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I. DEFINITIONS

"Custody" means the level of staff supervision determined by classification and institutional requirements.

"Reduced custody" means minimum or community custody.

"Security" means the level of structural and physical controls provided by an institution.

II. POLICY and PROCEDURES

This policy establishes procedures to determine custody supervision and security level placement in order to ensure the safety of the community, staff, and the inmate population.

A. These procedures shall:

1. Ensure that custody level designations place the inmate in the least restrictive environment suitable to guarantee adequate custody supervision consistent with the inmate's behavior, criminal record, and classification;

2. Require that custody level designations are not imposed as a form of punishment; and

3. Provide that custody level assignments have an objective, behavior-oriented foundation.

B. An inmate shall be assigned to one (1) of six (6) levels of custody by the classification committee as outlined in CPP 18.1. This level of custody shall be assigned based on the risk assessment of the inmate as outlined in the Classification Manual.

The six (6) levels of custody shall be:

1. Community - an inmate with this custody level may qualify for participation in the Community Center Program. If housed in a community center, the inmate may participate in community-based programs. An inmate with community custody shall be within twenty-four (24) months of his parole eligibility or minimum expiration date.

2. Minimum - an inmate with this custody level may qualify for participation in programs and work assignments both inside and outside the institutional perimeter. An inmate with minimum custody shall be within forty-eight (48) months of his parole eligibility or minimum expiration date.

3. Restricted custody - an inmate with restricted custody shall not have more than forty-eight (48) months to his parole eligibility or minimum expiration date. An inmate with restricted custody shall be housed inside the barrier fence of an institution but may be eligible for a work assignment outside the barrier fence of an institution under direct supervision.

4. Medium - an inmate with this custody level may be eligible for a program or work assignment inside the perimeter of the institution. A medium custody inmate may only work outside the perimeter on institutional grounds under the supervision of an armed officer. Any other movement outside the institution shall be in full restraints. Movement within the institutional perimeter shall be subject to the policies and procedures of the institution.

5. Close - an inmate with close custody level may participate in selected programs and work assignments inside the perimeter of the institution. All movement outside the institution shall be in full restraints.

6. Maximum - an inmate with maximum custody level may be permitted participation in selected program or work assignments inside the perimeter of the institution, as dictated by individual circumstances. Movement within the institutional perimeter shall be subject to the policies and procedures of the institution. All movement outside the institution shall be in full restraints.

C. Each institution shall have a primary security level designation. The four levels of security shall be:

1. Level 1 Security Facilities:

   a. These are facilities under contract to operate a community-based program. Housing may be a halfway house, contract facility, or jail.

b. The Division of Probation and Parole shall maintain a listing of all community contract facilities.

c. Only an inmate with community level custody shall be housed at these facilities.

2. Level 2 Security Institutions:

a. These institutions shall have a clearly designated institutional perimeter. Housing may be in a room, dormitory, or single living area. These institutions may also have holding cells.

b. The Level 2 institutions shall be:
(1) Bell County Forestry Camp; and
(2) Blackburn Correctional Complex.

c. Only reduced custody level inmates shall be housed at these institutions.

3. Level 3 Security Institutions:

a. These institutions shall have a secure perimeter, which may include the use of a tower occupied twenty-four (24) hours a day, or some form of external patrol or detection device. An inmate may be housed in a cell, room, or dormitory.

b. The Level 3 institutions shall be:
(1) Northpoint Correctional Complex
(2) Roederer Correctional Complex

c. All custody levels, except Maximum custody may be housed in the general population of these facilies at these institutions.

4. Level 4 Security Institutions:

a. These institutions shall have all secure housing in cells, a secure perimeter with a tower occupied twenty-four (24) hours a day, and may have external patrol or detection devices.

b. The Level 4 institution shall be:
(1) Kentucky State Reformatory
(2) Kentucky State Penitentiary
(3) Luther Luckett Correctional Complex
(4) Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex
(5) Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women

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(6) Western Kentucky Correctional Complex
(7) Little Sandy Correctional Complex

c. All levels of custody may be housed at these institutions. The Special Security Unit and Protective Custody Unit for males shall be housed at the Kentucky State Penitentiary.

D. Other Guidelines

1. An inmate shall not be eligible for reduced custody if he has:

a. Any amount of non-restorable good time loss;

b. A deportation detainer;

c. A Class A or B felony detainer or pending charge or, if from another state, the equivalent of a Class A or B felony detainer; or

d. A capital offense conviction.

2. An inmate with a death sentence shall receive maximum custody.

3. An inmate serving a sentence for a Class A felony that is not a sexual offense shall receive approval from the Commissioner in order to be eligible for minimum custody.

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