

Dellarene Brown's Oral Testimony

1. Introduction about Howie the Harp, your background.

2. I want to speak for my consumers.

3. 23-hour lock-in.

I have clients who were in the SHU, every time a consumer talks about it, she cries. One girl with serious mental illness would keep flooding the toilets, get put in lock-down, attempt suicide and get another charge. These changes are going to impact people with mental illness the worst. There is not adequate medical treatment, people are not taking their medication because everybody knows what they are taking and it puts them at risk.

4. Recntry/effects of jail

The situation is that someone has not done anything really harsh but they are so traumatized by jail that they get out and immediately have to go to a psychiatric hospital because of treatment and medication they did not get while they were in prison. The jails are not equipped for this population.

5. Positive changes

In overscoring DOC, you had the power to make changes that will really effect the lives of people in jail and give them a chance to success upon release. A little dignity goes a long way.

6. Disciplining Guards

(If you can keep it on topic, connect it to the BOC's changes to minimum standards)
Guard physical and sexual abuse of women.

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