

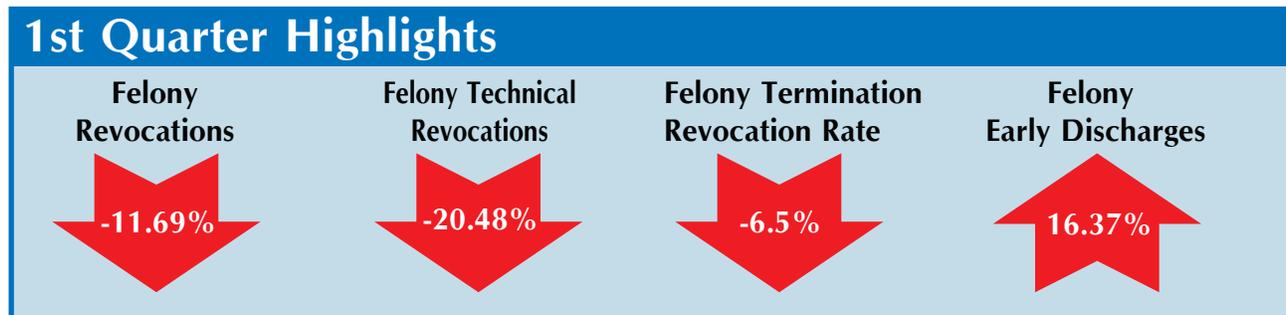
Monitoring, Accountability and Evaluation of Diversion Programs

First Quarter 2006 Results

Introduction

Appropriation Rider 79 of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice FY 2006-2007 appropriation requires TDCJ-CJAD to develop an accountability system to track the impact and effectiveness of diversion program funds.

Eight evaluation criteria have been established to track the impact and effectiveness of diversion funds. The measures for FY 2006 will be reported quarterly, contrasting FY 2005 performance to FY 2006 performance. Highlights of the first quarter evaluation criteria (September – November) are detailed in the table below:



Analysis

It should be recognized that the first quarter of 2006 represents a period prior to full distribution and use of new diversion funds. Therefore, the impact on Community Supervision Officers employed and residential populations was expected to be negligible during this reporting period. Positive growth, however, is noted in both of these areas.

Departments receiving diversion grants received training in progressive sanctions, established goals of reducing revocations 10% or more, and were initiating efforts to reduce revocations. Positive results, in terms of reduced felony revocations, reduced technical revocations, and a reduction in the percent of offenders termination supervision due to revocation (Termination revocation rate), were reported. Additionally, offenders terminating supervision by early discharge due to successfully meeting supervision conditions also increased.

A website, reporting these results on a quarterly basis, will be used to report the second quarter information for FY 2006. Once the website is operational you will be able to access it thru the main TDCJ-CJAD webpage (<http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/cjad/cjad-home.htm>).

The results of the first quarter evaluation criteria are detailed in the table on the next page.

1st Quarter Results

Evaluation Criteria	FY 2005 1st Quarter	FY 2006 1st Quarter	Percent Change
Change in Felony Probation Placements compared to FY 2005	14,067	14,053	-0.10%
Average Community Correctional Facility Population compared to FY 2005	2,150	2,250	4.65%
Numeric Increase in Community Supervision Officers Employed compared to FY 2005	3,343	3,475	3.95%
Numeric Reduction in Caseload Size compared to FY 2005	119*	121	1.68%
Percent Reduction in Felony Revocations to TDCJ-CID compared to FY 2005	6,306	5,569	-11.69%
Percent Reduction in Felony Technical Revocations compared to FY 2005	3,638	2,893	-20.48%
Percent Reduction in Felony Termination Revocation Rate compared to FY 2005**	48.0%	45.0%	-6.5%
Percent Increase in Felony Early Discharges compared to FY 2005	959	1,116	16.37%

* December 2004

** Felony Termination Revocation Rate = Total Felony Revocations / Total Felony Terminations

Note: TDCJ-CJAD will audit this information throughout the year.