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Methodology

The Close Custody Unit (CCU) is a form of Restrictive Housing (RH) for female inmates located inside MCI Framingham.¹ RH in the MADOC is a status in which an inmate can move between units in the facility and remain on the same RH status. An RH status ends when the inmate is released to general population or to a specialty unit that no longer confines one to a cell for more than 22 hours per day. An inmate may have one or more than one RH statuses during a reporting time frame.

The data used for this report comes from the MADOC's Inmate Management System (IMS), and the MADOC Health Services Division (ERMA).

The data represents 75 RH statuses based on 58 female inmates with one or more discharge date(s) from a RH placement within the reporting time frame from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. The following data tables describe this cohort.²

Length of Stay in Restrictive Housing³

Average length of stay = 6 days

Median length of stay = 4 days

Table 1

Length of Stay	CCU Count	Percent
30 Days or Less	75	100%
31-60 Days	0	0%
60+ Days	0	0%
Total	75	100%

Length of Stay in Restrictive Housing of Inmates with Open Mental Health⁴

Average length of stay = 6 days

Median length of stay = 5 days

Table 2

Length of Stay	CCU Count	Percent
30 Days or Less	70	100%
31-60 Days	0	0%
60+ Days	0	0%
Total	70	100%

¹ MCI Framingham ceased utilizing any form of Restrictive Housing as of April 29, 2020.

² Due to rounding, percentage totals may not add up to 100 percent in all tables.

³ Data is based on 58 inmates with one or more discharge date(s) within the reporting time frame. The length of stay is tracked in days, and inmates with less than a full day length of stay were counted as one day.

⁴ An OMH inmate is diagnosed with a mental illness or determined to be in need of mental health intervention on an ongoing basis. See Appendix II for a full definition. Data is based on inmates with Open Mental Health (OMH) released from RH within the reporting time frame. There were 53 OMH inmates who were discharged from RH during the reporting time frame based on their most recent mental health screening. This field signifies whether or not the inmate was on the institution's OMH caseload prior to entering this status or at any time during their status. Any inmate carrying the Gender Dysphoria (GD) diagnosis will remain an open mental health case. Inmates with Serious Mental Illness are included in the count for OMH for the purposes of this report. See Appendix II for a full definition of Serious Mental Illness.

Length of Stay in Restrictive Housing of Inmates 21 Years of Age or Younger⁵

Average length of stay = 6 days

Median length of stay = 3 days

Table 3

Length of Stay	CCU Count	Percent
30 Days or Less	7	100%
31-60 Days	0	0%
60+ Days	0	0%
Total	7	100%

Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Community within 30 Days of Restrictive Housing Discharge Date⁶

Table 4

Release Breakdown	Count
Inmates Released to Community within 30 Days	3

One Year Recidivism Rate of Inmates who were placed in Restrictive Housing⁷

A recidivist is defined as any criminally sentenced inmate released to the community, via expiration of sentence or parole, from the MADOC during 2018 who was re-incarcerated for a new sentence or violation of parole or probation to a Massachusetts state, county, or federal facility within one year of release.

2018 Female Releases to the Community

One year recidivism rates for inmates who were placed in RH from CY16 to CY18.

Table 5

Restrictive Housing Status	Count	Recidivist	Percent
Inmates with RH Status	68	10	15%
Inmates without RH Status	336	55	16%
Total	404	65	16%

⁵ Data is based on inmates aged 21 years or younger on their date of discharge from RH within the reporting time frame. There were 6 inmates who were 21 years of age or younger when discharged from RH during the reporting time frame.

⁶ Data is based on criminally sentenced inmates who were discharged from RH and released to the community within 30 days of their RH discharge date. The inmate's release may have occurred during the following biannual reporting period. See Appendix II for a full definition.

⁷ Data is based on criminally sentenced inmates who were placed in RH between CY16 to CY18 and then released to the community in 2018.

Restrictive Housing Admissions

Data is based on inmates who had one or more admission date(s) within the 6-month reporting time frame regardless of their release date. The admission counts and percentages are based on 56 inmates. These counts include inmates with a single admission as well as inmates with multiple admissions. Inmates with multiple admissions were admitted and discharged more than one time during the 6-month reporting period.

