

Example 4. North Dakota TPC Working Group Structure

Mirroring some key aspects of the TPC Model, the North Dakota TPC Initiative commissioned working groups organized around the following issue areas and focused on specific targets of change.

- 1. Evidence Based Practices:** Target—evidence-based practice program evaluation - both internal and external to DOCR
- 2. Education, Vocational Training and Employment:** Target—Develop additional support and funding to increase the number of vocational programs offered in the prison's division.
- 3. Offender Behavior and Programming:** Target—Develop, maintain and use a case management plan to insure that the dynamic risk factors identified on the LSI-R are addressed based on individual needs.
- 4. Offender Assessment and Classification:** Target—Develop a new PSI to incorporate assessment information
- 5. Faith Based Issues:** Target—Reduce recidivism through enhancing faith based community support for offenders.
- 6. Female Offender Issues:** Target—Provide gender responsive services and programs to female inmates to achieve recidivism reduction.
- 7. Revocation Decision Making:** Target—Develop and implement information form to be used prior to the revocation hearing and train staff statewide in its use.
- 8. Parole Supervision and Services:** Target—Determine how the ND State Prosecutors, Department of Human Services staff can better communicate prior to a parolee's release into the community.
- 9. Release Decision Making:** Target—Ensure that release decisions are founded upon sound paroling theory and match those decisions to research based correctional programming, re-entry planning, and community supervision strategies.
- 10. Revocation Decision Making:** Target—To establish guidelines to improve outcomes with offenders who require interventions, while addressing violations and relapse that may lead toward recidivism.