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From: Deputy Director, Corrections and Programs Office (BUPERS-00D)  
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Subj: SEXUAL OFFENSE AND VIOLENT OFFENSE TREATMENT OR  
EDUCATION PROGRAM ACCESS WITHIN NAVY CORRECTIONS

Ref: (a) DoDI 1325.07  
(b) SECNAV M-1640.1  
(c) BUPERS ltr 1640 Ser 00D/039 of 6 Feb 23  
(d) BUPERSINST 1640.18L

1. Purpose. To publish guidance on sexual offense and violent offense education or treatment program access at Navy Level II military correctional facilities (MCF) required per references (a) and (b).

2. Cancellation. This letter cancels reference (c).

3. Background

a. Per reference (a), enclosure (2), paragraph 4.a.(2).(c), programs at each Level II MCF should be based on a needs assessment of the prisoner population. Per enclosure (2), paragraph 11.c.(3) of reference (a), Level II MCFs shall provide reasonable opportunities for prisoners to participate in offense-related rehabilitation programs.

b. Reference (b) implements reference (a) for the naval service. Article 6201.3 of reference (b) identifies minimal acceptable program requirements for Level II MCFs which includes sexual offense and violent offense education or treatment program access.

c. Per reference (d), Level II MCFs include Naval Consolidated Brig (NAVCONBRIG) Miramar, CA and Charleston, SC.

d. Per article 1201.5.b.(7) of reference (b), the Corrections and Programs Office (BUPERS-00D) has final authority for designating the place of confinement for all Navy prisoners confined within the Navy corrections system. For other-Service prisoners, BUPERS-00D is responsible to coordinate with the other-Service corrections headquarters (HQ) for the designated place of confinement, consistent with established inter-Service support agreements.

e. When designating the place of confinement for Navy prisoners, or coordinating with other-Service corrections HQ for the designated place of confinement, it is a goal of the

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Navy corrections program to align post-trial prisoners with access to available education and/or treatment programs associated with their confining offense(s).

f. BUPERS-00D is also responsible for coordinating prisoner transfers to the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP). All discharged prisoners in receipt of a DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, with greater than one year of confinement remaining beyond their minimum release date (MRD) will be considered for transfer to the FBOP. Prisoners who are actively involved in Phase I of the Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP) will not be considered for transfer to the FBOP as it can increase their risk of reoffending due to starting and not completing treatment. Concurrence from the applicable Service clemency and parole board (C&PB) is also required per reference (a), enclosure (2), paragraph 15.a, and such comments shall be documented within the Corrections Management Information System (CORMIS). Upon Service C&PB approval, an MCF recommendation to BUPERS-00D requesting transfer of a discharged prisoner to the FBOP will be expeditiously processed.

4. Programs Scope, Availability and Eligibility

a. Sexual Offense Education (SOED). SOED is available at each NAVCONBRIG for offenders who have a conviction of an offense that has a sexual component. SOED provides stand-alone education that assists prisoners in preparing for release and for treatment as needed.

b. Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP)

(1) Prisoners convicted of crimes that have a sexual component may be eligible to participate in SOTP.

(2) Upon arrival at NAVCONBRIG Miramar, prisoners must have no less than 26 months of confinement remaining on their adjudged sentence as noted on the DD Form 2710-1, Prisoner Sentence Computation, Section 5.s (Minimum Release Date). Prisoners with less than 26 months remaining to serve will not be enrolled in the SOTP, nor transferred to NAVCONBRIG Miramar for the purpose of attending the SOTP, and ineligible prisoners at NAVCONBRIG Miramar may be subject to transfer to another MCF.

(3) The SOTP is approximately an 18-month extensive program administered at NAVCONBRIG Miramar and consists of three treatment phases. Phase I is SOTP Action (standard or non-standard track). Phase II is SOTP Maintenance (group). Phase III is Release Preparation.

(4) SOTP provides cognitive-behavioral based treatment through a Risk-Needs-Responsivity model to prisoners with convictions that have a sexual component consistent with and in accordance with national professional standards governing treatment services as prescribed by the Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse.

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(5) Post-trial prisoners eligible to attend the SOTP, per paragraph 4.b.(2) above, must be expeditiously transferred to NAVCONBRIG Miramar. This provides an opportunity for the prisoner to be part of the local SOTP supportive culture to encourage active participation in the program.

(6) Post-trial sex offenders enrolled in the SOTP who disrupt or fail to satisfactorily progress in the program may be dis-enrolled. Once the prisoner no longer has sufficient time remaining on their sentence to complete treatment, the Commanding Officer, NAVCONBRIG Miramar must notify BUPERS-00D with a recommendation regarding further disposition.

c. Violent Offender Treatment - General [Violence] Offenders (GO)

(1) GO is a comprehensive, cognitive-behavioral treatment program only for prisoners convicted of non-sexual violent offense(s) that were **not** against intimate partners or family members.

(2) GO is administered at both NAVCONBRIG Charleston and NAVCONBRIG Miramar; though, NAVCONBRIG Miramar offers GO only for those prisoners enrolled in SOTP with a discernable, separate violent offense conviction.

(3) Both Level II MCFs (Charleston and Miramar) recommend completion of Cage Your Rage (anger management) education for those without enough time on their sentence to complete GO.

d. Violent Offender Treatment - Innovative Skills, Techniques, Options, and Plans for Better Relationships Program (STOP).

(1) STOP is a comprehensive, cognitive-behavioral treatment program only for prisoners convicted of non-sexual violent offense(s) against intimate partners or family members.

(2) STOP is administered at both Level II MCFs (Charleston and Miramar). This program is [ideally] a 52-week structured group that meets the most rigorous state requirements for completion of domestic violence treatment programs. However, for prisoners who do not have sufficient confinement time to complete the 52-week program, a 26-week structured group therapy is endorsed.

(3) NAVCONBRIG Miramar offers STOP only for those prisoners enrolled in SOTP with a discernable, separate violent offense conviction.

(4) Both Level II MCFs (Charleston and Miramar) recommend completion of Cage Your Rage (anger management) education for those prisoners without enough time on their sentence to complete STOP.

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5. Action

a. BUPERS-00D

(1) Review this guidance letter annually on the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Department of Defense (DoD), Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy.

(2) Coordinate significant changes in rehabilitation and treatment programs with the DoD Corrections Council prior to implementation as required per reference (a).

b. NAVCONBRIG Commanding Officers

(1) Significant changes in rehabilitation and treatment programs, including sexual offense and violent offense education or treatment programs, shall be staffed for comment to and approved by BUPERS-00D prior to implementation. Rehabilitation and treatment programs shall reflect sound correctional philosophy, as well as current behavioral theory and treatment methodology.

(2) Exceptions that impact designation of place of confinement shall be forwarded to BUPERS-00D for decision.

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