Of the 56 inmates, 49 inmates (88%) had a single admission to RH while 7 inmates (13%) had multiple admissions during the 6-month reporting period. These 7 inmates with multiple admissions were admitted an average of 2.6 times which accounted for 27% of the total admissions.

Table 6

Single Versus Multiple CCU Admissions				
Admission Type	Inmate Count	Inmate Percent	Admission Count	Admission Percent
Single Admissions	49	88%	49	73%
Multiple Admissions	7	13%	18	27%
Total	56	100%	67	100%

Appendix I: Open Mental Health Delineated by Diagnosis⁸

Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis	Count of Diagnoses
F43.23	Adjustment disorder with mixed anxiety and depressed mood (Chronic)	2
F43.21.1	Adjustment disorder, With depressed mood (Acute)	2
F10.230	Alcohol dependence with withdrawal, uncomplicated (Chronic)	1
F10.21	Alcohol dependence, in remission (Chronic)	1
F10.20	Alcohol dependence, uncomplicated (Chronic)	6
F10.10.1	Alcohol use disorder, Mild (Acute)	1
F10.20.1	Alcohol use disorder, Moderate (Acute)	10
F10.20.2	Alcohol use disorder, Severe (Acute)	2
F41.9	Anxiety disorder, unspecified (Chronic)	1
F90.9	Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, unspecified type (Chronic)	2
F31.32.1	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode depressed, Moderate (Acute)	1
F31.13.1	Bipolar I disorder, Current or most recent episode manic, Severe (Acute)	1
F31.81	Bipolar II disorder (Chronic)	3
F60.3.1	Borderline personality disorder (Acute)	2
F23	Brief psychotic disorder (Acute)	1
F12.21	Cannabis dependence, in remission (Chronic)	1
F12.20.1	Cannabis use disorder, Moderate (Acute)	2
F12.20.2	Cannabis use disorder, Severe (Acute)	1
F12.90	Cannabis use, unspecified, uncomplicated (Acute)	1
F14.10	Cocaine abuse, uncomplicated (Chronic)	3
F14.21	Cocaine dependence, in remission (Chronic)	2
F14.10.1	Cocaine use disorder, Mild (Acute)	1
F14.20.1	Cocaine use disorder, Moderate (Acute)	4
F14.20.2	Cocaine use disorder, Severe (Acute)	2
F41.1.1	Generalized anxiety disorder (Acute)	1
F41.1	Generalized anxiety disorder (Chronic)	1
F16.21	Hallucinogen dependence, in remission (Chronic)	1
F63.81.1	Intermittent explosive disorder (Acute)	1
F33.42	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, in full remission (Chronic)	1
F33.0	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, mild (Chronic)	1
F33.1	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, moderate (Chronic)	2
F33.2	Major depressive disorder, recurrent severe w/o psych features (Chronic)	2
F11.10	Opioid abuse, uncomplicated (Chronic)	3
F11.21	Opioid dependence, in remission (Chronic)	2
F11.20	Opioid dependence, uncomplicated (Chronic)	7
F11.20.1	Opioid use disorder, Moderate (Acute)	9

⁸ Inmate commitment numbers were utilized to calculate the diagnoses counts and a commitment number may be counted in one or more diagnoses.

