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Civil Commitment: One Element of a Comprehensive Approach for the Management of Individuals Who Have Sexually Abused

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Because the majority of individuals convicted of sexual crimes do eventually return to our communities, effective treatment and management are essential for the prevention of further abuse. Evidence suggests that the most effective practices are based on a continuum of services available throughout all levels of risk management; both community based and within locked settings; and that are applied in individual cases based on identified areas of risk and need, and in a manner reflective of the individual’s characteristics. Civil commitment is reserved for individuals that present extraordinary risk and should be used rarely and with utmost ethical care to prevent undue harm to those committed. It is a legal mechanism providing the courts with an option of detaining higher risk sexual offending individuals with mental conditions at secure treatment facilities post-criminal sentence. The focus of this presentation is to provide an overview of civil commitment, and the role that civil commitment may play for individuals convicted of sexual crimes within the broader continuum of sexual offense specific management and treatment.

Learning Goals

- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand how responding effectively to sexual abuse requires the involvement of a wide range of disciplines and agencies, as well as adherence to evidenced-based practices.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to summarize the components of a comprehensive continuum of responses to sexual offense specific management and treatment.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand the role civil commitment may play, if utilized, for individuals convicted of sexual crimes.

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Dr. Lauren Herbert is the Forensic Evaluation Department Director for the Minnesota Department of Human Services. In this capacity, she provides leadership and oversees the provision of sexual violence risk assessments completed on all of the civilly committed sexual offenders in the State of Minnesota. Dr. Herbert's training is in clinical and forensic psychology. Her work experiences have included psychological assessment and risk evaluation, neuropsychological assessment, and assessment with those who were referred for evaluation of competency and mental status at the time of offense. She has also provided forensic psychological consultation to both sworn and civilian police department employees, which specialized consultation to the sex crimes detail. In her private practice, Dr. Herbert provides clinical services, as well as expert forensic evaluation services. In addition to clinical work, Dr. Herbert serves on the executive board for the Sexual Offender Civil Commitment Network, has been employed as an adjunct faculty, and provided numerous professional trainings in the areas of sexual offenders, sexual violence risk assessment, best practices in assessment, diagnosis, ethics, risk management, and resilience. She also has published various research findings and received the Ted Blau Award for her research related to the discussion of a neuropsychological assessment profile of an agenesis of the corpus callosum.

Dr. Deirdre D'Orazio serves as a consultant to the CA Department of State Hospitals, where she has worked in various capacities for nineteen years including as a senior supervising psychologist, SVP forensic evaluator, and Director of Evaluation and Development Services, overseeing the treatment and forensic evaluation programs for the 'SVP' sex offender civil commitment program at Coalinga State Hospital. Her current duties are focused on the SVP Conditional Release program, department wide consultancy on sexual offender services and policies, and as a member the CA Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB). In her private practice, Dr. D'Orazio provides clinical services, expert forensic services, training, outcome evaluation, and program development. She serves on the leadership boards for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, the Sexual Offender Civil Commitment Network, and the CASOMB. Dr. D'Orazio is a Fay Honey Knopp award recipient by the CA Coalition on Sexual Offending for positive and sustained contributions to the field of sexual offending. Dr. D'Orazio has published papers, professional trainings, and research projects in the areas of risk assessment, diagnosis, paraphilic sexual interests, treatment best practices, treatment program development and evaluation, and professional ethics, clinician development, and supervision. She holds psychologist licenses in California, Minnesota, and North Dakota and is a certified trainer for the Static99R, the Structured Risk Assessment Forensic Version, and the Stable and Acute 2007.

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