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**Monitoring and Evaluation
of New Diversion Funding**



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Review the implementation status and impact on prison populations as a result of increased funding for Prison Diversion Programs and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs.

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Implementation of New Diversion Program Funding (continued)

CSCDs were required to establish goals of reducing revocations by 10% or more

FY 2006-2007 Diversion Funding Appropriation Rider Requirements

Rider 71. Probation Caseload Reduction

Specifies that \$14,092,422 in FY 2006 and \$14,092,422 in FY 2007 shall be used to fund additional community supervision officers to reduce caseloads consisting of medium and high risk offenders

Rider 71. Probation Caseload Reduction Grants							
CSCDs	Grant Amount	CSCDs	Grant Amount	CSCDs	Grant Amount	CSCDs	Grant Amount
Angelina	\$85,409	Collin	\$370,104	Kleberg	\$56,939	San Patricio	\$43,036 ³
Bexar	\$1,887,904 ¹	Dallas	\$2,135,215	Lubbock	\$434,203 ¹	Tarrant	\$1,366,537
Brazoria	\$170,817	El Paso	\$744,428 ¹	McLennan	\$142,347	Taylor	\$199,286
Brazos	\$199,286	Harris	\$2,440,446 ¹	Montgomery	\$156,235 ¹	Tom Green	\$127,357 ¹
Burnet	\$28,469	Hidalgo	\$1,053,373	Nueces	\$412,858 ¹	Travis	\$1,016,771 ²
Caldwell	\$227,756	Hill	\$28,469	Orange	\$85,408		
Cameron	\$309,665 ¹	Jefferson	\$142,348	Potter	\$227,756		
Total Allocated							\$14,092,422

¹ Received both the caseload reduction grant and the aftercare caseload grant.

² Received caseload reduction grant and pilot program grant.

³ Received only the aftercare caseload grant.

Implementation of New Diversion Program Funding (continued)

Rider 72. Progressive Sanctions Model

Specifies that TDCJ-CJAD shall give preference to community supervision and corrections departments using a progressive sanctions model.

TDCJ-CJAD has provided technical assistance and training for Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys and CSCD personnel.

- Development
 - Provided 5 developmental trainings during the Summer of FY 2005
- Implementation
 - In January 2006 TDCJ-CJAD provided 2 advanced trainings facilitated by Dr. Edward Latessa, of the University of Cincinnati, and Dr. Anne Brockett-Volpe, Adjunct Professor of Texas State University
- Conferences
 - 3rd Annual Sentencing Conference took place during November 2005
 - 18th Annual Skills for Effective Intervention Conference will take place in July of 2006

Implementation of New Diversion Program Funding (continued)

Rider 73. Residential Treatment and Sanction Beds

Specifies that \$13,637,500 in FY 2006 and \$13,637,500 in FY 2007 be expended for additional residential treatment and sanction beds. TDCJ-CJAD shall give preference to community supervision and corrections departments having access to existing unfunded residential treatment and sanction beds. Preference shall also be given to departments that have higher rates of technical revocations in order to maximize the positive effect on the criminal justice system.

Rider 73. Residential Treatment and Sanction Beds Grants	Beds	Grant Amount
Funding for New Beds		
Bexar	100	\$1,835,274
El Paso	28	\$401,624
Harris	300	\$5,957,847
Tom Green (Regional West Texas facility)	60	\$1,514,158
Funding to Support RSAT Beds	135	\$2,590,856
Additional Funding Allocated for Aftercare Treatment		
Harris (to be utilized throughout the biennium)		\$1,092,741
Montgomery		\$45,000
Total Allocated	623	\$13,437,500*

