

Testimony H. 690
House Corrections and Institutions
Susan Wehry, Commissioner,
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“Please comment on the interface between Corrections and services provided in the community when a person designated as having a serious functional impairment during incarceration is released to the community”

- A representative from our Developmental Disability and Adult Services Division attend both the monthly interdepartmental (AHS, DOC, DAIL and DMH) State Interagency Team (SIT) meeting (chaired by Monica Hutt) and the monthly SFI Re-Entry Priority Team (chaired by Rob Farrell of Correct Care Solutions). The SIT team reviews and coordinates the SFI process and challenging cases. The Re-Entry team reviews individual SFI designees to determine whether they are eligible for DAIL or DMH funding streams and provides support to DOC to make connections with DA’s and other providers.
- DAIL manages several long-term service and support programs that are potentially available to offenders upon re-entry:
 - a. Choices for Care (home, residential care, nursing home, adult family care)
 - b. Attendant Services Program (attendant care only)
 - c. Developmental Disability Services
 - d. Traumatic Brain Injury Program
 - e. Adult Medicaid High Technology Program (unlikely for SFI – for medically complicated people with at least two modalities such as ventilator care)
 - f. Local Aging & Disability Resource Connections (ADRC) who provide options counseling to Vermonters in need of services and supports.
- When the individual considered by the SIT Re-entry Priority Team is not eligible for an existing funding stream, then those individuals who have signed a release will be brought to the appropriate Local Interagency Team (LIT). At the LIT, the AHS Field Services Directors work with LIT members to create as appropriate enhanced re-entry plan as is possible, based on the resources available.