F11.20.2	Opioid use disorder, Severe (Acute)	6
F19.10	Other psychoactive substance abuse, uncomplicated (Chronic)	1
F33.8	Other recurrent depressive disorders (Chronic)	2
F41.8.1	Other specified anxiety disorder (Acute)	2
F31.89.1	Other specified bipolar and related disorder (Acute)	3
F32.8.1	Other specified depressive disorder (Acute)	1
F28.1	Other specified schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorder (Acute)	1
F43.8.1	Other specified trauma- and stressor-related disorder (Acute)	4
F34.1.1	Persistent depressive disorder (dysthymia) (Acute)	2
F34.9	Persistent mood [affective] disorder, unspecified (Chronic)	1
F60.9	Personality disorder, unspecified (Chronic)	3
F07.81	Postconcussional syndrome (Chronic)	1
F43.10.1	Posttraumatic stress disorder (Acute)	14
F43.11	Post-traumatic stress disorder, acute (Chronic)	1
F43.12	Post-traumatic stress disorder, chronic (Chronic)	2
F43.10	Post-traumatic stress disorder, unspecified (Chronic)	7
F25.0.1	Schizoaffective disorder, Bipolar type (Acute)	1
F25.0	Schizoaffective disorder, bipolar type (Chronic)	1
F13.10	Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic abuse, uncomplicated (Chronic)	1
F13.10.1	Sedative, hypnotic, or anxiolytic use disorder, Mild (Acute)	1
F13.20.2	Sedative, hypnotic, or anxiolytic use disorder, Severe (Acute)	1
F41.9.1	Unspecified anxiety disorder (Acute)	1
F31.9.5	Unspecified bipolar and related disorder (Acute)	1
F32.9.2	Unspecified depressive disorder (Acute)	2
F91.9.2	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder (Acute)	1
F39	Unspecified mood [affective] disorder (Chronic)	1
F60.9.1	Unspecified personality disorder (Acute)	1
F43.9.1	Unspecified trauma- and stressor-related disorder (Acute)	1
	Total	148

Appendix II. Definitions and Acronyms

Acronym	Term	Definition
ERMA	Electronic record management application	
IMS	Inmate Management System	(103 CMR 430.05) The Department's automated information system that provides processing, storage and retrieval of inmate-related information needed by Department personnel and other authorized users within the criminal justice system.
MCI	Massachusetts Correctional Institution	
OMH	Open Mental Health (OMH)	An inmate who is diagnosed with a mental illness or determined to be in need of mental health intervention on an ongoing basis. At any time during his or her incarceration, an inmate may become an open mental health case (OMH) based on a mental health crisis, including suicidal threats or self-injurious behavior and/or the display of signs and/or symptoms of mental illness or emotional distress. Based upon clinical indications and within the discretion of the Primary Care Clinician (PCC), in consultation with the site Psychiatrist (if on medication) and/or Site Mental Health Director, an inmate may also be removed from the active mental health caseload. However, any inmate carrying the Gender Dysphoria (GD) diagnosis will remain an open mental health case.
	Release to Community	The release of an inmate from the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts DOC by parole or by discharge to the community. Conditions warranting a release to the community generally include: court release (see Crime Lab), expiration of fine, payment of fine, parole and expiration of sentence.
RH	Restrictive Housing	(103 CMR 423.06) A placement that requires an inmate to be confined to a cell for at least 22 hours per day for the safe and secure operation of the facility. For purposes of this report, Restrictive Housing shall not include the following: any placement in a DDU as the result of a sanction imposed in accordance with 103 CMR 430.00: Inmate Discipline; any placement of an inmate on disciplinary detention as the result of a sanction imposed in accordance with 103 CMR 430.00; any placement ordered by a medical or mental health provider including, but not limited to, the placement of an inmate in a Health Services Unit; the placement of an inmate in a hospital; the placement of an inmate in a medical setting where treatment is being provided; or the placement of an inmate on a mental health watch.
RH Status	Restrictive Housing Status	An inmate is on Restrictive Housing Status while in restrictive housing and until the inmate is released to general population or to a specialty unit that no longer confines one to a cell for more than 22 hours per day.

		An inmate may move to different restrictive housing units within or between facilities during a single restrictive housing status.
SMI	Serious Mental Illness	<p>(M.G.L. c.127, §1) A current or recent diagnosis by a qualified mental health professional of one or more of the following disorders described in the 5th edition of the <i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders; (b) major depressive disorders; (c) all types of bipolar disorders; (d) a neurodevelopmental disorder, dementia or other cognitive disorder; (e) any disorder commonly characterized by breaks with reality or perceptions of reality; (f) all types of anxiety disorders; (g) trauma and stressor related disorders; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h) severe personality disorders; or a finding by a qualified mental health professional that the inmate is at serious risk of substantially deteriorating mentally or emotionally while confined in restrictive housing, or already has so deteriorated while confined in restrictive housing, such that diversion or removal is deemed to be clinically appropriate by a qualified mental health professional.