* \$200,000 remains unallocated and will be used to cover unforeseen expenses

Impact of New Diversion Program Funding

Rider 79. Monitoring of Community Supervision Diversion Funds

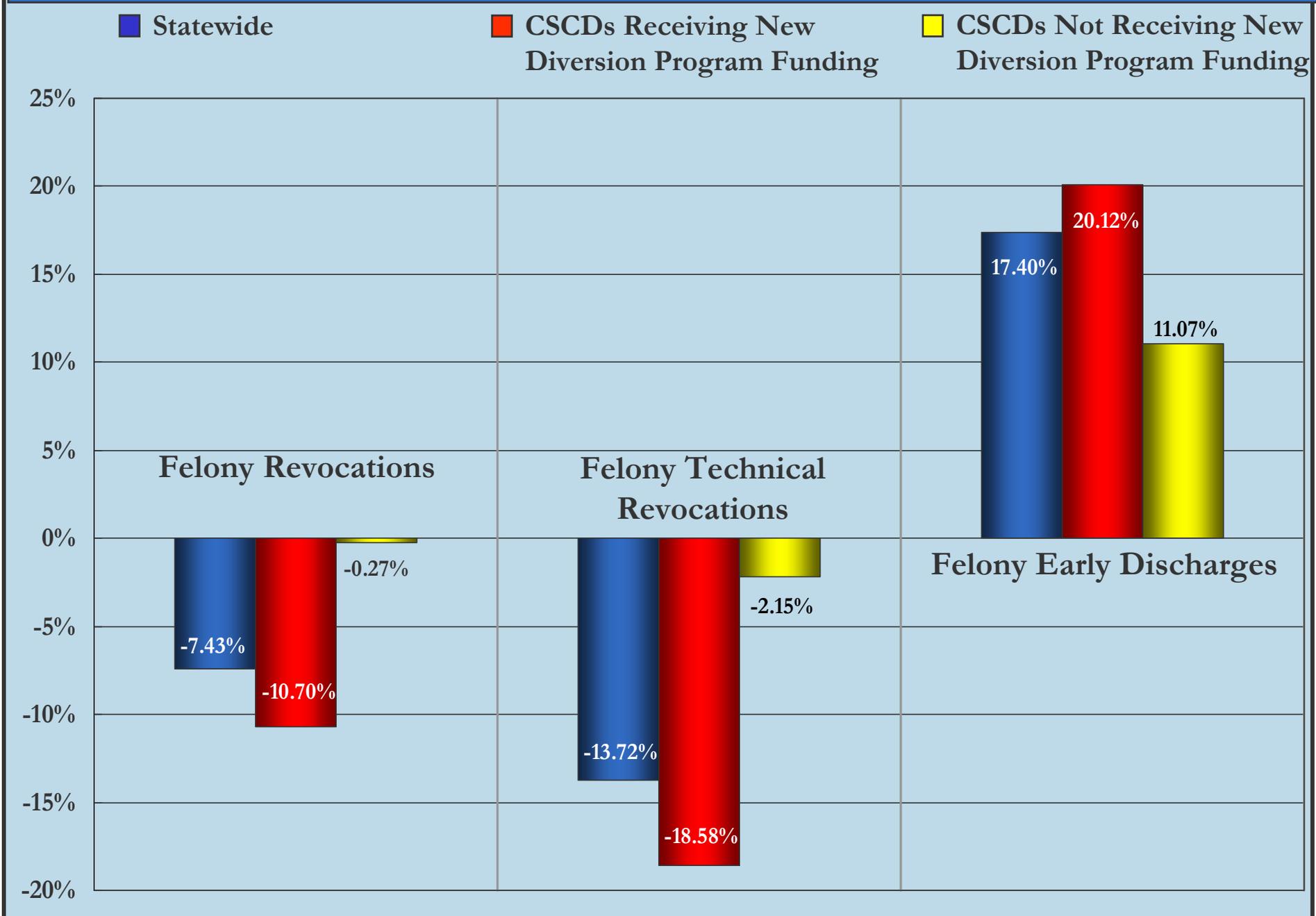
Eight evaluation criteria have been established to track the impact and effectiveness of diversion funds

- Change in Felony Probation Placements compared to FY 2005
- Average Community Correctional Facility (CCF) Population compared to FY 2005
- Numeric Increase in Community Supervision Officers Employed compared to FY 2005
- Numeric Reduction in Caseload Size compared to FY 2005
- Percent Reduction in Felony Revocations to TDCJ Correctional Institutions Division (CID) compared to FY 2005
- Percent Reduction in Felony Technical Revocations compared to FY 2005
- Percent Reduction in Felony Termination Revocation Rate compared to FY 2005
- Percent Increase in Felony Early Discharges compared to FY 2005

