DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

**Policy Number:** 204.070
**Title:** American Indian Counseling Programs
**Effective Date:** 5/7/19

**PURPOSE:** To provide services to American Indian offenders incarcerated in all juvenile and adult correctional facilities operated by the department, within the limits of available money.

**APPLICABILITY:** Department-wide

**DEFINITIONS:** None

**PROCEDURE:**

A. The department may, within the limits of available money, develop counseling services to American Indian offenders incarcerated in department correctional facilities and department community-based correctional programs. The department may, within the limits of available money, contract with appropriate American Indian private, nonprofit organizations to provide the counseling services.

B. Counseling services may include:
   1. Teaching of good work habits and the development of motivation through work;
   2. Development of cultural pride to improve American Indian self-image;
   3. Development of attitudes of mutual trust, respect, and understanding among American Indian family members;
   4. Increased availability of medicine men and American Indian spiritual leaders to teach American Indian offenders about American Indian history, cultural sensitivity, and religion;
   5. Provision of services to American Indian offenders that may facilitate their reentry into the community.
   6. Development of an understanding of and an adjustment to the cultural differences between American Indians and other ethnic groups; and
   7. Involvement of American Indian offenders in those aspects of the correctional system that may aid in their rehabilitation.

B. All professional-technical contracts must be prepared in accordance with Policy 104.303, "Professional and Technical Services Contracts and Other Agreements" and are the responsibility of the authorized contract representative. The services to be rendered must be included in the contract terms. Copies of all contracts must be retained in the finance unit.

**INTERNAL CONTROLS:**

A. Approved contracts are in the state accounting system per Policy 104.303, "Professional and Technical Services Contracts and Other Agreements" and retained in the finance unit.

**ACA STANDARDS:** None

**REFERENCES:** Minn. Stat. §§ 241.80; 243.555
Policy 101.140, "Consultation with American Indian Tribal Nations"

Policy 302.300, "Religious Programming"
Policy 302.310, "Use of Tobacco for American Indian Ceremonies"
Policy 204.005, "Offender Programming – Facilities"
Policy 104.303, "Professional and Technical Services Contracts and Other Agreements"

**REPLACES:** Policy 204.070, "American Indian Counseling Programs," 8/5/14.
All facility policies, memos, or other communications whether verbal, written, or transmitted by electronic means regarding this topic.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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