Overview

Texas Health and Safety Code Section 614.021 identifies the Texas Department of Criminal Justice’s Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) as the party responsible for the provision of case management functions to assist wrongfully imprisoned persons discharging from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. TCOOMMI case management staff are able to assist wrongfully imprisoned persons in accessing the following services:

- Medical and dental services, to include completion of applications for federal entitlement programs;
- Mental health treatment through the public mental health system; and
- Appropriate support services to assist in the transition from incarceration into the community.

Current statute requires a report be provided annually to the legislature outlining provision of services.

Services

During fiscal year 2016 there were no newly identified persons certified by the Comptroller as wrongfully imprisoned for which TCOOMMI case management services were requested or necessary.

TCOOMMI staff assisted a previously identified person in submitting an application for insurance through the Employee’s Retirement System of Texas.

Staff received several inquiries from previously identified persons and continued to assist them with appropriate resource referrals.