The measures for FY 2006 will be reported quarterly, contrasting FY 2005 performance to FY 2006 performance

Impact of New Diversion Program Funding (continued)

Evaluation Criteria Highlights, September 2005 – February 2006



Impact of New Diversion Program Funding (continued)

Comparing statewide FY 2005 data with FY 2006 results, additional diversion program funding impacted the first 6 months of FY 2006 by contributing to:

- 883 fewer felony revocations to TDCJ-CID
- 927 fewer felony technical revocations to TDCJ-CID
- 334 more felony early discharges from community supervision
- 135 more Community Supervision Officers (CSOs) working with offenders

TDCJ-CJAD is still in the initial phase of implementing funding. This data represents the first 6 months of the 24-month funding period of this biennium. Some of these funds are still being operationalized.

- The CSCDs continue to hire CSOs with the new diversion program funding and to replace officers who were promoted into positions working with medium and high risk offenders.
- Two additional facilities will open during FY 2006 including the Bexar County facility on May 1, 2006 and the Harris County facility on July 1, 2006.

Impact of New Diversion Program Funding (continued)

Statewide Evaluation Criteria, September 2005 – February 2006				
Criteria	FY 2005 Baseline	FY 2005 (Sept – Feb)	FY 2006 (Sept – Feb)	Percent Change
Felony Probation Placements	56,454	27,399	26,970	-1.57%
Average CCF Population	2,332	2,227	2,301	3.32%
Average CSOs	3,372	3,355	3,490	4.02%
Felony Revocations to TDCJ-CID	24,030	11,986	11,001	-7.43%
Felony Technical Revocations	13,455	6,756	5,829	-13.72%
Felony Revocation Rate	47%	47%	45%	-4.26%
Felony Early Discharges	4,249	1,920	2,254	17.40%
Caseload Size	116	121	112	-7.44%

A website, reporting these results on a quarterly basis, is currently being used

The website can be accessed through the main TDCJ webpage
(<http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/>)

- click on the Adult Probation Quick Link
- then on the icon labeled “Monitoring of Community Supervision Diversion Funds”

Appendices



Appendix A: Progressive Sanctions Models

Progressive Sanctions are a system wide approach designed to give community supervision options for quickly responding to offender violations. Responses are individualized in order to maximize the offender's compliance with conditions of supervision, which, in turn, results in reduced incarceration.

- Progressive Sanctions Program Mission
 - Reduce total felony revocations to TDCJ-CID
 - Enhance community safety by swift, appropriate responses
 - Enhance offenders' successful program completions
 - Increase community supervision completion
- Progressive Sanctions models are able to:
 - Enforce offender compliance
 - Respond to violations
 - Allow for incentives
 - Take into account
 - ▶ Risk/Needs assessment levels of the offender
 - ▶ Criminogenic needs
 - ▶ Severity of the violations
 - ▶ Risk posed by the offender
 - ▶ Threat to community safety posed by the violation

Appendix B: Evaluation Criteria Definitions

Felony Probation Placements: Total number of felony probation placements in the quarter. The source of this data is Felony Community Supervision Placements as reported on the Monthly Community Supervision and Corrections Report (MCSCR).

Average Community Correctional Facility (CCF) Population: The average CCF population for the quarter. The source of this data is the Community Corrections Facilities population as reported on the MCSCR.

Community Supervision Officers (CSOs) Employed: The average number of CSOs employed in the quarter. The source of this data is the Number of Paid Full-time CSOs as reported on the MCSCR.

Felony Revocations to TDCJ: The total number of felony revocations to State Jail and TDCJ during the quarter. The source of this data is the number of Felony Revocations to State Jail and TDCJ as reported on the MCSCR.

Felony Technical Revocations: The total number of “Other Reasons for Revocation” reported during the quarter. The source of this data is the number of felony revocations reported as “Other Reasons for Revocation” in the Reasons for Revocations as reported on the MCSCR.

Felony Termination Revocation rate: This measure examines the percent of offenders terminating supervision by revocation. This measure is calculated by dividing all felony revocations in the quarter by early terminations plus expirations plus all felony revocations in the quarter.

Early Terminations: The total number of felony early terminations reported during the quarter. The source of this data is the number of felony Early Terminations as reported on the MCSCR.