persons in our care. All of the commitments were obtained at the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC).

Average length of stay for WRC individuals was 286 days for males and 240 days for females. Two individuals were transferred to Mendota Mental Health Institute.

*(b) The number of prisoners being treated with psychotropic drugs on both a voluntary and involuntary basis and the types of drugs being used.*

The total number of persons in our care who were treated with psychotropic medication in 2023 was 9,273. This includes individuals who were incarcerated for short-term stays as well as long-term stays. The average number of individuals who were treated with psychotropic medication at

any point in time was 6,221. There were 70 individuals treated with medication on an involuntary basis under Chapter 51 at some point during 2023. Major classes of medication included antidepressants, antipsychotics, and mood stabilizers.

*(c) A description of the mental health services available to prisoners on both a voluntary and involuntary basis.*

Mental Health Services are available at all of the major institutions. Services include crisis intervention, individual counseling, and group therapy. Recidivism-based programs include sex offender treatment, anger management, domestic violence, substance abuse treatment, and cognitive interventions. Psychiatry providers are available at all major facilities to provide evaluations for psychotropic medication and management of these medications. In addition, consultation is available from both psychologists and psychiatrists to evaluate competency to consent to psychotropic medication and/or medical treatment.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Anna Neal at 608-240-5056.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin A. Carr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kevin A. Carr  
Secretary

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