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## **Reintegration Housing Unit (RHU) Activation Procedures**

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### **1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This Operations Memorandum provides procedures and criteria for the expansion of the Reintegration Housing Unit (RHU) at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC), Oakdale, Louisiana; the United States Penitentiary (USP), Atwater, California; and the USP Coleman II, Florida.

### **2. ACTIVATION SCHEDULE**

The Designation and Sentence Computation Center (DSCC) began accepting requests for redesignation to the RHU on 5/1/2016. Activation is ongoing and requests are still being accepted by the DSCC; all movement will also be coordinated through the DSCC .

### **3. DESIGNATION CRITERIA**

The RHU targets male inmates identified as verified or unverified protective custody cases, who consistently refuse to enter general population, ordinarily at multiple locations. Information from Correctional Services that documents the inmate's classification as a protective custody case, as well as information detailing the inmate's placement in the Special Housing Unit (SHU) at previous facilities, will be reviewed. A Psychological Evaluation from the referring institution will be completed to determine whether the inmate is likely to persist in his belief that he cannot safely return to general population at any facility, and whether the inmate is willing to participate in RHU programming.

- a. **Rationale for Placement.** The inmate must meet one of the following criteria to be considered:
- The inmate refuses to enter general population at multiple locations. His fear is unsubstantiated or an irrational fear that cannot be verified by staff.
  - The inmate is considered a verified protective custody case, ordinarily at multiple locations.
- b. **Security Level.** Inmates classified as medium or high security level inmates are appropriate.
- c. **Security Threat Group Assignments (STG).** Ordinarily, active gang members are not suitable for placement in the RHU. Inmates with gang-specific STG assignments will be closely reviewed by the DSCC to determine their eligibility for the program.
- d. **Central Inmate Monitoring Issues.** Separation concerns should be reviewed to ensure the inmate does not have a separatee designated to the RHU.
- e. **Disciplinary Segregation (DS).** Ordinarily, inmates who are currently serving DS should not be designated to this unit. However, in accordance with the Program Statement **Special Housing Units**, the inmate can be released from DS early if it is determined he no longer requires placement in the SHU. This provision in policy may be useful for inmates serving DS for refusing programs, but who have since expressed a willingness to be transferred to the RHU.
- f. **Sex Offenders.** While the RHU is not a Sex Offender Management Program (SOMP) site, inmates with sex offenses will not be excluded if they meet the other criteria outlined.
- g. **Care Level.** Inmates designated to FCC Oakdale and USP Coleman II must be classified with a Medical and Mental Health Care Level of Care 1 or Care 2. Inmates designated to USP Atwater must be classified with a Medical and Mental Health Care Level 1.

#### 4. **REFERRAL PROCEDURE**

The following information should be forwarded to the DSCC via the GroupWise address **GRA-DSC/309 & 323 Transfers:**

- Request for Transfer (EMS-A409), signed by the Warden.
- RHU Referral Form (BP-A1089), completed by Unit Management and Psychology Services.
- Supportive documentation, including Inmate Investigative Report in TRUINTEL format, proof of inmate cooperation (5K1, Rule 35, substantial assistance), if applicable.

Designations to the RHU will be made by the DSCC after a determination has been made that the likelihood of the inmate entering general population at another facility is minimal.

## **5. INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT**

Each institution will develop local procedures and guidelines required to administer this program.