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- I. The New Emergency Response Plan including an overview of the following:
 - Overview of the SC Department of Juvenile Justice Special Response Team whose purpose is to stabilize and resolve an emergency situations without, or prior to, the use of force through the use of communication and crisis intervention techniques.
 - Who can activate the Team
 - The specific duties of the Team
 - Training provided for the Team
 - Team Structure
 - Equipment utilized by the Team

- II. Overall changes to discipline including the different types of therapeutic treatment programs offered:
 - Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)
 - Evidence-based short-term, goal-oriented treatment that takes a practical approach to problem-solving.
 - CBT has proven success with a wide variety of clients, including individuals in correctional settings.
 - Homework is often assigned in between sessions where individuals practice replacing negative thoughts with more realistic thoughts.
 - Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
 - Addresses underlying causes of juvenile misbehavior.
 - DJJ has trained all clinical staff at the Broad River Road Complex in ART.
 - Evidenced Based Program that is certified as a Model Program by OJJDP and recognized by the National Gang Center as an effective gang prevention and intervention program.
 - Based on three coordinated and integrated components: social skills training, anger control, and moral reasoning.
 - Disciplinary Hearings

- New disciplinary hearing process that utilizes a 3-person panel, led by a Hearings Officer, to evaluate any serious rule violations.
- This panel will issue sanctions based on the violation, which could include placement in the Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU).
- Creation of Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU)
 - Specialized restricted housing unit that has a rigorous and intensive program to address and correct the identified misbehaviors.
 - The juveniles assigned must successfully complete the program to return to general population.
 - Recently expanded to house 12 juveniles and relocated to allow the juveniles to better focus on their treatment goals without any distractions
- Officer Management of Juvenile Behavior
 - Officers to immediately correct any misbehavior and to issue sanctions according to that behavior.
 - Officers are able to immediately reward any positive behaviors to help encourage the kids in making good choices.
- Restructured Incentives Program
 - Relies on the juvenile's progress in their treatment goals.
 - Teams of staff that the juvenile must orally present their reasons for advancing in the system and who decide if the juvenile has shown progress in their treatment goals and can therefore advance in the system.
- Token economy system
 - Staff may reward exemplary behavior by issuing a good behavior "check".
 - The juveniles may redeem the checks for rewards, such as extra snacks or phone calls.