



Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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Services to Wrongfully Imprisoned Persons Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report

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 can 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 2019 there were five newly identified persons certified by the Comptroller as wrongfully imprisoned for which TCOOMMI case management services were provided.

Staff received one inquiry from a newly identified person who was provided appropriate resource referrals.

TCOOMMI staff assisted one newly identified persons in submitting an application for group health insurance through the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

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